

# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



Fort Dodge, IA

Open hearts, Open minds, Open doors.

**The people of the United Methodist Church®**

July 31, 2011

7th Sunday after Pentecost

*\*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**

"Breath" with  
"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"  
Mark Burnett

*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**

## **GREETING**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** (from Psalm 17)

Lector: Hear a just cause, O Lord; attend to my cry!

**Response: Give ear to my prayer from lips free of deceit!**

Lector: From you let my vindication come!

**Response: Let your eyes see the right!**

Lector: If you try my heart, if you visit me by night,

**Response: If you test me, you will find no wickedness in me; my mouth does not transgress.**

Lector: Concerning what others do: I have avoided the ways of the violent by following your word.

**Response: My steps have held fast to your paths, my feet have not slipped.**

Lector: I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God;

**Response: Incline your ear to me, hear my words.**

Lector: Wondrously show your steadfast love, O savior of those who seek refuge from their adversaries at your right hand.

**Response: As for me, I shall behold your face in righteousness; when I awake I shall be satisfied with beholding your presence.**

**\*OPENING HYMN**

"Here, O My Lord, I See Thee"  
#623 Blue Hymnal

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Silent Prayer

Spoken Prayer

Lord's Prayer

**\*THE GLORIA PATRI**

"Glory Be To the Father"  
#70 Blue Hymnal

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**KIDS' 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.**

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON**

Isaiah 58: 1-11

**\*SONG OF PREPARATION**

"Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior"  
#351 Blue Hymnal

**PRESENTING OF OUR TITHES, GIFTS AND OFFERING**

The Offertory

"Jesus Loves Me"  
William Bradbury

\*The Doxology

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

\*The Prayer of Dedication

**A READING FROM THE GOSPEL**

Matthew 14: 13-21

**MESSAGE OF THE DAY**

"Signs"  
Dan Corrow, Lay Speaker Student

**\*CLOSING HYMN**

"Jesus, Name Above All Names"  
#2071 Black Hymnal

**\*THE SENDING FORTH**

**\*POSTLUDE**

"Soon and Very Soon"

### **Matthew 14: 13-21**

<sup>13</sup> Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns.<sup>14</sup>When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick.<sup>15</sup>When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, 'This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.'<sup>16</sup>Jesus said to them, 'They need not go away; you give them something to eat.'<sup>17</sup>They replied, 'We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.'<sup>18</sup>And he said, 'Bring them here to me.'<sup>19</sup>Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds.<sup>20</sup>And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full.<sup>21</sup>And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

#### **Your Staff:**

The Congregation, The Ministers  
Becky Ostheimer, Administrative Assist.  
Jennifer Peterson, Program Coordinator  
Diane Logan, Organist  
Mike Richardson, Choir Director  
Liz Johnson and Amy Champagne,  
Children's Choirs Directors  
Mary Heimbruch, Praise Band Director  
Jon Schuman, Chief Financial Officer  
Linda Wakeman, Nursery Assist.  
Joe Egdorf, Bldg & Grounds Supervisor  
Linda Wakeman, Assistant Custodian

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### **Isaiah 58: 1-11**

Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins.

<sup>2</sup> Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments, they delight to draw near to God.

<sup>3</sup> 'Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?' Look, you serve your own interest on your fast-day, and oppress all your workers.

<sup>4</sup> Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high.

<sup>5</sup> Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the LORD?

<sup>6</sup> Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke?

<sup>7</sup> Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

<sup>8</sup> Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator\* shall go before you, the glory of the LORD shall be your rearguard.

<sup>9</sup> Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am. If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,

<sup>10</sup> if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday.

<sup>11</sup> The LORD will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail.

Benefit for:  
Peggy Anderson  
Baked Potato Meal,  
Homemade Ice Cream and Auction

Sunday, August 7, 2011  
11:00 am—1:30 pm  
Good Shepherd Lutheran Church  
1436 21st Avenue North  
Fort Dodge

A free will offering will be taken!!  
Matching Funds from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans

**Are You Interested in Volunteering?**

Bickford Assisted Living is looking for volunteers to spend time with their residents. If you have a talent you would like to share—singing, playing a musical instrument, or simply reading or visiting with a resident—please contact Kathy Williams at Bickford Living (573-3300).

**ANOTHER SEASON OF  
SSS NEARING END!**

This summer sure has flown by!! We are nearing the conclusion of our eighth season of Sidewalk Sunday School, and what a season it has been!!! We have talked about God's love for us, and that God and Jesus can use us for ministry, no matter what our age!

**Security System in Office Building**

For those of you who have had issues with the security system in the church office, we have good news. The system has been set to come on and off automatically each day as it does in the church building itself. You will still need a key to get into the office but do not need to worry about doing anything with the alarm system itself. If you have any questions about this change, please contact Becky at the church office and she will explain how the system will work.

### **The Lord's Cupboard needs your help!**

In the month of June over 200 families came through the doors of the Lord's Cupboard. Needless to say the shelves are getting very bare. Holly is asking for your help in filling the shelves again! Items such as hamburger helper, tuna, pancake mix—anything that helps a family make a meal—are greatly needed. Personal hygiene products (deodorant, shampoo, body soap, toilet paper, etc) are also needed.

If you have items for the Lord's Cupboard place them in the grocery cart in the Wesley Parlor or bring them to the church office during business hours.

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.

If you, a member of your family, or a member of First United Methodist church family would like a visit and/or Holy Communion from a member of the Visitation Team, please contact the church office 576-7586. The Visitation Team would also like to know when a FUMC member has moved to a nursing home. Help us keep in touch.

Thanks...  
Donna Esmay

*The flower chart for 2011 has been posted on the kiosk, and we still have several Sundays open for you to sign up for flowers. The flowers may be taken home for your family to enjoy after the service.*

*Let's make it a mission to fill the chart for 2011!*

*Altar grains today  
are given in  
memory of  
Harriet Rippentrop  
from  
Iris Jones and Ramona Peterson  
and families*

### **August 9th Men's Club IOWA CUBS Trip**

The men's club has planned a trip to Ames and Des Moines for Tuesday August 9th. The church bus has been reserved and has room for 15 people. Any church member is eligible to go. A \$7.00 fee is required at the time of sign up to pay for the gas. Sign up will be at the church office and is on a first come first serve basis. The itinerary includes:

9:00 a.m. Leave church parking lot  
10:00—1 p.m. Reiman Gardens—bring a sack lunch and drink to eat on the grounds.  
1:30-5 p.m. Science Center of Iowa featuring BODY WORLD traveling exhibit.  
5-6:30 p.m. Meal at Des Moines restaurant of group's choice  
6:30 p.m. Iowa Cubs game featuring famous Sand Diego CHICKEN night

People will be responsible for paying individually. Fees are as listed below:

Reiman Gardens: Adults \$8; Seniors 65 & above \$7; Youth 4-17 \$4

Science Center: Regular admission \$8; Seniors 65 & above \$7; Youth 2-12 \$6; IMAX \$3.  
Combination adult & IMAX \$11; Combination Senior & IMAX \$10

Iowa Cubs: Cost to be determine by seating choice. Probably about \$10.

Discount coupons will be available from the brochure "Greater Des Moines 2011 Coupons & Discounts" which will be available at the church office at time of reserving your space on the bus. Discounts include: **\$2 OFF** adult or senior admission to Reiman Gardens; **FREE GENERAL ADMISSION** to Science Center with purchase of IMAX ticket; **2-for 1 ticket** for reserved grandstand seating at the Iowa Cubs game.

If you have any questions regarding this trip, please contact Drew Sieben.

### **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. **July's offering will go to Upper Des Moines Opportunity to help purchase school supplies.** 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!

### Sonshine Singers

The Sonshine Singers will be presenting their summer sing Event on Sunday, August 21 at 4:00 p.m. at St. Olaf Lutheran Church, 239 North 11th Street in Fort Dodge.

Please come and join them for this very spirited and heartfelt celebration  
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They lift up God's message of love for us, through his Son, Jesus Christ!!  
In addition to their anthems, they will also have a sing-a-long with the  
Congregation!!

No admission charge — Free will offering will be received for the  
Beacon of Hope Men's Shelter and blessings are guaranteed for all.

First UMC will be celebrating Holy Communion on Sunday, August 7th!

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

<b><u>Sun, July 31</u></b>	<b>Youth Mission Trip</b>	<b><u>Thurs, Aug 4</u></b>	<b>Youth Mission Trip—Joe Vacation</b>
10:00 am	Worship	9:30 am	Lord’s Cupboard
		11:00 am	SSS—AFES
		5:30 pm	SSS—1st Christian
<b><u>Mon, Aug 1</u></b>	<b>Youth Mission Trip</b>	<b><u>Fri, Aug 5</u></b>	<b>Youth Mission Trip—Joe Vacation</b>
9:00 am	Pew Crew	1:30 pm	Lord’s Cupboard
12:00 pm	Al-Anon	6:00 pm	Sunday School Movie Night
6:00 pm	SSS—Riverside		
<b><u>Tues, Aug 2</u></b>	<b>Youth Mission Trip</b>	<b><u>Sat, Aug 6</u></b>	<b>Youth Mission Trip</b>
9:30 am	Lord’s Cupboard	11:00 am	SSS—Oleson Park
11:00 am	SSS—1st Congregational		
12:00 pm	AA	<b><u>Sun, Aug 7</u></b>	<b>Youth Mission Trip</b>
4:00 pm	Lord’s Cupboard	8:00 am	UMM
7:00 pm	Boy Scouts	10:00 am	Worship
<b><u>Wed, Aug 3</u></b>	<b>Youth Mission Trip</b>		
7:30 am	Men’s Bible Study		
8:30 am	Women’s Bible Study		
11:00 am	SSS—Skateboard Park		

**Greeters:**

Mary Lou Fibiker (West Door)  
Bob & Donna Pearson (East Door)

**Liturgist**

Scott Johnston



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