



# AMES FIRST

## UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

*To make disciples of Jesus,  
who serve beyond the walls.*

**8:30 AM and 11:00 AM Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany February 2, 2025**

PRELUDE

Mendelssohn, F. (1809-1847) - Andante opus 65 no. 5 (I)

Ilene Riitano

GREETING

SHARING NEWS OF THE CHURCH ALIVE

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 71:1-12  
(11:00 Elliott Skaalin)

794, UMH

\*HYMN

“Lord of the Dance”

261, UMH

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed  
(11:00 Sam Call)

881, UMH

\*GLORIA PATRI

“Glory Be to the Father”

70, UMH

PRESENTATION OF SCOUT AWARDS

SHARING OF JOYS, CONCERNS, & GOD-SIGHTINGS

PASTORAL PRAYER w/ The Lord's Prayer

HYMN

“Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore” v. 1 & 3

344, UMH

FIRST SCRIPTURE

(8:30 Nolan Castleberry ; 11:00 Kate Reisinger)

Jeremiah 1:4-10

A TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN

(8:30 Nolan Castleberry)

(11:00 Erin Jacobsen, Nolan Castleberry, Kate Reisinger, Ella Bagley, Elliott Skaalin,  
Sam Call)

Anthem 8:30 a.m. Ilene Riitano  
"Have Thine Own Way, Lord" - James Southbridge (Tune: Adelaide),  
arr. George C. Steblins, 1907.

Anthem 11:00 a.m. Chancel Choir  
"Have Thine Own Way, Lord" - Terre Johnson

SECOND SCRIPTURE Luke 4:21-30

SERMON "In Your Hometown" Rev. Amanda Gordon

HYMN OF REFLECTION AND PREPARATION FOR COMMUNION  
"In Remembrance of Me" 2254, TFWS

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION A Service of Word and Table II  
p. 12-14  
(8:30 Leo Sullivan, Troy Rutter, Rebecca Reisinger)  
(11:00 Ella Bagley, Rebecca Reisinger, Katie Reisinger)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.**

INVITATION TO OFFER OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

\* OFFERTORY RESPONSE "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"  
95, UMH

\* DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

\* CLOSING HYMN "O Jesus, I Have Promised" v. 1, 2, & 4 396, UMH

POSTLUDE Ilene Riitano  
Mendelssohn, F. (1809-1847) - Andante con Molto opus 65 no. 5 (III)

LEAVING FOR SERVICE

\*Please stand in body or spirit

Funding for the two Scout awards FUMC that presents (The Good Samaritan Award and The Cross and the Flame Award) has been provided by the FUMC Foundation. This support is greatly appreciated-Thanks!

The Men and Women of Troop 160

Many Thanks to all of the Scouts and Scouters of Troop 160 who participated in the services this morning. Your help is greatly appreciated!

**Don't forget the Soup-er Bowl and Puppy Bowl!** Feb. 9 See the Weekly Words for details.



### *Worship through Giving*

1. Gifts may be dropped in the box located on the wall as you exit the Sanctuary
2. Scan the QR code to give online
3. Text "Firststimes Budget" to 73256 and follow the prompts



### **Mission Trip**



**JULY 12TH THROUGH JULY 19TH**

**APPALACHIA SERVICE PROJECT SEEKS TO REPAIR AND REPLACE HOMES FOR LOW-INCOME FAMILIES. THERE IS SPACE FOR EVERYONE REGARDLESS OF YOUR CONSTRUCTION EXPERIENCE.**

**WE ARE EXCITED TO ONCE AGAIN SERVE ON ASP!  
ANYONE OVER THE AGE OF 11 HAVING COMPLETED 6TH GRADE IS WELCOME TO JOIN US. CONTACT PASTOR NIKKI AT [NIKKI@AMESFIRSTUMC.ORG](mailto:NIKKI@AMESFIRSTUMC.ORG) WITH ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT THE TRIP.**

**LET PASTOR NIKKI KNOW IF YOU ARE INTERESTED.  
COME SERVE WITH US!**

## Weekly Calendar

### Sunday, February 2

#### Scout Sunday

8:30am Sunday Service/Sanc/  
9:30am Coffee and Conversation/FH  
9:45am Sunday School  
11:00am Sunday Service/Sanc  
6:30pm Youth Group/Kitchen

### Monday, February 3

6:00pm Worship Committee/CR

### Tuesday, February 4

9:30am Quilters/QR  
10:00am Staff Meeting/CR  
2:00pm Life Group/CR  
5:30pm SPRC/CR

### Wednesday, February 5

10:00am Wonderful Wednesday Women/  
CR  
6:15pm Bells Choir/BC  
7:30pm Chancel Choir/Sanc

### Thursday, February 6

5:30pm Church Council/MPR and Zoom

### Saturday, February 8

10:00am Prayer Shawls/Parlor  
5:30pm Saturday Night Service/Chapel

**+Weekly:** Scouts, Golden Kiwanis, Noon  
Kiwanis, AA

#### **+Abbreviations for Room Names:**

CR-Conference Rm / FH - Fellowship  
Hall / HSR - High School Rm / MPR -  
Multi Purpose Rm / Sanc -  
Sanctuary / QR - Quilt Rm / HL -  
History Library

## CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Amanda Gordon, Senior Pastor  
Rev. Nikki Ross Bishop, Associate Pastor  
Nicole Smith, Christian Education Director  
Ilene Riitano, Organist and Music Director  
Julie Minot, Office Manager  
Vivian Severson, Office Assistant  
Reid Cummer, Business Manager  
Kris Hinders, Digital Coordinator  
James Minot, Maintenance Custodian  
Matt Woodworth, Part-time Custodian

## CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Mon-Thurs 9:00 - 4:00 / Friday 9:00 - 1:00

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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## Audio/Video/Streaming Volunteers

Marty Sankey Mike Evans Pete Peterson

## Greeters

2/2 (8:30) Scouts

(11:00) Ella Bagley  
Erin Jacobsen

## Communion Servers

2/2 (8:30) Rebecca Reisinger, Leo  
Sullivan, Troy Rutter

(11:00) Rebecca Reisinger, Ella  
Bagley, Katie Reisinger

## Acolyte

11:00 Nolan Castleberry