

14 One of those listening was a woman from the city of Thyatira named Lydia, a dealer in purple cloth. She was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to respond to Paul’s message. 15 When she and the members of her household were baptized, she invited us to her home. “If you consider me a believer in the Lord,” she said, “come and stay at my house.” And she persuaded us.

Tabitha - Meet practical needs: Acts 9: 36 In Joppa there was a disciple named Tabitha (in Greek her name is Dorcas); she was always doing good and helping the poor . . . All the widows stood around him, crying and showing him the robes and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was still with them.

Epaphras – Pray for people: Colossians 4: 12 Epaphras, who is one of you and a servant of Christ Jesus, sends greetings. He is always wrestling in prayer for you, that you may stand firm in all the will of God, mature and fully assured.

God is pleased with “small” acts of faithfulness: Matthew 10: 42 And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones who is my disciple, truly I tell you, that person will certainly not lose their reward.” Matthew 25: “His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!’”

What “small” thing is God calling you to do today?

Algona First United Methodist Church



Welcome Serve Love

This Week’s Schedule

June 21

- Worship 5pm

June 22

- Worship 9am

June 23

- ELO 9-2pm
- Paper Magnolia’s 10-12 noon

June 24

- Homestead 9am
- Mat Weaving 9-11:30am
- Van Buren 10am
- Prayer Devotions @ 12 noon

June 25

- ELO 9-2pm

June 27

- ELO –10:30am
- Office closes @ 12 noon

June 28

- Worship 5pm

June 29

- Worship 9am

Announcements

VBS Registration is open. July 14-16 5:30-7:30pm. For ages Preschool-4th Grade.

Items needed to borrow for VBS

- Pencil Trees
- Pop Up Tents
- Small Christmas Trees
- Small Canoe
- Kayaks
- String of Camping Lights/ Christmas Lights
- Campfire Wood

VBS Volunteers are needed.

Adults to take the children to their different rotations. (We need 2 adults for each group) We have 3 groups.
Picture Taker
People who like to decorate.

Order of Worship

Welcome & Announcements

Responsive Call to Worship & Opening Prayer

Based on Romans 12:1-2

One: Brothers and sisters, the words of Paul call us to worship with our whole being: “I urge you to offer your bodies as a living and holy sacrifice to God.”

All: Lord, help us worship you with our eyes and our ears; with our mouths and our hands. Because we are rooted in Christ, we give our whole selves to you.

One: Be transformed from the inside out by renewing your mind.

All: Lord, help us worship you with our hearts and our minds. Renew our thoughts as we grow in knowledge - that we may sharpen our focus on you.

One: You will be able to discern what God wills and whatever God finds good, pleasing, and complete.

All: Lord, show us your will for each one of us gathered for worship. Show us your will for our congregation. Help us to please you in our worship and in our daily lives. O God, send your gracious Spirit upon us. Make us ready and willing to offer ourselves as a joyful sacrifice to your holy work. In our worship today, may we be transformed through the renewal of our minds and may we strive to grow more deeply rooted in your Son, the Living Christ. Amen.

***Song #593 “Here I Am, Lord”**

Old Testament Reading *Exodus 36:1-7*

Congregational Prayer *Hymnal #481 “The Prayer of St. Francis”*

***Song #399 “Take My Life, and Let It Be”**

Sharing of Joys & Prayer Requests

Pastoral Prayer & the Lord’s Prayer

Offering & *Doxology

***Offertory Prayer**
Lord Jesus, Prince of Peace, we ask for the grace to be vessels of your love, compassion and truth. Impart a spirit of generosity, compassion and love to those entrusted to our care. May our words and actions be a reflection of your grace, inspiring those gathered here to experience the transformative power of your love through generous giving. Amen.

***Song The Faith We Sing #2222 “The Servant Song”**

Children’s Message

New Testament Reading *Matthew 25:14-27*

Message *“Unsung Heroes of the Bible”*

***Response #389 “Freely, Freely”**

***Benediction** *II Thessalonians 2:15-16*

May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word.

Sermon Notes

Unsung Heroes of the Bible

A Senior Employee - Use your employment to serve God: See Genesis 24 and the story of Abraham’s senior servant.

Bezalel & Oholiab - Use your “everyday” skills for God’s glory:
Exodus 36: 1 So Bezalel, Oholiab and every skilled person to whom the LORD has given skill and ability to know how to carry out all the work of constructing the sanctuary are to do the work just as the LORD has commanded.

Job’s friends – Be there for people in their lowest moments: Job 2: 11 When Job’s three friends, Eliphaz the Temanite, Bildad the Shuhite and Zophar the Naamathite, heard about all the troubles that had come upon him, they set out from their homes and met together by agreement to go and sympathize with him and comfort him. him. 12 When they saw him from a distance, they could hardly recognize him; they began to weep aloud, and they tore their robes and sprinkled dust on their heads. 13 Then they sat on the ground with him for seven days and seven nights. No one said a word to him, because they saw how great his suffering was.

Andrew - Introduce people to Jesus: John 1: 40 Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, was one of the two who heard what John had said and who had followed Jesus. 41 The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, “We have found the Messiah” (that is, the Christ). 42 And he brought him to Jesus.

A Poor Widow - Practice generosity: Mark 12: 41 Jesus sat down opposite the place where the offerings were put and watched the crowd putting their money into the temple treasury. Many rich people threw in large amounts. 42 But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a few cents. 43 Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. 44 They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything—all she had to live on.”

Barnabas - Be an encourager: Acts 4: 36 Joseph, a Levite from Cyprus, whom the apostles called Barnabas (which means “son of encouragement”), 37 sold a field he owned and brought the money and put it at the apostles’ feet.

Lydia - Practice hospitality: Acts 16: 13 On the Sabbath we went outside the city gate to the river, where we expected to find a place of prayer. We sat down and began to speak to the women who had gathered there.