

**FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS---DECEMBER 28, 2014
AMES UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

RINGING THE BELL

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CENTERING MUSIC

***GATHERING SONG** “The First Nowell” NCH#139

***SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

***SHARING CHRIST’S PEACE**

The peace of our Savior Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

Please share Christ’s peace with one another.

BAPTISM OF ERIN LUISA BAUER

Daughter of Lee Bauer and Marli Mesa

THE ADDRESS

THE EXAMINATION

THE BAPTISM

WELCOMING ERIN LUISA BAUER

SONG “I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry” NCH#351

POETRY, STORIES, & REFLECTIONS

SONG “O Little Town of Bethlehem” NCH#133

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Please pray the following, or whatever version is most meaningful to you:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on Earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

OFFERING OF GIFTS “Love Came Down at Christmas”
Lesley Lackore

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Holy One, whose heart abounds with gifts, receive this offering as a sign of our intention to live surrounded by your mercy, inspired by your Spirit, open to the joy of your presence, hospitable to one another, and generous toward our world. Amen.

***SONG** “Angels We Have Heard on High” NCH #125

***BLESSING**

***SENDING MUSIC**

UCC CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, Dec. 28

No Youth Group

Wed., Dec. 31

8:30a Bible Study

Thursday, Jan. 1, 2015

Church Office Closed – Holiday

Saturday, Jan. 3

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Sunday, Jan. 4

9:30a Sunday School & Learning Center

10:45a Worship

“Tracks in the Snow” Rev. Terry Hamilton Poore

Isaiah 60:1-6, Matthew 2:1-12

12:00-1:00p Membership Exploration Class

No Youth Group

UCC CALENDAR ANNOUNCEMENTS

Come Explore Membership!

Are you interested in becoming a member, or just curious about what membership means in the UCC? Then come to this Membership Exploration Class! These classes will be an opportunity to learn about the church, get to know other newcomers as well as some long-time members, and come away with a clearer sense of your own spiritual journey. These classes truly are an *exploration*: you don't have to be ready to sign on the dotted line to attend! **Classes will be 12:00-1:00 p.m. on January 4, 11, and 18, with lunch and childcare provided.** We will meet in the Fellowship Hall. We hope you will come and explore with us!

