Welcome to our contemporary service. The words to the songs that we will be singing are provided in this program. Please feel free to join in.

GREETING, WELCOMING AND OPENING PRAYER (in unison)

Come, dear God, and fill our hearts with your peace.
You alone, O Lord, are holy.
Come and fill our hearts with your peace, Alleluia. Amen.

Song of Praise  “Blessed Be The Lord God Almighty”

Father in heaven, how we love You. We lift Your name in all the earth. May Your Kingdom be established in our praises As Your people declare Your mighty works. Blessed be the Lord God Almighty, Who was, and is, and is to come. Blessed be the Lord God Almighty, Who reigns forevermore.

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Song  “More Love, More Power”

More love, more power, more of You in my life.
More love, more power, more of You in my life.
And I will worship You with all of my heart - I will worship You with all of my mind.
I will worship You with all of my strength for You are my Lord.
(repeat)
More love, more power, more of You in my life. (repeat to end)

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Song  “I Could Sing Of Your Love Forever”

Over the mountains and the sea, Your river runs with love for me, and I will open up my heart and let the healer set me free. I’m happy to be in the truth and I will daily lift my hands, for I will always sing of when Your love came down.

I could sing, I could sing of Your love forever.

Over the mountains and the sea, Your river runs with love for me, and I will open up my heart and let the healer set me free. I’m happy to be in the truth and I will daily lift my hands, for I will always sing of when Your love came down.

Chorus:  I could sing of Your love forever, I could sing of Your love forever, I could sing of Your love forever.

Oh, I feel like dancing. It’s foolishness, I know. But when the world has seen the light, they will dance with joy like we’re dancing now. **Chorus**

Call To Prayer  “Spirit Song”

O let the Son of God enfold you with His Spirit and His love, let Him fill your life and satisfy your soul. O let Him have the things that hold you and His Spirit like a dove, will descend upon your life and make you whole.

**Chorus: Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill Your lambs, Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill Your lambs.**

O come and sing this song with gladness as your hearts are filled with joy. Lift your hands in sweet surrender to His name. O give Him all your tears and sadness, give Him all your years of pain and you’ll enter into life in Jesus’ name. **Chorus**

**Prayer followed by chorus**

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PRAYER FOR THIS DAY (in unison)

God, grant me

the serenity to accept the things I cannot change,
the courage to change the things I can,
and the wisdom to distinguish the one from the other.  Amen.

Moments of silence and meditation for personal prayers
Sing the refrain of “Spirit Song” at the Band’s leading.
WITNESS TO THE WORD  “Joy is Trusting”  Pastor Fred Lewis

Song  “Your Love, O Lord”

Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens. Your faithfulness stretches to the sky. Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains. Your justice flows like the ocean’s tide. I will lift my voice to worship You, my King. I will find my strength in the shadow of Your wings. (repeat)
I will lift my voice to worship You, my King. I will find my strength in the shadow of Your wings. Your Love, O Lord reaches to the heavens. Your faithfulness stretches to the sky.

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THE LORD’S PRAYER
BENEDICTION

Parting Song  “Shout To The Lord”

My Jesus, my Savior, Lord there is none like you, all of my days, I want to praise the wonders of your mighty love. My comfort, my shelter, tower of refuge and strength, let every breath, all that I am, never cease to worship you.
Chorus: Shout to the Lord, all the earth let us sing, power and majesty, praise to the King. Mountains bow down and the seas will roar at the sound of Your name. I sing for joy at the work of Your hands, forever I’ll love you, forever I’ll stand. Nothing compares to the promise I have in You.

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WORDS OF PEACE AND LEAVING FOR SERVICE AS CHRISTIAN DISCIPLES

Joy does not simply happen to us. We have to choose joy and keep choosing it every day. It is a choice based on the knowledge that we belong to God and have found in God our refuge and our safety and that nothing, not even death, can take God away from us. Joy is the experience of knowing that you are unconditionally loved and that nothing—sickness, failure, emotional distress, oppression, war, or even death—can take that love away.

--Henri Nouwen
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Senior Minister/Lead Pastor
Rev. Bethany Johnson,
Associate Pastor/Minister of Youth
and Young Adults
Rev. Deanna Pullen,
Associate Pastor/Minister of Visitation
and Adult Spiritual Formation
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Known to be Hospitalized:
Bob Williams and Ron Lewis

Honoring Our Military: Ethan Abbey, Jared Chumley, Greg Wheelock and Chris Benson

Other Prayer Requests:
Prayer requests may be sent to the church office and if desired, will be submitted to our telephone prayer chain and also to the cyber prayer chain. Copies of “The Upper Room Devotional” and “Alive Now” are available at the Welcome Area for your daily worship life use.

Ready? Set? Minister!
Riding a bike. Using a new computer program.
Ironing a shirt. Training is important whenever anyone learns a new skill. Training is important in Stephen Ministry too. Before Stephen Leaders and Stephen Ministers begin their work, they go through a lot of training. When they start their official ministry, they’re ready.

$20,351.29 was collected last Sunday for the various ministries and missions of our church. Approximately $50,000 each month will meet our primary monthly ministry budget. This week’s offering will go towards that monthly total and will help us to continue to transform and change lives. You may further stay informed about our financial stewardship as a church by reading the monthly newsletter. Thank you for your loyal and steadfast contributions to our church’s ministries and missions.

VAN DRIVERS NEEDED!
It requires a commitment of driving the van on Sundays one or two months a year. If you can help, call Brent Pearce: 232-8064 or the church office: 232-2750.
For this Fall of 2011, our church’s Stewardship Committee, chaired by Steve Simpson has selected the theme “Feel the JOY!” for our stewardship emphasis. We will be sharing around these five biblical ideas:

Joy is belonging to Christ, and being secure in God’s love.
Joy is trusting in God’s gracious will for us, not trying to control our lives and orchestrate the universe.
Joy is serving, being clear about our purpose as human beings.
Joy is loving, expanding the scope of our caring in response to a deepening understanding of God’s love.
Joy is giving, not clinging to our lives in desperation, but giving them to God and so receiving life that has integrity, purpose and direction.

Plan now to be here October 29 - 30.

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND OUR ANNUAL CHARGE CONFERENCE
Sunday, October 16, at 3pm we will be gathering with other UMC congregations from this area to care for our yearly business as a parish. Our meeting will be at Calvary UMC, located off of 24th Street in Ames. Our District Superintendent, Rev. Dr. Dennis Tevis, will be presiding. There will be an opening time devoted to inspiration and fellowship. In small groups we will conduct business such as receiving reports, setting goals and discussing ministry plans. Chairpersons of our various Boards, Councils and Committees are asked to submit a report celebrating their accomplishments this year and stating their goals for 2012. These reports must be submitted to our church office no later than October 11. All church members are welcome to attend this gathering.

Trunk or Treat?
It’s a combination of treat or treating and tailgating. And it’s lots of fun! Everyone is invited to the parking lot of First Christian Church (611 Clark) at 6:00 pm on Wednesday, October 26. Adults are encouraged to decorate the trunks of their cars (or the back of the van) and provide a peanut-free treat to hand out. Kids can wear their Halloween costumes and bring their trick or treating container. Everyone is encouraged to bring canned food for food bank for some reverse trick or treating. We’ll have dinner at First Christian. Suggested donation of $3 per person. Other fun activities are being planned for the evening as well. We’ll finish by 7:30. Come celebrate fall with our friends at First Christian and the United Church of Christ. Youth activities will still happen at FUMC that evening.
**IT’S NOODLE TIME - NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY - WILL TRAIN!**
Come help make noodles Oct. 4th, 11th, and 18th. We will meet in the kitchen at 7:30 a.m. Bring your rolling pin and join in the fun! Any questions please call Peg Pearce: 232-8064 or Zella Studer: 233-1166

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**GRANDMA’S ATTIC** is planning to have an interesting selection of good condition items for sale at our Holiday Fair, Sat. Oct. 29th. We are asking all of you to donate collectables, games, holiday items, jewelry, linens, pictures, toys and any other goodies from “by-gone days”! We will be accepting articles on Thursday, Oct. 27th from 9 - noon and 1 - 4. On Friday, Oct. 28th from 8 - noon, 1 - 5 and 6 - 7 in the evening. Now is the time to decide what special item you no longer want or need but may be the treasure that someone else is looking for.

Do you have any jewelry you might want to donate to the Holiday Fair?  We would love to add new things (including craft items) to our Boutique. We would like jewelry by Sunday, October 23.  Any other crafts may be brought to the church on Thursday & Friday, October 27 & 28.  Feel free to put a suggested price on your items.  Mark your items for the Boutique Room and include your name in case we have questions.  If you need more information please contact Carolyn Yorgensen, 292-5648 or e-mail cyorgen@iastate.edu.

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**Gift Baskets are needed for Holiday Fair**. Sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall (for suggestions). We have baskets, so you can just gather the contents and Alice and Aileen will do the rest. Please put your name with the contents and your cost. Let’s get creative...perhaps “family tail-gating”, or dinner for 2 on the go, or a trick-or-treat basket, or a card-party basket...You can leave contents in the church office or call Alice: 290-4224 or 296-1665 or Aileen: 233-8563 to make arrangements. ($10-$40 range recommended) Please deliver before Oct. 27th. Earlier even better! Thank you!!!

**We also need home-made pies for our Holiday Fair.**
Please deliver on Sat. from 7:30-10 to our Pie Patrol. They will be either at the North door, or if we have ally access; across from the book drop-off. Please, no pies that need refrigeration. I’d like to cover tables with quilts again this year, so if you have one or more to loan us for the day, please bring them to the church office on Thurs. or Friday, Oct. 27th or 28th. They will be protected by plastic. Please attach your name to one corner on the back, so we can easily get them to the owner. We would also appreciate if you would pick them up after 2:30 on Sat. If that is not possible, we will put them in the office for you. They are a lovely, traditional touch. Thank you for sharing. If you have the history or a story to go with your quilt, please attach that as well.
Holiday Fair Bake Shoppe Prices

It is helpful if baked goods are marked before bringing to the Holiday Fair. Donation should be visible. (Please do not wrap in foil.) Bring items to bake shop room the evening of October 28th, or early on October 29th (prior to 8am). Any questions: call Ginny LaVelle or Betty Kinzler.

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Please invite friends and family to come with you to our Holiday Fair.

**Sat. Oct. 29th. 8-2**
We'll have something for everyone!
**THIS WEEK AT FUMC**

- **Sunday, Oct 9**
  - 8:30 & 11 Worship
  - “Up With Puppets”
  - 9:45 Sunday School
  - 8:30 Children Sing
  - 11:00 Pre-K Bible Presentation
  - 2:00 Al Anon/L
  - 5:30 FAF/FH
  - 7:00 NA/L

- **Monday, Oct 10**
  - 5:30 FAF/FH

- **Tuesday, Oct 11**
  - 7:30 Noodles
  - 9:30 Staff meeting/P
  - 10:00 Quilters/Sarah Sandy
  - 5:30 FAF/FH
  - 5:30 Member Care/Abe
  - 7:00 Chancel Choir

- **Wednesday, Oct 12**
  - 7:30 Noodles
  - 10:00 WWW/L
  - 4:00 Confirmation
  - 6:00 Wed. Activities Meal
  - 6:30 Nursery Opens
  - Kids Club(K-5)
  - Mdl. Sch.Yth Grp (5-9)
  - High Sch.Yth Grp (9-12)
  - Growin’ Grownups (adult class)
  - Chancel Bells

- **Thursday, Oct 13**
  - ARLA 1st Christian Church
  - 9:00 Tea Rings
  - 5:00 Clinic
  - 5:30 FAF

- **Friday, Oct 14**
  - 5:00 Wedding Rehearsal Jordan/Cross
  - 5:30 FAF/FH

- **Saturday, Oct 15**
  - 8:30 Confirmation Class Trip
  - 11:30 FAF/FH
  - 3:00 Wedding Jordan/Cross
  - 5:30 SAF Worship

**Gifts to Utilities:**
Lee Jordan for Oct. 13 & 19
Chuck & Marlene Bell
Martha Clifford
Dean & Judy Sampson

**Acolytes**
8:30: Sarah Hinners
   Karli Jerman

11:00: Sally Schrunk
   Thomas DeLay

**Ushers**
8:30 Norma Downs & Jo Farrar
   Lowell & Louise Yager
   Peg & Brent Pearce

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**WOMEN’S RETREAT AT WESLEY WOODS**

October 21---check in from 4:30-6pm and heading home October 22 at 4 pm.

**Theme:** “Standing Strong in the Lord”

**Guest Speaker:** Gay Hunsberger, Director, Women of Excellence

**Cost:** $55.00

This retreat is for women of all ages, including high school age girls with an adult chaperone. Registration form available in the church office.

**Questions? Contact:**
Tiffany Arnold at 515-961-4523 or tiffanya@wesleywoodsiowa.org.
THANKSGIVING INGATHERING COLLECTION
Hopefully everyone is involved in some way in putting together kits for our annual collection for the Bishop’s Ingathering. A display of kits and a list of the needed items are available at the back of the sanctuary.

PLEASE BRING YOUR DONATIONS TO THE CHURCH BY OCTOBER 30.

NEW OUTREACH PROGRAM STARTING AT FIRST CHURCH!
We are pleased to launch a new area of ministry called LoveLinks: Connecting With Each Other. This program comes under Member Care and will reach out to persons who are unable to come to the church. For some that may involve disabilities, for some, scheduling, for some logistics – so, where some cannot come to the church, the church will come to them. We have had a number of programs here at First Church that have reached out to persons: Visiting Friends (homebound visitation), Homebound Communion, Christmas Poinsettia Delivery, Easter Gift Delivery, Worship Tape Delivery. All of these will be included in this new program. Love is being happy for the other person when they are happy, being sad for the person when they are sad, being together in good times and being together in bad times. We have invited you who have been on the “delivery end” of any of these ministries to indicate your willingness (or inability) to continue in your role as a part of this new outreach endeavor. Also, if you (or someone you know and love) would like to be on the “receiving end” of LoveLinks, you may also contact Bob and Karen, fowser@isunet.net or let Deanna know in the office, deanna@fumcames.org or by phone 232-2750.

FUMC Meals On Wheels Project
FUMC furnishes Meals on Wheels volunteers to staff two delivery crews on the 3rd, 4th and 5th weeks of each month in partnership with Mary Greeley Medical Center Homeward services. Meals are delivered on six routes to subscribers in Ames starting at around 11:20 a.m. each day from the Mary Greeley Hospital west entrance pickup station. At present there are openings for volunteers to do 4th Sundays and 4th Fridays. If you are interested in volunteering for the FUMC Meals On Wheels Project, contact Don Wall, coordinator, at 232-8569 or www.dkwall2@peoplepc.com

Do you “like” our church? Then show us your love on Facebook! Find us by searching for “Ames First United Methodist Church”. Click on “like” in order to share your passion for church with everyone. We will use the page to post thoughts, announcements and events related to our church life!
ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY — DEDICATION OF MEMORIALS AND GIFTS

October 30

“O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.”

Ames' First United Methodist Church will be observing All Saints Day on Sunday, October 30. During both the 8:30 a.m. and the 11:00 a.m. worship celebrations we will name and remember all members and friends of the church who have died during the past year. On this day we will also dedicate any memorials and gifts that have been given to the church for service to this congregation and to the glory of God. We invite you to be present for this yearly worship service when we remember our deceased loved ones in a meaningful way.

“I Believe”
I believe in sunshine;
but I cannot clasp its ray.
I cannot capture ocean tides;
just watch them day by day.
I believe in thinking;
yet no brick can think a thought.
I believe in loving;
though love can’t be boxed or bought.
I believe in gifts from God …
diverse, yet clear … and thus:
I believe God’s Love enfolds,
sustains, and blesses us!

—Peggy Ferrell, Poems and Prayers

One of the biggest, boldest, and most audacious things we can do is to invite someone back to church or to attend church for the first time with us!

UMW MISSION STUDY

October 12 there will be Mission Study in Alden. We will leave from the west side of Penney’s north parking lot at 8:00 a.m. Let Rita Vallery know if you will be attending. Please call: 515-232-6413.
THE UTILITY CALENDAR

The cost of keeping First UMC warmed (or cooled), lighted, and supplied with water costs like it does in our own homes. The utility costs here at the church are approximately $100 a day to pay the bills. As a means of helping with this expense, the Stewardship Ministry Team and the Finance Committee would like church members to consider signing up for the “Utility Calendar.” The Utility Calendar is posted downstairs in Fellowship Hall and it works very simply. You pick a day or days that have special significance to you. It might be your anniversary, a birthday, a holiday, a day in memory of a loved one, or any special and significant day. Note that you may share your day with several others—and more than one contributor may sign for any day. Sign your name on the calendar day(s) and take your contribution to the church office. Our goal is to receive 365 contributions of $100 each to cover the church’s utility bills. With your help, we know we can do it!

Make-up Photo Dates: If you missed your chance to have your picture taken for the directory here at FUMC, there are some make-up dates available at other locations. Ankeny: October 13-15, and 19-20. Boone: October 27-29. To schedule a time and find out the exact location, contact our Life Touch representative: Randy Schnell: 515-360-7177 or RSchnell@lifetouch.com
Also - if you chose to use your own photo, the deadline to turn those photos in to Bethany is October 18.

BIG THANK YOU!

Phase One of the picture taking is complete. We would like to send a big thank you to the 45 different members who hosted the check-in station. I think all enjoyed getting to know fellow church members better and it was such fun seeing families together and the clothing choices that were made.

Special thanks go to Larry Vallery and Brent Pearce, our digital photo team. Brent and Larry have made appointments to visit our homebound members, make a visit and take their photos to be included in the new directory.

This is a wonderful church family project and thanks to all for your help, past and future

CLOTHING DRIVE

St. Joseph Indian School, Chamberlin, South Dakota
Place clothing in bags. Youth - Adult. Deliver to the Music Room door at FUMC by October 13. Don Wall and Roy Cakerice will pick up the clothes on the evening of the 13th.
Our “Building on the Past, Reaching for the Future Campaign” is now officially a project! Fencing encloses the work site, and the “dirt-work” has begun. Over the next several months, the “look” of our church home will change often.

On September 18th, Ames First United Methodist Church signed a contract with Dean Snyder Construction, who will serve as the General Contractor for this building addition. After that contract was signed, crews began the groundwork for preparing the site for construction. Once groundwork is complete, water lines and storm sewers will be placed, and crews will begin work on the concrete footings in mid-October.

Now that our project is underway, we are also adjusting to changes in how we enter and exit our church. Our south entrance will remain open during early stages of the project, but only for those who need access to the elevator. If you need to use the south entrance, there is a drop-off area in the alley, and church members will be available to assist in this process for weekend services. Also, remember that the church van is still providing rides to and from church on Sundays and will drop passengers off at the south entrance for easy access to the elevator.

If you do not need to use the elevator, please do not use the south entrance. For weekend services, both the north doors and the west doors will be open. During the week, the north doors that access our education wing will be the main entrance into our church. Signs will be posted around the church to help facilitate these changes.

There will also be some changes in parking, with most of our south lot closed during the construction. We are fortunate to have many parking spots available on surrounding streets, and we have also been given permission to use the Elks parking lot on Sundays.

Over the next several months, we will all adjust to these changes. If you have questions about any of these issues or the project in general, please contact Dale VanderSchaaf. Otherwise, let the excitement and the construction begin!