

# WORSHIP AT DES MOINES FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## August 4, 2024 ~ 10:30 am



### OUR VISION

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

### 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.

### WE ARE A RECONCILING CONGREGATION

First United Methodist Church, at the top of 10<sup>th</sup> Street in downtown Des Moines, strives to love others as Christ loves us and, in doing so, to be the Body of Christ in word and deed.

As the Body of Christ, we welcome and affirm all of God's children, knowing that each is created in the image of God. We welcome and affirm people of all gender identities, sexual orientations, ages, races, ethnicities, family configurations, and physical and mental capabilities to join us in full participation as we come together to worship God and then go out to share God's love in the world around us.

***The land on which the First United Methodist Church building sits, the land which we occupy when we worship, was once the home of the oBaakiiwaki-hina-ki (Sauk), the Meskawaki-asa-hina (Fox) and the Baxoje Maya (Ioway). We honor them.***



Receive all of these prayers O God, and those still resting on our hearts, minds, and souls. We offer these prayers with the prayer that Jesus taught us.

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

## ENTERING WORSHIP

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Julia Poulsen

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

Family of God, what is our story?

**We are part of God's good creation, created and sustained by the Triune God.**

Family of God, what is our story?

**Though created by our loving God, we have sinned and harmed ourselves, one another, and creation.**

Family of God, what is our story?

**While we were yet sinners, God sent Jesus to show us how to turn away from sin and toward the love of God.**

Family of God, what is our story?

**We carry the weight of the Word in our hearts, our hands, and our voices, proclaiming with our lives the good news of God's love and the mercy of God's grace.**

Family of God, this is our story and our song!

**Let us praise our good Savior all the day long!**

Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!

**Let us come together as members of the family of God and Praise the Lord!**



## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

I invite you into a moment of prayerful reflection...

Pastor LaTonya

You are now invited to join me in the Service of Holy Communion using the following confession and pardon.

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, and who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

**Continue, O Lord, to extend your grace and mercy to us, your unworthy servants. We have failed you because you depended on us to be your witnesses, but we were too embarrassed to testify about your faithfulness. We were too busy to speak a word in your name. We are neither anxious nor ready to sit and reflect deeply on Holy Scriptures. We confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law and rebelled against your love. We have not loved our neighbors nor heard the cry of the needy. Good Lord, extend your grace and mercy as we ask your forgiveness.**

*Adapted by T. Anne Daniel*

Beloved, Praise be to God, our sins are forgiven for God is merciful and just and forgives us our sins and cleanses us from all unrighteousness. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

**In the name of Christ, we are forgiven. Glory to God! Amen.**

Let us continue with The Great Thanksgiving on page #13 of your hymnal (red).

## TITHES & OFFERINGS



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1. Open the Camera app on your smart phone.
2. Hold the phone so the QR code appears in the view.
3. Tap the notification to open the link associated with the QR code.

**OFFERTORY INVITATION**

Rev. Julia Poulsen

**OFFERTORY MUSIC**

O Lord, You're Beautiful

arr. by Don Phillips

**\*DOXOLOGY | SONG OF PRAISE**

UMH #95

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**THANKSGIVING PRAYER**

Rev. Julia Poulsen

## **SENDING FORTH**

**\*CLOSING HYMN**

The Summons

TFWS #2130

**\*BLESSING**

Pastor LaTonya

Beloved, listen! God calls us to worship in our gathering and in our scattering. May the Triune God bless you as you go from this place to answer God's call to carrying the Word in your hearts, living the story we share with the saints of old and the saints now so that you may be a blessing of love, hope, and peace to all you meet.

**With the help of God, we will. Amen!**

*Adapted by Dr. Lisa Hancock*

**\*SENDING HYMN**

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

UMH #664 verse 1

**EXTINGUISHING THE CHRIST CANDLE**

**POSTLUDE**

Voluntary

by John Stanley

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## PARTICIPANTS IN WORSHIP

Preacher	Rev. LaTonya Calderon
Worship Leader/Liturgist	Rev. Julia Poulsen
Children's Church	Laurie Hoskins
Greeters	Arnie Brown, Millie Wade
Ushers	Ned Johnson, Craig Strayer (Head Ushers), Ron Roulet
Organist/Pianist	Debbie Sychra
Musician	Victoria Sutton, Flute

## FIRST CHURCH STAFF

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **NEWCOMERS, WE WELCOME YOU!**

If you are here for the first time, we have a small gift bag for you at the parking lot door. Meet new friends after worship at "Coffee Time" in Kenyon Hall. Everyone is welcome!

### **RAINBOW STOLES AND PINS**

Today during the service, you are invited to wear a rainbow stole or pin in support of our LGBTQ+ brothers and sisters. The rainbow stoles and pins are located on a table in the Narthex. The rainbow flag is a symbol of the diversity of the LGBTQ+ community and the spectrum of human sexuality and gender. Please return the rainbow stole or pin to the table when you exit the service!

### **SERVICE PROJECT**

**Tuesday, August 6 from 1:00-3:00 pm** (approximately), join members of the Mission and Social Concerns committee at Families Forward (Bidwell Riverside). We will be stocking grocery shelves and perhaps sorting donations. Your time and energy will assist the organization in helping our neighbors in need. A sign-up sheet will be in Kenyon Hall.



## **HIROSHIMA – NAGASAKI MEMORIAL SERVICE**

Co-sponsored by our Mission and Social Concerns committee, join an evening of music, poetry, guest speakers, and ringing the bell. 79 years after dropping the first nuclear weapons, we are no closer to lasting peace and disarmament. Participants are invited to bring chairs and flowers to lay during the service on **Friday, August 9, 7:00 pm**, at the Japanese Bell of Peace and Friendship on the grounds of the Iowa Judicial Building at 1111 E. Court Avenue. Rain location is Wesley United Methodist Church, 800 E. 12th St., Des Moines.

## **UPDATED GATE INFORMATION**

The gates became operational on Monday, July 15. If you regularly volunteer during office hours, you will need to complete a form and get a PIN code for access. The gates will be open for worship to facilitate faster access as well as for common meeting nights. If you are in the lot and the gate closes, you can always exit because the out has a sensor embedded for that purpose. **ENTER THE PIN NUMBER THEN “#” TO ACTIVATE.**

## **SHELTER MEAL COORDINATOR NEEDED**

Kacey Doll has been helping organize and serve the shelter meals. However, a new job has changed her schedule, so she is no longer available on the date that First Church has been serving. If you are interested in leading this activity, please let the office know. Kacey has informed CIS that First Church is not prepared to serve at this time.

## **WEAVING MATS FOR HOMELESS**

**Saturday, August 10, 9:30-11:30**, Room 103 Lower Level next to the elevator. Come join us for a fun-filled Saturday morning, as we continue weaving a sleeping mat for the homeless! We will sort through donated shopping bags, cut bags into loops, and weave the loops into a sleeping mat. Don't know how to do any of that? Not to worry, we will teach you! Coffee and donuts provided! Sign-up sheet also in Kenyon Hall.



**SUNDAY, AUGUST 18, 2024**

**WE WILL TAKE A CHURCH GROUP PHOTO AFTER WORSHIP.**

This one will have Pastor LaTonya for our website. Don't be shy when David asks you to come forward after worship. Seeing your friendly faces on our site encourages new visitors to join us for worship. Thanks!



DSM First is hosting

# A LAST HURRAH

END OF SUMMER

# PICNIC DAY

START OF SCHOOL



When: Saturday, Aug 10th

From: 11AM - 1PM

Where: Union Park

What: Lunch is on us!

Bring your appetite and playfulness.

Families can soak up the last days of summer and enjoy food, fun, and games before the school year kicks off.

The Children, Youth, and Family Education Ministry Committee invites you to our End of Summer/Start of School/Last Hurrah/Picnic Day **Saturday, August 10 from 11 am - 1 pm.** Join us at Union Park (715 Guthrie Ave) in the reserved open space south of the tennis courts, near the splash pad, and playground equipment. The rocket slide and carousel will be open! Games will be available for those not playing on the playground equipment! Please bring lawn chairs or blankets to sit on.

**Please RSVP** to Laurie Hoskins, [Laurie.T.Hoskins@emcins.com](mailto:Laurie.T.Hoskins@emcins.com) or (cell) 515-971-1191, so we can plan accordingly for food and beverages. Hope to see you!

## **BIBLE STORIES FOR GROWN-UPS**

Starting **Sunday, September 8, 9-10 am**, Julie Poulsen will lead a 6-week study on the book “Bible Stories for Grown-Ups” by Josh Scott. All adults & teens are welcome. Coffee, childcare, and children’s Sunday school will be available! We’ll watch a video and discuss the deeper meaning of stories like Noah, Jonah, Zacchaeus, and more. Books (\$13) will be on sale with Julie in mid-August. Watch for more details.

## **NEW COLLECTION BOX FOR ITEMS NEEDED BY THE CONNECTION CAFE**



You may have noticed the new collection box in the Narthex of the church. For the months of July & August, we will be collecting medium size compostable or paper cups. Please help the Cafe by depositing the needed items in the collection box each Sunday. Please be reminded that the church does not allow Styrofoam products!

The Bridge Board members greatly appreciate your help with this request. If you have any questions about the items needed for the Cafe, please contact one of the Bridge Board members from our church - Ned Johnson and Lesley Gesaman. Thank you in advance for helping with this important ministry.

**JULY/AUG = Medium Compostable/Paper CUPS**

## **SPECIAL RECYCLING AT FIRST CHURCH**

Did you know that you can bring the following items to First Church for Recycling? Containers for these recyclable items are available in the Narthex. Thank you for doing your part to keep toxic waste out of the landfill.

- AA, AAA, C, D & 9 Volt Rechargeable & Alkaline Batteries
- Hearing Aid Batteries
- CFL Light Bulbs (the swirly bulbs)
- Prescription Eyeglasses
- Ink Cartridges



## **JOIN US FOR THE GRIEF SHARE 13-WEEK COURSE AND SUPPORT GROUP**

Sunday August 11 is the last date for the current series.

**The next series is scheduled to begin Sunday, September 1.**

**12:30PM to 2:30PM | First United Methodist Church**

**1001 Pleasant Street, Des Moines, IA 50309 | 2nd Floor Conference Room**

Are you struggling with grief and loss? Join the GriefShare 13-Week Course and Support Group at First United Methodist Church in Des Moines. This in-person event offers a safe space to connect with others who are also experiencing grief and loss.

Don't face this difficult time alone. Let us walk alongside you. Register now and take the first step towards healing. Workbooks will be distributed on the first day of class. Call (641) 831-6996 or email [officemanager@dmfirstchurch.org](mailto:officemanager@dmfirstchurch.org) to sign up.

# Riverview Park District

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## **INVITATION TO ONBOARDING FROM DS REV. LILIAN SEAGREN**

Be a part of onboarding our newest District Superintendent (DS). Onboarding is a facilitated process. It intercepts assumptions and provides a proven process for the new leader to evaluate and respond to structured questions helping clergy and laity proactively share information in both directions.

We will do one session with clergy and one session with laity, and will have lunch together in between. There is no preparation needed other than to come and be willing to share. Please consider joining this event.

### **Saturday, August 17, 2024**

- 10 am - Noon | Clergy session
- Noon - 1 pm | Lunch for clergy and lay leaders
- 1 pm - 3 pm | Lay Leader session

Location: Polk City UMC, 1421 W Broadway St, Polk City, IA 50226.

Lunch provided for \$10.00 per person paid at the event. Please [register](#) so we have a count for lunch. Note, registration closes August 10.

<https://iaumc-reg.brtapp.com/RiverviewParkDistrictOnboardingEvent717171>

## **INSTALLATIONS SERVICE FOR DS REV. LILIAN SEAGREN**

A service celebrating the appointment of Rev. Dr. Lilian Seagren as the Riverview Park District Superintendent will be held on **Sunday, September 15, 2024, 2:30 pm** at Oakwood UMC, 400 NE 56th St, Pleasant Hill, IA 50327.

## **RIVERVIEW PARK DISTRICT 2024 ANNUAL MEETING**



United  
Women  
in Faith

**September 14, 2024, 9:30 am – 3:00 pm**, at Indianola First UMC; 307 West Ashland Ave, Indianola, IA. Keynote Speaker: Rev. Dr. Lilian Seagren, Riverview Park DS.

Taco Salad Bar lunch \$8/person. RSVP by September 7.

<https://www.iaumc.org/files/websites/www/2024+Annual+meeting+flyer.pdf>



## THIS WEEK <sup>at</sup> GLANCE



- Sun, Aug 4** 10:30 am Worship, Sanctuary  
12:30 pm GriefShare, Conference Room 2nd Floor
- Mon, Aug 5**
- Tue, Aug 6** 1:00 pm Service Project **AT** Families Forward
- Wed, Aug 7** 1:30 pm CCYC Lead Team Meeting, Conference Room 2nd Floor
- Thu, Aug 8**
- Fri, Aug 9** Pastor's Day Off  
7:00 pm Hiroshima – Nagasaki Memorial Service,  
**AT** Japanese Bell of Peace and Friendship
- Sat, Aug 10** 9:30 am Weaving Mats for Homeless, Room 103 Lower Level  
11:00 am Picnic Day **AT** Union Park
- Sun, Aug 11** 10:30 am Worship, Sanctuary  
12:30 pm GriefShare, Conference Room 2nd Floor

*Cross Notes (weekly e-news) & Announcements due every Wednesday, send to Office Manager.*

*The LIGHT (monthly newsletter) articles due 21st of every month, send to Office Manager.*

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