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First Baptist Church is an open and caring family of faith where worship is central and faith engages both heart and mind. We are warmly ecumenical, delight in our diversity, and cherish our Baptist heritage of freedom. We are called by Christ to share God's love with the campus, community, and the world.

As we seek to follow the way of Jesus, we welcome all people to fully participate in our fellowship: all ages, colors, backgrounds, political affiliations, and physical and mental abilities; male and female, gay and straight, rich and poor, single and married. We are all God's children, and all are welcome here.

The Spire First Baptist Church, Ames, Iowa

Worship at McFarland Park Sunday, June 2 – 9:45 am Cookout and Activities Follow

Please join us this Sunday as we worship at McFarland Park! We will gather in the multi-purpose room of the visitor center for worship at 9:45 – our regular time. Worship will include a commissioning service for our Puerto Rico mission team. Following worship we will have a cookout. Burgers, brats, and beverages will be provided. Please bring a dish to share.

After lunch there will be fishing and other activities. John Whitaker and Wes Johnson will bring plenty of fishing poles and bait. Those ages 16 and older will need a fishing license; if you don't have one, you can purchase one online – even that day, using your phone. There are also very nice trails for those who would like to hike, and you are welcome to bring outdoor games.

We invite you to join us for a fun day! To get to McFarland Park, take Dayton Avenue north until it ends at 180th Street. Turn right and the park will be about ½ mile on the left.



visitor center at McFarland Park

Pastor's Word: Puerto Rico Mission Trip

Our team of 14 people will be working in Puerto Rico June 8-15 as a part of American Baptist Home Mission Society's "Rebuilding, Restoring, Renewing Puerto Rico" effort. Our team will be working at Iglesia Bautista de Jerusalén. It is located in the municipality of Luquillo, about 25 miles east of San Juan. The church is about half a mile from the El Yunque National Forest, the only tropical rain forest in the national forest system. Our work will include cleaning and sealing a concrete roof, replacing two metal roofs, and painting and landscaping. We will be working with church members there.

Teams from ABC churches in Waterloo and Cedar Rapids will be working at other locations in Puerto Rico that week. They will also be doing roofing projects. I have noticed that many of the work teams have been doing roofing projects on both

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churches and homes. Many homes in Puerto Rico still have blue tarps covering leaking or missing portions of roofs, 19 months after the catastrophic storms that hit the island.

We will be staying at Primera Iglesia Bautista (First Baptist Church) in Fajardo, about 15 minutes from our work site. Fajardo is in the northeast corner of Puerto Rico.

Our sister church is in Mayaguez, on the west coast of Puerto Rico. We will be working about as far from Mayaguez as we could be, and because of the distance and time constraints, we will not be traveling to Mayaguez on Sunday morning, as we had hoped to do. Pastor Samuel Santiago from Iglesia Bautista de Mayaguez will be in the San Juan area during our trip and we are making plans to meet him.

Besides making a contribution to the ongoing recovery from hurricanes, we are looking forward to learning about Puerto Rico, meeting American Baptist brothers and sisters there, and worshiping on Sunday morning. As much as the work that is done, the presence and willingness of American Baptists from the mainland to join in the work of recovery and rebuilding gives hope and encouragement to our friends in Puerto Rico. While the work will be hard and we anticipate being pretty well wiped out at the end of the work day, we will have some free time and plan to see some of the sites of the area including the rain forest and a beach.

Thank you to all who have so generously supported this mission effort through fundraisers and contributions! Those who are going really are humbled by the generosity of our congregation. The mission team is representing our church and through your generosity and encouragement, you have a part in this mission. Please pray for our team and for the churches in Luquillo and Fajardo, and continue to pray for our sister church in Mayaguez and the people of Puerto Rico. I also encourage you to join us for worship this Sunday at McFarland Park as we commission our team.

Mission team members include Chris Cook, Dawn Doerr-Johnson, Kent Johnson, Alex O'Connor, Annalee O'Connor, David Russell, Aaron Stegemöller, Adde Stegemöller, Elizabeth Stegemöller, Lucy Stegemöller, Kaylinn Taggart, Jan Thompson, Kitty Vang, and Barbara Woods.

June Birthdays

Tom Gleason	1
Mya Logue	7
Dianne Borgen	9
Susan Russell	15
Jocelyn Wilson	15
Tyler Anderson	23
Wallace Sanders	24
Wilma Robinson	26
Serena Parrish	27
Erin Johnson	29
Jared Diehl	29

July Birthdays

Wayne Shireman	2	Mindy Phomvisay	19
Nancy Maydew	3	Aiddy Phomvisay	21
Adde Stegemoller	3	Kitty Vang	22
Julie Johnston	5	Randy Lambert	23
Michael Leininger	6	Jon Pritchard	23
Jerilyn Logue	7	Jan Thompson	23
Rita Parrish	7	Katy Seidel	24
Lee Davidson	13	David Starrett	24
Mary Anderson	15	Dean Seidel	29
Joyce Davidson	16	Brian Parrish	29

Celebrating in
June
and
July

June Anniversaries

Nancy and Gary Maydew	2
Tom and Jerilyn Logue	9
Katy and Harris Seidel	9
Gretchen and Scott Anderson	14
Mindy and Aiddy Phomvisay	15
Mary and John Anderson	17
Michelle and Neil Logue	22
Jan and Michael Thompson	30

July Anniversaries

Stephanie and Brian Starrett	4
Serena and Alex Parrish	9
Rosemary and Pat Coffey	16
Jill and Dale Grauman	19
Lorrie and John Whitaker	23



June 2 Worship at McFarland Park

June 9

Worship Leader: Jere Maddux
Ushers: Larry Schrag, Nancy Maydew
 Wilson Korges, Beth Douglass
Sound System: Tom Logue

June 16

Worship Leader: John Whitaker
Ushers: Dianne Borgen, Jerilyn Logue
 Tom Logue, Jon Pritchard
Sound System: Kent Johnson

June 23

Worship Leader: Susan Russell
Ushers: Scott Anderson, Julie Johnston
 TJ Nugent, Jere Maddux
Sound System: Tom Logue

June 30

Worship Leader: Joyce Davidson
Ushers: Barbara Woods, Aaron Stegemöller
 Trey Belle-Lawson
Sound System: Kent Johnson

June Flowers: Phyllis Schrag



July 7

Worship Leader: Phyllis Schrag
Ushers: Bob Parrish, Kent Johnson
 Jan Thompson, Wallace Sanders
Sound System: Bob Parrish

July 14

Worship Leader: Jan Thompson
Ushers: Larry Schrag, Nancy Maydew
 Wilson Korges, Beth Douglass
Sound System: Tom Logue

July 21

Worship Leader: Lorrie Whitaker
Ushers: Dianne Borgen, Jerilyn Logue
 Tom Logue, Jon Pritchard
Sound System: Kent Johnson

July 28

Worship Leader: Beth Douglass
Ushers: Scott Anderson, Julie Johnston
 TJ Nugent, Jere Maddux
Sound System: Tom Logue

July Flowers: Phyllis Schrag

Music Camp



Our 20th annual Music Camp is set for July 8-12, from 9:00-11:30 am each day. Music Camp is for grades K-6 (completed), and includes choir groups, special musical guests, a camper talent show, great snacks, new friends, and lots of fun! Brochures with a registration form are available in the narthex or church office, and you can register on the church website at fbcames.org.

Music Camp is a major outreach of the church to children in our community. We need your help to have a successful camp. You can help by:

- Volunteering to serve as a counselor/helper (no musical skill necessary)
- Volunteering to work on the kitchen crew
- Donating needed snack items
- Spreading the word to friends, neighbors, grandkids, etc.
- Attending the closing program to support our campers

Please let Mindy or Dave know if you can help!!



Work Day at FBC Saturday, June 15, 9:00 am

Please join us as we spend time sprucing up our church home. Projects included: paint in kitchen and nursery, install window AC units, tidy church pews and pew cushions, plant hostas and trim trees, remove and replace broken parking blocks, general trash clean up around the property, and more! "Many hands make light work."

Summer Sermon Series

Is there a question you would like to hear addressed in a sermon - maybe something you have wondered about for a long time? Or maybe there is a topic or issue that you would find helpful, or a scripture passage you would love to have explored in worship. Over the summer months, **YOU** get to decide on the sermons. In the narthex you will find a **SERMON SUGGESTION BOX**. You can write down what you would like to hear about and place your suggestions in the box. You can add your name if you wish, but that is not necessary. I can't promise to address everything that is suggested—there are only so many weeks to work with—but I will do my best and take all of the suggestions seriously. - Pastor Dave

Summer Church Camp



Our region supports two camps, Forest Lake (just south of Ottumwa) and Dayton Oaks (near Dayton, about 45 minutes northeast of Ames). Both offer a variety of camps for different age groups over the summer months. There is more information on the camps posted on the bulletin board. Our church will pay half of the cost of camp for anyone who would like to go. See Rita Parrish, CE Committee chair, or Pastor Dave for more information.



Summer Schedule for Fellowship Time



With Church School done for the school year, we will have fellowship time after morning worship service every Sunday. A sign-up sheet is available in Fellowship Hall on the kitchen door. You are welcome to co-host with someone else. Anything light can be served as well as coffee, water, and lemonade/punch. If you have any questions, please contact Barbara Woods at email jaguar@isunet.net or 515-232-9979 Your willingness to host fellowship time is appreciated.

One Great Hour of Sharing is an offering that makes the love of Christ real for individuals and communities around the world who suffer the effects of disaster, conflict, or severe economic hardship, and for those who serve them, through gifts of money and time. Today, projects are underway in more than 100 countries, including the United States and Canada. As you make your offering to One Great Hour of Sharing this year, remember the many ways your gifts bring joy - to you as God's precious child, to all of God's other cherished children, and especially to the Holy One. Offering Envelopes for One Great Hour of Sharing will be available during the month of June. Please give generously.



AMOS Update July 21

Elizabeth Hall is the Lead Organizer for AMOS. We are delighted that she will be in worship with us on July 21. She will share a mission moment about the work of AMOS during the worship service and there will be a chance to visit with her about AMOS during our fellowship time that day. We look forward to having Liz with us!

Guest Preachers in June-July

Rev. Jaqueline Saxon will preach on June 9. Jackie is our new regional Executive Minister, having started in that role in October. A lifelong American Baptist, Jackie is a native of Rochester, NY. She came to our region from Austin, Texas, where she was Vice President for Student affairs at Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary. She had previously served on the staff of University Baptist Church in Austin (where some folks in our church were once members).



Guest
Preachers

Rev. Mark Jacobs will be our preacher on June 16. He is Chaplain and Supervisor of Customer Relations at Broadlawns Medical Center in Des Moines. Mark was a chaplain at Broadlawns in the 1990's and was a member of our church during that time (his wife Joann was on our staff). After pastoring two churches, Mark has been back at Broadlawns since 2010. He also teaches Bio-Medical Ethics for Grandview University and Christian Bio-Medical Ethics for Grand Canyon University in Scottsdale, AZ.

Rev. Dr. Gary Grogan will be our pulpit guest on June 30. Gary pastored several American Baptist Churches, most recently at Ft. Dodge, before becoming our region's Executive Minister. Since retiring from that position, he has been a frequent guest preacher here. He and Jan live in Des Moines and Gary can frequently be found on the golf course. (Or as he likes to say, he is away doing "outdoor counseling.")

Rev. Joann Jacobs will be with us on July 14. Joann served our church as Christian Education Director from 1994-98. She now serves as a substitute teacher for various school districts in the Des Moines area and works for an educational learning service, tutoring children. She has served in various church staff positions and was most recently Interim Pastor for the Des Moines Mennonite church. Joann also teaches for DMACC in their adult education area. When she has the chance she and Mark like to dote on their Grandson Grayden and are happily anticipating more.

We look forward to hearing from these friends this summer!



Help Celebrate AMOS in June

This month, celebrate AMOS (A Mid-Iowa Organizing Strategy) and make an investment in our vital work in Ames, Ankeny, Norwalk, and the Des Moines metro. In the last year alone, AMOS has:

Launched an effort to bring a Housing First permanent supportive housing initiative to Story County, to address the needs of our neighbors with chronic mental illness. Our AMOS Housing Team and Mental Health Teams have brought together elected officials, non-profit agencies, churches, and other stakeholders to work together toward this goal.

Secured ongoing public funding for two AMOS-initiated organizations: Project IOWA and the Story County Housing Trust Fund. *Project Iowa is a job training program leading to good jobs at a living wage. The Story County Housing Trust funds go to help to rehabilitate older owner-occupied homes in need of repair.*





Worked with partners to launch a successful Story County Community ID program, providing identification cards to those who do not have a driver's license or state issued ID. *Two events have been held so far at St. Cecilia Church and around 200 people now have ID cards.*

Successfully worked to include 5 key AMOS priorities in the City of Des Moines one-cent sales tax proposal, then helped pass the proposal with over 70% of the vote!






Expanded our membership with the founding of a new AMOS cluster of seven congregations in Ankeny!

Join us for an AMOS celebration and fundraising party at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Ames on **Friday, June 28 at 7:00 pm**. The event will include interactive activities, an opportunity to get to know other AMOS supporters, and an opportunity to give toward support of AMOS. You can RSVP to the party and learn how you can contribute at amosiowa.org/yourinvestment.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
June 30 9:45a Worship (Gary Grogan preaching) 11a Fellowship Time		<div> Summer Church Office Hours (June 10-August 9) Monday—Closed Tuesday—9am-1pm Wednesday—9am-1pm Thursday—9am-1pm Friday—8am-Noon </div>			May 31	1 
2 9:45a Worship/ Communion and mission team commis- sioning at McFarland Park 11a Lunch and activi- ties at McFarland Park	3	4 8a Men's Break- fast, Perkins 5p Women United	5	6	7	8 <div> Puerto Rico Mission Trip </div>
9 9:45a Worship (Jackie Saxon preaching) 11a Fellowship Time	10	11 5p Women United	12 11:30a Women's Lunch, Mandarin	13	14	15 9a Work Day
Puerto Rico Mission Trip						
16 9:45a Worship (Mark Jacobs preaching) 11a Fellowship Time	17	18 8a Men's Break- fast, Perkins 4p Movement and Music 5p Women United 7p Trustees	19 3p PD Singing Group	20	21	22
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7 9:45a Worship/ Communion 11a Fellowship Time 1:30p Music Camp Staff Meeting	8	9 4p Movement and Music	10 11:30a Women's Lunch, Mandarin 3p PD Singing Group 7p Sheltered Reality Concert	11	12	13
Music Camp 9:00-11:30 am						
14 9:45a Worship (Joann Jacobs preaching) 11a Fellowship Time	15	16 8a Men's Break-fast, Perkins	17	18	19	20
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Rev. Dr. David Russell	Pastor
Mindy Phomvisay	Director of Music
Patricia Izbicki	Accompanist
Janelle Keltgen	Office Manager
Kathy Greiner	Custodian

Benefit Concert on the Lawn



Sheltered Reality July 10, 7:00 pm Free Admission

Sheltered Reality is a high-energy youth percussion group with a positive message. As part of our Music Camp, Sheltered Reality will lead a workshop at camp on July 10. That evening, they will present a concert on the front lawn. There will be a concession stand open before the concert. A free-will offering will be taken to support Good Neighbor Emergency Assistance. Bring a lawn chair or blanket and join us for a fun evening!