

# **Ames First United Methodist Church**



## **January 2026 Newsletter**

## *Words from Rev. Amanda Gordon*

One of my joys from 2025 is leading a Disciple Bible Study Group again. When offering the Disciple I Fast Track Study this fall, I set the number needed to have the class at 12. How amazing it has been to have a class of 30! Plus, Rev. David Weesner stepped up to help lead and partner with me; what a blessing! So far, the feedback has been very positive from our Disciple Group, so hopefully we'll start a trend of offering Disciple Bible Study on a regular basis at Ames First UMC once again.

Recently, our study manual included reflections on worship that I thought would be good to share as we start a new year and reflect on our priorities, goals, and/or resolutions for 2026. That particular week, our Scripture passages came from Exodus, Leviticus, and Deuteronomy, specifically the chapters that provide detail about forms of ancient Hebrew worship. I was intrigued by this simple reminder of the "why" of worship:

*In worship we not only discover God drawing near to us, but we find our lives inadequate. Close to God, we recognize that we are in need of prayer. Our need cries out. Our guilt pleads for forgiveness. The most striking characteristics of Hebrew worship are these:*

*Worship is corporate.*

*Worship is mandatory.*

*Worship is prescribed.*

*So many Christians take worship lightly, worshiping occasionally as they feel like it. Others consider faith a private matter, as if their religion were solely between themselves and God. Still others find form, tradition, and ritual a restriction on their free spirits. But the habits and patterns of biblical worship are community based. Individual feelings, preferences, and subjective influences are not allowed to destroy the sacred traditions. Corporate worship teaches children, youth, and adults*

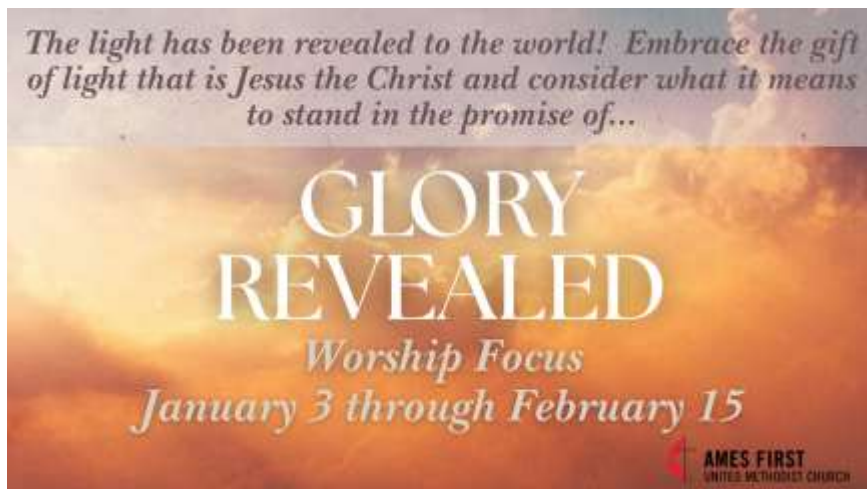
*to remember,  
to ask for forgiveness, and  
to give thanks.*

*Christian disciples commit themselves to corporate worship for the same reasons...Disciples of Jesus should be drawn to communal worship with excitement and joy. Describe your reaction to these words: "I rejoiced with those who said to me, 'Let's go to the Lord's house!'" (Psalm 122:1)*

I hope you will take some time to reflect on that Psalm. Personally, even before becoming a preacher, I would say, "Amen!" Over the course of my life, corporate worship has been a source of deep joy and a way to remember who I am and Whose I am. I look forward to worshipping with you in this new year...both in person and online!

Have a FANTASTIC January!

*Amanda*



## **Update on Leadership Board From Lay Leadership & Nominations**

Over the course of 2025, the Lay Leadership and Nominations Committee has given serious consideration to the committee structure and leadership needs of Ames First UMC. Around the denomination, many United Methodist Churches are implementing a Leadership Board model. In early January, you will receive via email the initial charter outlining how the Leadership Board will work. Paper copies will also be available in the office. There will be two opportunities for Q&A Sessions:

Saturday, January 17 after the Saturday service (apprx. 6:20pm) in the Conference Room

Sunday, January 18 during coffee time (9:15am) prior to the Sunday service in the Chapel

Additional information will be shared at the Annual State of the Church after worship on Sunday, January 25. There will be a church conference in May 2026 to vote on establishing a Leadership Board for Ames First UMC.



## **2026 LEADERSHIP OF AMES FIRST UMC**

*New members start on Jan. 1, 2026.*

*Terms end on Dec. 31 of the year in parenthesis.*

### **Church Council – Co-Chairs, Brenda Bright & Gary McConnell**

Co-Chairs	Brenda Bright & Gary McConnell
Council Secretary	Kris Hinders
Lay Leader	Sharon Boen
Lay Members to Annual Conference	Jackie Delay & Ron Folkwein
Staff Parish Relations Chair	Aileen Sullivan
Treasurer	Marty Sankey
Finance & Administration Co-Chairs	Marty Sankey & Aaron Hard
Trustees Chair	Terry Goodman
Memorial & Gifts Chair	Diana Schwendinger
Foundation Chair	Joel Sullivan
Church Historian Co-Chairs	Susan Fraser & Becky Jordan
Worship Chair	Carol Miller
Member Care Chair	Joanne Van Dyke
Mission-Outreach Chair	Charli Hanway
Welcome Team Chair	Vivian Severson
Youth Representative	Varies Monthly
United Women in Faith Co-Representatives	Donna Banker & Jackie DeLay
* Christian Education Director	Nicole Smith
* Director of Music Ministries	Ilene Riitano
* Pastors	Rev. Amanda Gordon & Rev. Nikki Ross Bishop
*Ex-Officio (Staff Members)	

## **COMMITTEES & TEAMS (LISTED ALPHABETICALLY)**

### **Children, Family, and Intergenerational Ministry Team – Chair, Suann Evans**

Team Members: Donna Banker, Georgia Bluhm, Andrea Christensen, Peggy McConnell, Erika Osmundson, Margaret Torrie

Ex-Officio – Christian Education Director (Nicole Smith)

### **Finance & Administration – Co-Chairs, Aaron Hard & Marty Sankey**

Co-Chairs – Aaron Hard & Marty Sankey

Church Treasurer – Marty Sankey

Chair of Stewardship – Kevin Hinders

Lay Leader – Sharon Boen

Lay Member to Annual Conference – Ron Folkwein

Chair of Church Council – Gary McConnell

SPRC Representative – Determined by SPRC

Trustees Representative – Determined by Trustees

At Large – Mike Reese; Jerry Hall; Lori Vander Werff

Ex-Officio – Financial Secretary/Business Manager (Reid Cummer), Pastor (Amanda Gordon)

### **Foundation – Chair, Joel Sullivan**

2026 – Lee Huey, Brett Johnson, Joel Sullivan,

2027 – Keith Bailey, Donna Banker, Joyce Neill

2028 – Phyllis Peters, Joanie Tedesco, Joe Whyms

Ex-Officio – Senior Pastor (Amanda Gordon)

Associate Pastor (Nikki Ross Bishop)

### **History and Records – Co-Chairs, Susan Fraser & Becky Jordan**

Donna Banker, Nancy Eischen, Susan Fraser, Jennifer Groat, Becky Jordan, Nicole Smith, Linda Woodworth, Carolyn Yorgensen

**Lay Leadership & Nominations – Chair, Pastor  
(Amanda Gordon)**

Lay Leader – Sharon Boen

2026 – Jane Edwards, Mike Evans

2027 – Susan Fraser, Kevin Hinders

2028 – Steve Hanlin, Nancy Tamashunas

Liaisons – Church Council Co-Chairs (Gary McConnell/  
Brenda Bright), Christian Education Director (Nicole Smith)

**Member Care – Chair, Joanne Van Dyke**

Joyce Crotty, Diane Darling, Nancy Eishchen,  
Becky Jordan, Larry Kallem, Steve Moore, Jo Schoning,  
Dean Swyter, Nancy Tamashunas, Joanne Van Dyke,  
Cheryl Weesner, Carolyn Yorgensen  
Ex-Officio - Pastor (Nikki Ross Bishop)

**Memorials & Gifts – Chair, Diana Schwendinger**

Denny Anderson, Karen Fowser, Jane Jorgensen, Roger  
Maharry, Judi Meyer, Julie Sankey, Cindy Sienknecht,  
Diana Schwendinger, Jan Tryon  
Ex-Officio – Pastor (Amanda Gordon)  
Business Manager (Reid Cummer)

**Missions & Outreach – Chair, Charli Hanway**

Mavis Butler, William Edwards, Jackie DeLay,  
Charli Hanway, Carol Miller, Diana Schwendinger,  
Ben Smith, Larry Vallery  
Ex-Officio – Pastor (Nikki Ross Bishop)

**Staff-Parish Relations – Chair, Aileen Sullivan & Vice  
Chair, Kathy Van Pelt**

Justin Clausen, Greg Fuerst, Karen Kerper, Greg Lofstedt,  
Aileen Sullivan, Kathy Van Pelt  
Lay Member to Annual Conference – Jackie Delay  
Lay Leader – Sharon Boen  
Ex-Officio – Pastor (Amanda Gordon)

### **Trustees – Chair, Terry Goodman**

Terry Goodman, Dave Jurgens, Jean McBreen,  
Alice Moore, Chris Nelson

Ex-Officio – Pastor (Amanda Gordon)

Maintenance Custodian (James Minot)

### **Welcome Team – Chair, Vivian Severson**

Mary Hard, Margaret Moodispaw, Vivian Severson,  
Jim Voss, Diane Voss

Ex-Officio – Pastor (Amanda Gordon)

### **Worship – Chair, Carol Miller**

Paige Brincks, Jo Durlam, Ron Folkwein, Lindsay Gelder,  
Rhonda Lofstedt, David Senchina

Altar Guild & Worship Arts – Suann Evans (Chair), Carol  
Miller, Judy Roe

Head Communion Steward – Carolyn Yorgensen

Sound Technician Representative –Mike Evans, Pete Peterson

Video Ministry Coordinator – Marty Sankey

Ex-Officio – Pastor (Amanda Gordon)

Director of Music Ministries (Ilene Riitano)

### **The Warming Place**

Various nonprofits in the city, along with staff from Story County Government, Mary Greeley, Ames Police Department, and the City of Ames have collaborated in recent months to provide a warming place for those without adequate heating. This group reached out to our church to see if we could provide the space. Our Council discussed in December, and approved moving forward. Our pastors are working with this team to finalize plans, but the opening is expected anytime after January 1 once certain extreme-temperature thresholds are met. This is truly a community effort, and while Ames First UMC provides the space on the first floor of the Education Wing, additional components are being handled by other agencies. A website has been created by Romero House, which will handle volunteers and in-kind donations: [https://  
ameswarming.place/](https://ameswarming.place/)

## (The Warming Place cont.)

This is a needed ministry in Ames and meets two of our church goals for next year set by the Church Council: Continuing to develop relationships with Downtown Ames and Growing our partnership with Romero House. So community leaders have already expressed heartfelt appreciation for our church being willing to step up and help provide a warm space that will potentially save lives on the coldest of nights. The Warming Place will not be open nightly; only when certain extreme-temperature thresholds are met.

### TROOPS 160 NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2026

Congratulations to **Evan Nelson** and **Adam Jacobsen** who have both successfully become Eagle Scouts in December 2025. Adam Jacobsen is the son of *Stephanie Jacobsen of Ames*. Evan Nelson is the son of *Chris and Anne Nelson of FUMC*. Both Adam and Evan will be 2026 Ames High graduates. Adam Jacobsen's project was re-building a dock at Moore Memorial Park in Ames. Evan Nelson's project was doing landscaping at a Mainstream Living location in Ames. Great job! Both gentlemen wanted to earn their Eagles under the auspices of Troop 160, which is Very Exciting! As mentioned in last month's newsletter, this will be the last Troop newsletter that I will write as the Troops are disbanding in January. We have been at FUMC since 2013-We **Thank You** for **ALL** of your **SUPPORT** during that time! This is **NOT** the end-just a new beginning!-as several members are graduating in May & others have found New troops. For me, this IS the end, as I will be retiring from Scouting Service in January 2026. I have many wonderful memories (even rainy campouts & especially, Eagle Scout ceremonies!) with 27 years' service in 2 Troops!

In Scouting Service,  
Jim Miller Troops 140 & 160



We will “un-hang the greens” January 10th at 9:00 AM. Many hands made the job fun and faster. Yes, there will be coffee and treats!



 **AMES FIRST**  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

 **GAME  
NIGHT &  
CHILI  
COOK-OFF**

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 30  
6:00 PM TO 8:00 PM**

Calling all chili enthusiasts and culinary wizards! Sign up at the office or email [vivian@amesfirstumc.org](mailto:vivian@amesfirstumc.org) if you can bring a pot of chili! Welcome Team will provide fixins, desserts, & drinks.

**FREE EVENT AND PRIZES FOR BINGO!**  
**HOWEVER, YOU CAN VOTE ON THE BEST CHILI WITH YOUR DOLLARS! ALL PROCEEDS GO TO ROMERO HOUSE.**

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# *January Mission Moment*

## **Missions and Outreach**

Recent Disbursements:

\$500 - UMCOR Where Most Needed Advance #999895

\$280 – Purchased 35 poinsettias from Ames Romero House for the Member Care Committee to share on visits with our church members

Thank you to Lana and Gary Hood for delivering 16 bags of clothing donated to our UWFaith Bidwell Closet in November to the Families Forward Bidwell Pantry in Des Moines. Thanks to those who donated items.

The Ames Romero House has created a volunteer signup on their website if you are interested in volunteering at their house.

Ben Smith reported that the casseroles that Missions and the Youth Group prepared on Nov. 9 using the United Women in Faith Be Bold grant were delivered on Nov. 13. Romero House was very thankful for the casseroles as they had nothing in their freezers to serve that day.

Delivered 41 personal hygiene items on 12/16/25 to Ames Romero House. Thank you for donating these travel size shampoo and conditioner bottles, etc.

YSS stopped by the office and picked up the 34 gifts you purchased for the YSS Giving Tree. Thank you!

Thank you for all your MICA donations this year. Let's see how close we can get to 4,000 lbs. by the end of 2025!

Food at First: FUMC volunteers will be serving at the evening meal on Christmas Day, Dec. 25.

Current Needs at Food at First: Coffee Creamer-Dry; Breakfast Cereal (preferably unsweetened); Fruit Juice: Apple, Orange, Grape, Cranberry, Grapefruit, Tomato, etc.

We received an update from Missionary Douglas Williams in Salta, Argentina which will be posted on the Missions bulletin board in Fellowship Hall.

Special Sunday Offering in January: Human Relations Day  
Observed on the Sunday before Martin Luther King, Jr. Day in January. Helps to overcome injustice and empowers those struggling to survive. 9% to General Board of Global Ministries for the Community Developers Program and the United Methodist Voluntary Services Program. 10% to General Board of Church and Society for Youth Offender Rehabilitation Program.

# **The return of the ANNUAL AUCTION FUN(D) NIGHT!!!**

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## **What's Happening?**

Enjoy a pasta dinner by the Appalachia Service Project (mission project) participants. It will be held on February 14th, from 5:30–6:30 p.m. Free-will offering. The live auction will follow from 6:30–8:30 pm with great fellowship and a fantastic variety of auction items. We are so excited to restart this wonderful tradition and so thankful to the United Methodist Men that have started and ran this night for many years!

## **Who do the auction items come from? YOU!**

What can you donate and buy? Items in good condition such as: furniture, antiques, jewelry, tools, local art work, dinners, baked goods, frozen foods, trips, services, ISU activity tickets or other recreational activities.

**Not into auctions?** An envelope may be left at the church office with a cash donation.

## **Why are we restarting an annual Auction Fun(d) Night?**

To help sponsor the Appalachia Service Project program and mission trip. To have FUN and enjoy great FELLOWSHIP!

**What else do I need to know?** Please complete, detach and return the form to the church office or place it in the collection plate. The order of auction items will be determined by the order in which they are received. An up to date listing will be inserted in the bulletins each week prior to the auction.

Wednesday, February 11th, is the deadline for submitting items/services for the auction. Please avoid submitting garage sale items. Items may be dropped off at the church on either Thursday (12th) or Friday, (13th).

If help is needed to deliver your donated items to the church, contact Pastor Nikki at [Nikki@amesfirstumc.org](mailto:Nikki@amesfirstumc.org) or 515-232-2750.

If you are unable to attend but would like to place a bid on an item, we can bid for you. Provide your name, item(s) and a maximum bid. Place this information in an envelope marked Fun(d) Night Auction, and send/bring it to the office.

Items/Service to be donated (PRINT):

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Name/Address/Phone

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Estimated Value \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday Night Worship on February 14 will start at 4:30 so everyone can attend the dinner and auction!



## **Make Martin Luther King, Jr. Day a Day On, not a Day Off**

On Monday, January 19, you're invited to a morning of service activities at the church. We'll be

Making casseroles for the Romero House

Weaving sleeping mats

Knitting prayer shawls

Tying fleece blankets

Learning about Martin Luther King, Jr and his work

Stop by anytime between 10:00 and noon to be part of the projects. This event is co-sponsored by United Women in Faith and the mission committee. Invite a friend! Children and youth must attend with an adult.

### **Additional Opportunities to observe Martin Luther King Day (MLK)**

Sunday, January 18: Interfaith MLK Service organized by AARLA (Ames Area Religious Leaders Association) on Sunday, January 18 at 2:00 pm at Unity Church of Ames, located at 226 9<sup>th</sup> St (intersection with Kellogg). The theme is "We Are Somebody!" and will pull from Dr. King's speech, "What is Your Life's Blueprint?" Rev. Amanda will offer one of the reflections.

Monday, January 19: Day of Service—use the information Ellen sent about casserole making, etc.

Monday, January 19: 2026 Ames/Story County

Community Celebration at 6:30 p.m. At Ames City Auditorium, 520 Sixth St. (north side of City Hall). Birthday cookies will be served in the City Hall Gymnasium at 6 p.m.

(Please note that the church office will be closed on January 19, but the church will be open for the service opportunity.)

## United Women in Faith

Our UWFaith Unit Meeting on December 4 celebrated the lives of members we lost in the past year (prior to November 15): Barbara Norris, Diane Pelz, Mary Lois Nelson, Alene Seim, Wilma Lesan, and Jan Samuelson. We also recognized our Reading Program Award recipients: Joan Peterson, Cathy Webb, Carolyn Yorgensen, Jane Edwards, Margaret Torrie, Linda Peters, Carol Miller, Kelly Dehner, and Sharon Boen. Pastor Amanda led our Installation of Officers Ceremony, and we're pleased to welcome two new members to the Leadership Team! Cheryl Weesner will be Vice President and Karen Kerper will be our Membership Nurture and Outreach Coordinator. Ilene Riitano provided beautiful music for our program, including a Christmas prelude and postlude!





## Children's Sunday School

Children's Sunday School meets at 9:00am beginning in the Sanctuary. This month the children will be exploring the stories of the growing and changing of God's community through the stories of the temple—being built and destroyed and Jesus teaching there. We will have some fun building some things of our own like marble runs and other cool stuff!

## Family Fun Activities

Keep an eye on emails and bulletins for information about any upcoming family fun events! It would be great to do a sledding event if the weather cooperates.



## Middle & High School Sunday School - "Goals"

Both middle and high school Sunday school classes meet at 9:00am beginning in the high school youth room.

## **GOALS: A 4-WEEK SERIES FROM NEHEMIAH ON WISDOM**

### **SERIES OVERVIEW:**

We all have goals! Whether your goal is to raise your grades, learn a new skill, get TikTok famous, change the world, or all of the above, there are things you want to do, accomplish, and become. But let's be honest — it's not always easy to achieve our goals. Sometimes it's difficult to even know which goals to set in the first place! That's why, in this 4-week series, we'll explore the story of a guy with a seemingly impossible goal and the steps he took to make his goal a reality. His name is Nehemiah, and because of his example we can learn a lot about goal-setting, decision-making, leadership, and trusting God. Through Nehemiah's story, we'll see that big difficulties can inspire God-sized goals, you are designed for God-sized goals, God gives us strength to pursue God-sized goals, and God-sized goals require God-sized gratitude.

### **Youth Led Youth Group**

Our youth will meet on the Wednesdays of January 7 and 21 this month for their youth led youth group. Activities are TBD but stay tuned for all the important info! The group meets from 7pm-8pm in the high school youth room.

### **Faith Filled First Friday**

For January, this high school student group will meet on Friday, January 9th from 7-7:30am and 7:30-8am. Yes, it is the second Friday of the month but students will be on holiday break still during the first Friday. Be sure to help let others know of this date change for January. See you at the North Grand Starbucks for a free drink and devotional.

### **Confirmation Update**

Our confirmation students will have their second of three retreats at Wesley Woods the weekend of January 16-17. The class is halfway done already!! Everyone is enjoying getting to attend faith visits and learning more about Christianity in our classes. 17



## ADULT MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

### **SUNDAYS**

#### **Faith and Reason 11:15am, Sundays**

This group has a strong focus on faith and social action. They use a variety of articles from various organizations and books from noted writers and thinkers from around the world, as they discuss the relationship between religious fundamentalism and democracy, equality, and human rights. Join them for an invigorating discussion!

**Multipurpose Room**

#### **Coffee Talk 8:50am – 9:35am, Sundays**

This class is designed to help persons grow in their personal relationship with God. Through discussion and occasional videos, we delve deeper into the topics presented through the current sermon series. Coffee and donuts are welcome at the table! This class ends at 9:35am so there is still time for fellowship after class and before worship. **Conference Room**

#### **Friends in Faith 6:00pm Second and fourth Sundays**

We use the Serendipity Bible as a starting point, but you can use any Bible you have. We open with Joys and Concerns. There will be an opening question. Then we will read a passage and consider questions from the Serendipity Bible and have discussion. We close with a prayer as close to 7:00 as possible. If you happen to have something YOU would like to talk about some Sunday, feel free to bring it up for discussion. **Conference Room or Zoom**

## **WEDNESDAYS**

### **Men's Weekly Study 6:00am Wednesdays**

We read the Bible passage for the upcoming Sunday service and discuss how these scriptures relate to us and our lives. All are welcome. **Panera**

### **Wonderful Wednesday Women 10:00am Wednesdays**

This group is not only a bible study but a way to look at the meaningful design of the worship service and find varying ways we can each connect to it. We are also a great support system for one another as we go through different times and events in our lives and share our own life experiences and faith journeys. Contact Nicole Smith, [nicole@amesfirstumc.org](mailto:nicole@amesfirstumc.org) for more information.

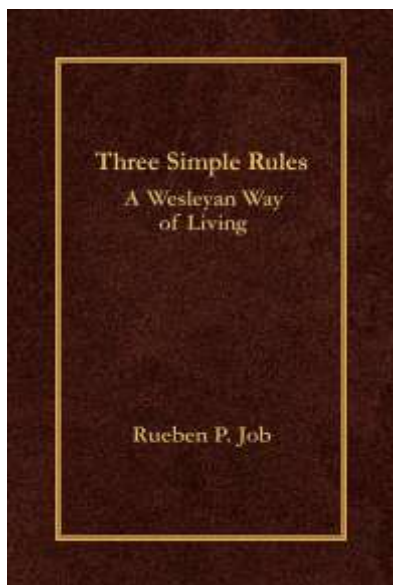
### **Conference Room and Zoom**



## **Appalachia Service Project**

Do you want to join our mission trip for summer 2026? We will again be going on the Appalachia Service Project, making homes warmer, safer, and dryer for the people of Appalachia. It is construction type work, but no experience is necessary—we will teach you and we always need people to hold ladders and hand out water. We are hoping to have at least 15 people attend and we already have 10 committed! We will be going the second or third week of July. If you are interested in attending, please let Pastor Nikki know. (Nikki@AmesFirstUMC.org or 515-232-2750)





**Join Rev. Melissa Drake,  
Director of Leadership  
Development and Spiritual  
Formation for a Laity  
Study on the Three Simple  
Rules!**

Join Melissa Drake and the Laity of the Iowa Annual Conference as we reclaim the joy and passion of being disciples of Jesus Christ as United Methodists in the world today! Meet other laity in the conference and grow in your own faith journey.

We are diving into the book *Three Simple Rules* by Bishop Ruben Job. We will intentionally practice this transformational way of living in the Methodist Movement that grounds us in our faith and roots us in our relationships with self, others, and God.

**When: January 5th- February 9th, Monday Evenings  
6:30-7:30pm**

**Where: Zoom from the comfort of your own home!**

RSVP: Please RSVP here: <https://iaumc-reg.brtapp.com/6WeekPracticeoftheThreeSimpleRules>

**Note for those seeking Lay Servant Certification (optional):** This study will count as an Advanced Class for Lay Servant Ministry Certification.

## **Greeters**

### **January 4**

8:45 - 9:15 Door	Becky Jordan
9:30-10:00 Door	Diana Schwendinger
9:30-10:00 Sanctuary	Steve Hanlin

### **January 11**

8:45 - 9:15 Door	*
9:30-10:00 Door	Cathy Webb
9:30-10:00 Sanctuary	Karen Fowser

### **January 18**

8:45 - 9:15 Door	Becky Jordan
9:30-10:00 Door	Kevin Hinders
9:30-10:00 Sanctuary	Kris Hinders

### **January 25**

8:45 - 9:15 Door	*
9:30-10:00 Door	Ellen Johnson
9:30-10:00 Sanctuary	Steve Hanlin

If you are interested in being a greeter, please email Paige Brincks at [nickpaigebrincks@gmail.com](mailto:nickpaigebrincks@gmail.com). Paige is our Worship Team Volunteer who coordinates greeters.

## **We are glad you are here!**

### **Church Attendance**

	5:30	10:00	Online	Total
11/1&2	26	146	77	249
11/8&9	18	111	79	208
11/15&16	32	126	62	220
11/22&23	24	142	416	212
11/29&30	15	15	188	203

**Great thanks to all who donated towards the  
Utilities in November! You make our days bright.**

11/01/25 through 11/30/25:

Keith & Jean Bailey, Marlene Bell, William & Jane  
Edwards, Steve & Mary Beth Hanlin, Ginny LaVelle,  
Steven & Jean McBreen, Gary & Peggy McConnell,  
Jim & Carol Miller, Loren Mortvedt, Mike Reese,  
Larry Vallery, Joanne Van Dyke



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Kris Hinders, Digital Coordinator

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**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**

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

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