

June 5, 2022

***First United Methodist Church***  
Des Moines, IA



Worship ~ We Welcome & Affirm Everyone

***Our Mission Statement:***

*To **connect** people with God, to **build** a welcoming and inclusive community that **serves** our neighbors through actions of justice and love, and to **develop** disciples of Jesus Christ.*

***Our Vision Statement:***

*To be a Church that demonstrates justice, love and inclusion for all. All means all.*

***First Church - A Reconciling Congregation:***

*First United Methodist Church, at the top of 10<sup>th</sup> Street in downtown Des Moines, strives to love others as Christ loves us and, in doing so, to be the Body of Christ in word and deed.*

*As the Body of Christ, we welcome and affirm all of God's children, knowing that each is created in the image of God. We welcome and affirm people of all gender identities, sexual orientations, ages, races, ethnicities, family configurations, and physical and mental capabilities to join us in full participation as we come together to worship God and then go out to share God's love in the world around us.*

# Anti-Racism Task Force

## VISION-BASED PLANNING EVENT – JUNE 26, 2022



***"Justice, Love, and Inclusion for All" - VISION INTO ACTION: INCLUSION***

***Sunday, June 26, 11:45 a.m., immediately following worship***

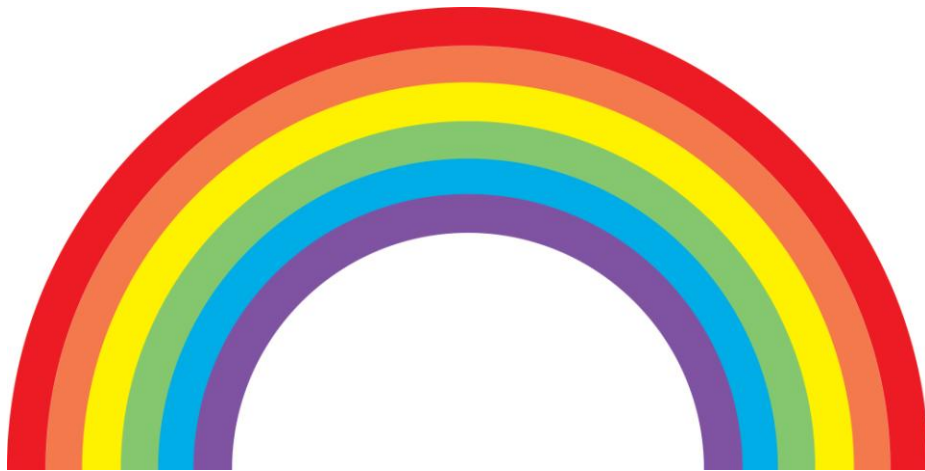
Ever wondered what your own part might be in reducing racism and increasing inclusion in our community and our world? Then First Church's Anti-Racism Task Force is looking for your ideas around creating learning and fellowship opportunities that will do just that. Plan now to join us immediately following worship on Sunday, June 26 for this "***VISION INTO ACTION: INCLUSION***" event. We will start with a light lunch and then engage in a discussion around what kinds of activities and experiences we at First Church might create to promote a more just and inclusive community.

Mark your calendar and let us know you would like to be part of this! RSVP by marking the attendance slip in the bulletin or emailing Lisa Karen in the office at [officemanager@dmfirstchurch.org](mailto:officemanager@dmfirstchurch.org) to let us know to expect you. You can find out more in the "***VISION INTO ACTION: INCLUSION***" event article on the church website ([dmfirstchurch.org](http://dmfirstchurch.org)).



Maybe you saw it on KCCI TV or read about it in Axios Des Moines...

Des Moines Police are starting a new protocol for 911 calls to assign mental health professionals instead of police to certain emergency calls that don't endanger the public. This is a direct effect of the work our AMOS organization. Want more information? Contact Wanda Wendt at 515.229-6399 ([wendt.wanda@hotmail.com](mailto:wendt.wanda@hotmail.com)) or Jacque Coulson at 515.279.2473 ([jcoulson2835@gmail.com](mailto:jcoulson2835@gmail.com)).



### **LET'S SHOW OUR SUPPORT!**

You're invited to participate in the **Pride Parade on Sunday, June 12th**, as a way to show support for our LGBTQ+ brothers and sisters. The Parade will **begin at Noon, with staging beginning at 11:00** from the **Lucas Building, 321 E. 12th Street, near the Capitol**. You're invited to wear one of our rainbow stoles or pins, and we will have a sign to identify First Church. We will join people from Walnut Hills UMC and others, so look for the Walnut Hills banner when you arrive at the Lucas Building. Let's have a good contingent of First Church folks! See you there!

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# Juneteenth **You're Invited!**

You are invited to a community celebration of Juneteenth on Sunday, June 12th, at 5:00 PM at the Franklin Ave. Jr. High Building. Juneteenth is the oldest known celebration that commemorates June 19, 1865, when the end of slavery in the United States was announced. The celebration will feature a Gospel Community Choir, along with special guest, Bishop J. Drew Shead, Presiding Bishop and Chief Apostle, Church of God in Christ, Inc. Please bring a friend and join the celebration!

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Guest wifi password: Welcome!

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**Cross Notes & Bulletin articles/announcements are due by Tuesday weekly.  
LIGHT Articles are due by the 20th of each month.**



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