

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 Gary Mott
Sound Chuck Petzoldt
Greeters Cindy Kalvig, Lana McElroy
Coffee Hour Mark Austin

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Worship Services

Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Sanctuary, Facebook, or Church Website
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.”

September 15, 2024



<https://gshep.org/stewardship>

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Welcome
Announcements

Prelude
Scott Blankenbaker
"For the Beauty of Each Hour"
Arthur Fedak

Call to worship*

One: The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it!
From the east to the west, from the north to the south,
God's Spirit moves across the face of the earth.

**Many: From the east to the west, from the north to the south,
we gather together, united by God's Spirit,
to celebrate God's glory
and proclaim His praise!**

All: Let's worship God together!

- Christine Longhurst, re:Worship. Inspired by Psalm 24.

Hymn* #568 UMH
"Christ for the World We Sing"

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

- adapted from David Adam in *"The Open Gate"* SPCK 1994.

Anthem Chancel Choir
"Love Grows Here"
Don Besig

Scripture Reading Psalm 24

Wondering with Pastor Mel

Scripture Reading Matthew 6:1-24

One: The word of God for the people of God
Many: Thanks be to God

Hymn #2137 TFWS
"Would I Have Answered When You Called"

Sermon Reverend Melanie Greengo
"Growing the Kingdom"

Hymn #75 UMH
"All the People that on Earth Do Dwell"
Verses 1-4, then the 5th stanza will be Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow #95

Invitation to the offering
Offering Prayer (in unison)

**Oh Lord, giver of life and source of our freedom, we are reminded by the Psalmist that Yours is "the earth and its fullness;
the world and those who dwell in it."
We know that it is from Your hand that we have received all we have and are and will be.
Gracious and loving God,
we understand that You call us to be the stewards of Your abundance,
the caretakers of all You have entrusted to us. Help us always to use Your gifts wisely and teach us to share them generously.
May our faithful stewardship bear witness to the love of Christ in our lives.
We pray with grateful hearts,
in Jesus' name. Amen.**

- <https://www.dioceseofscranton.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/08/Stewardship-Prayers.pdf>

Pastoral Prayer
Lord's Prayer

Closing Hymn* #92 UMH
"For the Beauty of the Earth"

Benediction

Postlude Scott Blankenbaker
"Sing and Rejoice!"
Ruth Elaine Schram

* Stand in body or spirit.

September 15th – September 21st



Sunday, September 15th

9 am Coffee Hour, Fellowship Hall
10 am Worship, Sanctuary
11 am Radio Broadcast, KCMR 97.9 FM
1 pm Spirit-Filled Trails

Monday, September 16th

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

Tuesday, September 17th

10 am Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall
6:30 pm Council Meeting, Fireside Room

Wednesday, September 18th

Supper Volunteering at Community Kitchen
2 pm Midweek Music Moments, Facebook
4:30 pm Beyond Praise
5:15 pm Chancel Choir
6 pm Jubilee Ringers

Thursday, September 19th

10 am Exercise Class, Fellowship Hall

Friday, September 20th

No Church Events

Saturday, September 21st

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.”

Come and join us Monday evenings at 5:30p in October for a book study. We will be reading and discussing *The Loneliness Epidemic* by Susan Mettes.

There is a sign-up sheet in the back of the sanctuary to get a book ordered for you. The cost is \$14.12. If that is a financial hardship, just let the office know and we will make sure you still get a book.

Guided by current research from Barna Group, Mettes illustrates the profound physical, emotional, and social toll of loneliness in the United States. Surprisingly, her research shows that it is not the oldest Americans but the youngest adults who are loneliest and that social media can actually play a positive role in alleviating loneliness. Mettes highlights the role that belonging, friendship, closeness, and expectations play in preventing it. She also offers meaningful ways the church can minister to lonely people, going far beyond simplistic solutions--like helping them meet new people--to addressing their inner lives and the God who understands them.

Come to the North Court of Southbridge Mall, Friday October 18 at 5 pm, and enjoy a bedtime themed FUN fundraiser for all ages for BEDS FOR KIDS of Mason City First UMC.

Beds for Kids provides a free bed (frame, mattress and bedding) for all area children with agency referral. We will have three stations to visit - including a live storyteller - Liz Snell, bedtime snacks, and relaxing music by Betsy Kirby. There will be opportunities to win prizes by playing games AND by participating in our "Best Dressed PJs" pajama contest. Come see our beds set up, and learn about our special program which has provided over 200 area children with their own place to lay their heads down safely for sweet dreams.

Tickets can be purchased in advance or at the event for \$25 each, or \$40 for two adults and children. Please contact First United Methodist Church at 641-423-4905 or email lori@masoncityfirstumc.org for tickets. Tickets can be purchased at church office as well or at the door of event.

Questions:

Contact Lori Elbermawy at the above information. PS - We would love to have volunteers for this event as well!



Best Wishes

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

September 18

Aaron and Brooke Halfpap
David and Kimberly Jimenez
Vern and Sue Pedelty

The time of the Sunday radio broadcast is now at 11 am.

Thank you everyone for buying up every radio date this year!

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.

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.

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.



Sunday, September 22nd

9 am Coffee Hour, Fellowship Hall
10 am Worship, Sanctuary
11 am Radio Broadcast, KCMR 97.9 FM
1 pm Spirit-Filled Trails

Monday, September 23rd

9 am Turquoise Table

Tuesday, September 24th

9 am Private Event, Fellowship Hall
5 pm Girl Scouts

Wednesday, September 25th

Lunch Volunteering at Community Kitchen
2 pm Midweek Music Moments, Facebook
5:15 pm Chancel Choir
6 pm Jubilee Ringers
7 pm Private Event, Fireside Room

Thursday, September 26th

9 am Private Event, Fellowship Hall
10 am Pastors' Circuit
5:15 pm Supper Club, Surf Galley

Friday, September 27th

No Church Events

Saturday, September 28th

No Church Events



Radio Ministry Sponsors
11:30 a.m. Sunday – KCMR 97.9 FM

This Sunday's radio broadcast is sponsored by Jerry Currie for Sue Currie's birthday.

There are no more available dates this year.