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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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## Showers of Power

The second Sunday in June is Pentecost Sunday. Pentecost is the birthday of the Christian Church. Without this day Christianity would be another nice but dull religion with good rules, and churches would be shrines for past memories, treasuries of duty traditions from a past era. The Book of Acts 1:6 gives us part of the spiritual picture of showers of power... accompanied by occasional tongues of fire... followed by widely scattered disciples. After the Pentecost the body of Christian believers was never the same again. The miraculous power and presence of Jesus Christ in human lives swept the human community into a new way to move out in God's prompting. The coming of God's Spirit on his people was a communal vision.

To meet the Holy Spirit in Pentecost Day was an experience of worship in many languages. Acts 2:16 says that people worshiped and kept worshipping in the formal service at the Temple and enjoyed the warm informality of material needs met, past wrongs forgiven, relationships mended, and all of that was the working of the Spirit of God that Jesus promised. The Spirit is how Jesus comes to live in people from Pentecost until the Second Coming. The real issue is how will you have your own personal Pentecost? Will you have a dramatic experience of the Holy Spirit?

The answer is when you allow God to release His power in you, you will have an experience of his power, but it may not be the kind of experience you expect. Some say that the disciples were filled with a quiet, but deep sense of new power to be used by God. Some report a new sense of God's presence after dramatic healing or extensive time in Scriptures. Some receive this power at what they would call conversion to Christ.

I think that the type of experience is not nearly so important as what happens after an experience with God. After the experience with the Holy Spirit, if God begins a fresh work to give us energy and motivation to serve and love others, a sensitivity to missions, praying incessantly for others, then some kind of experience ought to be encouraged for every person who wants to know a God who really works in people. Have you had a personal Pentecost?

Pastor Dass

## Annual Conference

The 175<sup>th</sup> session of the Iowa Annual Conference will meet at Hy-Vee Hall in Des Moines, June 8-11. Pastor Dass and Elton Wolf will be attending the conference. Please pray for clergy and laity as they gather for worship and official business of the conference.

## Father's Day

Father's Day has been observed since 1910. The purpose of Father's Day is to honor the men of our church as men of God; to express appreciation to each father; and to challenge fathers to be spiritual leaders. Come and celebrate Father's Day on Sunday, June 16. Fathers/Men will receive gifts as token of love and appreciation during the worship service.

## Most Unusual Hat

We are asking members of the congregation to come with an unusual hat on Sunday, June 23. During the worship we will determine first, second, and third place winners.

## May Finance Report

General Account Income	\$	7,046.23
General Account Expenses	\$	9,524.66
Designated Funds Income	\$	1,289.00
Trustees Income	\$	1,050.00

### Year-to-Date

Total Income	\$	44,028.80
Total Expenses	\$	48,676.10

## 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 worship, please speak with Pastor Dass.

## 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.

Hailey Kokke has a new temporary address: Jacobson House, 925 Porter Ave, Des Moines IA 50315.

## Tuesday Bible Study: I Thessalonians

First Thessalonians is considered the first existing letter Paul wrote and the oldest book in the New Testament. Thessalonica was an infant church in Macedonia that experienced Roman and Jewish persecution. Paul bragged to other churches about the Thessalonians' faith. Over and over again he thanked God for them. He remembers their labor of love. He recalls how they received the Holy Spirit and how they turned from Greek and Roman gods to serve a living and true God. Paul believes they were "chosen" by God just as Abraham and his descendants had been chosen. Come and join us in studying I Thessalonians on Tuesdays, 11:00am, in the church library.

## Fifth Sunday Potluck

June 30 is the fifth Sunday of the month and we'll mark the occasion with a potluck dinner following the worship service that day. Bring a dish to share and a hearty appetite, along with your table

## You're Invited!

Park Avenue Christian Church is hosting a Rummage Sale on Friday, June 7 (9am—6pm) and Saturday, June 8 (9am—3pm) in their Fellowship Hall located at 3301 SW 9th St. Lunch will also be available. Proceeds will be used by their Mission Jamaica Ministry Team for work at West Haven Children's Home, and Basic School, Clifton Boys Home & Jabode.

## Symbols for the Trinity

The liturgical calendar calls the Sunday after Pentecost (June 16) “Trinity Sunday” —a day set aside to “celebrate” the unique triune character of our God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Symbols for the Trinity include a circle inscribed within an equilateral triangle. Actually, during the first eight centuries of Christian art, the image of the triangle for the Trinity was not widespread—although on one of the grave-stones in the catacombs there is a triangle in which the monogram of the name of Christ was placed.

The three person were often represented in art, but they were shown separately. The first time they seem to have been placed together was in the fourth century, and that representation consisted of “the Hand, the Lamb, and the Dove,” which is said to no longer exist.

*Homiletics*

## Friends of Christ

According to John’s gospel, Jesus said to his followers who knew him best, “I do not call you servants...but I have called you friends...You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit” (John 15:15-16 NRSV).

The depth of Christ’s friendship was seen in the fact that he gave his life for his friends...and for us as well. “No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you” (John 15:13-14 NRSV).

By obeying our Lord and showing love to others, we prove our friendship with Christ. Friendship with Christ and with others is, according to the Christian layman and president, Woodrow Wilson, “the only cement that will hold the world together.”

*Newsletter Newsletter*

## Cause for Celebration!

### June Birthdays

1 Alec Slater  
1 Stephanie Parsley  
9 Billie Jean  
Whitehead  
11 Mark Horak  
11 Debbie McCloney  
14 Levi Noveras  
16 Alex Crise  
20 Scott Johnson  
24 Tyler Kokke  
25 Steven Norris  
26 Lew Lewellen  
26 Suzanne Wilcox  
27 Brenda Swigert

### June Wedding

#### Anniversaries

11 Brian & Ronda Kent  
21 Matt & Melissa  
Clevenger  
25 Steve & Kristina  
Norris  
30 Dennis & Paula  
Garland

### June Baptismal

#### Anniversaries

2 Emilee Jones  
4 Cindy Eatwell  
4 Sandi Eatwell  
18 Michael Crise  
18 Jacob Norris  
18 Lucas Norris

### July Birthdays

2 Mike Holmes  
3 Karmen Lawrence  
11 Austin Eis  
14 Carol Meier  
16 Kim Keller  
16 Roger McCloney  
20 Debbie Carruthers  
20 Erica Eis  
25 Val Brooks  
25 Linda Lasher  
27 Christian Yang  
27 Caleb  
27 Koen Nalevanko  
28 Simone Andrews  
28 Elaine Thayer

### July Wedding

#### Anniversaries

10 Dan & Michelle  
Jones  
25 Jerry & Brenda  
Swigert  
30 Brad & Laura  
Carlson

### July Baptismal

#### Anniversaries

12 Addison Hartmann  
29 Maggie Brooks

## 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](mailto:ftdsmumc@gmail.com) or contact Pastor Dass directly at [emmanueldass@hotmail.com](mailto:emmanueldass@hotmail.com) or 1-515-447-7953.

# 2019

# JUNE

CALENDAR YEAR

CALENDAR MONTH

SUNDAY

FIRST DAY OF WEEK

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	31	01 9:30 ELL 3:00 BNTC 7:30 NA
02 9:45 UMC 11:00 Finance/S.S. 1:00 BNTC Worship 8:00 AA	03 9:30 ELL 6:00 ELL	04 9:30 ELL 11:00 Bible Study 4:00 BNTC Choir 6:00 ELL 7:00 AA	05 9:30 ELL 6:00 ELL	06 9:30 ELL 4:00 BNTC Choir 6:00 ELL 7:00 NA	07 Annual Conference 9:30 ELL 4:00 ELL 5:00 BNTC 8:00 AA	08 Annual Conference 9:30 ELL 3:00 BNTC 7:30 NA
09 9:45 UMC 11:00 Trustees 11:00 SS/JOPPA/Coffee 1:00 BNTC Worship 8:00 AA	10 Annual Conference 9:30 ELL 6:00 ELL	11 Annual Conference 9:30 ELL 11:00 Bible Study 6:00 ELL 7:00 AA	12 9:30 ELL 10:00 WCF 6:00 ELL	13 9:30 ELL 6:00 ELL 7:00 NA	14 9:30 ELL 4:00 ELL 5:00 BNTC 8:00 AA	15 9:30 ELL 3:00 BNTC 7:30 NA
16 9:45 UMC 11:00 SPPRC 1:00 BNTC 8:00 AA	17 Jane on vacation 9:30 ELL 6:00 ELL	18 Jane on vacation 9:30 ELL 11:00 Bible Study 6:00 ELL 7:00 AA	19 Jane on vacation 9:30 ELL 6:00 ELL	20 Jane on vacation 9:30 ELL 6:00 ELL 7:00 NA	21 Jane on vacation 9:30 ELL 4:00 ELL 5:00 BNTC 8:00 AA	22 5:00 BNTC Wedding 9:30 ELL 3:00 BNTC 7:30 NA
23 9:45 UMC Worship 11:00 Sun. Sch. 1:00 BNTC Worship 8:00 AA	24 9:30 ELL 6:00 ELL	25 9:30 ELL 11:00 Bible Study 6:00 ELL 7:00 AA	26 9:30 ELL 6:00 ELL	27 9:30 ELL 6:00 ELL 7:00 NA	28 9:30 ELL 4:00 ELL 5:00 BNTC 8:00 AA	29 9:30 ELL 3:00 BNTC 4:00 Comm. Meal 7:30 NA
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# JULY

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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.**

#### **June/July 2019**

##### **Events:**

June 8-11: Annual Conference  
@ Hy-Vee Hall  
June 17-21: Jane on vacation  
June 29: Community Meal @ 4:00pm  
June 30: 5th Sunday Potluck  
July 4: Office closed

##### **Wanted:**

Our repurposed soap dispensers are dying off. If you have a liquid soap dispenser or empty dish soap bottle you are no longer using, and want to share it with the church, drop it off in Jane's office. Please and thank you!

##### **Special Offerings:**

Food Pantry Sunday will be on June 16. Donations of shelf-stable food items, cash, hygiene items, diapers (all sized), wipes, and formula will be received.

Peace with Justice Sunday will be the emphasis on June 16 with special envelopes in the worship bulletins. Gifts on Peace with Justice Sunday fund programs that advocate for peace and justice in the United States and around the world. These programs empower United Methodists to speak out for removing structures and systems that harm God's children globally.