



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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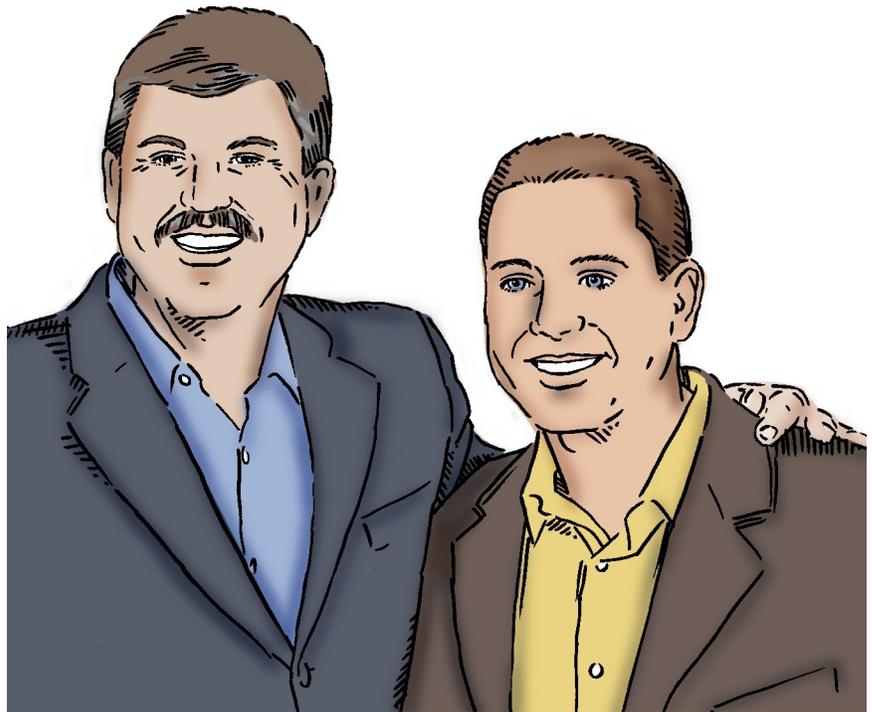
FORT DES MOINES UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Worship 9:45 a.m.

Fellowship 11:00 a.m.

Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost September 16, 2018

Let us eat and celebrate;



for this son of mine... was lost and is found!

Luke 15:23-24

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 TFWS #2023 *“How Majestic Is Your Name”*

*Call to Worship

Leader: Celebrate and rejoice. We are the forgiven family of God!

People: **Praise God, who loves us so!**

Leader: Celebrate and rejoice. We are the beloved children of God!

People: **Rejoice in Christ, who welcomes us home!**

Leader: Celebrate and rejoice. We are renewed people of God!

People: **Praise to the Spirit, who calls us here!**

***Hymn UMH #384** *“Love Divine, All Love Excelling”*

Unison Prayer

God of forgiveness and grace, thank you for welcoming us so warmly and lovingly. Open our hearts that we may fully receive your grace and love. Bless us and renew us, that we may live as the new creations you envision us to be. Surround us with your hope and promise, that we might go forth blessed by your abundant love and grace. Amen.

Responsive Scripture

Psalm 32:1-11

L: Blessed are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

P: **Blessed are those whom the Lord does not hold guilty, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**

L: When I did not declare my sin, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long.

P: **For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.**

L: I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity;

P: **I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the Lord”; then you forgave the guilt of my sin.**

L: Therefore let those who are godly offer prayer to you;

P: **at a time of distress, the rush of great waters shall not reach them.**

(continued)

L: You are a hiding place for me, you preserve me from trouble; you encompass me with deliverance.

P: **I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you.**

L: Do not be like an unruly horse or a mule, without understanding, whose temper must be curbed with bit and bridle.

P: **Many are the pangs of the wicked; but steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the Lord.**

L: Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, O righteous;

P: **shout for joy, all you upright in heart!**

Time with God's Children

Songs of Praise TFWS #2068	<i>"I Love You, Lord"</i>
#2070	<i>"He Is Exalted"</i>
#2022	<i>"Great Is the Lord"</i>

Pastoral Prayer

The 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.

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

Epistle Lesson

2 Corinthians 5:16-21 (NIV)

So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: be reconciled to God. God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

***Hymn of Illumination UMH #369**

"Blessed Assurance"

***Gospel**

Luke 15:11-24 (NIV)

Jesus continued: “There was a man who had two sons. The younger one said to his father, ‘Father, give me my share of the estate. So he divided his property between them.

“Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living. After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything.

“When he came to his senses, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired servants. So he got up and went to his father.

“But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him.

“The son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’

“But the father said to his servants, ‘Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let’s have a feast and celebrate. For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’ So they began to celebrate.

Sermon

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Rev. Dr. Emmanuel Dass

Presenting our Gifts and Tithes***Doxology UMH #94****Prayer of Dedication**

Thank you, O God, for welcoming us to a celebration of life with so many precious gifts. Thank you now for the privilege of sharing so others may be led to your joyous embrace. Help us to be generous in gratitude for your lavish provision for all our needs. Amen.

Hymn UMH #378*“Amazing Grace”***Benediction****Response UMH #664***“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”***Postlude**

This Week's Calendar

Today, Sept. 16: 9:45 a.m. UMC Worship (Food Pantry Sunday)

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

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

1:00 p.m. BNTC Worship

8:00 p.m. AA in Fellowship Hall

Monday, Sept. 17: 9:30 a.m. English Language Learners class in the Youth Room

6:00 p.m. ELL class

Tuesday, Sept. 18: 9:30 a.m. ELL Class

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

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

7:00 p.m. AA in Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, Sept. 19: 9:30 a.m. ELL

6:30 p.m. ELL Class in Youth Room

Thursday, Sept 20: 9:30 a.m. ELL

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

Friday, Sept. 21: 9:30 a.m. ELL

5:00 p.m. BNTC

8:00 p.m. AA in Fellowship Hall

Saturday, Sept. 22: 9:30 a.m. ELL Citizenship Class in Conference Room

10:00 a.m. SHARE Iowa

3:00 P.m. BNTC

7:30 p.m. NA in Fellowship Hall

Sunday, Sept. 23: 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: 43

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 care-givers; Benny Hotopp, Gloria Roeder and those we especially name in our hearts.

Thanks go to Kay Hibbs for sharing Coffee Hour treats today.

Today is Food Pantry Sunday. Donations of shelf-stable food items, personal hygiene items, diapers, formula, cash, and brown paper grocery bags will be received.

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:

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

Hy-Vee’s 16th Annual Colossal Cookie Sale continues through the 22nd. For each lunch-pail-size chocolate chip cookie sold, Hy-Vee will donate one penny to the DMARC Food Pantry Network. Cookies are just a dime each—36 cookies will cost \$3.60; 50 cookies will cost \$5.00 and so on!

You can share your excess garden produce here! Just place your items on the table in the narthex (under the bulletin board) and anyone wanting it is free to take what they can use.

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
Brenda Swigert - Liturgist
Laurie Jenkins - Church Musician
Jim Keller - Ushers
Rod Kent - Sound

Staff

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