



AMES FIRST

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

10:00 AM Sunday

18th Sunday after Pentecost

October 12, 2025

PRELUDE

Bells Choir

"Fairest Jesus" - Silesian Folk Tune, arr. Frances L. Callahan

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.

*HYMNS

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

352, UMH

"Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

334, UMH

PRESENTATION OF BIBLES FOR CONFIRMATION STUDENTS

SHARING OF JOYS, CONCERNS, & GOD-SIGHTINGS

PASTORAL PRAYER w/ The Lord's Prayer

HYMN

"In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful"

2195, TFWS

Macintyre G Anderson

A TIME WITH OUR CHILDREN: PRESENTATION OF BIBLES FOR THIRD GRADERS

Congregational Response: May you receive the Word of God with your hands, your minds, and your hearts. May you learn its stories and study its words knowing that the stories belong to us all, and these words speak to us all. Remember that these words tell us who we are and that we belong to one another, for we are the people of God. Amen

"Jesus Loves Me"- William B. Bradbury, arr. Frances L.Callahan

Luke 18:1-8

Rev. Amanda Gordon

HOW TO LIVE THE FULLEST POSSIBLE LOVE: Prayer

2200, TFWS

456, UMH

2200, TFWS

481, UMH

2200, TFWs

INVITATION TO OFFER OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

95, UMH

***DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING**

494. UMH

"The God of Abraham Praise"- LEONI, Hebrew Melody, arr. Gordon Young

*Please stand in body or spirit



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 11:30-1:00. Please support our local, national, and global missions and join us in delicious food and fellowship!

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



New Bible Study Opportunity led by Pastor Amanda

Disciple Fast Track: Becoming Disciples Through Bible Study
12 Weeks in the Old Testament; 12 Weeks in the New Testament. Participation through daily reading and weekly classes (Zoom or in person) expected. Wednesdays from 5:30 to 7:00 pm beginning Oct. 22 For more info or to sign up: email amanda@amesfirstumc.org OR sign up at the CFIM Table on the 1st Floor.

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

CROP Hunger Walk in Ames is TODAY at Moore Memorial Park. Registration Begins at 1:00pm. Come join Team Ames First UMC!

Confirmation students, their parents, and mentors

Macintyre Anderson, Parents are Sadie & Justin Anderson, Mentor is Aaron Hard
Kaden Clausen, Parents are Laura & Justin Clausen, Mentor is Mikel Hansen
Mara Dixon, Parents are Karla & Tony Dixon, Mentor is Ruth DeBoer
Levi Dressler, Parents are Julie & Levi Dressler, Mentor is Jim Miller.
Easton Lukacik, Parents are Kathy & Chris Lukacik, Mentor is Pete Peterson
Wyatt Spiess, Parents are Eva & Tory Spiess, Mentor is Ellen Johnsen

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

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Audio/Video/Streaming Volunteers

Marty Sankey Mike Evans Pete Peterson

Greeters

10/12 Karen Kerper
Brenda Bright

10/19 Cheryl Weesner
Margaret Torrie

Today's Song Leader: Nicole Smith

If you are visiting with us today, thank you! We are glad you are here! Please stop by the Welcome Center (2nd floor by the elevator) as you leave to get a Welcome bag. There are cards to fill out if you would like more information or would like someone to contact you.