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Monday-Friday

Sunday Worship: 9:45am

Sunday School: 11:00am

**Weekday Bible Study @
11:00am on Tuesdays in the
Library.**

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The Gift of Love

St. Paul composed one of the most cherished chapters in the New Testament. This passage is sometimes referred to as "the hymn of love." Since the days of the apostles we have had a great supply of love songs, few of them as sincere as Paul's. Yet love songs never lose their popularity.

Why this obsession with love? Maybe most people sense that love really makes the world go around? Even those with no religious faith often trust in the power and worth of love.

Love really does deserve its reputation, and Paul tells us why. The Apostle assures us that love is a gift from God. Sometimes we think that love originates in the human heart but it does not. Love always comes from God and we are merely the containers. We are channels of God's love. We are given the ability from God to love others. It is God who has given us capability to love others. It is a gift from God.

After the Fall of Adam, our ability to love was distorted. After the Fall, human love has become selfish, which is contrary to the very nature of love. The very nature of love is to give away. The more we give away, the more we receive. The more we refuse to love others, the more we shut ourselves off from God's love.

Love is such a fundamental part of God's nature that John says, "God is love." When we love others we participate in that power which created the world, which sustains all life, heals all brokenness, and shoulders the cross without hesitation. Love draws us together because love always concentrates on the other.

It is the nature of love to concentrate on the other. No wonder genuine love is so hard for us most of the time. We evaluate every circumstance and situation with a single standard: Will this benefit me? Love, however, forgets itself in seeking the good of the others. Love rises above all pettiness and malice because love looks beyond itself. Love hopes for the best from others and for others. Love never ends because only love can bridge this world and the world to come. Only love can teach us to forgive others. Love is the highest gift because it gives us purpose to every other gift.

Pastor Dass

Nut Sales Report

The Nut Sale ended on the first Sunday in January when the final nuts were sold. A huge thank you to everyone who sold and/or purchased nuts. A final report will be available at a later date.

January Finance Report

General Account Income	\$	4,898.12
General Account Expenses	\$	7,769.56
Designated Funds Income	\$	1,143.50
Trustees Income	\$	1,050.00
Year-to-Date		
Total Income	\$	7,091.62
Total Expenses	\$	8,694.56

Update Your Information

A new membership directory will be coming out soon. Have you dropped your land line? Do you want to add your cell phone and/or email address? Have the adult children established homes of their own? Let the office (515-285-6545 or ftdsmumc@gmail.com) know of these or any other changes so the information printed is up-to-date.

Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday, which marks the beginning of the season of Lent, falls on March 6th this year. An Ash Wednesday Service, with the imposition of ashes will be held at 7:00 p.m.

Special Session of the General Conference

The Council of Bishops has called a Special Session of the General Conference of The United Methodist Church to be held Feb. 23-26, 2019 in St. Louis, Missouri. The purpose will be to receive and act on a report from the Commission on a Way Forward based on the recommendations of the Council of Bishops. Keep those in attendance in your prayers.

Prayer Corner

Ft. Des Moines UMC, it's programs and leaders; Bhutanese Nepali Truth Church in Iowa, it's programs and leaders; those who are home bound and their care-takers; and those we name in our hearts.

From the family of Beverly Edwards: Words can't express our thanks for the cards, food, flowers, thoughts and prayers the last 3 years as we slowly lost my Mom to dementia. As hard as it was to watch her the last week of her life we are at peace knowing she is now healed and with God and reunited with her parents and my Dad.

Debbie & Roger McCloney

The Parables of Jesus

The Parables of Jesus are the most memorable and persuasive messages. To know these incomparable stories is to know the teaching of Jesus and the heart of the Teacher. Come and join Pastor Dass in exploring the implications of Jesus' stories for our lives and relationships on Tuesdays, at 11:00 a.m., in the church library.

Thanks to Everyone Who Helped!!!

Chris Wulf and Carlin Peer "un-decked the halls" of the church and got all of the boxes put away. Thanks be to them!

Two-Minute Testimony

Pastor Dass is seeking volunteers to share the joy and excitement of knowing Jesus as Lord and Savior. If you wish to share your testimony during the worship, please speak with Pastor Dass.

Worship

We witness to the transforming power of Christ through our regular presence in worship. Invite a friend or a neighbor to come with you to worship. "God has poured out his love into our hearts," (Romans 5:5).

Central District Fund Raiser

Bishop Haller recently visited Africa University in Mutare, Zimbabwe and stayed in the Ubuntu Retreat Centre, for which she had led a fund raising campaign while serving in Michigan. "Ubuntu" is an African term for "humanity to others." Literally, the word means "I am what I am because of who we all are."

This Centre is a 24-room facility where visiting work teams, professors and visitors are housed allowing for informal, intimate and impactful interactions. BUT, it does not have a kitchen, the heart of the house. SO, Bishop Haller has challenged each Iowa district to raise funds to furnish the kitchen. This opportunity is NOW linking the heart/kitchen fund raiser with Valentine's Day.

Individuals and district churches/groups are welcome to share in this important project. Your gifts may be sent to the Iowa Conference Treasurer, designated "#402, Central District Fund Raiser". (Make checks payable to IAUMC and mail to Iowa Methodist Conference Center, 2301 Rittenhouse Street, Des Moines, IA 50321)

Valentine's Day Tradition

No one knows for sure how Valentine's Day began, but there is one story that says there was a Christian priest named Valentine who lived in Rome. The story says that he helped young soldiers get married (against the wishes of the emperor). The angered emperor had Valentine put in jail. The children of Rome were saddened and wrote notes saying that they loved and missed him, then they pushed their notes through the prison bars. These notes were perhaps the first valentines. Later, Pope Gelasius I declared February 14 the feast day of St. Valentine. It became a day for the expression of love. The greatest commandment says, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind," and the second is this, "love your neighbor as yourself" (Matthew 22:37-39).

Cause for Celebration!

February Birthdays

3 Lucas Norris
6 Matthew Clevenger
17 Carlin Peer
20 Bruce Evans
23 Nick Nalevanko
26 Lee Kennell
27 Trevor Crise

February Wedding

Anniversaries

5 Larry & Charlene
Seid

February Baptismal

Anniversaries

16 Doug Brooks

March Birthdays

3 Kambra Xayaphiou
5 John King
11 Jerry Swigert
11 Stefanie Lee
11 Jasmine Miller
12 Josh Lee
13 Connie Keller
15 David Miller
17 Lois Horn
18 Jim Meier
19 Jake Carruthers
23 Emilee Jones
24 Virginia Simmons
24 Eloise Coen
27 Rickie Ramsey
28 Addison Hartmann

March Wedding

Anniversaries

14 David & Sherri Little
31 Mike & Carol
Holmes

March Baptismal

Anniversaries

2 Kristina Norris
9 Alexandra Newton
12 Jean Pease
22 Renee King
25 Pamela Cave
27 Carlin Peer

Let Us Know!

- If you have recently moved, changed your mailing address, your email address, phone number or are using cell phones instead of land lines, LET US KNOW!
- If you would like to be included in the prayer chain, LET US KNOW!
- If you are hospitalized, LET US KNOW! (Privacy laws do not allow hospitals to contact clergy when a parishioner is hospitalized.)

Contact the church office at 515-285-6545 or ftdsmumc@gmail.com or contact Pastor Dass directly at emmanueldass@hotmail.com or 1-515-447-7953.

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FEBRUARY

SUNDAY

CALENDAR YEAR

CALENDAR MONTH

FIRST DAY OF WEEK

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	31	01 9:30 ELL 4:00 ELL 5:00 BNTC 8:00 AA	02 9:30 ELL 3:00 BNTC 7:30 NA
03 9:45 UMC Worship 11:00 Finance/Sun. Sch. 1:00 BNTC Worship 8:00 AA	04 9:30 ELL 6:00 ELL	05 9:30 ELL 11:00 Bible Study 6:00 ELL 7:00 AA	06 9:30 ELL 6:00 ELL	07 9:30 ELL 6:00 ELL 7:00 NA	08 9:30 ELL 4:00 ELL 5:00 BNTC 8:00 AA	09 9:30 ELL 3:00 BNTC 7:30 NA
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17 9:45 UMC 11:00 SS 11:00 SPPRC 1:00 BNTC Worship 8:00 AA	18 9:30 ELL 6:00 ELL	19 9:30 ELL 11:00 Bible Study 6:00 ELL 7:00 AA	20 9:30 ELL 6:00 ELL	21 9:30 ELL 6:00 ELL 7:00 NA	22 9:30 ELL 4:00 ELL 5:00 BNTC 8:00 AA	23 9:30 ELL 3:00 BNTC 4:00 Comm. Meal 7:30 NA
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We give thanks for you!!!

**Ft. Des Moines United Methodist Church is a community of faith
in worship and action, open to all in the spirit and love of God.**

February/March 2019

Events:

Feb. 23: Community Meal @ 4:00pm
Mar. 6: Ash Wednesday Service @
7:00pm
Mar. 10: Daylight Saving Time begins

Special Offerings:

Food Pantry Sunday will be on Feb. 17. Donations of shelf-stable food items, cash, hygiene items, diapers (all sized), wipes, formula, and brown paper bags will be received.

Shrove Tuesday But on a Sunday

Mark your calendars for dinner on Sunday, March 3, following the worship service. This will be a Shrove Tuesday type of meal with pancakes and sausages. Shrove Tuesday, or "Fat Tuesday" as it is sometimes called, is the day before Ash Wednesday, the start of the Lenten season. Centuries ago Christians often stuffed themselves with food before beginning 40 days of fasting for Lent. In those days, many Christians used up all the food containing fat, including dairy products. Because so many foods, including pancakes, used those fat products, many churches had huge feasts.

Today many congregation still keep at least a semblance of the tradition. In communities around the world, churches serve pancakes on Shrove Tuesday. But today the purpose is to have Christian fellowship, not to devour everything in sight.