



AMES FIRST

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

5:30 PM Saturday Youth-Led Worship /Graduate Recognition April 11, 2026

PRELUDE	"I Thank God"	Maverick City Music
WELCOME		Savanna Smith
ANNOUNCEMENTS		Savanna Smith
*GREETING ONE ANOTHER		Savanna Smith
*CALL TO WORSHIP	Payton Sperflage (leader), Aaron Ross Bishop (author)	
This is the day that the Lord has made		
Let us rejoice and be glad in it		
For God has plans for us		
Plans to give us hope and a future		
Trust in the Lord with all your heart		
And he will lead the way		
We can do all things through Christ who gives us strength		
Come, let us worship in gratitude and thanksgiving.		
*OPENING HYMN	"The Summons"	2130, TFWS
JOYS, CONCERNS, GOD SIGHTINGS		Payton Sperflage
PRAYER		Aaron Ross Bishop
LORD'S PRAYER		
HYMN	"Hymn of Promise"	707, UMH
SCRIPTURE	Luke 15:11-32 (NIV)	Macintyre Anderson
MESSAGE	"God is With Us—All the Places We'll Go!"	Savanna Smith
REFLECTION SONG AND PREPARATION FOR COMMUNION		
	"I Come With Joy"	617, UMH
SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION		Rev. Nikki Ross Bishop

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION "Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)"
Hillsong UNITED

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING Savanna Smith
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 Savanna Smith

*CLOSING BLESSING AND DISMISSAL Rev. Nikki Ross Bishop

*CLOSING HYMN "Pass It On" 572,UMH

POSTLUDE "The Prodigal" Josiah Queen

*Please stand in body or spirit

Communion Servers: Payton Sperfslage, Macintyre Anderson



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 "Firststimes Budget" to 73256 and follow the prompts



Miracle Sunday Worship Series
April 11 to May 17, 2026
Pentecost Weekend—May 23/24, 2026

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Quarterly Update

**April 12
After
Worship**

Topics include:

1. Progress on 2026 Goals
2. Financial Update
3. Proposed Leadership Board Structure (Vote is May 3)

FOOD FROM OUR HERITAGE POTLUCK



April 19, 2026
11:15 am - 1:00 pm
(right after Worship)

Fellowship Hall

A free-will offering will be collected.
All proceeds will be donated toward
the mission work of the
United Women in Faith.

If you'd like to provide a dish from your family heritage or any special dish, please contact Donna Banker at 515-419-4966.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, April 12

8:50am Coffee Talk/CR
9:00am Children and Youth/classrooms
9:15am Coffee and Conversation/FH
10:00am Sunday Service/Sanc
11:15am Quarterly Update
11:15am Up With Puppets/Puppet Room

Monday, April 13

5:30pm Trustees/CR and Zoom

Tuesday, April 14

9:30am Quilters/QR
2:00pm Life Group/CR
6:00pm Missions/CR

Wednesday, April 15

10:00am Wonderful Wednesday Women/CR
5:30pm Disciple Fast Track/MPR and Zoom
6:15pm Bells Choir/Bell Choir Room
7:30pm Chancel Choir/Sanc

Saturday, April 18

5:30pm Saturday Night Service/Chapel

+Weekly: 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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Audio/Video/Streaming Volunteers

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If you are visiting with us today, thank you! We are glad you are here! Please pick up a Welcome bag before you leave. There are cards to fill out if you would like more information or would like someone to contact you.

