



AMES FIRST
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

10:00 AM Sunday Youth-Led Worship /Graduate Recognition April 12, 2026

PRELUDE	"I Thank God"	Maverick City Music
WELCOME		Julia Fuerst
ANNOUNCEMENTS		Savanna Smith
*GREETING ONE ANOTHER		
*CALL TO WORSHIP	Payton Sperfslage (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
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH	The Apostles' Creed	Lilly Fuerst 881,UMH
*GLORIA PATRI	"Glory Be to the Father"	70,UMH
JOYS, CONCERNS, GOD SIGHTINGS		Quinn Parkes
INTRODUCTION OF GRADUATES		
SCHOLARSHIPS		
PRAYER		Aaron Ross Bishop
LORD'S PRAYER		
HYMN	"Hymn of Promise"	707, UMH
FIRST SCRIPTURE	Isaiah 41:8-10 (NIV)	Caitlyn Christensen
CHILDREN'S TIME	Up With Puppets "Joy in my Heart"	The Bill Gaither Trio

ANTHEM "How Firm a Foundation" Cade Osmundson and Lucas Dressler

SECOND SCRIPTURE Luke 15:11-32 (NIV) Leo Sullivan

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

*DOXOLOGY "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" 95, UMH

*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

Sunday Greeters: Eliana Sydnes, Carter Sydnes, Jamie Tamashunas,
Sharon Tamashunas

Acolytes: Stella Parkes, Emery Osmundson, Aubrey Christensen

Song Leader: Cade Osmundson

Altar Design: Alaina Johnson, Lilly Fuerst

T-shirt Design: Elle Rettig, Payton Sperfslage, Alaina Johnson

Up With Puppets: Aaron Ross Bishop, Eliana Sydnes, Jamie Tamashunas,
Lucas Dressler, Carter Sydnes, Emmett Van Haecke, Miranda Ross, Leo
Sullivan with leaders Suann Evans, Kim Van Haecke, Kathy Van Pelt

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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.



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 "Firstames Budget" to 73256 and follow the prompts

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

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Audio/Video/Streaming Volunteers

Marty Sankey Mike Evans Pete Peterson

Greeters:

4/12 Youth

4/19 Karen Kerper, Cathy Webb,
Diana Schwendinger

Song Leader: Cade Osmundson

Pianist : Anita Odekirk

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.