

**FALL
KICKOFF
PICNIC**

**SEPTEMBER 7@
VETS PARK**

OUTDOOR WORSHIP @ 10:30AM
PICNIC AFTER WORSHIP

Hamburgers, Hotdogs, Water & Paper Products are
provided! Please bring a side to share!



*Algona First United
Methodist Church*

HOMECOMING WEEKEND

**"CELEBRATING OUR PAST, LEANING INTO OUR
FUTURE"**



27
SEPTEMBER

From 1945 to 2025, the Nativity Scene has inspired countless visitors.

Our beautiful organ will be played by guest musician Barb (Harris) Burns. Greetings will be shared from Pastor clergy and spouses. Guest speaker Rev. Katie Dawson.

DESSERT FELLOWSHIP @ 6:15PM

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SEPTEMBER

Recognition of "50 Year Members". Special music. Guest speaker, Rev. Katie Dawson.

Egg bakes, Muffins, Fruit, Juice, Milk, Coffee. 100% of Free Will donations will go to support our local food shelf. Donations of food are welcome too!

Many folks don't know about our History Room! There are lots of fascinating items and documents that shed light on the history of our congregation and community.

#BeUMC



- Worship 5pm

Thank You For Your Support!

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ALGONA 1ST
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
**BLOCK
PARTY**
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10
FUN STARTS AT 5PM UNTIL 6:30PM

Free Picnic Supper!

FREE HORSE RIDES!!!

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Weather permitting!
Riding 6-11:30 a.m.

Register for Kids Club!

Fun Night for ALL!



201 EAST NEBRASKA STREET, ALGONA IOWA

Do you enjoy working with children?
We are needing help with our
Wednesday Night Kid's Ministry. Call
the office for more information.

Prelude *“Mighty to Save” (Sunday)*

Welcome & Announcements

Responsive Call to Worship

Leader: Children of God: welcome!

ALL: Welcome to this place of love and grace,

L: Welcome to this place of hope and perseverance.

ALL: God invites all of us to be a part of the beloved community,

L: God invites all of us to share in the good news:

ALL: We are welcome, just as we are. We are loved, just as we are. In gratitude for all of this, let us worship God.

Unison Opening Prayer

We come to you, O God, to thank you for what is good. We come to you, O God, to cry out for what is wrong. We come to you, O God, to ask for help and restoration. We come to you, O God, with aching hearts and glad souls. Mostly, O God, we simply come to You. Our King. Our Father. Our Friend.

***Song** #154 *“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name” Verses 1, 2, 4, 6 (Saturday)*
“In Christ Alone” (Sunday)

Old Testament Reading *Psalm 47*

Congregational Prayer

Dear God, We long for a renewed sense of your presence and power within our church. Today, we humbly seek your outpouring of the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts and guide us.

Lord, may your presence be evident in our worship, our ministries, and our daily lives. Empower us to carry out your work with conviction and authority, knowing that it is by your strength that we are able to do all things. We trust in your promise to be with us always. In your name, we pray. Amen.

***Song** #715 *“Rejoice, the Lord Is King” (Saturday)* *“How Great Is Our God” (Sunday)*

Sharing of Joys & Prayer Requests

Pastoral Prayer & the Lord’s Prayer

Offering & *Doxology

*Offertory Prayer

Dear God of our salvation, we rejoice in your steadfast love. Draw us closer to you and teach us your way. May our thankfulness overflow in generosity to friends, neighbors, and strangers. Extend the reach of our congregation so that our offerings will help others learn of your grace and goodness. We pray in the name of Jesus, our redeemer. Amen.

***Song** #172 *“My Jesus, I Love Thee”*

Children’s Message

New Testament Reading *Matthew 28:18-20 & Acts 1:8*

Matthew 28: ¹⁸Jesus came and told his disciples, “I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. ¹⁹Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. ²⁰Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”

Acts 1: ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

Message *“Characteristics of an Effective Congregation”*

***Response** #393 *“Spirit of the Living God”*

***Benediction** *Ephesians 3:20-21*

Now all glory to God, who is able, through his mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think. Glory to him in the church and in Christ Jesus through all generations forever and ever! Amen.

Characteristics of an Effective Congregation:

The example of the Church in Ephesus – Acts 19-20

A) Established through Evangelism – Acts 19:8-12

Acts 19: ⁸Paul entered the synagogue and spoke boldly there for three months, arguing persuasively about the kingdom of God. ⁹But some of them became obstinate; they refused to believe and publicly maligned the Way. So Paul left them. He took the disciples with him and had discussions daily in the lecture hall of Tyrannus. ¹⁰This went on for two years, so that all the Jews and Greeks who lived in the province of Asia heard the word of the Lord.

B) Perseveres through Problems – Acts 19:23-31

Acts 19: ²³About that time there arose a great disturbance about the Way. ²⁴A silversmith named Demetrius, who made silver shrines of Artemis, brought in a lot of business for the craftsmen there. . . ²⁸When they heard this, they were furious and began shouting: “Great is Artemis of the Ephesians!” ²⁹Soon the whole city was in an uproar. The people seized Gaius and Aristarchus, Paul’s traveling companions from Macedonia, and all of them rushed into the theater together. ³⁰Paul wanted to appear before the crowd, but the disciples would not let him.

C) Builds Biblically Grounded Leaders - Acts 20:17-32

Acts 20: ¹⁷From Miletus, Paul sent to Ephesus for the elders of the church. ¹⁸When they arrived, he said to them: “You know how I lived the whole time I was with you, from the first day I came into the province of Asia . . . ²⁸Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God, which he bought with his own blood. ²⁹I know that after I leave, savage wolves will come in among you and will not spare the flock . . . ³²“Now I commit you to God and to the word of his grace, which can build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified. *See II Timothy 2:2*

D) Constantly Rekindles its First Love – Revelation 2:3-5

Revelation 2: ⁴Yet I hold this against you: You have forsaken the love you had at first. ⁵Consider how far you have fallen! Repent and do the things you did at first.

*Do you BELIEVE God can do a new thing in and through our congregation?
Are you willing to BE an active part of this new thing?
Let’s be open and responsive as we begin a careful study of Paul’s letter to the Ephesians.*