We are honored that you have chosen to worship with us this morning. It is our sincere desire that you feel welcome here, whether you are white collar or blue collar, sinner or saint, Hawkeye or Cyclone fan, senior citizen or crying infant, BMW driver or Harley rider. We wish to find a place for everyone and to grow stronger as a diverse faith community.

A few things you should know as you worship with us:

- We have a nursery available during the Modern Worship service for children ages 0-3 down the hall across from the restrooms by south entrance.
- Restrooms are available down the hall from the main lobby; they are the last two doors on the left-hand side, near the water fountain.

Our Mission:
“To Glorify God By Making Disciples For Jesus Christ”

Our Vision:
“To open our hearts and doors to all people with love and acceptance; inviting them into a relationship with Christ, and each other; encouraging and empowering them as followers of Christ to love as He loved us; and sending them by the power of the Holy Spirit to live the word of God in our homes, community and world.”

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Traditional Worship 8:30am
Modern Worship 11:00am

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**Mission Trip Help Needed:** I will be reaching out and spreading the gospel to the people of Amsterdam from January 17th to June 29th working with Youth With a Mission. At this time I will need to raise $7,000 in order to go on this trip. Donations can be dropped off at the church office. Make checks payable to the church and put Alanah Steeg in the memo. If you have questions feel free contact me at 712-324-0164. Thanks, Alanah Steeg

**Holiday Memorial Service**, Vander Ploeg Funeral Home cordially invites you and your family, relatives and friends to attend their Holiday Memorial Service on Sunday, December 17, 2017 @ 2:00 pm in the Funeral Home Chapel.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Dec. 5th:** 7:00 pm UMW Christmas Tea
**Dec. 9th:** UMW Bake Sale
**Dec. 10th:** 6:00 pm Children’s Christmas Program
**Dec. 24th:** Christmas Eve: 10:00 am Worship Service 5:00 pm Modern Worship Service 7:00 pm Traditional Worship Service
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**It’s a girl:** Congratulations to Brian & Autumn Fennwold on the birth of their daughter Lucy Vivian who was born on Nov. 24, 2017. She weighed 7lbs 14 oz and was 19.5 inches long. She was welcomed home by her big sister Sadie. Proud grandparents are John and Janet Wahl.

**Weighted blanket?** (Puzzled face) What is a weighted blanket? That’s a common reaction when I talk to people about weighted blankets. I had the same reaction before I understood. Weighted blankets are soft, comfortable blankets weighted with microbeads made specifically for a person with anxiety issues, PTSD, depression and other issues. The blankets are a comfort and help them sleep well at night. In response to Kaden’s Kloset receiving many requests for these blankets for foster children, a few of us have begun a ministry to sew these blankets at a fraction of the cost of purchasing them. We’ve already provided 2 blankets and are working on another 4 now. Might this be a ministry where you can help? If you are interested, please call or email me, Susan Klein, slk@nethtc.net, 712-230-0193. Watch for more detailed information to come in the next few weeks.

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