



Fort Des Moines United Methodist Church is committed to the Great Commission given by Jesus in Matthew 28:19-20: **“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.”**

Fort Des Moines is a caring community of people who will care for you regardless of who you are. If you are looking for a place where Christ’s love is evident and God’s grace is offered to all, then I hope you will join us for worship and fellowship.

If you are visiting today, we hope that you feel welcome. The worship service is our gift to you. Following this service you are invited to join us for coffee, fellowship and Sunday School.

We welcome children in our worship. However, if necessary, we do have a nursery and cry room on the second floor. The cry room is located on the left at the top of the stairs and the nursery is located to the right at the top of the stairs.

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FORT DES MOINES UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Worship 9:45 a.m. Sunday School & Fellowship 11:00 a.m.

Second Sunday in Advent December 10, 2017

The one who is more powerful
than I is coming after me;
I am not worthy to stoop down
and untie the thong of his sandals.

Mark 1:7, NRSV



** Please stand as you are able*

Gathering Music

Introit TFWS #2088 *“Lord, I Lift Your Name on High”*

Call to Advent Season

Leader: God is making the final preparations for an amazing thing! Now is the Advent of the long-awaited Messiah, our Prince of Peace.

People: **We wait, we prepare, we make straight the way.**

Leader: We celebrate the coming of Christ with the lighting of the Advent candles.

People: **We are a people of hope, a people of peace, a people of love.**

Leader: Today we light the candle of love. No other word so adequately captures the spirit and goal of our faith.

People: **For God so loved the world that a child was given.**

***Hymn** UMH #211 *“O Come, O Come Emmanuel ”*

Unison Prayer

Prepare us, O God to hear your word, which is forever, as we welcome the Christ-Child. Ready us to receive salvation and to rejoice in the freedom to give ourselves in service. Equip us for the new heaven and new earth in which we may dwell in holiness and godliness. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 40:5-11 (NIV)

“And the glory of the Lord will be revealed, and all people will see it together. For the mouth of the Lord has spoken”

A voice says, “cry out,” and I said, “What shall I cry?”

“All people are like grass, and all their faithfulness is like the flowers of the field. The grass withers and the flowers fall, because the breath of the Lord blows on them. Surely the people are grass. The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God endures forever.” You who bring good news to Zion, go up on a high mountain. You who bring good news to Jerusalem, lift up your voice with a shout, lift it up, do not be afraid; say to the towns of Judah, “Here is your God!” See, the Sovereign Lord comes with power, and he rules with a mighty arm. See, his reward is with him, and his recompense accompanies him. He tends his flock like a shepherd: He gathers the lambs in his arms and carries them close to his heart; he gently leads those that have young.

Time with Children of God

Lighting the Second Advent Candle

Call to Prayer Insert *“He Is Here”*

Pastoral Prayer

Lord’s Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Choral Anthem

Epistle Lesson

2 Peter 3:8-14 (NIV)

But do not forget this one thing, dear friends: With the Lord a day is like a thousand years and a thousand years are like a day. The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

But the day of the Lord will come like a thief. The heavens will disappear with a roar; the elements will be destroyed by fire, and the earth and everything done in it will be laid bare.

Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives as you look forward to the day of God and speed its coming. That day will bring about the destruction of the heavens by fire, and the elements will melt in the heat. But in keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, where righteousness dwells.

So then, dear friends, since you are looking forward to this, make every effort to be found spotless, blameless and at peace with him.

***Hymn of Illumination** UMH #220 *“Angels from the Realms of Glory”*

*Gospel

Mark 1:1-8 (NIV)

The beginning of the good news about Jesus the Messiah, the Son of God, as it is written in Isaiah the prophet:

“I will send my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way” —
“a voice of one calling in the wilderness, ‘prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.’”

And so John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. The whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem went out to him. Confessing their sins, they were baptized by

him in the Jordan River. John wore clothing made of camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. And this was his message: "After me comes the one more powerful than I, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.

Sermon

"Wilderness at Work"

Rev. Dr. Emmanuel Dass

Presenting our Tithes and Offerings

***Doxology** UMH #94

Prayer of Dedication

Thank you, O God, for the promise of this season. We are grateful for the generosity heightened in us by Christ's coming into the world. May these gifts represent a new spirit of joyous sharing among us, for the sake of all your children. Amen.

***Hymn** UMH #203

"Hail to the Lord's Anointed"

***Benediction**

***Response** UMH #668

"Let Us Now Depart in Thy Peace"

Postlude

This Week's Calendar

Today, Dec. 10: 9:45 a.m. UMC Worship

11:00 a.m. Sunday School & Coffee Hour

1:00 p.m. BNTC Worship

8:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous in Fellowship Hall

Monday, Dec. 11: 9:30 a.m. English Language Learners Class in the Youth Room

6:00 p.m. ELL Class in Youth Room

Tuesday, Dec. 12: 9:30 a.m. ELL Class in Youth Room

11:00 a.m. Bible Study in the church library

6:00 p.m. ELL in Youth Room

7:00 p.m. AA in Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, Dec. 13: 9:30 a.m. ELL in the Youth Room

10:00 a.m. Women's Christian Fellowship

6:00 p.m. ELL in the Youth Room

7:00 p.m. Choir practice in the Sanctuary

Thursday, Dec. 14: 9:30 a.m. ELL Class in the Youth Room

7:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous in Fellowship Hall

Friday, Dec. 15: 8:00 a.m. BNTC Prayer Meeting in Chapel

9:30 a.m. ELL in the Youth Room

5:00 p.m. BNTC in the Youth Room

8:00 p.m. AA in Fellowship Hall

Saturday, Dec. 16: 9:30 a.m. ELL Citizenship Class in Conference Room

10:00 a.m. SHARE Iowa in Fellowship Hall

11:00 a.m. BNTC in Youth Room

1:00 p.m. Craft & Bake Sale in Fellowship Hall

7:30 p.m. NA in Fellowship Hall

Sunday, Dec. 17: 9:45 a.m. UMC Worship (Food Pantry Sunday)

11:00 a.m. Sunday School and Coffee Hour

11:00 a.m. Trustees meet in the Conference Room

11:00 a.m. Congregational Christmas Potluck dinner

1:00 p.m. BNTC Worship

2:00 p.m. A Christmas Cantata, "A King Comes," at St. John's UMC

4:30 p.m. Fellowship Hall in use (*piano recital*)

8:00 p.m. AA in Fellowship Hall

Attendance last week: 42

Prayer Concerns: Ft. Des Moines UMC, it's programs and leaders; the Bhutanese Nepali Truth Church, it's programs and leaders; those home bound and their caregivers; and those we especially name: Larry Hart, Frances Ramsey, Virginia Durham, Ruby Price, Twilla Dillard, Sharon Burton, and Donna Ness.

Opportunities to Serve

There are always many opportunities to serve at Fort Des Moines. There are a few possibilities listed below, but you are not limited to these. If you have a passion for a certain kind of service or feel God might be calling you to some specific area, please let us know. If you have a particular date that you know would work well for you to be involved in some of these, let us know that as well. Circle the ones that interest you.

Thank you.

- Read Scripture
 - Acolyte (light the candles)
 - Deliver Communion (to shut-ins)
 - Sing in the choir
 - Help with the Sunday School Program
 - Work with altar flowers
 - Other ideas:
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Coffee Hour treats are provided by the Women's Christian Fellowship. Thanks be to God for the hands involved in making these items for us.

Continuing through the month of December, we will be receiving offerings for **Heifer International**. This organization works directly with individuals, families, and communities to better their lives today and tomorrow. Use the special envelopes found in your bulletin. All donations will be sent in as one check at the start of the 2018 to make a better life for others as we move into a new year.

If you are interested in **becoming a member** of Ft. Des Moines United Methodist Church, talk to Pastor Dass.

If you or someone you know is interested in **being baptized**, contact Pastor Dass.

Christmas Eve Service will be at 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 24.

Annual Holiday Craft/Bake Sale on Saturday, Dec. 16, 1-4pm. Chili lunch will be served for \$5, with baked goods and crafts for purchase. If you'd like to donate crafts or baked goods, please have them wrapped and marked with the sale price when you drop them off. If you'd like to help, sell your own crafts/baked goods or know someone who would like a table, call Suzanne at 515.277.5217. Cost of a table is \$10.00.

Shop for everyone on your gift list this holiday at smile.amazon.com/ch/42-1223704 and Amazon donates to Fort Des Moines United Methodist Church.

Donations, to be included in the 2017 Tax Year, must be in the church office by noon on Friday, Dec. 29th.

Less than 60 lbs. of **nuts** are left to sell!

Cashews	15 lb
Mixed	25 lb
Choc Pecans	3 lb
Choc Almonds	4 lb
Cranberry mix	8 lb
Choc Peanuts	4 lb

If questions, see Debbie McCloney or call 515-249-3545.

Next Sunday, Dec. 17, at 2 p.m., three of the south-side UMC churches will have members singing “**A King Comes**”, at St. John’s UMC. Following the cantata there will be a reception. Please mark your calendar and plan to join them.

Correction: The newsletter stated that the **hymn sing at Prairie Hill Senior Living Center** will be on Dec. 27, at 10:00 a.m. That was incorrect. The correct date is **Dec. 20, at 10:00 a.m.**

Food Pantry Sunday will be the emphasis next Sunday, Dec. 17. The food item of the month is pasta—all varieties. However, all non-perishable food items, diapers, formula, personal hygiene items, cash, and brown paper grocery bags are welcomed.

Your Prayer



Concerns

“In everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let our requests be made known to God” - Philippians 4:6

Let your prayer requests be made known to God through our prayer groups and pastor who will pray for you or ones listed below. Your prayer concerns can be for a church member, a family member, a friend, or yourself. Please fill out below and place it in the offering plate.

Prayer for

Name:

Concern/s:

Welcome!

**We are a community of faith in worship and action,
open to all in the spirit and love of God.**

Please sign the friendship pad in the pew. Everyone is welcome to stay for refreshments and a time of visiting with your church family following the service.

We welcome children in our worship service. However, if necessary, we do have a nursery and cry room on the second floor. It is unattended so you will need to remain with your child. The cry room is located to the left at the top of the stairs and a nursery is located to the right (4th door on your right) at the top of the stairs.

Today's Worship Participants

Rev. Emmanuel Dass - Pastor
Brenda Swigert - Liturgist
Laurie Jenkins - Church Musician
Pamela Schisel - Choir Director
Jim Keller - Ushers
Rod Kent - Sound

Staff

Rev. Dr. Emmanuel Dass - Pastor
Jane White - Administrative Assistant
Laurie Jenkins - Church Musician
Chris Wulf - Custodian



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