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Worship Sundays at 10:30 AM Mabaan at 12:30 PM



**PENTECOST in a HOCKEY RINK
on JUNE 5!**

Since Pastor Edgar and Ben and our music team will be leading worship at the Iowa Annual Conference out at the recplex in WDM on Sunday, June 5 (yes, in a hockey rink!).

YOU ARE INVITED to attend the service, or come to First Church and watch the Live Stream. Special Prelude Music starts at 8:40 AM, Service is 9:00 to 11:00 AM. It's a longer service which recognizes retiring clergy and ordains new pastors, but don't miss the ending—"Ev'rybody In" and "From This House" with 900 people, and an amazing Latin version of "We Are One in the Spirit." Hear our brass, timpani and rhythm section with Special Guests Rob Lumbard on guitar and Eddie East on Latin percussion. Pastor Edgar will also participate in a group that will sing, read and pray in six different languages!

So LIVE or LIVESTREAM, that is the question!

Council Corner

Welcome to the first installment of a new monthly column designed to share the ideas and actions of your Church Council. I feel this communication opportunity is especially important during the visioning process happening over the last few months.

Since I am newly installed as Church Council chair, this will also be a learning opportunity for me. I look forward to your feedback (whether favorable or "constructive criticism")

Next month column will inform you about several actions in the planning and implementation stages over the next month. Until then, I pray you enjoy the lovely Iowa Spring/early Summer happenings.

Jacque Coulson



Peace with Justice Special Offering

Peace with Justice Sunday celebration is June 12, 2022. This offering is collected the first Sunday after Pentecost and it supports peace with justice ministries through the General Board of Church and Society and the annual conferences.

A portion of the funds received on Peace with Justice Sunday support the work of The General Board of Church and Society (GBCS). Giving allows the agency to disperse funds in the form of grants to ministries that are doing the important peace with justice work in many places around the world. They award three different grants available to United Methodist congregations and organizations. The grants support Ethnic/Minority Local Church ministries, and programs related to the denomination's Special Sundays for Human Relations Day and Peace with Justice. GBCS works to connect with conferences, agencies and other networks to educate, equip and mobilize actions in support of identified Economic, Health, and Gender Justice priorities.



Dorothy Strayer Memorial Scholarship

Again this year First United Methodist Church is offering college scholarships to church members and their families. If you are interested in applying for one of these scholarships for the 2022-23 year, please contact Ned Johnson at 515-771-8875 for information and application forms. The deadline to apply is August 1st.

Congratulations Will Sadler Roosevelt High School & Central Academy Graduate



graduate
WILL SADLER



Invite a Friend for Sunday

Director of Music Ben Allaway will be away in June and July, but he has lined up a series of musicians to bless our worship this Summer. Each one of these fine music Sundays is an excellent reason to invite someone to church!

June 5th ~ First UMC's musicians featured at Pentecost Worship at Iowa Annual Conference, 9:00 am, prelude music starts at 8:40 am, with the Drake Brass Quartet, our band, plus special guests Rob Lumbard, Eddie East from Waterloo, and songleader Elizabeth May from Forest City.

June 12th ~ Organist Sidney Shide, a high school student who played last year, will return, with Jennifer Shide, soprano, as soloist.

June 19th ~ Lonnie Liggitt will play organ and piano, with our own Lani Eclatt as soloist.

June 26th ~ Susan Ihnen will play organ and accompany Juan Jaramillo, violinist, who is back again from Venezuela to play in the DMMO Orchestra.



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Mission Statement:

To connect people with God, to build a welcoming and inclusive community that serves our neighbors through actions of justice and love, and to develop disciples of Jesus Christ.

Vision Statement:

To be a Church that demonstrates justice, love and inclusion for all. All means all.

*Cross Notes & Bulletin articles/announcements are due by Tuesday weekly.
LIGHT Articles are due by the 20th of each month.*



Sunday, June 5, 2022, at 9:00 AM
Elijah/Elisha service of Word & Table
(includes the Retirement and Ordering of
Ministry Service)

MidAmerican Energy RecPlex, 6500 Grand
Ave, West Des Moines, IA 50266
(Live stream will be shown at First Church for
the 10:30 AM Service, beginning at 9 AM)
(more information within this newsletter)