

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

January 25, 2026, 9:00 am

3rd Sunday After The Epiphany

All are welcome here in the name of the Risen Christ!

An \* (asterisk) indicates when those who are able, are invited to stand  
UMH indicates United Methodist Church Hymnal (in pews)  
Hymnals, pew Bibles, and offering envelopes are in the racks.

GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Opening Voluntaries		
Announcements		
Passing the Peace of Christ (Matthew 4)	Emily Johnson	
*Praise and Worship Songs	<i>Let the Redeemed of the Lord Mighty to Save</i>	Joyful Noise
*Call to Worship (Isaiah 9, 1 Corinthians 1, Matthew 4)	Emily Johnson	
*Opening Prayer (Isaiah 9, Psalm 27, 1 Corinthians 1, Matthew 4)	Emily Johnson & Congregation	
*Gloria Patri	UMH 70	
Reading from the Old Testament	Isaiah 9:1-4	Emily Johnson
One: The Word of God for the people of God		
All: Thanks be to God		

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer of Yearning (Isaiah 9, 1 Corinthians 1, Matthew 4)	All
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Words of Assurance (Psalm 27, Matthew 4)		Pastor
Children’s Moment		Kathilene Hagen
Sharing Our Tithes and Offering (Quarter Collection)		
*Doxology	<i>Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	UMH 95
*Prayer of Dedication	All	
*Hymn of Preparation	<i>We are Singing</i>	FWS 2235
Preaching Text		
One: The Word of God for the people of God		Psalms 27:1
All: Thanks be to God		Pastor
Message	“Carrying the Light”	Rev. Cephas Davis
*Responsive Hymn	<i>Oh How He Loves You and Me</i>	FWS 2108
Joys, Concerns, Prayers, Welcoming of First Time Guests		
Pastor		
*Closing Song	<i>All the People Said Amen</i>	Joyful Noise
*Benediction:		Rev. Cephas Davis
*Postlude		

## Thank you...

To **Emily Johnson** - for being our Worship Leader.

To Radio Sponsor **Sheila Bentley** – In memory of husband Cecil and their 62<sup>nd</sup> wedding anniversary.

## Announcements:

### Super Bowl of Caring!

Let's turn game-day excitement into caring action! We are collecting items for the Maquoketa Community Cupboard **now through February 8th**. Help us fill the shelves! The items that are most needed are: hygiene products, toilet paper, peanut butter, and cereal. Every donation makes a difference—thank you for showing God's love to our community!

### Prayer Requests

We invite you to share your prayer requests using the sheets provided in the pew pockets. Please place them in the collection plate.

### Membership Classes Coming Soon

Membership classes will be offered for those interested in becoming members of Maquoketa First United Methodist Church. If you would like to participate, please contact Pastor Cephas or the church office to sign up. Class times will be set at the first meeting.

### Meetings and Events this Week:

January 27	5:30 pm	Finance Committee Meeting
	6:30 pm	Church Council Meeting
January 28	5:00 pm	Youth Group/Confirmation
	6:00 pm	UWF Meeting

### Adult Bible Study: Paul's Missionary Journeys

Sundays 10:15–11:30 AM | Church Memorial Room  
Bring your Bible and join the lively discussions!

### Adult Bible Study: A Study of James

Sundays 10:30 AM | Church Library  
All are welcome to attend as you're able

### Pastoral Care Need

If you have a pastoral care need, please contact  
Pastor Cephas Davis - 903.714.9974 **or** Colleen Petaros – 563.321.0450

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## OUR MISSION

**To make disciples of Jesus Christ**

**Equipped to serve God and neighbor.**

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