

Please check with a volunteer in the sound booth if you would like a hearing device to use during our worship service. Large-print bulletins and hymnals are also available. Please visit with one of our greeters if you need assistance. We encourage those present to sign one of the attendance logs. Attendance logs are located in the narthex near the sanctuary entrance, by the elevator entrance, and in the choir room.

TODAY'S WORSHIP STEWARDS

Lay Reader Sue Griffith
Organist/Director of Music Scott Blankenbaker
Accompanist Lisa Nelson
Visuals Marty Petzoldt
Sound Chuck Petzoldt
Greeters Cindy Kalvig, Lana McElroy
Coffee Hour Mark Austin

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Worship Services

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Sanctuary or Facebook
Sunday 11:00 a.m. – Radio Broadcast on KCMR 97.9 FM

Mason City First United Methodist Church

“A Christian faith community to further God’s kingdom.”

August 18, 2024



<https://www.amazon.com/Baroque-Rhinestone-Wedding-Handmade-Headband/dp/B07Y1RPT3N>

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Prelude
"Teach Me Thy Way, O Lord" Scott Blankenbaker

Welcome
Announcements

Call to worship

Your church gathers, Lord,
**in Iowa and Mozambique,
in Brazil and to the ends of the earth.**
Your church gathers, Lord,
in city and country, in suburbs and slums,
in sanctuaries and buildings,
under trees and by streams of water.
Your people gather to praise you, Lord,
in English and in Portuguese,
with organ and guitar and drum,
with voices of young and old,
with song and with silence,
with dance and with prayer.
Your people praise you, Lord,
for hope in the midst of despair,
for strength in times of weakness,
for justice in situations of oppression,
for courage in the face of fear,
for life in the midst of death.
We are the people who call you Lord.
Let everything that breathes, praise you Lord!

- written by Kristin Holbrook, Brazil 2008. From a collection of calls to worship on the **Roanoke UMC** website. <http://www.roanokeumc.org/>

Hymn
"And Are We Yet Alive" #553 - UMH

Moment of Meditation
Be still and Know God is God Psalm 46:10
Opening Prayer

Special Music
"Walk With Me"
John S. Rice Volunteer Choir

Wondering with Pastor Mel

Hymn #2237 - TFWS
"As a Fire is Meant for Burning"

Sermon Reverend Melanie Greengo
"A time such as this"

Hymn #582 - UMH
"Whom Shall I Send?"

Invitation to the offering
Offering Prayer (in unison)

Holy God, in this moment of offering, we stand before you, acknowledging your boundless wisdom and unfailing love. As we present our gifts, we also lift our prayers for guidance and understanding. Grant us the wisdom to discern your will and the courage to walk in your ways, following the example set before us by Esther. Bless these offerings and our lives, so that we may continue to worship you in spirit and truth. Amen.

- Adapted from <https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/worship-planning/worship-with-rejoicing/thirteenth-sunday-after-pentecost-year-b-lectionary-planning-notes/thirteenth-sunday-after-pentecost-year-b-offertory-prayer>

Pastoral Prayer
Lord's Prayer

Closing Hymn #593 - UMH
"Here I am Lord"

Benediction

Postlude Scott Blankenbaker
"Recessional in C"
J. Haydn/L. Smith, arr.

August 18th – August 24th



Sunday, August 18th

- 9 am Coffee Hour, Fellowship Hall
- 10 am Worship Service, Sanctuary or FB
- 11 am Worship, Room 25
- 11:30 am Radio Broadcast, KCMR 97.9 FM
- 1 pm Spirit-Filled Trails

Monday, August 19th

- 9 am Turquoise Table
- 12:30 pm Card Writing, Nursery Room 2

Tuesday, August 20th

- 5:30 pm Memorials Committee Meeting, Fireside Classroom
- 6 pm Finance Committee Meeting, Fireside Classroom
- 6:30 pm Administrative Council Meeting, Fireside Classroom

Wednesday, August 21st

- 2 pm Music Moments, Facebook
- 5 pm That's a Wrap! Party
- 7 pm Private Event – Fireside Room

Thursday, August 22nd

- Pastor Mel out of Office
- 10 am Pastor's Circuit
- 5:15 pm Supper Club, Pasta Bella

Friday, August 23rd

No Church Events

Saturday, August 24th

No Church Events

Supper Club

Supper Club will meet at Pasta Bella on August 22 at 5:15 pm. Please sign up on the sign-up sheet in the back of the Sanctuary by Sunday, August 18 so we have a head count.

Do you have something for us to put in the next bulletin or newsletter? Write it up and send it to the church office at office@masoncityfirstumc.org.



Well, summer is almost over – but why not celebrate? Come join us for our “That’s a Wrap!” gathering on Wednesday, August 21st from 5-7 p.m. and help us wrap up summer with some fun.

We will be serving wrap sandwiches, chips, lemonade, and a dessert at 5 pm. Then at 6 p.m. we will have the pleasure of hearing local musicians Bob Grant and Sid Bohls play us some good ol’ gospel music – vocals and guitar. Bring your own lawn chairs, bug spray and be ready for a good time. This will be outside on the front lawn of the church.

(Free will offering/no charge) All are welcome to attend! RSVP for food purposes – call the church office or sign up sheet in the Narthex.

– Lori Elbermawy, Christian Administrator

SPECIAL MUSIC

There are still a couple of open Sundays (August 25 & Sept. 1) to be filled during the summer months. If you or someone you know would be interested in sharing your/their gifts, we would love to have that worship enhancement. Please contact Scott Blankenbaker for more information.

Beyond Praise

Beyond Praise will be cancelled on August 21 for the That’s A Wrap Party. Have fun!

Mason City Elementary School Mission Project

For the month of August, the congregation is invited to join our United Women in Faith in a Mason City Elementary School Mission Project. We have learned there is a need right here in our own community for several things. Financial Gifts are also welcome with a memo note of "school project".

- New socks (boys and girls)
- New underwear (boys and girls) - sizes 6 to 12
- Toiletries - e.g. child's toothbrush, soap, shampoo

Items may be placed in the labeled grocery cart in the entry. Thank you for your donations and supporting local children!

Best Wishes

Happy Birthday to all who are celebrating their special day! Congratulations to the following couples celebrating an anniversary this week:

August 19

John and Dea Birtwhistle

August 20

Autumn and Lucas Hefty
Arlo and Dianna Stoltenberg

August 21

Barabara and Larry Eide
Tyler and Jackie Newell
Eldon and Betty Siemers

August 23

Linda and Stephen Duvall



Sunday, August 25th

9 am Coffee Hour, Fellowship Hall
10 am Worship Service, Sanctuary or FB
11:30 am Radio Broadcast, KCMR 97.9 FM
1 pm Spirit Filled Trails, Parking Lot

Monday, August 26th

9:00 am Turquoise Table

Tuesday, August 27th

No Church Events

Wednesday, August 28th

Supper at Community Kitchen, Volunteering
2 pm Music Moments, Facebook
7 pm Private Event, Fireside Room

Thursday, August 29th

No Church Events

Friday, August 30th

No Church Events

Saturday, August 31st

No Church Events

Prayer Chain
Please call the church office at 641-423-4905 to submit a request to the confidential prayer chain. Call Rev. Melanie Greengo at 641-781-0264 if there is an emergency and need for pastoral care outside of office hours.

Missions

\$\$\$ Requested ONLY

Due to the higher cost of supplies needed for the UMCOR Dignity Kit and school bag kits, the Missions Committee has decided to request \$\$\$ donations ONLY this year. Midwest Missions through UMCOR has the ability to purchase bulk supply items needed much cheaper and, therefore, our money donation will be able to help more people in need. A check for the total donated amount will be sent for the Mission Ingathering on Saturday November 2nd at the Fort Dodge Trinity UMC.

Please give your cash donations to the church office. Please make your checks payable to FUMC – Memo – UMCOR Kits. Donation deadline Sunday Oct 19.

Thank you for your continued generosity in helping us be the hands and feet of Christ in our world.



Radio Ministry Sponsors

11:30 a.m. Sunday – KCMR 97.9 FM

This Sunday's radio broadcast is sponsored by Betty Siemers, in honor of Eldon's birthday and their anniversary.

December 8 is our only available date to sponsor for the rest of the year.