

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 Missy Schaper
 Organist/Director of Music Scott Blankenbaker
 Accompanist Lisa Nelson
 Visuals Laree Morrise
 Sound Chuck Bennett
 Greeters Cindy Kalvig, Lana McElroy
 Coffee Hour Mark Austin

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 Event Coordinator Betty Chipman
 Security Sue Simmons

Worship Services

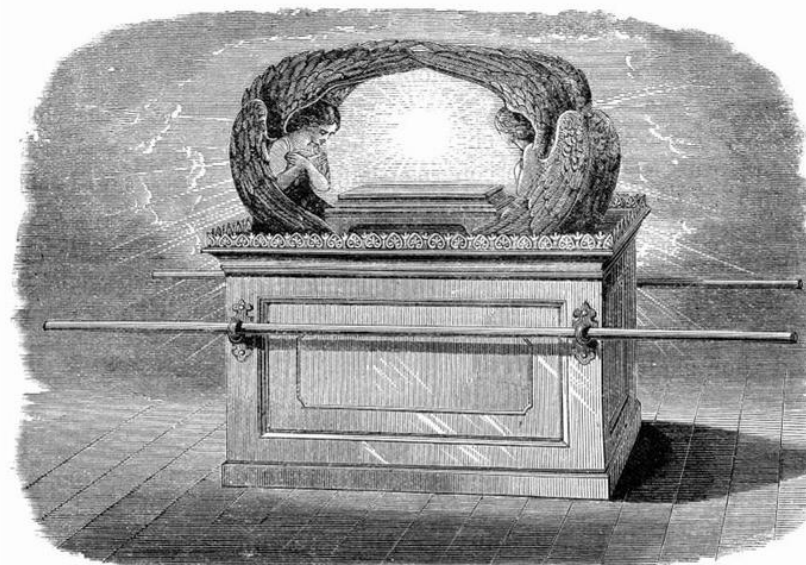
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Sanctuary, Facebook, or Church Website
Sunday 11:30 a.m. – Radio Broadcast on KCMR 97.9 FM

This morning we are delighted to welcome Kaity Heckers as our guest musician. She is a student at Charles City High School and is active in many activities in the school and community: choirs, bands, drama, and musical theatre productions.

Mason City First United Methodist Church

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

August 25, 2024



<https://www.christianity.com/wiki/bible/what-was-the-ark-of-the-covenant-its-meaning-and-significance.html>

Reverend Melanie Greengo

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Welcome
Announcements

Prelude

"I Must Tell Jesus"
J. Mansfield, arr.

Scott Blankenbaker

Call to worship 

Will you, God, live on this small planet earth?
Look! Heaven and earth cannot contain You,
much less this house of prayer
which we have built and cherished.

**Raise the stone and you shall find me,
cleave the wood and I am there.**

There is no god like you, God of Jesus,
neither on earth nor elsewhere in the whole universe!
A God who keeps every promise
and shows unswerving love to your servants
who with all their hearts walk in your ways.

**Blessed are you, our Creator and Redeemer,
in whom we live and move and have our being**

- Written by Bruce Prewer, and posted on [Bruce Prewer's Home Page](http://www.bruceprewer.com/). <http://www.bruceprewer.com/>

Hymn 

"Standing on the Promises"

#374 - UMH

Moment of Meditation

Be still and Know God is God
Opening Prayer

Psalms 46:10

- Posted on Leonard Sweet's [Preach the Story](https://preachthestory.com/resources/). <https://preachthestory.com/resources/>

Special Music

"Everything That Has Voice"
Marty Haugen

Kaity Heckers

Wondering with Pastor Mel

Back to school Blessing (in unison)

Gracious God, we pray your blessing upon the children returning to school this week. We pray your blessing on children learning at home. We pray your blessing upon the teachers and administrators. We pray your blessing upon parents. We pray your blessing upon high school students and college students. We pray your blessing upon the support staff that work to keep our children safe. God we ask that you keep them

all safe and happy. May they learn and grow and experience new things. May they find joy in all that they do. Amen.

Scripture

I Kings 8:1, 6, 10, 11, 22-30, 41-43
John 6:56-60

Leader: The Word of God, for the People of God

All: Thanks be to God.

Hymn

"I've Got Peace Like a River"

#2145 - TFWS

Sermon

"The Bread of Life"

Reverend Melanie Greengo

Hymn

"Grace Alone"

#2162 - TFWS

Invitation to the offering


Offering Prayer (in unison)

Eternal God, as we bring forth our offerings today, we are reminded of your enduring presence among us. With hearts full of gratitude, we offer these gifts as a symbol of our commitment to live lives of worship, not just within these walls but in every moment of our existence. May our actions, our words, and our very lives be a testament to your glory, shining forth your love and grace to all we encounter. Amen.

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

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Closing Hymn 

"How Can We Name a Love"


#111 - UMH

Benediction

Postlude

"The Solid Rock"
D. Hustad, arr.

Scott Blankenbaker

 Please stand if able.

August 25th – August 31st



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

Monday, August 26th

- 9 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

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

Friday, August 30th

No Church Events

Saturday, August 31st

No Church Events

Pastor Mel's office hours will be temporarily changing. She will not be in the office until 10:30am on Monday and Wednesday. Thursday will remain the same. This change will be in effect until Dec 12th.

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.



SING, PLAY, ENGAGE

Are you looking for a way to enrich your life and the lives of others? Are you looking for a safe, welcoming social group? We embrace a wide variety of ages, experiences, beliefs, and backgrounds. We value many different styles of music and strive to reach beyond the walls of our building. Music Director Scott is a long-time teacher and can help you feel comfortable reading the funny little dots and lines on the music pages.

First UMC has a long tradition of ministering through music and we need your help to sustain that. We invite you to join Chancel Choir, Beyond Praise, and/or Jubilee Bell Ringers. Why not give it a try? Rehearsals begin September 4.

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 25

Gayle and David McCourt

August 27

Paul and Charleen Harris
David and Sherlyn Klatt

August 29

Melissa and Kaleb Solberg

August 31

Randy and Jean Christensen



Sunday, September 1st

9 am Coffee Hour, Fellowship Hall
9:30 am Food Bank Collection, Narthex
10 am Worship, Sanctuary
11:30 am Radio Broadcast, KCMR 97.9 FM
1 pm Spirit Filled Trails, Parking Lot

Monday, September 2nd

Church Closed

Tuesday, September 3rd

No Church Events

Wednesday, September 4th

2 pm Midweek Music Moments, Facebook
4:30 pm Beyond Praise, Sanctuary
5:15 pm Chancel Choir, Sanctuary
6:15 pm Jubilee Ringers, Sanctuary

Thursday, September 5th

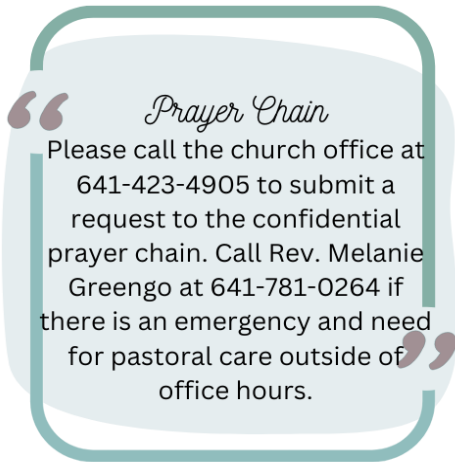
No Church Events

Friday, September 6th

No Church Events

Saturday, September 7th

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 Arlo and Dianne Stoltenberg.

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

United Women in Faith

Camp Clear Lake District
Annual Meeting
Saturday, September 21, 2024

Garner United Methodist Church
885 Maben Avenue, Garner, Iowa
8:30 a.m.—9:30 a.m. Registration and Coffee
9:30 a.m.—2:30 p.m. Meeting

"Step Back in Time: Breaking Free of Rigid Boxes"

Our guest speaker is Diana Koppen, author from Spencer, Iowa. Diana and her sister wrote and published their Aunt Marion Helland's memoir. Marion was raised in Cylinder, Iowa, and moved to the south to work as a Freedom School Teacher. Here she began her lifelong commitment to social justice, documenting her life's work in 50 boxes of journals, photographs, and memorabilia.

A true sign you have made a difference is when your resume continues to grow after you are gone.

Also speaking, will be Deb Streff about her Fair Trade products for sale.

Bring a CARLOAD of women and enjoy your day with us.

Please return this portion with your meal registration. Reservation DEADLINE is September 13.

Make checks payable to Garner UWFaith.

Name _____ Name of Unit _____
Email _____ Phone Number _____

Number of Regular Meals: _____ x \$10.00. = Total _____

Number of Gluten Free Meals: _____ x \$10.00 = Total _____

Check/s and registration/s Enclosed \$ _____

Mail Check and Registrations to: Carrie Omans 641-512-1516

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