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PASSING THE FLAME OF FAITH

For Confirmation on Pentecost Sunday, the service began with two children lighting the candles, then a whole crowd of children with flame-colored streamers leading the Confirmands up the aisle. Someday, those younger children, too, will be confirmed, taking on for themselves promises that were made by their parents at their baptisms.

It was a procession of the young, but many people of all different ages have been involved in bringing it about: the Confirmands' parents and grandparents; their mentors; the various members who came in to share their faith stories with them; all the Sunday School teachers and youth leaders who have worked with them over the years; and all of you who have gone out of your way to speak to them in the hallways, do crafts with them during seasonal workshops, and sit with them at potluck dinners.

This congregation has had 150 years of passing the flame of faith, generation to generation. In our culture, which is so segmented by age, the church is one of the few truly multi-generational institutions—one of the few places where old and young intermingle on a regular basis, getting to know one another in deep and meaningful ways. This isn't always easy—different interests and energy levels and noise levels can make it a challenge!—but it keeps older members connected to a changing world, and it keeps younger members rooted in values that have stood the test of time.

I feel blessed to have spent the last year-and-a-half with a congregation that takes these relationships so seriously, and that continues to invest time, money, and prayer in the nurture of children. It's not just their faith, but all of our faith that burns more brightly because of it.

Blessings, Terry



HELP NEEDED FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



It's Vacation Bible School time!! June 22-26 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at First United Methodist Church. At *G-Force VBS*, kids explore how to put their faith into action. In this mission-focused VBS, kids experience God's unstoppable love and discover how to fuel up and move in and through life with God.

We need donations to help us each day with our snack! Supplies needed include: chewy fig cookies, teddy grahams, M&M's, frosting (various colors), fresh fruit, friendship bread (or other sweet bread), fish crackers, cheerios, napkins, and small drink cups. If you would be willing to provide any of these items, please let Hannah Hannover (hannah@amesucc.org) know!

YOUTH NEWS

During the first week in June, our youth will be having a Youth Mission Week, right here in Ames! Here are the parts of the week that we are excited to share with you!

Monday, June 1---Ice Cream Social/BINGO Night

This night is part of our 150th celebration! Our youth will be hosting this event from 5:00 to 6:30! Come and have some ice cream, play BINGO, and enjoy the fellowship!

Tuesday, June 2--Fellowship Night at Baymont Inn

Wednesday, June 3--Meals from the Heartland

We will meet at church at 4 p.m. for dinner together before driving to Des Moines to work the 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. shift packaging meals. If you are interested in being a driver, please let Emily know. We should be back in Ames by 8:15 p.m.

Thursday, June 4--Weeding/Clean up at Reiman Gardens

Friday, June 5--Date Night Babysitting/Youth Lock-In

Our Youth will be providing FREE babysitting for families in the church from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. followed by a lock in at church where we will be planning the service for Sunday, June 7 at Hobbit's Hill.

Sunday, June 7--Leading Worship at Hobbit's Hill

Worship will begin at 10:45 a.m. with our youth sharing everything they experienced and learned throughout our mission week. Following worship, there's a potluck lunch!



A CELEBRATORY SEND-OFF

Sunday, June 28 will be Pastor Terry Hamilton-Poore's last Sunday with us as our Interim Minister.

Come and share in her last worship service with us, as we celebrate the ongoing life of the church, as well as the integral role Terry has played in the last eighteen months at Ames UCC. As we look toward the future, let us ever remain thankful for our present and past!

Following worship, enjoy coffee and goodies in Fellowship Hall and take the opportunity to thank Terry for her time spent with our congregation. Write down any memories or special thanks in a card and bring it with you that morning.



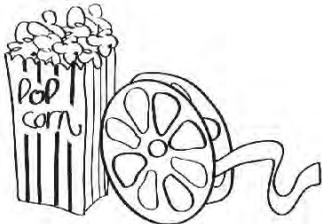
MINISTERIAL TRANSITION TEAM

As we look to welcome our next called minister and celebrate exciting things to come, a ministerial transition team has been appointed by the Executive Board. Team members include Eric Abbott, Elaine Hieber, Linda Shenk, Allen Trenkle and chair Lynette Spicer. Thank you for your service!

The transition team will help the Rev. Eileen Gebbie get established as the new pastor, provide support, information and guidance about Ames UCC and the community. The team will serve in place of a Pastor-Parish Relations Committee until members of that committee are selected (probably December or January). Eileen begins work at Ames UCC on July 6.

The team is working on mundane things such as computer and electronic access for Eileen to more engaging topics such as creating an annual calendar of typical events at Ames UCC and asking the congregation to fill out a "Best of Ames" referral list for area services. Thank you to those who offered suggestions for the list.

SUMMER MOVIE NIGHTS



Join us the first Wednesday in June, July, and August at 6 p.m. for a family friendly movie in Fellowship Hall! Bring your pillows, blankets, and favorite beverage; the popcorn will be provided! Wednesday, June 3 we will watch "FROZEN"!

150th CELEBRATION COMMITTEE

A Historical Walk down the Aisle--150 Years of Wedding Celebrations at Ames United Church of Christ

Approximately 100 people turned out for A Historical Walk down the Aisle--150 Years of Wedding Celebrations at Ames UCC on Sunday, May 17. The multi-generational style show featured weddings of members past and present, from 1865, immediately following the American Civil War, until today. The purpose of the show was to take a look at church history from a different perspective and do it in a fun way.

Master of ceremonies Ed Goedeken led the audience on a journey back through time, weaving a bit of church history into the stories of members and their marriages, and how those marriages impacted our church family and community during the past 150 years.

The program began with the future—our children and youth. With Aidan Shenk Cook at the sound board playing music from The Section Quartet (a rock band disguised as a string quartet), Carter Pilcher and Ailis Shenk Cook lit the candles. Eight children walked down the aisle, modeling everything from traditional suits and vintage tuxedos (including a baby blue tux from the 70's) to classic bridesmaid and flower girl dresses.

Will Hannover carried a doll dressed in his sister Lucy's beautiful white baptismal gown. The gown was created from Hannah Hannover's wedding gown by a fellow church congregant. Since the dress no longer fits Lucy and she could not attend, Will carried the doll.



Rachel and Nicholas Schelle, married on June 7, 2014, kicked off the next portion of the show that focused on weddings held at Ames UCC during the past 150 years. Rachel's gown and her mother Sue Jones' gown were featured in the program and in a display at the back of the sanctuary of the dresses and/or photographs of the dresses that three generations of Geist/Jones women wore--five brides in four gowns.

The Rev. Paul Johnson's and Dr. David Llewelyn's wedding was highlighted because it was an important event in Ames UCC history. Unfortunately, Pastor Paul could not participate, but who can forget the orchid-colored jackets and matching alligator shoes that he and David wore on their special day. When someone in the receiving line commented on the perfectly matched orchid alligator shoes, David replied that "the alligator died of embarrassment when he saw the color."

Galina and Phil Spike donned their wedding outfits and walked down the aisle as they did for their wedding on August 3, 1997 when the ceremony was held immediately after Sunday morning worship, allowing the entire congregation to share in the celebration.

Nancy Clark modeled the elegant white satin wedding gown she wore when she and George were married, September 20, 1952. *(continued on next page)*

The rest of the wedding gowns were modeled by young women from WAC (Wednesday Afternoon Club) and Youth Group along with several of their friends. The dresses ranged in age from Rachel Schelle's 2014 gown to Hazel Dickson's gown from 1919. A few of the older dresses from the turn of the century and beyond that could not be found were replicated. The attire of UCC brides and grooms from each decade was represented. Twenty marriages were featured.

In addition to the many children and youth who took part, just as many adults contributed to the production, serving as models, ushers, hair stylist, personal attendants, stage manager, publicist and reception hosts. There was a role for everyone looking to participate. Nearly 50 people contributed to the overall success of the event.

To see more photos from the style show, go to https://www.facebook.com/AmesUCC/photos_stream.

--Jan Bauer

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING - JUNE 21

The 150th Capital Campaign will conclude on Sunday, June 21. We would like to proceed with construction on some deferred maintenance items (parts of Priority 1) and the youth room (Priority 2) in 2015. The purpose of this congregational meeting will be to seek final approval for only these two projects, so that hopefully construction can begin in 2015. Other construction related to the 150th Capital Campaign will be finalized and approved by congregation at a later time.

SOCIAL JUSTICE & OUTREACH

Habitat for Humanity of Central Iowa Busy Making Plans, Working with New Partner Families



Currently a remodel project is taking place at 1109 Roosevelt in Ames. This project is a partnership with the City of Ames and local faith organizations. Hameed Al Jalil and Rafeeah Abed will soon call the Roosevelt house home with their son Zaid.

HFHCI is also working on a new build with Paulino Yor and Veronica Koding. Paulino and Veronica have six children and are very anxious to move from their apartment into a home. The new build will be in Huxley. This will

be the second build in Huxley in two years.

In Eldora, HFHCI is finishing up a total makeover on a home that suffered severe fire damage. This family will soon be able to move back into their home. Please help us welcome our newest Habitat families.



June

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed
	<p>1</p> <p>5:00 - BINGO & Ice Cream Social @ Fellowship Hal</p>	<p>2</p> <p>6:00 - Youth Group Movie & Fellowship Night @ Baymont Inn (1605 South Dayton) Ames</p>	<p>NO Bible Study</p> <p>9:30 - Work Cre</p> <p>4:00 - Youth Gro</p> <p>the Heartland</p> <p>6:00 - Summer F</p> <p>"Frozen" @ F</p>
<p>7</p> <p>10:45 - Worship & Potluck Picnic at Hobbit's Hill @ 5508 Lincoln Way</p>	<p>8</p> <p>ERP: All</p>	<p>9</p> <p>12:00 Men's Fellowship</p>	<p>8:30 - Bible Stud</p> <p>Hall</p> <p>9:30 - Work Cre</p>
<p>14</p> <p>COMMITMENT SUNDAY</p> <p>9:30 - Worship (note time change)</p> <p>12:00 - 150th Executive Committee @ Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>15</p> <p>ERP: Hieber/Wood</p>	<p>16</p> <p>7:15 - Executive Board</p>	<p>8:30 - Bible Stud</p> <p>Hall</p> <p>9:30 - Work Cre</p> <p>2:00 - UCC Boo</p>
<p>21</p> <p>CELEBRATION SUNDAY!</p> <p>9:30 - Worship</p>	<p>22</p> <p>ERP: Spicer & Duckstein</p> <p>9:00 - VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL @ FUMC</p>	<p>23</p> <p>9:00 - VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL @ FUMC</p> <p>12:00 - Men's Fellowship</p>	<p>8:30 - Bible Stud</p> <p>Hall</p> <p>9:00 - VACATIO</p> <p>SCHOOL @ FU</p> <p>9:30 - Work Cre</p>
<p>28</p> <p>9:30 - Worship @ sanctuary</p> <p>10:30 - Reception for Rev. Terry Hamilton-Poore @ Fellowship Hall</p>	<p>29</p> <p>ERP: Breitman</p>	<p>30</p>	

2015

Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3 w up Meal from @ Des Moines Movie Night - Fellowship Hall	4 10:00 - Transition Team @ Room 104 10:00 - Youth Group Weeding @ Reiman Gardens 5:30 - Choir Picnic @ Brookside Park	5 5:30 - Youth Group Date Night - Free babysitting @ Ames UCC	6
10 y @ Fellowship w	11 7:15 - Financial Stewardship Team @ Office Conference rm	12	13
17 y @ Fellowship w k Club	18	19	20 9:30 - Food at First @ FCC
24 y @ Fellowship ON BIBLE MC w	25 9:00 - VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL @ FUMC	26 9:00 - VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL @ FUMC	27
<p><i>For the most up-to-date calendar, please visit: www.AmesUCC.org/calendar</i></p>			

MEMBER SERVICES

ABC SALE: Remember the dates Friday, August 28 and Saturday, August 29

These are the days of our ATTIC TO BASEMENT CHURCH SALE! We will be collecting items in room 209 all summer, and we are accepting most items from around the house, garage, and garden. Last year, vintage items were very popular and jewelry was another big seller. Clothing is NOT being accepted this year. Items may be left under the coat racks by the back door of the church and volunteers will take them upstairs. Starting in June, we will meet upstairs from 10 a.m. to noon each Wednesday to sort and price the items. We always welcome volunteers, first timers or seasoned veterans! This is a fun, relaxed way to spend time with others from the church. Hope you can come. If you have any question about the sale, call or e-mail

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Women's Fellowship Wednesdays, June 10 and 24

Join the ladies of the church for fellowship time on June 10 and June 24 at noon. On June 10, share a good book that you are reading or have finished and would recommend to others. June 24th will be a day of fellowship and sharing our joys and concerns. Hope to see you all there at noon with your lunch! Thinking ahead to July, we will be discussing what we like to do with our free time. What are your hobbies or other interests?

--Barbara Faidley

PROPERTY

The members coming together as the Property Team continue to move on renovation of the Youth Room. There have been meetings with the architects, a review of underground drain tile scoping, and a focus group is being gathered to help provide more congregational input to the process. The renovation plans must be coordinated with a few of the other 150th Capital Campaign projects.

A successful 'Church Work Day' was held on Saturday, May 16. While attendance was light, a remarkable number of things were accomplished. Thanks to all who have been involved!

Please sign up online to help lock up the church on Sunday mornings in the coming months (signing up for a month at a time is appreciated, but any commitment is appreciated). To locate the page, simply go to www.AmesUCC.org/members and click on the "Sign-up to help with: Sunday Worship" link. Your help is always appreciated!

LIBRARY NEWS

Humor In Our World

Humor is infectious. The sound of roaring laughter is far more contagious than any cough, snuffle or sneeze. When laughter is shared, it binds people together and increases happiness and intimacy. Laughter also triggers healthy physical changes in the body. Humor and laughter strengthen your immune system, boost your energy, diminish pain, and protect you from the damaging effects of stress. Best of all, this priceless medicine is fun, free, and easy to use.

The following quotes are from a new book in the church library, called "Oh No! Another Senior Moment". I hope you get a laugh out of some of them.

"I know God will not give me anything I can't handle. I just wish that He didn't trust me so much." --Mother Teresa

"OK, so growing old happens, but growing up doesn't have to!"

"A pious man reached his 100th birthday, and he suddenly stopped going to church. Concerned about his health, his pastor paid him a visit, and was surprised to find the man in exceptionally good shape.

'We've missed you in church lately,' the pastor said.

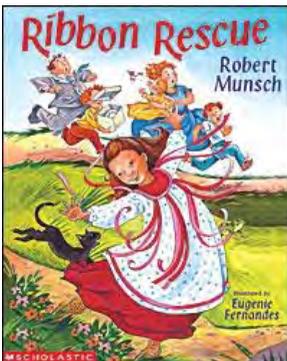
'Oh, I'm not coming anymore,' the man replied. 'You know, I fully expected the Lord to take me at 90, and at 95, but He didn't. I think He's forgotten about me, and I certainly don't want to remind Him!'"

"Remembering: People may forget what you said, and people may forget what you did...but they'll never ever forget how you made them feel."

This is our adult book review for the month. *Oh No! Another Senior Moment* is available for check out from the church library. Enjoy the humor and remember: Laughter is good for the soul!

--Barbara Faidley

Children's Book Review: *Ribbon Rescue*



Ribbon Rescue by Robert Munsch, illustrated by Eugenie Fernandes

This book tells the story of a little Mohawk girl from the Kahnawake reserve near Montreal, Quebec. The ribbon dress in the story is a traditional Mohawk costume. The story tells how a generous girl shares her ribbons to help different people going to a wedding. Each illustration includes a cat and a frog which children would love to look for on the pages. The illustrations make this a humorous story also. Read this fun book and find out how she was rewarded at the end of the book!

-- Review by Barbara Faidley

Website of the Month:

This web site has many different versions of the Bible. When you open the web site, you see a Bible Verse for the Day. You can sign up to have the verse sent to your e-mail. You can also listen to the verse read by someone if you click on the audio link. Up in the right hand corner of the home page are different sizes of the letter "A". By clicking on one of these letters, you can increase or decrease the font size of the Bible verse.

At the top of the page, you can select the part of the Bible you are interested in. You can set it up to compare the same verse from two different versions of the Bible. At the bottom of the home page, there are links to many different topics. The blog page gives you Bible news for the week. A wide variety of devotions are available (Classic, for Women, for Men, for Families, etc). New users can check the link for Frequently Asked Questions and Tutorials. The tutorials will introduce you to Bible Gateway tools and resources and show how to use them effectively. I know that is what I will be doing as I explore this new web site. --Barbara Faidley

UCC BOOK CLUB

The UCC Book Club welcomes all readers and even those who just want to hear the discussion. The group meets in the church library on the third Wednesday of the month at 2 p.m.

June 17 -- *The Invention of Wings* by Sue Monk Kidd (2014 fiction, 373 pages) Discussion leader: Nancy Marks
The novel begins on Sarah Grimke's eleventh birthday, when she is given ownership over Hetty "Handful" Grimke, a Charleston slave. The book follows the next 35 years of their lives. Inspired in part by the historical figure of Sarah Grimke (a feminist, suffragist and abolitionist), Kidd goes beyond the record to flesh out the inner lives of the characters, both real and imagined.

July 15 -- Join us as we select titles for upcoming book club year!

COMMUNITY NEWS

Ames Historical Society Lecture

Just Passing Through: Noteworthy Iowa State Graduates

By Carole Gieseke and Jim Heemstra, ISU Alumni Association

Tuesday, June 16, 7:00 p.m., Ames City Auditorium (520 Sixth St), \$3 freewill donation requested



As a college town, Ames has been a short-term home to many thousands of students who came here to live while earning a degree. Hear remarkable stories of some of the more recent temporary residents from the ISU Alumni Association's Carole Gieseke and Jim Heemstra. They traveled to all 50 states to interview and photograph Iowa State graduates for a special publication and exhibit called "Visions Across America." A display of 20 of Jim's extraordinary photographs will accompany the presentation.

THIRD ANNUAL WORSHIP AT HOBBITS HILL



It's that time of year again, and George and Peter are calling! Or is that the llamas and goats? Hmm...

The 3rd Annual Worship at Hobbits Hill will be held on Sunday, June 7th, beginning at 10:45 a.m., 5508 W. Lincoln Way. Join us for this fun outdoor worship experience, as we learn about the youth group's week of mission work. Then stay for food and fellowship as we cap off the celebration with a potluck!

Many volunteers are needed in various capacities to make the event a success. From parking attendants to table set-up to hauling the sound system to, well, you name it! If you are interested in lending a helping hand, please contact Bradley Duckstein at bduckstein@gmail.com or 515-971-2886.

SUMMER WORSHIP TIME

On June 14, we will switch to our summer worship time of 9:30 a.m. on Sundays. Be sure to mark your calendars!



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In keeping with the life and teaching of Jesus Christ, we joyfully and unconditionally welcome all people of any age, gender, race, culture, ability or sexual orientation into our community of faith and affirm the worth of all people as unique individuals made in God's image. We are open to the special gifts that each person brings and invite each one to participate in the life of our church.

YOU ARE WELCOME HERE!
where you are on life's journey,
No matter who you are or

