

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 Laree Morrise
Organist/Director of Music Scott Blankenbaker
Accompanist Lisa Nelson
Visuals Gary Mott
Sound Audrey Mulholland
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 11, 2024

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Reverend Melanie Greengo
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Prelude
"Lead Me, Lord"
John Leavitt, arr.
Scott Blankenbaker

Welcome
Announcements

One: The ads online, on TV, and everywhere we look shout: "Buy me! You deserve me! You're only worthy with me!"
Many: Some days we shout back: Enough!

One: And other days we let a theology and attitude of scarcity overtake us.
Many: On those days we allow what we have to define us, control us, and restrict us.

One: God provides enough.
God created each of us as enough.
God creates a world of abundance.
Many: But our certainty of scarcity, our idolatry of the shiny, and our fears of others prevent us from gratitude, graciousness, and sharing.

One: We live in an abundant world.
Many: Our creator makes it so.

One: Move our hearts, lessen our fears in this hour.
Many: There is enough for all of us.

One: Praise be to the God of Abundant Love!
Many: Praise to the God of Enough!

-<https://liturgybits.wordpress.com/>

Hymn
"He Leadeth Me" #128

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

Special Music
"Holy of Holies"
Medley arranged by Marty Parks
Beyond Praise

Wondering with Pastor Mel

Scripture Reading
I Kings 19:1-15a
Luke 9:51-62

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God
All: Thanks be to God

Hymn
"You Are My Hiding Place" #2055

Sermon
Reverend Melanie Greengo
"You need a nap!"

Hymn
"Have Thine Own Way Lord" #382

Invitation to the offering
Offering Prayer (in unison)

Loving God, in this sacred moment of offering, we come before you with humble hearts, recognizing your unwavering mercy and boundless compassion. As we present our gifts, may we also lay bare our shortcomings and seek your forgiveness and guidance. Grant us the courage to confront our humanity and the strength to strive for righteousness in all our endeavors. Amen.

- <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
"Go Ye Go Ye Into the World" #2239

Benediction

Postlude
"St. Petersburg Hymn"
R. Gliere / R. Parks, arr.
Scott Blankenbaker

August 11th – August 17th



Sunday, August 11th

- 9 am Coffee Hour, Fellowship Hall
- 10 am Worship Service, Sanctuary or FB
- 11 am Congregational Care – Upper Room
- 11 am Radio Broadcast, KCMR 97.9 FM
- 1 pm Spirit-Filled Trails

Monday, August 12th

- 9 am Turquoise Table

Tuesday, August 13th

- 5:30 pm Trustees Meeting – Fireside Room

Wednesday, August 14th

- 2 pm Music Moments, Facebook
- 7 pm Private Event – Fireside Room

Thursday, August 15th

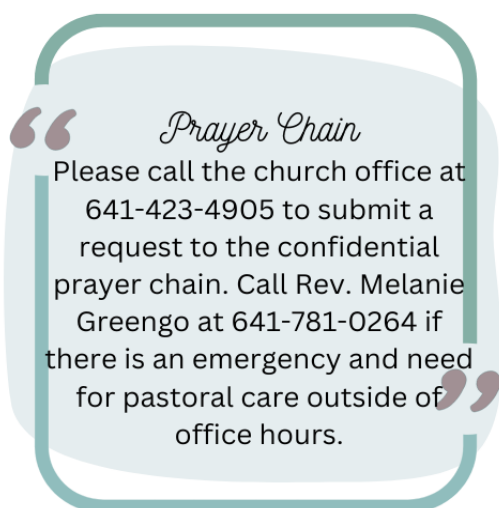
No Church Events

Friday, August 16th

No Church Events

Saturday, August 17th

No Church Events



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.

Volunteer Choir

Sunday, Aug. 18. Come sing an anthem with us! At 9:30am we will meet in the sanctuary to rehearse an easy and beautiful hymn and then sing it at the 10am service. Anyone (not just Chancel Choir members) are invited!

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!

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.



Best Wishes

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

August 11th

Sarah & Alex Mariner
Bob & Dodie Tanner

August 13th

Deb & Brian Bentley

August 16th

Brian & Sethanne DeGabriele



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, Parking Lot

Monday, August 19th

9:00 am	Turquoise Table
12:30 pm	Card Writing

Tuesday, August 20th

6 pm	Finance Meeting, Fireside Classroom
6:30 pm	Council Meeting, Fireside Room

Wednesday, August 21st

Supper at Community Kitchen, Volunteering	
2 pm	Music Moments, Facebook
5 pm	That's A Wrap! Gathering

Thursday, August 22nd

10 am	Pastors' Circuit
5:15 pm	Supper Club, Pasta Bella

Friday, August 23rd

No Church Events

Saturday, August 24th

No Church Events

First UMC T-shirts

The new First United Methodist Church t-shirts are now available! We will be taking orders until August 15th, and the sign-up sheet as well as the design mock-up are at the back of the sanctuary.

Prices start at \$18.50 for adult S-XL with prices going up slightly for larger sizes. Our intention behind the shirts is to be able to volunteer in the community as a cohesive unit, embracing the love and kindness of Mason City First.

Please place checks written to FUMC memo line: *T-shirts* in the offering plate, as well as putting cash in an envelope from the pew with your name and marked *T-shirts* in the offering plate. Or stop by the office and drop off cash/check. Please remember to fill out the sign up sheet with your name(s) and size(s) as well! Thank you everyone!

- Lori Elbermaw

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 Ken & Sheila Bash. "Goodbye to our long term friends at FUMC and looking forward to a new adventure in Harlan, IA."

Sign up to sponsor a radio broadcast by sending an email to

office@masoncityfirstumc.org
or calling 641-423-4905.

Cost to sponsor a Sunday is \$80. Thank you!