



AMES FIRST

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

10:00 AM Sunday Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost October 25, 2026

PRELUDE

Ilene Riitano

Bach, J.S. (1685-1750) - "Sheep May Safely Graze" (*Schafe können sicher weiden*)

Soprano Aria from the Cantata BWV 208; organ transcription by Jack Schrader

GREETING

SHARING NEWS OF THE CHURCH ALIVE

*PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*CALL TO WORSHIP¹

To see the life that teems around us,

To give thanks for the gift we have received;

To notice the beauty and changing colors of fall,

To breathe deeply of the season;

To accept the gift of love, and to love in return:

This is to worship God.

¹ Adapted from Beth Merrill Neel on her blog, "Hold Fast to What Is Good". Used with permission.

*HYMN

"What Gift Can We Bring"

87, UMH

BLESSING OF INGATHERING KITS

Congregational Response: Jesus, open our hearts to love our neighbors.

SHARING OF JOYS, CONCERNS, & GOD-SIGHTINGS

PASTORAL PRAYER with THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN

"Have Thine Own Way, Lord" v. 1 & 4

382, UMH

FIRST SCRIPTURE

Luke 22:39-42

Stella Parkes

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Nicole Smith

ANTHEM

Ilene Riitano

Bach, J.S. (1685-1750) - Chorale BWV 639, "I Cry Unto Thee, Lord Jesus Christ"
(*Ich ruf zu dir, Herr JesuChrist*)

SECOND SCRIPTURE

Galatians 5:22-26

SERMON

"Trading Willfulness for Willingness"

Rev. Amanda Gordon

HYMN OF REFLECTION "Come and Find the Quiet Center"

2128, TFWS

REFLECTION ON PRAYERFUL GIVING

Bruce Wight

INVITATION TO OFFER OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

* OFFERTORY RESPONSE "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

95, UMH

* DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

* CLOSING HYMN

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

384, UMH

POSTLUDE

Ovid Young (1940-2014) - Toccata Brevis

Ilene Riitano

LEAVING FOR SERVICE

*Please stand in body or spirit.



We still have a few copies of our Fall Study Book, *Everyday Contemplative* by L. Roger Owens, in the office for \$15.

Annual Charge Conference
Sunday, October 25
4:00pm
Collegiate United Methodist Church, Ames



Ames Warming Place
Training & Dinner
Tuesday, Oct.27
Ames First UMC
Fellowship Hall
5:30-7:30pm

Open to the community. We will need LOTS of volunteers to make this possible. No need to RSVP.

Next Weekend, on October 31 and November 1, we will have our remembrance for All Saints at both services. This year we will light candles for Wilma Lesan, Glendora Clark, Jan Samuelson, Greg Sims, Shirley Grathwohl, Don Newell, Joyce Kirk, Phyllis Crouse, Larry Vallery, Billie Irene Watertor, Jim Torrie, Sharon Hogle, John Adams, Jo Durlam, JoAnn Burgason, Jerry Hall, Eldon Guge, Barbara Rassmussen, Jack Smalling, Delores Ball, Jerri Adams

Game Night is coming up on November 6. There will be Bingo with prizes, Walking Tacos, Nachos, Desserts and Drinks Provided! A love offering will go to Food at First. Mark your calendars!

The Fellowship Hall and 1st Floor Education Building are currently being prepped for painting and new flooring. Over the next few weeks, some groups and activities will have alternate meeting spots. Group leaders have been contacted, but please contact the office with any questions.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, October 25

8:50am Coffee Talk Class/CR
9:00am Youth/Children Sunday School/
classrooms
9:15am Coffee and Conversation/MPR
10:00am Sunday Service/Sanc
11:15am Up With Puppets/Puppet Room
3:00pm Halloween Funhouse/all church
4:00pm Charge Conference/Collegiate UMC
6:00pm Friends in Faith/CR

Monday, October 26

6:00pm Chess/FH
6:30pm Leadership Board/HSR

Tuesday, October 27

9:30am Quilters/QR
2:00pm Life Group/Library
5:30pm Warming Place Training & Dinner/FH
5:30pm Finance Committee/CR

Wednesday, October 28

10:00am Wonderful Wednesday Women/CR
11:30 UWF Leadership/CR
5:30pm Disciple1 & 2/MPR and CR
6:15pm Bells Choir/Bell Room
6:30pm AA/United Church of Christ
7:15pm Chancel Choir/Sanc
7:30pm Youth/HSR

Thursday, October 29

5:00pm Quilt Guild/MPR

Saturday, October 31

5:30pm Saturday Night Service/Chapel

+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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Steve Hanlin

Song Leader: Paige Brincks

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.