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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
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Worship Sundays 9:45 am

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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
Celebrating 150 Years!

Dear Friends,

I am amazed at all the ways our church reaches out through our community and around the world. All of this has happened over the last month:

- Our CROP Walk team walked through rain, snow, sleet, wind, and cold, raising money to fight hunger here in Ames and around the world. I was impressed to see so many people walking in such miserable conditions. Walking with good friends and for an important cause, it actually didn't seem so terrible out there. We are hoping to surpass last year's total of \$37,000 raised here in Ames.
- Delegates from our church participated in the Mid-American Baptist Churches regional gathering in St. Paul. It was good to join with our sister churches from throughout Minnesota and Iowa as we installed our new Executive Minister, Rev. Jackie Saxon.
- We took part in the first Pridefest worship service in Ames, standing with our LGBTQ brothers and sisters who often do not feel a welcome from churches. It was a meaningful and joyful service, with great fellowship afterwards.
- We participated in the AMOS Ames Assembly, joining together with others working to make our community a place that works for everyone. All of the member institutions made commitments toward our efforts to address mental illness and homelessness in Story County.
- Through October we have been receiving our World Mission Offering, which supports American Baptist missionaries around the world. Severally of these folks we know personally. Our missionaries truly do amazing work in education, medicine, agriculture, development, evangelism, peacemaking, and more, and our gifts make a real difference in the lives of people.
- We held an informational meeting to gauge interest in a mission trip to Puerto Rico. There was a great deal of interest expressed, and we are planning for a trip to Puerto Rico next year.
- This past Sunday, we held our annual Great Day of Service. I was part of the group that picked up trash in Campustown, working on a team with Chase Toliver and Rodney Barto. We were picking up trash along Stanton Avenue when a guy on an upper floor of an apartment building yelled at us, "You guys are awesome!" That may have been my favorite part of the day.
- As I write this, a group of Parkinson's Disease patients are in the Fellowship Hall for the "Music and Movement" group. Today it is "Hawaiian Day," and there is a real energy in the group.

We are not a huge church, but as I look back over the last few weeks, I would say that with God's help, we make a huge impact in our community and beyond. Thanks to every one of you for making this a compassionate, caring, active family of faith.

Blessings,
Dave



November 4

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

November 11

Worship Leader: Jared Diehl
Ushers: Larry Schrag, Nancy Maydew
 Kaylinn Taggart, Wilson Korges
Sound System: Tom Logue

November 18

Worship Leader: Emma Phomvisay
Ushers: Michael Thompson, Nancy Maydew
 Kaylinn Taggart, Wilson Korges
Sound System: Kent Johnson

November 25

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

November Flowers: Jenna McCarley

| NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS | |
|--------------------|----|
| Morgan Ambourn | 2 |
| Lyndsay Whitaker | 4 |
| Janelle Keltgen | 5 |
| Abby Johnson | 8 |
| Lucy Johnson | 8 |
| Harris Seidel | 12 |
| Marilyn Peterson | 13 |
| Jill Grauman | 17 |
| Brian Starrett | 24 |
| Donna Cleasby | 25 |
| Buckley Peterson | 27 |



3rd Sunday Lunch

On the 3rd Sunday of the month, following Church School, let's meet for lunch at the following locations:

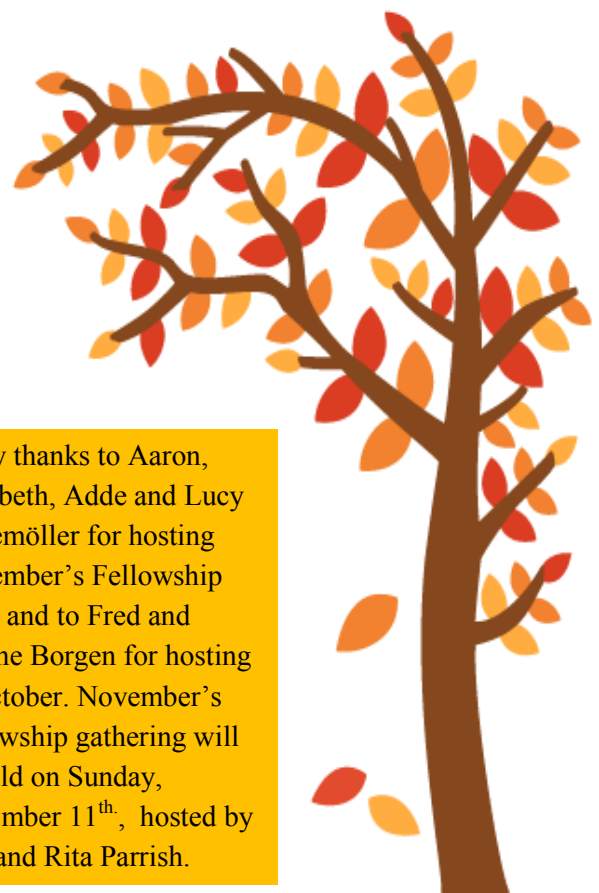
November 18—Mongolian Buffet

For more information, see Catherine Parrish.

New Church Directory!

A 2018 directory is now available. You may pick up your directory in the narthex on Sundays and in the office during the week. Please check off your name as you take one.

Many thanks to Aaron, Elizabeth, Adde and Lucy Stegemöller for hosting September's Fellowship Time and to Fred and Dianne Borgen for hosting in October. November's Fellowship gathering will be held on Sunday, November 11th, hosted by Bob and Rita Parrish.





Puerto Rico Mission Trip

As part of the “Rebuilding, Renewing, Restoring” effort in Puerto Rico, ABC churches are sending mission teams to assist in rebuilding efforts. Our church will send a mission team to work in Puerto Rico June 8-15, 2019. Meals and dormitory housing are provided at a cost of \$150/person. Other costs are airfare and ground transportation (vehicle rental). We will be fundraising and will make the cost of the trip affordable for everyone.

There will be an informational meeting for all who are interested in the trip on Sunday, November 11 during Fellowship Time. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please contact Pastor Dave.

We are blessed as a nation to vote. As citizens of this country this is a right, an obligation, and a duty. Go vote. Vote your conscience. Your conscience informed by what it means to love your neighbor, to participate in the process of seeking the common good, to participate in the process of making this a better world. However you vote, go and vote. And do that as followers of Jesus.

- Episcopal Church Presiding Bishop Michael Curry



AMOS “Housing First” Proposal



AMOS research teams addressing mental health care and affordable housing have joined together to support Housing First, a strategy to address long-term homelessness among persons with mental illness. Housing First means providing stable, long-term housing with no preconditions to the most vulnerable of the homeless population with mental illness. Often, such persons are required to go through therapy, go through a treatment program, be employed, go through a stay in transitional housing, or meet other criteria before they qualify for housing. Experience shows that when a person has housing, all

of these other issues are much easier to address.

Housing First projects in many communities around the country have shown much better outcomes for individuals in terms of health, quality of life, and staying in housing while saving taxpayers a significant amount of money. In Charlotte, NC, for example, a Housing First program saved \$1.8 million in public money over one year through fewer emergency room visits, fewer hospitalizations, less jail time, less police time and resources, etc. This is a savings to taxpayers of \$29,000/person. Similar results have been found in other programs, including in Des Moines.

Ames Police Department Mental Health Advocate Julie Saxton has identified 12 individuals who are long-term homeless with mental illness and who take up an inordinate amount of police time and other public resources. The AMOS Research Team is currently researching the cost of public resources for these people as part of putting together a proposal for a Housing First Strategy in Story County,

At the AMOS Assembly on October 18, the proposal for a Housing First Strategy in Story County as presented. All candidates for Story County Supervisor and the Iowa House who were present endorsed our proposal. Each AMOS institution is collecting signatures to show that there is public support for such a project. By our signature, we are simply showing support for the strategy; a detailed proposal including funding (public, private, grants, etc.), types of housing, number of individuals in the program, etc. is being developed.

You can help in two ways:

- 1) Sign the poster to show your support. We hope to collect 70 signature from our church. (You do not have to be an “official” church member, over 18, or a Story County resident to show your support – this is simply a way of showing that folks in our church support the idea).
- 2) The Mental Health/Housing research team can use some help as they collect more data about our community, contact officials, and finalize the proposal. If you would like to join the research team, see Pastor Dave for more information.

GREAT DAY OF SERVICE

On October 21 we held our annual Great Day of Service. After a brief worship time in the sanctuary, we divided into groups to work on a variety of service projects. We picked up trash throughout Campustown, participating in the “Make Campustown Shine” program. We assembled 120 Hygiene Kits for Church World Service, which will go to refugees and victims of natural disasters. Some participants made fleece baby blankets to be distributed to newborns through Primary Health Care, and our children and others went to Northcrest and visited and sang for residents. After completing our projects, we met back at church to share a meal together.

Thank you to everyone who worked hard to make our Great Day of Service a truly great day!



November

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| Regular Office Hours Monday—Closed Tuesday—8am-12:30pm Wednesday—8am-12:30pm Thursday—8am- 12:30pm Friday—8am-Noon  | | |  | 1 4:30 Nominating Committee | 2 | 3 |
| 4 9:45a Worship 11a Church School | 5 5p Women United  | 6 8a Men's Break-fast, Perkins | 7 6:30p Choir | 8 | 9 | 10  |
| 11 9:45a Worship 11a Fellowship Time 11:15a Church School | 12 5p Women United | 13 4p Music & Movement 7p Trustees | 14 11:30a Women's Lunch, Mandarin 2p PD Discussion Group 3p PD Singing Group 5:15p CCJ Board 6:30p Choir | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| 18 9:45a Worship 11a Church School 12p 3rd Sunday Lunch 2p Prayer Shawl Circle | 19 | 20 8a Men's Break-fast, Perkins | 21 | 22  | 23 Church Office Closed | 24 |
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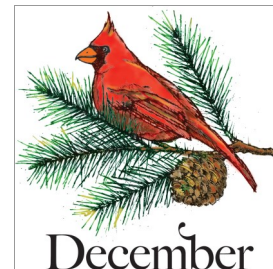
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Our Church Staff:

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|------------------------|-------------------|
| Rev. Dr. David Russell | Pastor |
| Mindy Phomvisay | Director of Music |
| Patricia Izbicki | Accompanist |
| Janelle Keltgen | Office Manager |
| Kathy Greiner | Custodian |

Coming in December

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| December 2 | Hanging of the Greens following worship |
| December 8 | Christmas Dinner and Program, 6 pm |
| December 9 | Budget and Election Meeting, 12 noon |
| December 16 | Vespers at Northcrest, 5 pm |
| December 24 | Social Hour, 5 pm |
| | Christmas Eve service, 6 pm |



Thanks to all who participated in the CROP Walk! Six folks from FBC took part in the walk

to fight hunger in our community and around the world. Our team walked through rain, snow, sleet, wind and cold! Thanks to Wilson Korges, TJ Nugent, Kaylinn Taggart, Dave Russell, Julie Johnston, and Beth Douglass.

