



AMES FIRST

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

5:30 PM Saturday

18th Week after Pentecost

October 11, 2025

GATHERING MUSIC

Ilene Riitano

"We Gather Together" - Netherlands Folk Song, Edward Kreisler, arr. John Carter

"Jesus Name Above All Names" - Naida Hearn, arr. John F. Wilson

GREETING

SHARING NEWS OF THE CHURCH ALIVE

*PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*OPENING PRAYER (Prayed Responsively)

460, BOW

O God, our Guide and Guardian,

you have led us apart from the busy world into the quiet of your house.

Grant us grace to worship you in Spirit and in truth,

to the comfort of our souls and the upbuilding of every good purpose and holy desire.

Enable us to do more perfectly the work to which you have called us,

that we may not fear the coming of night,

when we shall resign into your hands

the tasks which you have committed to us.

So may we worship you not with our lips at this hour,

but in word and deed all the days of our lives; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

*HYMN

"It's Me, It's Me, O Lord"

352, UMH

SHARING OF JOYS, CONCERNS, & GOD-SIGHTINGS

PASTORAL PRAYER w/ The Lord's Prayer **Our Father, who art in heaven hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**

Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen

HYMN "Sweet, Sweet Spirit" 334, UMH

SCRIPTURE Luke 18:1-8

SERMON "Prayer" Rev. Amanda Gordon

HOW TO LIVE THE FULLEST POSSIBLE LOVE: Prayer

"O Lord, Hear My Prayer"	2200, TFWS
"For Courage to Do Justice"	456, UMH
"O Lord, Hear My Prayer"	2200, TFWS
"The Prayer of Saint Francis"	481, UMH
"O Lord, Hear My Prayer"	2200, TFWS

INVITATION TO OFFER OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

*CLOSING HYMN "Kum Ba Yah" v. 1, 2, 4, & 6 494, UMH

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

SENDING FORTH Ilene Riitano
"Near to the Heart of God" - Cleland B. McAfee, arr. John Innes

LEAVING FOR SERVICE

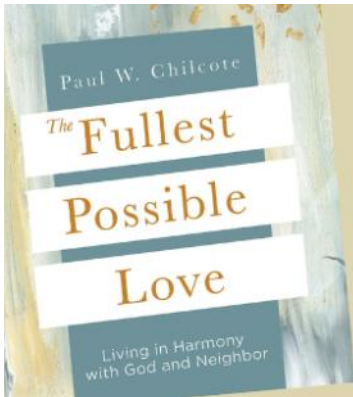
*Please stand in body or spirit



Worship through Giving

1. Gifts may be dropped in the basket at the back of the Chapel
2. Scan the QR code to give online
3. Text "Firstames Budget" to 73256 and follow the prompts

CROP Hunger Walk in Ames is TOMORROW Sunday, Oct. 12 at Moore Memorial Park. Registration Begins at 1:00pm. Come join Team Ames First UMC!



Fall Study & Sermon Series

September 6 to November 16

Are you yearning for a deep connection with God, others, and all creation? The practices of the Benedictine Wesleyan Way offer us a path to this deeper connection. Jesus does not call us to a shallow and superficial love; rather, the call of Christ is to the fullest possible love...through life together!

Purchase a copy of the book in the church office (\$15) or through an online retailer.

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United Women in Faith's Fall Fair is October 18 from 9-1:30! We'll have hand made and other treasures, and lots of delicious treats, including our special tea rings, pies, and noodles! There will also be coffee in the morning and lunch from 11:30-1. Please support our local, national, and global missions and join us in delicious food and fellowship!

From SPRC: Please honor our pastors in the month of October for **Pastor Appreciation Month!** Remember them with a card or act of kindness.

Our Annual Charge Conference is next Sunday, Oct 19 at 2:00pm. Ames First is hosting with other area UM Churches in the MPR.



DISCIPLE

FAST TRACK

Becoming Disciples Through Bible Study
12 Weeks in the Old Testament
12 Weeks in the New Testament
A GREAT overview of the Bible for those new to Bible Study or those looking to go deeper into the Scripture. Participation through daily reading and weekly classes is expected.

Led by Pastor Amanda
 Wednesdays 5:30 - 7:00pm
 Hybrid (In-Person OR Zoom)
Beginning October 22.

For more info or to sign up:
amanda@amesfirstumc.org
 OR sign up at the CFIM Table
 on the 1st Floor!

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, October 12

8:50am Coffee Talk Class/CR
9:00am Children and Youth Sunday
School/classrooms
9:15am Coffee and Conversation/FH
10:00am Sunday Service/Sanc
11:15am Faith & Reason/MPR
11:15am Up with Puppets/Puppet Room
11:15am Young Adults/CR
1:00pm Crop Walk Registration/Moore Park
2:00pm Service at Independence Village
6:00pm Friends in Faith/CR

Monday, October 13

5:30pm Trustees/CR and Zoom

Tuesday, October 14

9:30am Quilters/QR
2:00pm Life Group/CR
3:15pm Member Care
6:30pm Missions/CR

Wednesday, October 15

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

Friday, October 17

10:00am Setup for Fall Fair

Saturday, October 18

9:00am to 1:30pm Fall Fair
5:30pm Saturday Night Service/Chapel

+Weekly: Scouts, Golden 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

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