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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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Why You Need the Church?

The second chapter of the book of Acts delineates the story of the birth of the church. The church was born in the dynamic display of power that was a dramatic witness to its divine origin. The community of believers multiplied as the power of God was evidenced by the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. On that first Pentecost, the apostle Peter bridged the gap between the old and the new by proclaiming this outpouring of the Holy Spirit to be the fulfillment of the prophecy.

The Old Testament provides you with a record of the origin of the church in recounting God's special relationship to Israel. The primary factor of this relationship between God and Israel is that God called Israel as his chosen community. And this closeness is fulfilled in the New Testament Church.

The concept of church as God's chosen community involves three basic ideas: (1) the church is of God; (2) it was chosen for the purpose of making known God's love; and (3) from the outset the church was a community of people, the people of God.

The concept of divine origin of the church is basic to the understanding of its nature. The church is not the result of our decision or planning; it is not just another human institution; it is of God. The church exists because God intends it to exist and it is through the church that God's love is revealed.

Paul uses the metaphor of body, with its varied functions and many separate parts, to emphasize its corporate unity (1 Cor. 12). Paul insists that the church is a corporate unity, composed of believers united in accepting Christ as their head, but diversified in the various ways they serve.

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Pastor Emmanuel

All Ladies Are Invited

The Women's Christian Fellowship ladies will be having a "Fall-o-ween" get together on Wednesday, October 10, from 10:00 - 11:30. We would like to invite all of the women of the Church to come and share in fun and fellowship with us. Please let Carlin Peer know if you will be attending. Her phone number is 287-3433.

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.

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.

Thanks to Everyone Who Helped!!!

On Sept. 10, an anonymous couple spent part of their morning pulling weeds in the landscaping along the south-side of the building. We thank them for their gifts of time and labor!

Carlin Peer for changing our bulletin boards. (The bulletin boards were made by her father, Carl, in memory of her grandmother, Zylphia.)

Charge Conference

Our Annual Charge Conference will be held on Sunday, Oct. 21, at 2:00 p.m., at First UMC in Indianola. All members are encouraged to be in attendance. The spending plan for 2019 and the new officers of the church will be voted on.

Trunk or Treat

Trunk or Treat will be held here at Ft. Des Moines UMC on Sunday, Oct. 28, from 4 to 6:00 p.m. We will be hosting it ourselves this year so everyone is asked to step up! Come in costume. Decorate the trunk or "hatch" area of your vehicle. And bring goodies and/or non-food items (books, small toys, etc.) to give out to the neighborhood children. If you have questions, contact Fred Kokke, 515-287-3158.

DMARC Remarks

Gifts of Grain: While Iowa farmers are well known for "feeding the world," many are increasingly aware of how food insecurity affects their neighbors and communities. In response, some area farmers are stepping up and making a mark on their local food system by donating a portion of their annual harvest to DMARC through their local grain elevator. The crop donation is then sold and converted to cash that is used to buy food items distributed through the Food Pantry Network.

DMARC is currently seeking a full-time Mobile Food Pantry Associate. The purpose of this position is to assist with the operation of the DMARC Mobile Food Pantries. This is a 30-hour plus position with benefits. The shifts vary between 8am to 8pm. There will be frequent evening and weekend hours required. To learn more go to <https://www.dmarcunited.org/about/join-our-team/>

To apply, email a cover letter and resume to Rebecca Whitlow, Food Pantry Network Director, at rwhitlow@dmarcunited.org. This position is open until filled.

On Oct. 2, the DMARC Food Pantry Network welcomes a 14th partner pantry: Eastview Community Center, located at 4101 E 42nd St in Des Moines.

Mission Dinner

The Women's Christian Fellowship invites everyone to attend a Mission Dinner on Sunday, Oct. 14, following the worship service. Casseroles and dessert will be served. A free-will offering will be received.

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 we especially name Benny Hotopp, Gloria Roeder and those we name in our hearts.

"I want to thank all of you who sent cards and prayers to me while I was in the hospital and Wesley Acres. Also a big thanks to Jill for her visit. I am feeling good. With love, Marcia Barrett"

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@qwestoffice.net or contact Pastor Dass directly at emmanueldass@hotmail.com or 1-515-447-7953.

Cause for Celebration!

October Birthdays

2 Matthew Simmons
 3 Sherri Little
 4 Autumn Slater
 5 Nany Eis
 6 Alexandra Newton
 7 Leanne Bermel
 10 Erin (Keller) McCulloch
 11 Susan Hartmann
 15 Sierra Kokke
 16 Fred Kokke
 18 Amanda Alexander
 20 Sharon Peterson
 23 Pam Cave
 27 Wally Lewellen
 28 Robbie Carruthers
 30 Tammy Jones-Bernard
 30 Eric Little
 30 Roxanna Dales

October Wedding

Anniversaries

16 Mark & Janan Horak
 21 Roger & Debbie McCloney

October Baptismal

Anniversaries

4 Koen Nalevanko
 14 Tyler Kokke
 14 Sierra Kokke
 14 Hailey Kokke

November Birthdays

2 Carrie Yang
 4 Mitch Keller
 6 Jean Drew
 7 Paula Garland
 8 Janan Horak
 12 Jeri Crane
 12 Keith Eis
 14 Wylene Gardner
 16 Madonna Miller
 18 Craig Cave
 18 Tim Pherigo
 19 Austin Casper
 21 Jean Pease
 26 Marcia Barrett
 27 Bonnie Pearson
 30 Maggie Brooks

November Wedding

Anniversaries

18 Lew & Wally
 Lewellen

November Baptismal

Anniversaries

6 Erica Eis
 12 Trevor Crise
 12 William Dillard
 17 Nathan Crane
 18 Amanda Alexander
 19 Mallory Crane
 20 Michael King

Empty Bowls

As you may know, the four south side churches have come together for 3 years now to do events together such as worship and mission projects. At our last meeting we decided we would like to help Bidwell-Riverside celebrate their 125 Anniversary of assisting our neighbors living in poverty. (1 in 4 Polk County residents are food insecure.)

The people Bidwell serves are the disabled, elderly and families living below the ALICE survival level. NO, Alice is not a real person but stands for ASSET LIMITED, INCOME CONSTRAINED, EMPLOYED. Most of the families are employed but are not earning enough money and have no hope of making ends meet on their own. 40% of families in Des Moines fall into this category. Bidwell provides food, clothing and household items to them. Their clients can receive a LIMITED amount of food per week.

On November 1, Bidwell is having its second annual fundraiser called "Empty Bowls". The four south side church's want to help them build hope and fight hunger by supporting the Empty Bowls Benefit. It cost \$450.00 to buy a table (seating 10) at the benefit with the money going to Bidwell. This amount is more than any of the four church's could do alone, but if each church could raise \$112.50 we could help to shed light on the food insecurity faced by our neighbors and raise funds to support Bidwell's mission to increase stability and self sufficiency in our community for the less fortunate.

The last day to donate will be Oct. 14. You may make your check out to Ft. Des Moines UMC and place it in the offering plate with "Empty Bowls" on the memo line.

September Finance Report

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| General Account Income | \$ 4,441.20 |
| General Account Expenses | \$ 8,592.93 |
| Designated Funds Income | \$ 990.00 |
| Trustees Income | \$ 1,020.00 |

Year-to-Date

| | |
|--|--------------|
| Total Income | \$ 87,589.53 |
| Total Expenses | \$ 96,376.29 |
| (\$5778 was used from savings for the AC unit) | |

Did You Know?

We had 2.5 milk jugs of pop can pull tabs that were delivered to the local Ronald McDonald House in September. Now our jugs are sitting empty on the shelf above the west coat rack. Let's start filling them for next year!

The 53rd Annual Nut Sale Begins!!!

It's that time of year when we can pre-order nuts, which will be delivered to Suzanne Wilcox around the first of November. You can place your order by calling the church office (515-285-6545) or Suzanne (515-277-5217). The order form can also be found on our website: www.fdmumc.org Once the order is filled, you will be contacted to make arrangements to pick-up or have them delivered to you. The nutmeats are the same great quality. The prices are the same as last year. It's just a different person to contact when you're ordering. *(Many thanks to Suzanne for taking on this task!)*

World Communion Sunday

For almost 73 years, Crusade Scholarships have enabled members of our global denomination to become leaders in ministry, medicine, education, and social work. Your support on Sunday, October 7 will help encourage students to pursue their goals of service and leadership.

A Word from the Woods

The 2nd Annual Wesley Woods Off-Road Race will be held Nov. 10. The challenging course is 4 miles long and tours some of the best parts of the camp. The race starts at 9:00am. Following the race everyone will join in a warm pancake breakfast and awards presentation. Proceeds directly benefit the camp. Online registration is available at <http://getmeregisterd.com/WesleyWoodsOffRoadRace>. The event is sponsored by Friends of Wesley Woods. For more information about Friends of Wesley Woods, email FOWW@gmail.com.

The 2nd Annual Fall Festival will be held Nov. 10, 1-4:00pm. Come join us for an afternoon of fun at Wesley Woods Camp and Retreat Center. A variety of activities will be available for all skill levels!

Without a Trace

[The abundant grace] we have received is not just a medicine sufficient to heal the wound of sin but also health and beauty and honor and glory and dignity far transcending our natural state. Each of these in itself would have been enough to do away with death, but when they are all put together in one, there is not a trace of death left, nor can any shadow of it be seen, so entirely has it been done away with.

—St. John Chrysostom

A Season of Glory

Now has come the glory season. Glory in the bountiful fruits of God's earth. Glory in the breathtaking multi-colored leaves of the trees. Glory in the invigorating smells of fall. Even glory in the sparkling frost-blanket covering the grass and putting it to sleep for the winter. Glory, glory everywhere we look.

The Meaning of Amen

A Sunday School teacher asked a young boy what Amen meant. Obviously, he was a fan of Bugs Bunny because he answered, "It means tha-tha-that's all folks." Actually it means, "So may it be."

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OCTOBER

SUNDAY

CALENDAR YEAR

CALENDAR MONTH

FIRST DAY OF WEEK

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 30 | 01 9:30 ELL 6:00 ELL | 02 9:30 ELL 11:00 Bible Study 6:00 ELL 7:00 AA | 03 9:30 ELL 6:00 ELL | 04 9:30 ELL 7:00 NA | 05 9:30 ELL 5:00 BNTC 8:00 AA | 06 9:30 ELL 3:00 BNTC 7:30 NA |
| 07 9:45 UMC Worship 11:00 Council & Sun. Sch. 1:00 BNTC Worship 8:00 AA | 08 9:30 ELL 6:00 ELL | 09 9:30 ELL 11:00 Bible Study 6:00 ELL 7:00 AA | 10 9:30 ELL 10:00 WCF 6:00 ELL | 11 9:30 ELL 7:00 NA | 12 9:30 ELL 5:00 BNTC 8:00 AA | 13 9:30 ELL 3:00 BNTC 7:30 NA |
| 14 9:45 UMC Worship 11:00 SPPRC & Dinner 1:00 BNTC Worship 8:00 AA | 15 9:30 ELL 6:00 ELL | 16 9:30 ELL 11:00 Bible Study 6:00 ELL 7:00 AA | 17 9:30 ELL 6:00 ELL | 18 9:30 ELL 7:00 NA | 19 9:30 ELL 5:00 BNTC 8:00 AA | 20 9:30 ELL 10:00 SHARE Iowa 3:00 BNTC 7:30 NA |
| 21 9:45 UMC Worship 11:00 Trustees & Sun. Sch. 1:00 BNTC Worship 2:00 Charge Conf. 8:00 AA | 22 9:30 ELL 6:00 ELL | 23 9:30 ELL 11:00 Bible Study 6:00 ELL 7:00 AA | 24 9:30 ELL 6:00 ELL | 25 9:30 ELL 7:00 NA | 26 9:30 ELL 5:00 BNTC 8:00 AA | 27 9:30 ELL 3:00 BNTC 4:00 Community Meal 7:30 NA |
| 28 9:45 UMC Worship 11:00 Council & Sun. Sch. 1:00 BNTC Worship 4:00 Trunk or Treat 8:00 | 29 9:30 ELL 6:00 ELL | 30 9:30 ELL 11:00 Bible Study 6:00 ELL 7:00 AA | 31 9:30 ELL 6:00 ELL | 01 | 02 | 03 |
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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.**

October/November 2018

Events:

Oct. 14: Mission Dinner @ 11:15am
Oct. 21: Charge Conference @ 2:00pm
Oct. 27: Community Meal @ 4pm
Oct. 28: Trunk or Treat, 4-6:00pm
Nov. 4: Daylight Saving Time ends

Special Offerings:

Food Pantry Sunday will be on October 21. Gifts of cash, shelf-stable food items, personal hygiene items, diapers (all sizes), wipes, formula, cash, and brown paper bags will be received.

World Communion Sunday offering will be received on Sunday, Oct. 7. Gifts to World Communion Sunday fund graduate racial-ethnic World Communion Scholarships. With at least one-half of the annual amount reserved for ministries beyond the United States. Donations also provide for undergraduate U. S. Ethnic Scholarship and Ethnic In-Service Training programs.

**The Lord is good to those
whose hope is in him,
to the one who seeks him;**

Lamentations 3:25