

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



Fort Dodge, IA

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

January 29, 2012

4th Sunday After the Epiphany

**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

"Holy Ground"

Arr. Lloyd Larson

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

ROCKIN' RINGERS

"It is Well With My Soul"

GREETING

PASSING OF THE PEACE

CALL TO WORSHIP *(Based on Psalm 111)*

By this I have known the presence of the Lord:

In the rising of the sun, in the smile of another's face,
in the touch of a hand or the sound of a laugh,
In the scent of a flower holding the promise of spring.

By this I have known the power of the Lord:

In the healing of hurts, in the forgiveness of sin,
in the giving of gifts beyond all expectation,
In the shower of love that comes from God's Son.

Let us give thanks to the Lord with all of our heart!

Let us worship our God, whose presence and power endures forever!

***OPENING PRAYER**

Almighty and most merciful God, we give thanks that you know us and love us.
Help us, through the power of your Holy Spirit, grow deeper, wider, and fuller in our
knowledge and understanding of your ways. Help us, through the bestowal of your
divine Wisdom, bring others closer to you and to your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,
in whose name we pray. Amen.

***OPENING SONG**

"Great Is the Lord"
#2022 Black Hymnal
Vs 1 & 3

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.**

CHORAL RESPONSE

"Make Us One"
#2224 Blue Hymnal

KID'S MOMENT

Jennifer Peterson

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.

SPECIAL MUSIC

"How Majestic Is Your Name"
Praise Team

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalm 111
#832 Blue Hymnal

***SONG OF PREPARATION**

"Awesome God"
#2040 Black Hymnal

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 1: 21-28

SERMON

"Authorities " vs. "Authority"
Rev. Gary Armstrong

PRESENTING OF OUR TITHES, GIFTS AND OFFERING

The Offertory

"Where He Leads Me"
Arr. Todd Beaney

*The Doxology

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

*The Prayer of Dedication

***CLOSING SONG**

"Binds Us Together"
#2226 Black Hymnal

BENEDICTION

"May the Lord Bless and Keep You Forever"
Words on Insert

***POSTLUDE**

"Great Is the Lord"
Arr. Carol Tornquist

Mark 1: 21-28

²¹ They went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught.²² They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes.²³ Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit,²⁴ and he cried out, 'What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God.'²⁵ But Jesus rebuked him, saying, 'Be silent, and come out of him!'²⁶ And the unclean spirit, throwing him into convulsions and crying with a loud voice, came out of him.²⁷ They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, 'What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He* commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.'²⁸ At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

Your Staff:

The Congregation, The Ministers
Gary Armstrong Pastor
Becky Ostheimer, Administrative Assist.
Jennifer Peterson, Program Coordinator
Diane Logan, Organist
Liz Johnson & Dave Gardner,
Choirs Director
Shelley Ellerston, Wesley Ringers
Liz Johnson and Amy Champagne,
Children's Choirs Directors
Mary Heimbruch, Praise Band Director
Jon Schuman, Chief Financial Officer
Linda Wakeman
& Iris Jones, Nursery Assist.
Joe Egdorf, Bldg & Grounds Supervisor
Linda Wakeman, Assistant Custodian

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May the Lord Bless and Keep You Forever

May the Lord, Mighty God,
Bless and keep you forever
Grant you peace, perfect peace
Courage in every endeavor
Lift up your eyes
And see his face
And his grace forever
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Potluck in February

Everyone is welcome to join us for a potluck meal after church service on Sunday February 19th.

Please bring a main dish to share (no meats will be provided this time), and a side dish (salad, veggie or dessert).

Also bring your table service. Coffee and lemonade will be provided.



We had a great time in December and we hope to see you at the February 19th potluck!

Wesley Ringers is in need of some substitute bell ringers. Music reading ability (notes, rhythms) is required, but a knowledge of bell-ringing is not needed. We can teach you! It is a great group of people, a fun activity and a wonderful way of sharing your God-given talents in the worship experience. If you are interested, please contact Shelley Ellerston at 573-5388 or e-mail ellermus@frontiernet.net



Below is a list of people who have volunteered to host the Beacon of Hope Meal through mid-March. A special thank you goes out to each of these people for stepping forward and helping out with this very worthy endeavor. There are still some spots which need to be filled. If you feel that you would like to help out on one of these Monday afternoon/evenings, please call Becky at the church office and she will be happy to put your name on the list.

Date	3:30-5:00 pm	5:00-7:00 pm
February 6		Leroy Berryhill
February 13	Jeff Larson	Jerry Schnurr
February 20		
February 27		
March 4		Leroy Berryhill
March 11		Jerry Schnurr

The March/April Upper Room Devotionals are available at the entries of the church and at the church office.

Small—\$.75

Large \$1.00

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. **January's offering will go to The Salvation Army.** 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!

There will be no United Methodist Men's meetings during the months of January, February and March due to so many heading to warmer climates.

We look forward to gathering together again in April!

We are still looking for new members for our praise team. We especially are in need of a drummer and would also like to have more singers so that we can rotate singers from month to month. We meet for rehearsal on the second Sunday of the month at 11:00 AM and perform at the service on the last Sunday of the month. If you would like to sing or play with our praise team, please contact the church office at 576-7586 or Mary Heimbruch at 570-1998. We would love to have you!



First UMC will be celebrating Holy Communion on Sunday, February 5th.



The flower chart for 2012 has been posted on the kiosk in the back of the sanctuary. Please take a moment to sign up for a Sunday to provide flowers or altar grains to grace the sanctuary. Flowers are often given in memory of a loved one, the birthday or anniversary of a family member or friend, or simply no reason at all. If you have any questions about the flower chart and how it works, please contact Becky in the church office and she will be happy to talk with you about it.

If you have a prayer request that you would like placed on the prayer chain at First United Methodist, please contact Lucile Dellit at 573-6240 or the church office at 576-7586.



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

Sun, Jan 29

8:45 am Sunday School
10:00 am Worship

Mon, Jan 30

9:00 am Pew Crew
12:00 pm Al-Anon
3:30 pm Beacon of Hope

Tues, Jan 31

8:00 am Prayer Group
9:30 am Lord's Cupboard
12:00 pm AA
4:00 pm Lord's Cupboard
7:00 pm Boy Scouts

Wed, Feb 1

8:30 am Women's Bible Study
1:30 pm Teens for Tomorrow
4:45 pm Joyful Noise
5:30 pm King's Kids

Wed, Feb 1 Cont'd

6:00 pm Wesley Ringers
7:00 pm Chancel Choir

Thurs, Feb 2

9:30 am Lord's Cupboard

Fri, Feb 3

1:30 pm Lord's Cupboard

Sun, Feb 5

8:45 am Sunday School
10:00 am Worship w/Communion
5:45 pm High School Study Group

Greeters:

Jason & Jodi Major (West Door)
Gene & Janet Moeller (East Door)

Liturgist

Kory Finke



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