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Monday-Friday

Sunday Worship: 9:45am

Adult Sunday School:

11:00am

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Pastor's Pen

Friends,

The holiday season is upon us now, we are immersed in the days leading up to the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. I'll be honest, in my life, it can be a challenge to always be thinking about this, but the four Sunday's of Advent help me stay connected and grounded in my faith, my reverence, and love for God. I hope that they do for you too, whether you are here with us at church, or at home. If you'd like to have your own Advent wreath to help stay connected to the season, please contact the church office. Pam Schisel created wonderful kits for everyone to create their own Advent wreath and included the candles in it! It is a wonderful way to keep connected, to share your faith with others, and to invite your family, friends, grandkids, or neighbors into a conversation.

Peace. Hope. Joy. Love.

May you be blessed with peace, hope, joy, and love in the coming days and weeks ahead. May the love of God bless you in your daily life, giving you an unexplained sense of comfort and peace. As a church, this is also a time of reflection over the past year and a sense of hope and wonder to the upcoming year, 2020. I have been in prayer since receiving this appointment 6 months ago, and God is eager to use this church in the coming year. Would you prayerfully consider joining us as we look to the future. I invite everyone into a prayer ministry for our church, our community, and God's will. If you are interested in learning more and being a part of it, please contact the church office and let Jane know. This is a way to serve the church from your home, if you travel, and especially if you believe in prayer as a powerful way to discern God's will. In 2020, we will be launching a weekly prayer ministry and I hope you will join us. Until that point, please join in prayer for the following:

- ⇒ For God's will for each one of us, as members, and the Fort Des Moines UMC,
- ⇒ For a deep connection to God through prayer, fellowship, and worship.
- ⇒ For our community and ways to be a blessing to it
- ⇒ For our children and grandchildren, for the children of this community, our schools, and especially for those children that have no place to call home.

Grace and Peace to you,

Pastor Sandy

Have You Been Thinking About Membership?



We would be excited to welcome you into our fellowship as a member! We trust that God's Spirit will guide you to relate to our church in whatever way is right for you at this time. Our pastor is available for personal meetings if you have questions or wish to discuss church membership. If you join as a full member of our church, we will ask you to affirm your faith and your commitment to support the United Methodist Church by your prayers, presence, gifts, witness, and service. Please contact the church office at 515-285-6545 or ftdsmumc@gmail.com. Watch the weekly worship bulletin and the January issue of *The Poster* for information about a membership class.

ISU Homelessness Symposium: Perspectives from Iowa and Around the Country

Wednesday, Dec. 11

8:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

Scheman Bldg. & College of Design
Ames, IA

This is a one-day event examining the issues of homelessness in Iowa and around the country. The Symposium combines the work of national experts on issues of homelessness and precarious housing, with the on-the-ground knowledge of practitioners working on these issues around Iowa. The event is free and open to the public (although registration is requested). Carpooling will be arranged. Jane will register everyone as a group. If you are interested in attending, contact the office at 515-285-6545 or ftdsmumc@gmail.com or sign up on the sign up sheet found in the Chapel each Sunday.

Christmas Potluck

Make plans now to attend the Congregation's Christmas Potluck on Sunday, Dec. 15, following the worship service. Bring a dish to share and your appetite. It's a party!!!

November Finance Report

| | | |
|--------------------------|----|---------|
| General Account Income | \$ | 5959.53 |
| General Account Expenses | \$ | 6779.22 |
| Designated Funds Income | \$ | 2180.50 |
| Trustees Income | \$ | 1000.00 |

Year-to-Date

| | | |
|----------------|----|------------|
| Total Income | \$ | 130,602.60 |
| Total Expenses | \$ | 134,472.49 |

Jump for Joy!

100+ Scholarships Available!

The Iowa United Methodist Foundation has over 100 scholarships available for graduating high school seniors, general scholarships for students going to non-Methodist colleges, scholarships for students going to United Methodist colleges and seminary scholarships designated for individuals following the call to join the ministry. Check out the criteria on the website (<https://iumf.org/scholarships>) to see which one you are eligible to apply for. Online applications will be available from Dec. 1 through March 1, 2020.

Thanksgiving Tree Results

During the month of November, members and visitors had the opportunity to place a leaf on our Thanksgiving Tree. Below is a compilation of the items/people mentioned:

| | |
|--|--------------------|
| Church | Family |
| Friends | My Lord and Savior |
| For all of our Freedoms | |
| God's Love | Good Health |
| Church Staff | Jesus |
| Guss and Finn | Early Winter |
| All of the Volunteers in the Church | |
| Community | My son-in-law |
| Dedicated Ushers and Liturgists | |
| All of the good people who attend Church | |
| Pastor Sandy | |

Get Your Poinsettia Ordered

It's time to order your poinsettia to help decorate the church sanctuary for Christmas! Plants are \$9.00 each. Order forms can be found online (www.fdmumc.org) and in the church office. Deadline is Dec. 15.

Prayer Corner

- For our members: Larry Seid; For Charlene, aunt of Don & Mendy Dale; For Mendy Dale; For those that are home-bound, their caregivers, and those we especially name in our hearts.
- For those actively serving in our military, their families, the recently deployed, and our veterans.
- Joan Evans has a new address: 2210 E Park Ave Apt 305, Des Moines IA 50320. Her phone number remains the same.
- Larry Seid has a new address: Legacy Pointe - The Springs, 1650 SE Holiday Crest #305, Waukee IA 50263

Nut Sales

The Nut Sale is moving along smoothly. At this time, we're out of dark chocolate covered cherries, mixed nuts, chocolate amaretto almonds, black walnuts, pecan halves, and English walnuts.

As the holidays loom around the corner, remember a bag of nuts is good for that last minute person you forgot about earlier.

Order forms can be found at church and online (www.fdmumc.org). Orders can be called into the office (285-6545) or you can purchase nuts on Sunday mornings.

Care Ministry Team



If you are home bound, in a nursing home, or feeling alone and would like a visit by our Care Ministry team or Pastor Sandy, please let us know because we would love to visit you. Please contact the church office at 515-285-6545 or ftdsmumc@gmail.com.

Share Your Christmas Greetings

Let's cut the cost of postage and greeting cards! Bring a single signed card, addressed to the members of Ft. Des Moines UMC, and place it in the basket found in the Chapel. Those interested can read your greeting during the coffee hour or at other times they may be in the building.

Cause for Celebration!

December Birthdays

2 Pam Schisel
8 Donna Freed
9 Dan Jones
10 Connie Otte
11 Jackie Sutter
11 Cindy Eatwell
11 Sandi Eatwell
14 Donald Miller
20 Kristi Norris
24 Steve Garland

December Wedding Anniversaries

December Baptismal Anniversaries

14 David Drew
16 J J Simmons
16 Matthew Simmons
18 Jeff Lierow
19 Steve Garland
20 Alexis Newton
21 Joshua King

January Birthdays

3 Joyann Benoit
6 Hayli Jones
8 Dennis Garland
10 Elton Wolfe
12 Hailey Kokke
13 Macy Carlson
14 Sandra Kokke
16 Ginger Dales
18 Melissa Clevenger
22 Mike Jones
25 James Lierow III
27 Rod Kent
30 Anna Nalevanko

January Wedding Anniversaries

14 Trevor & Jennifer Crise

January Baptismal Anniversaries

1 Ginger Dales
1 Roxanna Dales
9 Michelle Houseman
9 Alec Slater
11 Lois Horn
30 James Lierow III

Let Us Know!

- 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 now if you would like to be included in the prayer chain.
- Let us know if you are hospitalized. (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 Pastor Sandy at 515-290-9905

You're Invited

Wesley Woods Camp and Retreat Center Family Christmas Dinner will be held Saturday, Dec. 14, at 1:00 p.m. RSVP by calling 515-961-4523 by Dec. 10. Bring a dessert to share.

2019

DECEMBER

SUNDAY

CALENDAR YEAR

CALENDAR MONTH

FIRST DAY OF WEEK

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--|----------------|---|----------------------------|---------------------------|--|---|
| 01 9:45 UMC 11:15 Finance/Coffee 1:00BNTC Worship 3:30 Study 8:00AA | 02 9:30 ELL | 03 Election 9:30 ELL 11:00 Small Group 7:00 AA | 04 9:30 ELL | 05 9:30 ELL 7:00 NA | 06 9:30 ELL 5:00 BNTC 8:00 AA | 07 9:30 ELL 11:30 Fellowship Hall 3:00 BNTC 7:30 NA |
| 08 9:45 UMC 11:15 Trustees/Coffee 1:00 BNTC Worship 3:30 Study 8:00 AA | 09 9:30 ELL | 10 9:30 ELL 11:00 Small Group 7:00 AA | 11 9:30 ELL | 12 9:30 ELL 7:00 NA | 13 9:30 ELL 5:00 BNTC 8:00 AA | 14 9:30 ELL 11:00 Fellowship Hall 3:00 BNTC 7:30 NA |
| 15 9:45 UMC 11:15 SPPRC/Potluck 1:00 BNTC Worship 3:30 Study 8:00 AA | 16 9:30 ELL | 17 9:30 ELL 11:00 Small Group 7:00 AA | 18 9:30 ELL | 19 9:30 ELL 7:00 NA | 20 9:30 ELL 5:00 BNTC 8:00 AA | 21 9:30 ELL 3:00 BNTC 7:30 NA |
| 22 9:45 UMC 11:15 Coffee 1:00 BNTC 3:30 Study 8:00 AA | 23 9:30 ELL | 24 Office Closed 7:00 Christmas Eve Service 7:00 AA | 25 Office Closed | 26 9:30 ELL 7:00 NA | 27 9:30 ELL 5:00 BNTC 8:00 AA | 28 9:30 ELL 3:00 BNTC 4:00 Comm. Meal 7:30 NA |
| 29 9:45 UMC Worship 11:15 Coffee Hour 1:00 BNTC Worship 8:00 AA | 30 9:30 ELL | 31 9:30 ELL 11:00 Small Group 7:00 AA | 01 | 02 | 03 | 04 |
| 05 | 06 | 07 | 08 | 09 | 10 | 11 |

2020

JANUARY

SUNDAY

CALENDAR YEAR

CALENDAR MONTH

FIRST DAY OF WEEK

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--|----------------|--|--|---------------------------|--|---|
| 29 | 30 | 31 | 01 Happy New Year! Office Closed | 02 9:30 ELL 7:00 NA | 03 9:30 ELL 5:00 BNTC 8:00 AA | 04 9:30 ELL 3:00 BNTC 7:30 NA |
| 05 9:45 UMC 11:15 Finance/Coffee hour 1:00 BNTC Worship 8:00 AA | 06 9:30 ELL | 07 9:30 ELL 11:00 Small Group 7:00 AA | 08 9:30 ELL | 09 9:30 ELL 7:00 NA | 10 9:30 ELL 5:00 BNTC 8:00 AA | 11 9:30 ELL 3:00 BNTC 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.**

December 2019/January 2020

Events:

Dec. 15: Congregational Christmas
Party @ 11:15 a.m.
Dec. 24: Office Closed
Dec. 24: Christmas Eve Service
@ 7:00 p.m.
Dec. 25: Office Closed
Dec. 28: Community Meal

Special Offerings:

Food Pantry Sunday will be on Dec. 15.
Donations of shelf-stable food items, cash, hygiene
items, diapers (all sized), wipes, and formula will be
received.
United Methodist Student Day will be the emphasis on
Dec. 8. Gifts help deserving United Methodist stu-
dents continue their education and their faith journeys
as they strive to make a difference in the world and
discern what God has called them to do.

Poinsettia Order Form

You may give a poinsettia plant in memory of or in honor of someone or to the glory of God!

You may take your plant home following the Christmas Eve Service.

The price this year is \$9.00 each. Make your check payable to Ft. Des Moines UMC.

Deadline to order will be Dec. 15, 2018.

In Memory of _____

In Honor of _____

To the Glory of God _____

Your name _____

Number of plants _____ Amount attached \$ _____

