

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Fort Dodge, IA



Open hearts, Open minds, Open doors.
The people of the United Methodist Church®

February 21, 2010

1st Sunday in Lent

**Indicates you are invited to stand if you are comfortable doing so*

WELCOME

If you are a visitor with us today, we warmly say welcome. We invite you to join us at the rear of the sanctuary after worship for fellowship and refreshment.

Please take a moment and fill out the "Ritual of Friendship" pads at this time.

Please list all family members attending today, your address and phone number, and then pass the books back through the pews after everyone has signed, so you may greet and know those sitting with you.

PRELUDE

"Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days"
Lani Smith

The prelude is a time of centering – of transition from "getting here" to "being here". Please take the time to quiet your spirit. Be aware of being with others. Feel the spirit of God in the community.

TRINITY CHIMES

WESLEY RINGERS

"All Hail the Power"
Arr. Gary Richardson

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (Psalm 91)

Leader: Those who dwell in the shelter of the Most High, who abide in the shadow of the Almighty will say to the Lord, "My refuge and my fortress; my God in whom I trust."

PEOPLE: FOR THE LORD WILL DELIVER YOU FROM THE DEADLY PESTILENCE; UNDER GOD'S WINGS YOU WILL FIND REFUGE; GOD'S FAITHFULNESS IS A SHIELD AND BUCKLER.

Leader: You will not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day,

PEOPLE: NOR THE PESTILENCE THAT STALKS IN DARKNESS, NOR THE DESTRUCTION THAT WASTES AT NOONDAY.

Leader: For God will give his angels charge over you to guard you in all your ways. They will bear you up on their hands lest you strike your foot against a stone.

PEOPLE: BECAUSE THEY CLEAVE TO ME IN LOVE, I WILL DELIVER THEM. WHEN THEY CALL TO ME, I WILL ANSWER THEM; I WILL BE WITH THEM IN TROUBLE; I WILL RESCUE THEM AND HONOR THEM.

***OPENING HYMN**

"Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley"
#2112 Black Hymnal

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

A moment of silent prayer

Pastoral Prayer

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 for ever. Amen.

***THE GLORIA PATRI**

"Glory Be To the Father"
#70 UMH

KID'S MOMENT

Donna Esmay

The congregation sings "Where Children Belong" (p.2233) as the children come forward. Ushers collect the "Ritual Friendship Pads" at this time.

"Where Children Belong"

This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshipping throng. Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song. This is where children belong.

CHANCEL CHOIR

"To Love Our God"
Mark Hayes

A READING FROM THE EPISTLES

Romans 10: 8b-13

***HYMN OF PREPARATION**

"It Is Well with My Soul"
#377 Blue Hymnal

A READING FROM THE GOSPEL

Luke 4: 1-13

THE MESSAGE

"No Distinction?"
Rev. Stephen J. Bibb

PRESENTING OF OUR TITHES, GIFTS AND OFFERING

The Offertory

"Offertorie"
Robert Lau

*The Doxology

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"
#95 Blue Hymnal

*The Prayer of Dedication

***CLOSING HYMN**

"In the Cross of Christ I Glory"
#295 Blue Hymnal

***THE PASTORAL CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

"Christ the Cornerstone"
Roger Wilson

Luke 4: 1-13

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, ²where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. ³The devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.' ⁴Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone."' ⁵ Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. ⁶And the devil said to him, 'To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. ⁷If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.' ⁸Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him."' ⁹ Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, ¹⁰for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you", ¹¹and "On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone."' ¹²Jesus answered him, 'It is said, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test."' ¹³When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

Your Staff:

The Congregation, The Ministers
Stephen Bibb Pastor
Becky Ostheimer, Administrative Assist.
Jennifer Peterson, Program Coordinator
Diane Logan, Organist
Mike Richardson, Choirs Director
Liz Johnson and Amy Champagne,
Children's Choirs Directors
Mary Heimbruch, Praise Band Director
Jon Schuman, Chief Financial Officer
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Romans 10: 8b-13

⁸But what does it say? 'The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart' (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. ¹¹The scripture says, 'No one who believes in him will be put to shame.'
¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³For, 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

Pastor on Vacation

Rev. Steve will be on vacation for the next 2 weeks, traveling to California for a visit with two daughters and their families. Along the way there will be some pastoral visits with some who are in warmer areas, too. Next week, Jennifer Peterson will be our preacher and we'll have some youth participation. The following week, Rev. James Chesnutt will be the guest preacher and also preside at the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Come and be challenged in new ways, and welcome our guests!

*Altar Grain today
are given in honor
of Ardy Swanson
from
Meredith & Lee Berryhill*



The Interfaith Forum's Lenten Services will be held again this year. A new design has been developed for this year. The Lenten Service will be held everyday during Holy Week at St. Mark's Episcopal Church at 1001 1st Avenue South at noon with a light lunch following. Please mark the week of March 29th on your calendar to attend the Lenten Services.

The flower chart for 2010 has been posted on the kiosk at the back of the sanctuary. Please take a moment and sign up for a Sunday to provide flowers or altar grains in honor of a loved one or special occasion in your life. We still have many Sundays available for you to donate flowers or grains!

Fort Dodge Choral Society will present *Petite Messe Solennelle* by G. Rossini on February 28, 2010 at St. Olaf Lutheran Church , 239 N. 11th Street, in Fort Dodge. The 3 pm concert will feature four guest soloists, organ and two pianos with the choir.

Fort Dodge Choral Society is one of Iowa's foremost community organizations dedicated to the performance of great choral music. The group unites singers from a nine-county region to bring masterworks to life.

Disability Awareness Sunday Offering

This year there **will not be** the usual envelopes for collecting the offering during the Disabilities Awareness Sunday. The District Office is doing this in order to reduce costs of printing and postage use.

To direct your offering to the Disability Commission please place 'CMPD' or 'Disability' in the memo portion of your check. Your donation will allow us to continue to offer seed grant funds for the accessibility projects in our local churches and structures.

We are very grateful for your support in the past and hope it will continue in the future.

May God continue to bless you repeatedly with gusto!

Your brother in Christ, Rev. Jud Stover – Chair of
Commission In Ministry With Persons With
Disabilities (CMPD)



Mission Offering

Please remember that the Mission Offerings are now being collected every week so that everyone has an opportunity to contribute to these wonderful missions throughout the month. February's offering will be given to the Lord's Cupboard as part of Souper Sunday. You can find a table in the back of the church to make your contribution at your convenience. Thank you to all who help with their monetary donations!

Flowers this morning are from the family of Margaret Messerly. Margaret passed away February 10th. Please keep Margaret's family in your thoughts and prayers in this time of loss.



The Iowa Central Community College Performing Arts Department will present their spring musical “**Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat**” on Thursday, March 4th, Friday, March 5th, and Saturday, March 6th at 7:30 p.m. in the Decker Auditorium on the Iowa Central campus. Tickets are available for purchase by contacting the Iowa Central Bookstore between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, by calling 1-800-362-2793, ext 1081, online at www.iowacentral.edu or at the door the night of the performance.



The March/April Upper Rooms are available in the entrances to the church and at the church office. The cost of the Upper Room is:

.75 for small print
\$ 1.00 for large print

The Upper Room can also be found online at www.upperroom.org.

Laity Summit
Belmond UMC
Saturday, March 20, 2010
8:30-3:30

Empowering the Simple Rules

Keynote Speaker:
Craig Finnestad

This Laity Summit will empower local churches and members to discover, design and implement new, revised and reinvigorated ministries to reach seekers.

Noon meal and workshop packets are furnished free to charges to those who RSVP by 3/31/10. Please RSVP to Alanna Warren at the North Central District Office at 515-832-2784.

Haiti Relief

If you would like to assist the people of Haiti after the devastating earthquake, please make your checks payable to First United Methodist Church and indicate in the memo the donation is for “Haiti Relief”. The Missions Committee will see the money is sent to the relief effort as soon as possible. If you prefer, you can make an online donation at <http://secure.gbgm-umc.org/donations/umcor/donate>

Your compassion for the people of Haiti continues to show the love of Christ in each of you and the kindness and consideration you as members of First United Methodist Church share with the world around you.

**Opportunities for Work, Witness and Fellowship
through First United Methodist Church**

Sun, Feb 21

8:45 am Sunday School
10:00 am Worship
5:45 pm HS Study Group

Wed, Feb 24 Cont'd

5:30 pm Confirmation
7:00 pm Chancel Choir

Mon, Feb 22

Steve Vacation

9:00 am Pew Crew
12:00 pm Al-Anon

Thurs, Feb 25

Pastor Vacation

9:30 am Lord's Cupboard
7:00 am Ad Council

Tues, Feb 23

Pastor Vacation

8:30 am Women's Bible Study
9:30 am Lord's Cupboard
12:00 pm AA
4:00 pm Lord's Cupboard
6:30 pm Disciple Group
7:00 pm Boy Scouts

Fri, Feb 26

Pastor Vacation

1:30 pm Lord's Cupboard

Sat, Feb 27

Pastor Vacation

4:00 pm Interfaith Forum Dinner Out

Sun, Feb 28

Pastor Vacation/Jennifer Preaching

8:45 am Sunday School
10:00 am Worship

Wed, Feb 24

Pastor Vacation

6:30 am Men's Bible Study
3:30 pm Discovery Gang
4:45 pm Joyful Noise
5:30 pm King's Kids



Greeters:

Richard & Bev Nelson (East Door)
Bill & Carol Thatcher (West Door)
Richard & Pat Bennett (South Door)

Liturgist:

John Metier



Our mission
is to provide the people of the Fort Dodge area
opportunities for spiritual growth,
real friendships, and giving of themselves.