

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



Fort Dodge, IA

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

September 25, 2011

15th 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

"Simple Gifts"
Arr. John Carter

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**

Leader: Invisible God, give us hearts to see the things our eyes overlook.

People: Open our hearts to feel the things our hands can't touch.

Leader: Open our hearts to hear the still, small voice which sounds like only silence to our listening ears.

People: Teach us to know you for what you really are – not flash or thunder, but love, softly spoken, flowing like a fountain, bathing the soul and the skin.

All: **Amen.**

*** OPENING PRAYER**

Generous God, we have come to you thirsty. We are parched from the challenges of simply living in a twenty-first century world. As we deal with the challenges and the cost of modern living let us not be blind to the reality of poverty, war, and abuse. Guide us back to your well, O God. Open our eyes; strengthen our faith; nourish our souls. You alone offer the living water that sustains us. Quench our thirst with the Love that is you. Amen.

***OPENING SONGS**

"I Sing Praise to Your "
#2037 Black Hymnal
"Song of Hope"
#2186 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.

***GLORIA PATRI**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

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.

RECEPTION OF MEMBERS

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Make Us One"
FUMC Praise Team

FIRST LESSON

Psalm 78: 1-4, 12-16

***SONG OF PREPARATION**

"More Like You"
#2167 Black Hymnal

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Exodus 17: 1-7

SERMON

"Caught Between a Rock and Hard Place"
Rev. Gary Armstrong

PRESENTING OF OUR TITHES, GIFTS AND OFFERING

The Offertory

"I Need Thee Every Hour"
Arr. Bill Wolaver

*The Doxology

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

*The Prayer of Dedication

***CLOSING SONG**

"To Know You More"
#2161 Black Hymnal

BENEDICTION

***POSTLUDE**

Larry Shackle

"Rejoice the Lord Is King"

Psalm 78

A Maskil of Asaph.

¹ Give ear, O my people, to my teaching; incline your ears to the words of my mouth. ² I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings from of old, ³ things that we have heard and known, that our ancestors have told us. ⁴ We will not hide them from their children; we will tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the LORD, and his might, and the wonders that he has done.

¹² In the sight of their ancestors he worked marvels in the land of Egypt, in the fields of Zoan. ¹³ He divided the sea and let them pass through it, and made the waters stand like a heap. ¹⁴ In the daytime he led them with a cloud, and all night long with a fiery light. ¹⁵ He split rocks open in the wilderness, and gave them drink abundantly as from the deep. ¹⁶ He made streams come out of the rock, and caused waters to flow down like rivers.

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Exodus 17: 1-7

¹From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink.²The people quarrelled with Moses, and said, 'Give us water to drink.' Moses said to them, 'Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?'³But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?'⁴So Moses cried out to the LORD, 'What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.'⁵The LORD said to Moses, 'Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go.⁶I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.' Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel.⁷He called the place Massah* and Meribah,* because the Israelites quarrelled and tested the LORD, saying, 'Is the LORD among us or not?'

Organist to present Recital & Master Class at Fort Dodge, First

Dr. David Heller, Professor of Music and Organist at Trinity University, San Antonio, Texas will provide an exciting afternoon and evening when he comes to First United Methodist Church, Fort Dodge, Iowa Saturday, October 15, 2011.

Dr. Heller serves as organist at Margaret B. Parker Chapel at Trinity University where he plays the largest organ in South Texas – the Hoffman/Ballard/Kegg four manual instrument containing over 6000 pipes and 112 ranks.

In addition to his teaching and performing duties at Trinity University, Dr. Heller was named in 2005 as Visiting Artist at Trinity Episcopal Church, Portland, Oregon. In 2006 he was named as Artist in Residence for North Park Presbyterian Church, Dallas, Texas.

He has been a featured recitalist both internationally and throughout the United States and received critical acclaim in such journals as *The American Organist*, *American Record Review* and *Choir and Organ*. He has appeared on both American Public Radio and National Public Radio.

His Saturday appearance in Fort Dodge will include a 1:30 pm class entitled "Communication, Sensitivity and Conviction: The Organist and Hymn Playing." It is geared to deal with the subject of hymn presentation for effective hymn playing in the church service. A \$10 registration fee will be charged for attendance at the workshop. Light refreshments will be served.

The 7:00 pm evening recital will be in the sanctuary of our church and will include works of Guilman, Bach, Barber, Vidor and Vierne. He will be performing on our 2007 renovated Austin/Rodgers Church Organ. The merged winded/digital instrument was dedicated in the fall of 2007 following design study and a financial support program which granted the church opportunity to make the changes and revisions.

The concert is without charge and the public is invited; a free will offering will be asked. We encourage you to reserve that date. Invite your friends. Let's fill our worship center for this unique musical opportunity. Refreshments and an opportunity to meet Dr. Heller will follow the evening's performance in Wesley Parlor.

It's Almost Time for the Fall Sale for Missions -
Are **YOU** Ready to **Reduce/Reuse/Recycle** and **Rejoice**?

You still have time to clean out your closets and cupboards and donate your extra items to the fall rummage sale for missions. You may bring items to the church beginning September 26th. Encourage your friends to also bring items to our sale.

Thursday, October 6 from **4:00-6:00 p.m.** will be our "sneak peek" sale. For A \$2.00 donation, anyone may come Thursday evening and purchase items before the regular sale day on Friday.

Friday, October 7 from **8-4:30** will be our regular sale day.

Saturday, October 8 from **8-12** will be \$2.00 per bag day.

Please contact Phyllis Wilson 515-576-0296 or Deanna Rhiner 515-573-4770 or 515-570-3235 to volunteer to help.

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.



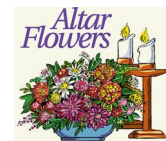
Doris Porter will be celebrating her 90th birthday on October 1st at the Celebration Center at Friendship Haven from 2:00-4:00. Her family would like to invite all members of First United Methodist to her celebration.

Altar flowers today are given in memory of Raymond Rippentrop

from Iris Jones and

Ramona Peterson

and families



Volunteers Needed!

As you are aware, the Beacon of Hope has their Monday evening meal at First UMC. We are still in need of volunteers to simply be present while they are using the church facility and to join the men in their meal. Please call the church office and let Becky know what Monday evening may work for you.

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. **September's offering will go to United Methodist Church's In-Gathering.** 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!

On Sunday, October 2nd, First United Methodist Church will taking a special offering in celebration of World Communion Sunday.

First UMC will be celebrating the sacrament of Holy Communion next Sunday, October 2nd.

Sound Assistance

We continue to have a need to create a team of volunteers to operate the sound system for the Sunday morning worship. Optimally, if four or five people were willing to help, each person would only have to serve once a month or so. Since the primary need is to be able to push the "record" and "playback" buttons on the recorder for our delayed broadcast over KVFD, if a team cannot be formed, we may have to re-evaluate our ability to provide this radio ministry to the community.

Scott Johnston

Christian Education Sunday

How is this special offering used?

Camp and Retreat Ministries



Kathy Potter, Registrar
www.iaumc.org/camps
800.765.1651

When you sign up for camp, you are choosing a key to a door. That door opens to you a summer of fun and surprises! Churches with returning campers know the enthusiasm, songs and leadership their young people offer. Campers laugh, make new friends, and discover things about faith that they've been searching for. Your generous gift will support this exciting ministry while helping to provide scholarships for those who cannot attend without financial support.

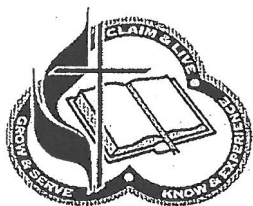
Iowa Religious Media Services



Sharon Strohmaler,
Executive Director
www.irms.org
800.777.8661

Have you ever tried to find the perfect video for a Sunday school lesson? IRMS is the place to look. Your Christian Education Sunday offering, added to other sources of funding, allows local churches a reduced membership fee and unlimited usage of the extensive IRMS media library. Contact IRMS for videos, curriculum consultation and materials specific to United Methodism.

Christian Education Fund



Christian Educators
Fellowship (CEF)
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Do you know a professional Christian Educator? A portion of the Christian Education Sunday offering is used to provide continuing education scholarships for Conference Christian educators. Even churches without a paid CE staff member can benefit from the information and training our Conference educators receive.

Thank you for your support!

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

Sun, Sept 25

8:45 am Sunday School
10:00 am Worship
5:45 pm UMYF

Mon, Sept 26

Begin Bringing Items for Rummage Sale - Holly Gone
9:00 am Pew Crew
12:00 pm Al-Anon
3:30 pm Beacon of Hope Meal

Tues, Sept 27

Holly Mission Trip
9:30 am Lord's Cupboard
12:00 pm AA
4:00 pm Lord's Cupboard
7:00 pm Boy Scouts

Wed, Sept 28

Holly Mission Trip
7:30 am Men's Bible Study
8:30 am Women's Bible Study
9:30 am Julia-Lydia Circle
9:30 am Ruth Circle

Wed, Sept 28 Cont'd

1:00 pm Priscilla Circle
3:30 pm Discovery Gang
4:45 pm Joyful Noise
5:30 pm King's Kids
6:00 pm Wesley Ringers

7:00 pm Chancel Choir
7:00 pm Vashti Circle

Thur, Sept 29

Becky—Vacation Holly Mission Trip
9:30 am Lord's Cupboard

Fri, Sept 30

Holly Mission Trip
9:30 am Lord's Cupboard

Sat, Oct 1

Holly Mission Trip
12:00 pm Girl Scouts

Sun, Oct 2

Holly Mission Trip
8:00 am United Methodist Men
8:45 am Sunday School
10:00 am Worship

Greeters:

Beth McCabe (West Door)
Gary & Joan LeValley (East 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.