

The 7 Experiment by Jen Hatmaker

Food. Clothes. Spending. Media. Possessions. Waste. Stress. Jen and her family spent 30 days on each topic, boiling it down to the number 7. Only eat 7 foods, wear 7 articles of clothing, and spend money in 7 places. Eliminate use of 7 media types, give away 7 things each day for one month, adopt 7 green habits, and observe “7 sacred spaces”. The payoff is the discovery of a greatly increased God—a call toward Christ—like simplicity and generosity. Meets in Room 53. Contact Jill McNiff (jmcniff@normalfirst.org) to sign up or for more information.

ASH WEDNESDAY-FEBRUARY 14

Join us in the Fellowship Hall at:

*5:15pm for a meal (Lasagna, salad, desserts)

*6pm in the Lounge we will have a UMW sponsored event, “Meditation on a Sacred Space” with Rev. Lori Bultmeier of the Baby Fold.

*7pm Ash Wednesday worship service will be in the Sanctuary.

Worship Leaders

Pastor Kathy King-Nobles

Liturgist David Helpingstine

ISU Wesley Foundation Greta Long

Choir Director Tyler DeVault

Pianist Dennis Gotkowski

Greeters The Bixby Family

Ushers Sue Hospelhorn, Rich Beal

Audio Tech Mike Peterson

Visual Tech Adam Hoerner

Vocalists Hayley Helpingstine, Sarah Ogdon,
Dale & Michelle Hoerner

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday 11:00 am

“Step by Step” #3004

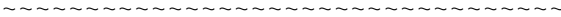
“Everlasting God” #3021

Luke 9:28-43

The Art of Going Downhill

“We Have Come at Christ’s Own Bidding” #2103

“In Christ Alone” #3105



“We ought not to be weary of doing little things for the love of God, who regards not the greatness of the work, but the love with which it is performed.”

Brother Lawrence (1614-1691)

“An argument arose among them as to which one of them was the greatest. But Jesus, aware of their inner thoughts, took a little child and put it by his side, and said to them, ‘Whoever welcomes this child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me, welcomes the one who sent me; for the least among all of you is the greatest’.”

Luke 9:46-48

*Please stand as you are able.

For the 5 weeks of Lent, beginning on February 18th, you'll be invited to do a little reading before worship each week. If you like, you can receive by email or pick up a paper copy article from Sojourners magazine that fits the theme for worship each week.

To sign up to receive the email copy, simply write "email" next to your name on the attendance pad. If you're not sure we have your email address, then please include your email address.

Copies of articles will also be available the week prior in the Sanctuary.

THEME FOR WORSHIP: RECONCILIATION

Throughout Lent, we'll be focused on the theme of reconciliation, on a personal, communal, and global level.

Do you have a story about reconciliation?

Have you experienced reconciliation in your life?

What has made reconciliation harder or easier for you?

How have you felt once you've experienced reconciliation?

Would you be interested in sharing your thoughts with Pastor Kathy to help design the worship service?

Reconciliation Themes

Feb 18	Self	Mar 11	Communal
Feb 25	Interpersonal	Mar 18	Global
Mar 4	Church		

YOUTH MISSIONS FUNDRAISER

Who doesn't need quality sheets for your bed??!! The Youth will be selling super soft quality sheets for \$40 (any size) beginning this Sunday! Please see the insert for more details!

Join the fellowship, food and fun in the lounge at noon. Come meet someone new and visit with an old friend. Bring a dish to share if you are able. All are welcome.

NIGHT IN A CAR

Thank you for the generous donations given to help Home Sweet Home Ministries. We surpassed our goal! We raised over \$3400.00.

NOISY OFFERING

Our next Noisy Offering is February 24 & 25. Please plan on bringing your coins, etc. as our children collect for our Habitat for Humanity project.

OUR CONFERENCE, OUR KIDS

Trivia Night! March 7, 2018

Rev. Lori Bultemeier will share what this endowment will do for the children of our 5 children's agencies in the Conference. After that, we will have some fun Trivia. Come with a team of 6 or gather a group that evening. Come – have supper, hear Lori, play!

UMW NEW HOPE CIRCLE

Prayer Partners for Wesley Foundation Mission Trip

Join us 7:00 pm on Monday, Feb 26th to support our Wesley Foundation. We will gather in the lounge to make prayer cards for each Wesley Foundation student going on the spring break work mission trip. We are also collecting individually packaged snacks and bottled water to send with them. Contact Michelle Hoerner at dmhoerner92@comast.net or (309) 838-6864 with questions or for more information!