

**Ames First United
Methodist Church**



June 2026 Newsletter

Words from Rev. Nikki Ross Bishop

Time for my final update on my continuing education journey, the 2-year Academy for Spiritual Formation... But first, a reminder about the program. I was a part of the first ever hybrid 2-year academy. This means that throughout the 2 years I had 3 in person sessions and 3 zoom sessions, along with a monthly check-in and covenant group gathering by zoom. Each of the in-person sessions lasted 5 days and took place at a beautiful Catholic university near Chicago. During the 5 days we followed a rhythm of prayer, lectures, community meals, times of silence, meeting with a covenant group, and times of sharing. We worshiped together 3 times daily, with the highlight being fresh, still warm, communion bread. Each evening, we had the great silence that ended during worship the next morning. Each session had lectures from leading theologians and professors. We also had free time to walk around the grounds and reflect. The theme for this academy was Spirituality in Practice: Embodied Imagination for Life and Liberation. Their website gives a great description of what we have been striving for in these two years: "At The Academy for Spiritual Formation, we believe that a life rooted in spiritual practices is a life of transformation and liberation. Our program is tailored to help you: Deepen Your Faith: Explore spirituality and Scripture, discernment, and creativity to deepen your faith journey. Empower Your Life: Cultivate spiritual practices that empower you to live a more integrated life of peace and justice. Build Authentic Community: Connect with like-minded individuals who share your longing for an authentic, life-giving community. Ignite Change: Become an agent of change, driving a more just and loving world through your actions and faith."

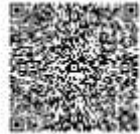
So, what did I learn at my final in person session? Well more than learning anything new, I was reminded again that I am a beloved child of God! I was blessed to be surrounded by an amazing community that has loved one another throughout this 2-year journey. We have supported, prayed for, and uplifted one another. It was such a blessing to be surrounded by their love and receive all the hugs! I also learned to slow down, to spend more time with God, to fall into a rhythm that is punctuated with worship and prayer.

But that was just unintended learning. We also had two lectures each day from amazing faculty. One of our presenters was Ray Buckley, Center for First Nations Spirituality Director. From Ray we learned some of the wisdom of his people and other native nations. We heard stories of his life and faith.

We learned about Creator God and our place in creation. We also learned how to care for self and creation with the help of Chai, our tree. Ray told us about the steps to care for her roots and how her branches must be trimmed so that sunlight can get to her core or she will die. Sometimes we also need some pruning to let the Son get to our core. We've also learned how we are all connected, like the dream catcher; how if we cut even one small knot out, the whole thing unravels and how God is encircling us all.

Our other presenter was Julian Davis Reid, an artist-theologian from Chicago. From Julian we learned that God created us as a gift and we have been invited and called to also create. We explored/discerned ways our creativity has been blocked and how we might remove these to once again create in the uniqueness that our Creator has called us. We learned about sabbath rest and how that fuels our creativity. And we learned about a whole lot of 'cool cats' and the music they have created and the histories/stories behind their music and how it relates to theology. An amazing gift Julian blessed us with was playing his original music while we pondered some deep questions. Through time with Julian, I found that I have a long-hushed creative spirit that I hope to bring out more in worship and spiritual formation events.

This has been such a blessing of shared community, learning, and a chance to slow down and spend time with God. Because I have been so blessed by this experience, I want to invite YOU to participate in the Academy for Spiritual Formation as well! I would love to have you join me at Wesley Woods Camp, October 18-23, for Iowa's 5-day Academy: Deepening Spiritual Community — for Such a Time as This. Check out the QR code for more information or come talk with me! I'd love to share more stories about the academy and tell you all about the upcoming 5-day!



On the journey with you,
Pastor Nikki



2026 Iowa Annual Conference

This year's conference theme: Connected in Vision

When: Thursday, June 11 - Sunday, June 14, 2026

Where: MidAmerican Energy Company RecPlex in West Des Moines

Lay Delegates for Ames First UMC: Jackie DeLay and Ron Folkwein

Others from Ames First UMC who will be participating are Pastor Amanda, Pastor Nikki, Nicole Smith (Board of Discipleship), Sharon Boen (UWF), Jane Edwards (UWF), Macintyre Anderson (Diakonos), and Mara Dixon (Diakonos). If anyone else from First UMC is participating, please let the office know. Please hold this time of Annual Conference in your prayers and reach out to a delegate if you would like to know more.

Want to experience a little bit of Annual Conference?

Come on Friday, June 12th from 3:30 – 5:30 PM for the Celebration of Ministries: IAC Kingdom Cup 2026

What to Expect:

- Engaging storytelling and creative presentations from our teams, boards, and conference committees
 - Inspiring ministries from across the conference
 - A joyful, high-energy celebration with a few surprises!
- Everyone is invited! You do not need to be a delegate!



Worship at Ames First UMC on Annual Conference Weekend will be:

Saturday, June 13—Hymn Sing in the Chapel, 5:30pm

Sunday, June 14—Up with Puppets in the Sanctuary, 10:00am

Results from May 3 Church Conference

Thank you to each of you who stayed for the Church Conference on May 3 and voted on the resolution to move to a Leadership Board model for church governance. The resolution passed with 56 votes in favor and 4 against. This summer and fall, as the Lay Leadership and Nominations Committee does their work, they will nominate our first Leadership Board for approval at Charge Conference (to be scheduled by the Central District, typically in October). The Leadership Board will go into effect in January 2027.



THANK YOU for giving to the **MIRACLE SUNDAY OFFERING!**
\$2,224 was collected by May 17, and gifts continue to come, so the total will be higher!

Love Boldly
by helping people answer the call to ministry.

Serve Joyfully
by contributing to the worldwide connection.

Lead Courageously
by lifting up a new generation of pastors.

A big THANK YOU to everyone that helped make our 31 Days of Giving utilities promotion a big success. We had 40 individuals/couples sign up for a day in May. We totaled \$5,400 in donations that will help support the utilities expenses of the church. As always, the members of Ames First UMC support their church!

Thank You,
Ames First Finance Committee

Thank you to all who donated blankets to Church World Service for Mother's Day!

Donated by	In Honor Of	In Memory Of
Glenys Anderson		Louise Stark, Barb Wulf
Joan Andersen		Helga Andersen, Muriel Wagner
Anonymous		
Marlene Bell		Her Mother
Carol Deppe		Gladys Froning, Nan Deppe
Karla, Mara, and Tony Dixon	Marcia Godfrey	Velma Dixon
Mara Dixon	Karla Godfrey-Dixon	
William and Jane Edwards		Zella Edwards, Jeanette Bowen
The Gehlsen Family		Leona Smith, Mildred Gehlsen
Steve Hanlin	Mary Beth Hanlin	Mary Hanlin
Marian Jansen	Phyllis Messa	
Karen Kerper		Sherry Allen, Iola Kerper
Carol and Jim Miller		Maralyn Bartholomew, Marion Miller, Daphne Bartholomew
Ralph and Joyce Neill	Joyce Neill	Birdie & Harold Neill, Pauline & Erdis Kollar

Mother's Day blankets (cont.)

LaVone Newell		Glendoris Conrad
Judy Roe		Mavis Moenck, Leila Roe
Mike Reese		Judy Reese, Dorothy Reese
Ron and Marcia Skrdla		Neva Meyer, Betty Skrdla
Vivian Severson		Arline Severson
Zella Studer	Joyce Binns, Penny Jensen, Peg Pearce	Diane Russell, Ruby Jensen, Merna Studer
Pam Smith		LaVone Sievers
Janet Tryon		Lucille Petersen
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Joanne VanDyke		Leona Paulsen, Gertrude VanDyke
Karen and Joe Whyms		Kathy Zwelling, Penelope Kane
Cathy and Lee Webb	Lin Simpson, Lisa Webb, Jamie Webb	
Bruce and Connie Wight	Sara and Erin Wight	Vera Hendrix, Lone Wight

Fantastic News from our Trustees

An anonymous donor reached out to the Trustees to inquire about major projects on our "wish list." They wanted to know if there were projects that we would likely be unable to do without a significant gift. The Trustees put together a wish list, and the donor designated funding for three major projects that we hope to have done this year. The first is a new organ, as our existing console has limitations on the music selections that can be played; it is also in need of several repairs. Although Ilene plays it beautifully, she can share with you the reasons for a new organ, which will benefit our worship services for years to come. The second project is new and updated flooring in the Fellowship Hall and kitchen; it will give the space a fresh new look. Additionally, there has been water damage to the flooring in the kitchen that has been in need of repair. The third project includes updated lighting in sections of the sanctuary, particularly the dome, along with a new lighting control panel. (We currently use a breaker panel!)

We are so very grateful for these generous gifts. None of these are items we would have ever put in our budget. Your regular giving to the general operating fund is needed for upkeep of our church facilities, but gifts like this allow us to do major updates. The Church Council approved all of these projects, and we are all really excited to see the results! Many, many thanks to our donor!



Realm

The Member Care Committee reminds us that Realm is a useful tool in maintaining Church engagement and connection. Realm is the online database for which each person can create an individual login for access to personalized details and connection with Ames First UMC, including:

- contact information (you can update your own details if you move or make other changes)
- giving data (you don't have to wait for your quarterly statements)
- groups (information, documents, communications and rosters)
- privacy settings (opting in/out of the online directory, messages, etc.)

Realm can be accessed on the Church website (<https://www.amesfirstumc.org/>) by direct link at <https://onrealm.org/fumcames> (QR code is below). Kristin Hinders is always happy to help you create your personalized login, get started, or answer questions. You can reach her at kris@amesfirstumc.org.



Would you like a visit? If you would like a visit from a member of the care team or one of the pastors, please call the office at 515-232-2750 or email pastor Nikki at Nikki@amesfirstumc.org.



Reminder! You can access the Sunday morning livestream (10 am) and previous streams on our YouTube page www.youtube.com/channel/UCIttXqFq7LbMZiAYObRZgbQ. Need help getting the livestream set up on your device...we have "FAITH" -- Friendly, Accessible, Informed Technology Helpers. Whether it's troubleshooting or some basic instruction, we'll do our best to resolve your technology irritations. Remember: this is a FREE service provided by church volunteers! You can find (this kind of) FAITH via email (amesfirstumcfaith@gmail.com) or phone (515-329-5182). (Text messages work too!) And if you have technology and people skills to share -- we're always looking for more Helpers!

Midwest Mission Update

You've done it again! The Midwest Mission trailer picked up another load in April - sewing machines, crutches, bikes, quilts and more. They always appreciate our donations that will go near and far to change lives. Thank you for continuing to clean out, tell friends and help us keep collecting these needed items. Let's keep cleaning those closets and basements!

Midwest Mission Ambassador: Carol Miller

I was recently accepted as a Midwest Mission Ambassador. That means I'll be getting important updates to share so we can continue helping. I'll also be available in case your group in or outside the church would like to learn more. I look forward to sharing the work of Midwest Mission with our church family as well as our neighbors throughout the community. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or if you or your friends want to learn more (515-290-3843 or email: jacemiller@isunet.net).

June Missions Moment

Missions and Outreach

Please consider joining our church group as we volunteer at Ames Romero House on the first Tuesday of each month. There are two shifts listed on the sign-up sheet on the table in the entryway at church. The first shift from 12:30-2:00 p.m. consists of serving the food and washing the dishes. The second shift is more about sitting and chatting with guests and general cleanup of the downstairs area and putting leftover food away after the last visitors have been served. Usually, we stay for just the first shift. If the first Tuesday of the month does not fit with your schedule, you could go to the ARH website and volunteer as an individual. ARH is in need of more volunteers during the summer months when there are fewer ISU students available.

Thanks to these folks who volunteered to serve at Food at First on April 23, 2026:
Steve Gehlsen, Paul Attema, Steve Hanlin, Dean Swyter, Charli Hanway, Darlys Orth (not pictured).



Disciple Fast Track Bible Study

24 weeks actually went by faster than we thought they would! Over the past academic year, a group of 27 participants, plus Pastor Amanda and Pastor Dave Weesner, met on Wednesday nights for a 24-week overview of the Bible. This class was offered in a hybrid format allowing members to join online or in person. During the week, participants would read several chapters each day and then come together to discuss. Below are reflections from a couple of the class members and we will share more over the summer months. We will be recognizing the Disciple Class during an upcoming worship service and hope to offer Disciple again this fall. We give thanks to God for this wonderful time of learning, growing,



Greg Lofstedt: "I will say the most significant thing the Disciple class did for me was force me to actually read the Bible with some form of discipline, as the class name implies. I just would not have done that, start to finish, including all the learning that I have missed in my past. Very interesting!"

Carol Miller: "A meaningful aspect of Disciple Bible Study was the opportunity to be part of a group and share ideas. Many of those readings were challenging but knowing others were working through them, too, was encouraging. It helped me keep going and make sure I got all the assignments read - it's harder to follow the discussion when you don't do the reading!

The connections between the Old and New Testaments were sort of new to me - not that I hadn't heard some of those before, but the way they were presented again and again made it more meaningful.

It was a big-time commitment, but it was good discipline. Once I got a routine, it was easier to get the reading done. Once we got a ways into the classes, it was more looking forward to what would come next.

I'm thankful I could be involved in the class this year because I got better acquainted with some other church members, but more importantly, I learned more about the Bible. I love literature, so it's always interesting to learn more about the various parts of the story! Thanks to Amanda and Dave for leading us through this study!"

The Ames Downtowners Alcoholics Anonymous Group meets at First UMC on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm. During June, there will be a guest speaker each Wednesday for June Jubilee. If anyone in the congregation would like to experience an AA Meeting, this would be great time to visit. This group is very hospitable, and Denny Anderson, a member of FUMC, is available to answer questions.



United
Women
in Faith

Bake sale on June 20! Support missions and enjoy delicious treats! More details coming soon!

June 24 we'll be making casseroles for Romero House! Please join us at 2 pm in Fellowship Hall! And, on July 11 at 9:30, David Theilen, Executive Director of Romero House, will be our speaker for Guest Day. Everyone welcome!

July 18 is UWFaith's Mission u, 8 am-4 pm at the FFA Enrichment Center in Ankeny. The topic is "Experiencing Emmanuel". Register now at Iowa Conference Mission u 2026.

If you'd like more information about United Women in Faith or these upcoming events, contact Jackie DeLay at jstockdaledelay@yahoo.com



We have 20 people for Appalachia Service Project this year!!

We will again be going on ASP, making homes warmer, safer, and dryer for the people of Appalachia. We are so excited for our mission trip in July! We want to thank everyone that has helped support our trip so far! We will be selling stock in June to get to our final fundraising goal. Please look for the ASP table outside of the sanctuary to purchase your stock.

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Game Night

BINGO GO

15	20	1	10	19	19	10	19
25	44	40	18	63	53	18	63
37	60	★	13	30	0	13	30
33	5	27	48	53	3	18	53
21	70	57	68	56	6	18	53

**Friday
June 26
6 - 8 PM
Free Event**

Pizza, Salad, Dessert, & Drinks Provided
Love Offering Recipient: Appalachian
Service Project (ASP) Mission Trip

Hosted by The Welcome Team
Want to donate Bingo prizes?
Drop them off in the office.

CHRISTMAS IN JULY RETURNS

July 18 & 19
will be Christmas
themed worship
services complete with
carols. Bring your
favorite Christmas treats
to share for a Fellowship
Time after worship
Saturday & Sunday!

A Christmas Tree will
be up in July (1st Floor).
Select a tag and donate
the amount on the tag
as a way of "gifting"
that item!

Ames First UMC is now hosting Ames Social Chess. Their special guest is National Master Mr. Tim McEntee—president of the Iowa State Chess Association. They meet every Monday from 6:00 to 8:00 (except holidays) in the Fellowship Hall. It is free and open to all ages and skill levels



A Celebration of Life for Dean Howarth, a former member of First United Methodist in Ames, will be held on June 27 from 10:30-1:30 at Reiman Gardens. If you plan to attend, please contact Jane Edwards, 859-537-0609 (text) by June 10.

Another season of life

Barb Mittman is entering a new season of life as she retires from professional ministry.

Join us to celebrate on Sunday, June 7 from 2-4 pm at Nevada First United Methodist Church, 1036 7th Street, Nevada.





WINTER FUN WILL MAKE A
SUMMER COMEBACK! VBS 2026
WILL CONTINUE ALL THAT FUN
WITH SNOWBALL MOUNTAIN
CHALLENGE!
JUNE 22-25, 8:30AM - 11:30AM
REGISTER TO PARTICIPATE OR
VOLUNTEER TODAY!



<https://ames-first-umc.mycokesburyvbs.com/>

Snowball Mountain Challenge invites kids to an exciting winter sports event where they become Challengers, gearing up for frosty games, snowy surprises, and hands-on lessons about resilience and faith. They will come to realize that with the strength God provides, they can share their gifts, be brave, give their all, pray, and hope. Your kids will be guided daily by the energetic Activities Director and the lovable Ollie the Arctic Seal puppet, who is reporting on the events. Challengers aren't just playing games. Using their Challenge Companion (the Bible), they learn to draw strength from their faith through powerful stories, while connecting the learnings to Bible Stories and Lift Lessons (Key Learnings). With a unique winter theme and solid theology at its core, Snowball Mountain Challenge VBS delivers joy and meaning in equal measure, teaching kids that "I can do all things through him who strengthens me" (Philippians 4:13, NRSV).

ALL are invited to help decorate on Sunday, June 21 following the worship service. VBS will be Monday – Thursday, June 22-25 from 8:30am – 11:30am with the optional early drop off starting at 7:45am and late pick up until 12:15pm. Registration for participants is for 4 year olds through those just finishing 5th grade. Volunteers can be from those just finishing 6th grade up to any age!

Register to participate or volunteer TODAY at <https://ames-first-umc.mycokesburyvbs.com>

VBS Decorating

All are welcome to help decorate for Vacation Bible School on Sunday, June 21. We would love to have you help out even sooner though by making snowflakes! This year's theme of Snowball Mountain Challenge means we need some snow! There will be paper and scissors out at coffee hour the first two Sundays in June for anyone to make some for us. If you'd like to make snowflakes at home and drop them off, we'd love that too!

Vacation Bible School Donations

Be on the lookout for our VBS donations board located on a cart on the main floor across from the elevator for anyone who wishes to take a post it note and purchase the item listed to donate as part of our supplies for Vacation Bible School. All supplies will need to be purchased and delivered to the church no later than June 15. Contact Nicole with any questions!



Summer Family Fun

We will have a variety of activities for our families this summer that will mix fun and hands-on mission work. Details will be out soon so check emails, social media, and bulletins often!

Back to School Blessing will be August 23 at the 10:00am service. We will also be collecting supplies for school kits so be on the look out for those summer deals as they pop up. Donations can be dropped off at the church any time this summer! See the shopping list here.

3 Notebooks—1 Subject Spiral 8"x 10 1/2"

1 Ruler—12" Long with Metric

6 pencils-Unsharpened

1 pencil Sharpener

1 Pencil Eraser—2" or Larger

1 Box of 12 Colored Pencils

1 Box of 24 Crayons

1 Pair of Student Scissors

1 Handmade One-Handled Bag

The pattern for the one-handed school bags is also available in the office for those who want to get a jump start on making some bags!



Confirmation

Plans are underway for the 2026-2027 school year. Confirmation is open to any students entering 7th grade and up for the 26-27 school year. An informational meeting was held last month and students have started asking church members to be their mentors! Such an exciting time! If you have a student interested in Confirmation and missed the meeting last month, please reach out to Nicole for details. It's not too late to join!

Ames First UMC Confirmation will be a part of the Iowa Conference Connectional Confirmation again this year. This is the program developed by Pastor Nikki and Nicole. Connectional Confirmation entails 3 one-night retreats at Wesley Woods throughout the school year where our youth will be joined by youth across the Iowa Conference. The youth will also take part in a once a month session on Sunday evenings with the same youth and leaders. There will then be additional sessions for our Ames youth held on some other Sunday evenings as well as our continued Faith Visits.

If you have a student entering 7th grade or up or know someone who might be interested, please contact Nicole at nicole@amesfirstumc.org

Youth Helpers at VBS

The youth are encouraged to help with Vacation Bible School! The little ones love having the “big kids” come and walk alongside them as they have tons of fun at VBS! Volunteer youth need to register at <https://ames-first-umc.mycokeburyvbs.com/> VBS is June 22-25 from 8:30am – 11:30am. They can help one day or all four!



We are in need of volunteers to staff the nursery off and on throughout the summer. We would love to build a pool of volunteers who can sit and snuggle and care for a little baby - with the possibility of an additional child or two being present if there are summer visitors looking to use the nursery. Having a large pool of volunteers means you may only be needed 1-2 times all summer. There will be at least one adult and one additional person (can be a high school youth) staffing the nursery. Anyone interested will go through our Safe Sanctuary training if they have not already done so. The worship service audio is "piped in" to the nursery so you can still hear the service! Please contact Nicole at nicole@amesfirstumc.org if you are interested!



YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Young Adults meet once a month for a meal, and small groups gather at other times for Bible study. This group nurtures faith in ways that are not stressful, but fit each person's comfort level. This is an opportunity to share life's blessings and struggles with one another, work on a central faith together, and look for ways to make a difference in this world. Please contact AFUMCYA@gmail.com if you would like to join or would like more information.

SUMMER ADULT MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

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**

From Our Friends at Ames UCC

The 2026 Theologian-in-Residence registration is now open!!

The 2026 Theologian-in-Residence program will feature Dr. Meghan Sullivan (Wilsey Family Professor of Philosophy at Notre Dame University) and take place from Thursday, October 15th to Sunday, October 18th. The theme of the program will be "Remaining Human in the Age of AI." To view more information, go to <https://www.amesucc.org/theologian-in-residence-20261.html>

You can register by going to the church website (www.amesucc.org) and click on the "Register Now" link at the top of the page!

Softball Schedule

All games are played in South River Valley Park.



June 2	9:10	Field 5	Christ Community
June 9	6:10	Field 6	Stonebrook White
June 9	7:10	Field 6	Harvest Ames
June 16	6:10	Field 5	Trinity Christian Reformed
June 23	6:10	Field 5	Stonebrook Gold
June 23	7:10	Field 6	Lifepoint
June 30	8:10	Field 5	Memorial Lutheran
July 7			Tournament
July 14			Tournament
July 21			Tournament

Registration Now Open for the 2026 #WeAreUMC RAGBRAI Team!

Have you wanted to ride in RAGBRAI, but didn't have a team? Are you interested in seeing how RAGBRAI can be a spiritual practice? Join United Methodists from across the nation for a week of faith, friendship, and hospitality as we ride RAGBRAI — the world's oldest and largest bike tour across Iowa, July 18–25, 2026. This ministry-on-wheels isn't just a ride — it's a fresh expression of church with daily devotions, prayer, meaningful conversations, and support along the route. All riders and support crew are welcome, but space is limited, so reserve your spot early! Learn more here:

www.iaumc.org/WeAreUMC-RAGBRAI

Attendance

	5:30	10:00	Online	Total
4/4 & 5/2026	48	241	74	363
4/11 & 12/2026	22	192	61	275
4/18 & 19/2026	17	122	73	212
4/25 & 26/2026	47	195	69	311

April Utilities

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

Denny & Trudie Anderson, Keith & Jean Bailey, Ruth DeBoer, Carol Deppe, Jo Durlam, William & Jane Edwards, Jennifer Groat, Steve & Mary Beth Hanlin, Becky Jordan, Steven & Jean McBreen, Gary & Peggy McConnell, Jim & Carol Miller, Mike Reese, Zella Studer, Dean & Ronda Swyter, Nancy Tamashunas, Janet Tryon, Joe & Karen Whyms

Greeters

June 7 Diana Schwendinger, Karen Kerper, Cathy Webb
June 14 Kevin Hinders, Kris Hinders
June 21 Ellen Johnsen, Carolyn Yorgensen
June 28 Margaret Torrie, Steve Hanlin

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

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