



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.

Third Sunday in Advent December 17, 2017

The blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them.



Matthew 11:5, NRSV

** Please stand as you are able*

Gathering Music “The Wexford Carol”
Traditional English Carol, arr. Mark Hayes

Introit TFWS #2036 “Give Thanks”

Call to Advent Season

Leader: Come once more, with eager longing, to receive the promise of God.

People: **Out of the desert places of our lives, we gather with joy and gladness.**

Leader: Come expectantly, bring to this place all your hopes and dreams.

People: **Out of our weaknesses and fears, we assemble to gain strength and courage.**

Leader: Come to behold the majesty of our God. Draw near to God’s holy ways.

People: **We come to claim the joy of freedom in Christ.**

***Hymn** UMH #213 “Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”

Unison Prayer

Meet us in the message we are about to experience so we too may go and tell what we have heard and seen. Redeem us to walk in your Holy Way, that with patience, joy and gladness we may share your good news. Amen.

Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 35:5-10 (NIV)

Then will the eyes of the blind be opened and the ears of the deaf unstopped. Then will the lame leap like a deer, and the mute tongue shout for joy. Water will gush forth in the wilderness and streams in the desert. The burning sand will become a pool, the thirsty ground bubbling springs. In the haunts where jackals once lay, grass and reeds and papyrus will grow.

And a highway will be there; it will be called the Way of Holiness; it will be for those who walk on that Way. The unclean will not journey on it; wicked fools will not go about on it. No lion will be there, nor any ravenous beast; they will not be found there. But only the redeemed will walk there, and those the Lord has rescued will return. They will enter Zion with singing; everlasting joy will crown their heads. Gladness and joy will overtake them, and sorrow and sighing will flee away.

Time with Children of God

Call to Prayer UMH # 503 “Let it Breathe on Me ”

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

“Mary, Did You Know?” by Buddy Greene

Epistle Lesson

James 5:7-10 (NIV)

Be patient, then, brothers and sisters, until the Lord's coming. See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop, patiently waiting for the autumn and spring rains. You too, be patient and stand firm, because the Lord's coming is near. Don't grumble against one another, brothers and sister, or you will be judged. The Judge is standing at the door!"

Brothers and sisters, as an example of patience in the face of suffering, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

Hymns of the Season Congregation's Choice

***Gospel**

Matthew 11:2-11 (NIV)

When John, who was in prison, heard about the deeds of the Messiah, he sent his disciples to ask him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or should we expect someone else?'

Jesus replied, "Go back and report to John what you hear and see: the blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is proclaimed to the poor. Blessed is anyone who does not stumble on account of me."

As John's disciples were leaving, Jesus began to speak to the crowd about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed swayed by the wind? If not, what did you go out so see? A man dressed in fine clothes? No, those who wear the fine clothes are in kings' palaces. Then what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written:

"I will send my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you."

Truly I tell you, among those born of women there has not risen anyone greater than John the Baptist; yet whoever is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

Sermon

“Are You the One?”

Rev. Dr. Emmanuel Dass

Presenting our Tithes and Offerings

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

by Rowland H. Prichard, arr. Mark Hayes

***Doxology** UMH #94

Prayer of Dedication

May our gifts be as generous as your provision for us, O God. Use them to bear witness to the light you sent in Christ Jesus. Move us to prayer, rejoicing, and thanksgiving. Bless these offerings to proclaim the good news of Advent. Amen.

***Hymn** UMH #218

“It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”

***Benediction**

***Response** UMH #431

“Let There Be Peace on Earth”

Postlude

“He’s a Wonderful Savior to Me”

by Blanche Kerr Brock

This Week's Calendar

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

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

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. Alcoholics Anonymous in Fellowship Hall

Monday, Dec. 18: 9:30 a.m. English Language Learners Class in the Youth Room

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

Tuesday, Dec. 19: 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. 20: 9:30 a.m. ELL in the Youth Room

10:00 a.m. Prairie Hills Senior Living Center Hymn Sing

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

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

Thursday, Dec. 21: 7:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous in Fellowship Hall

Friday, Dec. 22: 8:00 a.m. BNTC Prayer Meeting in Chapel

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

8:00 p.m. AA in Fellowship Hall

Saturday, Dec. 23: 11:00 a.m. BNTC in Youth Room

7:30 p.m. NA in Fellowship Hall

Sunday, Dec. 24: 9:45 a.m. UMC Worship

11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour

1:00 p.m. BNTC Worship

7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service

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: Frances Ramsey, Virginia Durham, Ruby Price, Twilla Dillard, Sharon Burton, and Donna Ness.

The hymn sing at **Prairie Hill Senior Living Center** (5815 SE 27th St) is Wednesday, **Dec. 20, at 10:00 a.m.** Everyone is encouraged to join in this opportunity to make someone's Christmas a little brighter by sharing the gift of music.

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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Food Pantry Sunday is the emphasis today. 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.

TODAY, 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. Take an hour out of your day to show your appreciation for their hard work and hours of practicing. Bring friends and family members!

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 2018 to make a better life for others as we move into a new year.

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

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.

Wrap-up your holiday shopping 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.

Only 48 lbs. of **nuts** left to sell!

Cashews	15 lb
Mixed	22 lb
Choc Pecan	1 lb
Choc Almond	2 lb
Cranberry Raisin	5 lb
Choc Peanuts	3 lb
TOTAL	48 lb

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

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.

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Today's Worship Participants

Rev. Emmanuel Dass - Pastor
Connie Keller - 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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