



The Spire

Worship and Study in Lent

Wednesdays in Lent

Soup Supper and Devotion 5:30 pm
(choir rehearsal 6:30 pm)

March 4, 11, 25

(no supper on March 18 - spring break)

Palm Sunday, March 29

Worship with Palm Procession 9:45 am
AMOS House Meetings 10:45

Maundy Thursday, April 2

Worship with Communion, 6:00 pm

Easter Sunday, April 5

Easter Breakfast 8:30 am
Celebration Worship 9:45 am

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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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.





“We the People” House Meetings Sunday, March 29 following worship

2026 marks the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. It is also the 30th anniversary of AMOS (A Mid-Iowa Organizing Strategy). Our church is one of 40 institutional members of AMOS, a group that seeks to build a community where everyone can flourish.

For its 30th anniversary, AMOS is embarking on a “We the People” campaign. Across our AMOS institutions we will be launching small group "house meetings" - listening sessions to engage people within and beyond the walls of our organizations. FBC members attended the AMOS Delegate Assembly where our institutions committed to engage 2637 Iowans in these small group conversations.

The Declaration of Independence speaks of the role of government as affecting our “safety and happiness.” At our house meetings, we will share stories about barriers to safety and happiness that we and our loved ones face.

Our We the People House Meetings will be held on Sunday, March 29 following worship. These will take the place of our regular Church School classes on that Sunday. Please sign up to participate on the bulletin board (this will help us have enough leaders for the groups.) We will also schedule a House Meeting on Zoom for those who cannot attend in person - be watching for information.

The concerns we share will generate AMOS’ issue agenda for our 30th anniversary that will take place on August 30 in Urbandale. Please see Beth Douglass or Pastor Dave if you have any questions.

Music Camp 2026

**June 15-19, 9-11:30 each day
SAVE THE DATE!!**

Music Camp is a fun, hands-on experience in music and related arts for grades K-6 (completed). The week will include choir groups, games, crafts, a campers’ talent show, food, friends, and more!

More info coming soon!



If you can help as a counselor or staff person, see Mindy or Pastor Dave!



2026 Senior Variety Show News

Persons age 60 or older are invited to the 2026 Senior Variety Show Auditions at Northminster Presbyterian Church 20th St. Ames, IA on Saturday, March 28 & April 11 (12:30-4 pm). This year’s theme is “STARSTRUCK: Stage & Screen.” Show dates are August 14 & 15 at the Ames City Auditorium. For more information: call 515-337-1713 or visit our website

www.seniorvarietyshow.org







and find us on Facebook. (Our own Phyllis Schrag is the director this year’s show!)

AMOS We the People 30th Anniversary Convention

Sunday, August 30, 2026 at 3:00 PM
Horizon Event Center, Clive, IA

AMOS | WE the PEOPLE
30 years of organized power



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:45a Worship/ Communion 10:45a Church School 11:45a College/ Young Adult Lunch	2 	3 8a Men's Breakfast	4 10:00a Virtual Coffee Shop 2:00p PD Singing 5:30p Soup Supper / Lenten Study	5	6	7 
8 9:45a Worship 10:45a Fellowship 11a Church School	9	10 7p Trustees	11 10:00a Virtual Coffee Shop 2:00p PD Singing 5:30p Soup Supper / Lenten Study	12 2:00p PD Trivia	13	14
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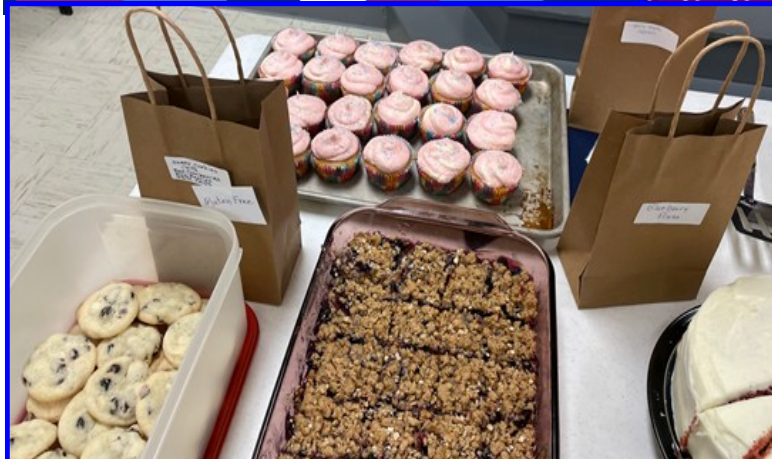
2026 Cook-Off Report



Our cook-off was held on Sunday, February 22 with a theme of “Red, White, and Blue” in honor of the 250th birthday of our nation. Those in attendance enjoyed a variety of wonderfully creative and colorful dishes! We raised over \$500 for SHOP, the Iowa State University student food pantry.

Winners included: Grand Prize: Dave Russell, All-American Peppero-ni Pizza sliders; 2nd Place: Greg Goodman, Red White & Blue Potato Soup; 3rd Place: Marilyn Peterson, Jello Stripe Salad.

Theme Spirit Awards: Kenneth Johnson, Strawberry Swirl Cake; Lucille Taylor, Pavlova with Fruit; Beth Douglass, Red White & Blue Fruit Skewers; Joyce Davidson, Southwest Pepper 'n Pork with Rice, Blue Chips & Salsa & Hot Sauce.



Serving This Month



March 1:

Worship Leader: Becca Whitaker
Ushers: Dawn Doerr-Johnson, Julie Johnston

March 8:

Worship Leader: Jan Thompson
Ushers: Jere Maddux, Bob Parrish

March 15:

Worship Leader: John Anderson
Ushers: Jerilyn Logue, Tom Logue

March 22:

Worship Leader: Jere Maddux
Ushers: Daniel Echedon, Erin Johnson

March 29:

Worship Leader: Kaylinn Nugent
Ushers: Beth Douglass, Jan Thompson



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Phyllis Schrag	5
Michelle (Leining) George	8
Caimbrie Parrish	8
Joseph Core	9
Gretchen Anderson	18
Wes Johnson	18
Stephanie Goodman	25



Every Wednesday at 10 am, FBC has our Virtual Coffee Shop. It is an opportunity to visit with friends over Zoom. Participants include regular attenders who generally cannot be here in person. We always welcome new folks to join us! Use the regular Sunday morning Zoom link and join us!



We offer a monthly lunch for college students and young adults. Our next lunch will be following worship on Sunday, March 1.



Our Church Staff:

Rev. Dr. David Russell	Pastor
Mindy Phomvisay	Director of Music
Emma Phomvisay	Musical Intern
Elizabeth Stegemöller	Choir Accompanist
Lori Allen	Office Manager
Erin Topp	Custodian

Office Hours

Tuesday 9:30am to 1:30pm
Wednesday 1:30pm to 4:30pm
Thursday 9:30am to 12:30pm
Friday 9:30am to 11:30am



We will share a simple meal at 5:30 pm on Wednesdays followed by a devotion/ conversation on what it means, for us, to follow Jesus. We will meet on March 4, 11, and 25. (No supper of March 18 – spring break.) Choir will follow at 6:30 pm.

AMERICA FOR CHRIST OFFERING 2026

The America for Christ Offering supports our shared ministry and witness as American Baptists throughout the United States and Puerto Rico. Our gifts help support a wide range of ministries, including:

- Leadership development for pastors, chaplains, and laity
- Community-based ministries that address hunger, housing insecurity, and economic hardship
- Justice-focused initiatives responding to systemic inequities
- Faith formation and discipleship across generations
- Church planting
- And more!

We will receive the AFC offering throughout the month of March. We invite you to give generously!



Worship Sunday mornings 9:45 in person or on ZOOM

Details for connecting via ZOOM at fbcames.org