



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.

Fellowship 11:00 a.m.

First Sunday of Advent December 2, 2018



*Then they will see
“the Son of Man
coming in a cloud”
with power and
great glory.*

Luke 21:27, NRSV

WE CELEBRATE THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Welcome and Informal Moments: Thank you for attending worship today. Please sign the attendance registration pad found in each pew, pass it on your neighbor, and welcome one another with the hospitality of God.

** Please stand as you are able*

Gathering Music

Introit UMC #657

"This is the Day"

*Call to Worship

Leader: Christians around the world begin this day to await the advent of Christ. We join with a joyous and hopeful throng in lighting the Advent candles, symbols of our faith and signs of God's love.

People: We gather as a people of hope.

Leader: Christian people around the world stand today in breathless anticipation of a miracle that has been repeated for hundreds of years, yet that astounds us anew each year.

People: Our hope springs anew, from an ancient vision.

Leader: As we light the first Advent candle, let it stand for hope based on deep conviction. We believe, we have seen, we have received the promise and the great gift, and therefore, in the midst of darkness and imperfection, we hope.

People: We gather expectantly, joyfully, and with deep commitment, for we have heard that a Special Child is to come, that God is to be among us, that soon we will see a new creation on earth. We are a people of hope.

Lighting of the Candle of Hope

*Hymn UMH #211

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

Unison Prayer

While we are standing within your gates, we long to hear your word in fresh ways, O God. Open our eyes to the dawn of new possibilities among us. Move us from desire for self-gratification to eager anticipation of Christ's coming into our lives. Fill us with expectation and hope. Amen.

Old Testament

Jeremiah 33:14-16 (NIV)

"The days are coming," declares the Lord, "when I will fulfill the good promise I made to the people of Israel and Judah."

(continued)

“In those days and at that time I will make a righteous Branch sprout from David’s line; he will do what is just and right in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. This is the name by which it will be called: the Lord Our Righteous Savior.”

Time with Children of God

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

Pastoral Prayer

Apostles’ Creed UMH #881

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

Epistle Lesson 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 (NIV)

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy we have in the presence of our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you again and supply what is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus clear the way for us to come to you. May the Lord make your love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else, just as ours does for you. May he strengthen your hearts so that you will be blameless and holy in the presence of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus comes with all his holy ones.

***Hymn** UMH #203 *“Hail to the Lord’s Anointed”*

***Gospel** Luke 21:25-36 (NIV)

“There will be signs in the sun, moon and stars. On the earth, nations will be in anguish and perplexity at the roaring and tossing of the sea. People will faint from terror, apprehensive of what is coming on the world, for the heavenly bodies will be shaken. At that time they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

He told them this parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees. When they sprout leaves, you can see for yourselves and know that summer is near. Even so, when you see these things happening you know that the kingdom of God is near.”

“Truly I tell you, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.”

“Be careful, or your hearts will be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness and the anxieties of life, and that day will close on you suddenly like a trap. For it will come on all those who live on the face of the whole earth. Be always on

the watch, and pray that you may be able to escape all that is about to happen, and that you may be able to stand before the Son of Man.”

Sermon “Are You Ready for Advent” Rev. Dr. Emmanuel Dass

Presenting our Gifts and Tithes

***Doxology** UMH #94

Prayer of Dedication

With these gifts, we seek to accomplish the good you intend, O God. With these offerings, we commit ourselves anew to your way of peace. Prosper the work of your church in this place and link us with all who watch and wait for your revelation. Amen.

Call to Communion UMH #620 *“One Bread, One Body”*

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Prayer of Consecration UMH page 14

Partaking of the Elements

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

Benediction

Response UMH #451 (verse 1) *“Be Thou My Vision”*

Postlude

This Week's Calendar

Today, Dec. 2: 9:45 a.m. UMC Worship

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

11:00 a.m. Finance Committee meets in the Conference Room

1:00 p.m. BNTC Worship

8:00 p.m. AA in Fellowship Hall

Monday, Dec. 3: 9:30 a.m. English Language Learners class in the Youth Room

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

Tuesday, Dec. 4: 9:30 a.m. ELL Class in the Youth Room

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

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

7:00 p.m. AA in Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, Dec. 5: 9:30 a.m. ELL in the Youth Room

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

Thursday, Dec. 6: 9:30 a.m. ELL in the Youth Room

7:00 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous

Friday, Dec. 7: 9:30 a.m. ELL in the Youth Room

5:00 p.m. BNTC

8:00 p.m. AA in Fellowship Hall

Saturday, Dec. 8: 9:30 a.m. ELL Citizenship Class in Conference Room

3:00 p.m. BNTC

7:30 p.m. NA in Fellowship Hall

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

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

1:00 p.m. BNTC Worship

8:00 p.m. AA in Fellowship Hall

Attendance last week: no service

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; Larry Seid, Benny Hotopp and those we especially name in our hearts. (Benny would appreciate phone calls: 249-2816.)

Special thanks to Carol and Mike Holmes for sharing treats with us today.

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:

The December issue of The Poster is available today. Please pick up your copy to save the church 50 cents.

NOTICE: You may begin using the new office email address, **ftdsmumc@gmail.com**, immediately: Change our address in your address book so you can receive messages from us.

You can order a poinsettia plant to decorate the sanctuary for Christmas. Plants are \$8.50 each and can be given to the glory of God, to honor someone or in memory of a loved one. Forms can be found on the table next to the Sanctuary doors in the hall, or online at www.fdmumc.org Deadline for ordering will be Dec. 9.

A Baby Shower for Jesus will be held on Saturday, Dec. 8, 10:00-11:30am, at Jordan UMC (1950 SE 4th St). Mary and Joseph Carpenter are registered at Target. Items purchased will go to Young Women's Resource Center. Everyone is invited to attend the shower. This event is sponsored by the 4 south-side Methodist Churches.

The Annual Christmas Potluck will be held on Sunday, Dec. 16, following the worship service. Everyone is invited to stay for the food and fellowship. Bring a dish to share and a hearty appetite.

We've sold out of 5 of the varieties but we still have Chocolate Amaretto Almonds, Sesame Honey Stix, Black Walnuts, Dark Chocolate Cherries and one pound each of Pecan Halves and Milk Chocolate Peanuts. Orders for nuts can be placed through the church office (515-285-6545), by calling Suzanne Wilcox at 515-277-5217, or on Sunday mornings. A .pdf order form can be found on our website: www.fdmumc.org Keep up the good work of getting the nuts sold!!!

“Parables of Jesus”, the weekly Bible Study, is held on Tuesdays, at 11:00 a.m., in the church library. Everyone is welcome!

Did you know your purchases can make a difference? AmazonSmile donates to Fort Des Moines United Methodist Church when you do your holiday shopping at smile.amazon.com/ch/42-1223704.

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.

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. Dr. Emmanuel Dass - Pastor
Carol Holmes - 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
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