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## **Sunday, March 2: "A Morning to Remember"**

**9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

**(before, during, and after worship)**

**Lunch and childcare provided.**

Together, we will tell and interpret our church's story—the joyful, the painful, and all the things in-between that have made us who we are today. The better we understand our past, the more empowered we will be to move freely into the future, so please join us for this fun and important event!

### **9:30 a.m. Sunday School**

Pre-K thru 5th grade meet in their normal rooms,  
Youth and Adults gather in the Fellowship Hall.

### **10:45 a.m. Worship**

Text: 1 Corinthians 3:1-9

Sermon: "A Horticultural Heritage"

### **11:45 a.m. — 1 p.m.**

Lunch (provided), Gleaning the Meaning of our Past  
Childcare provided



### **Ash Wednesday, March 5**

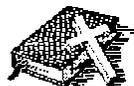
**Service with First Christian and First  
United Methodist Churches**

Location: First Christian Church

Soup supper at 6 p.m., worship at 7 p.m.

Childcare provided.

## FROM THE INTERIM PASTOR



### **A Morning to Remember—A Note from the Interim Pastor**

It's been a dizzying month-and-a-half that I've been with you. Ames UCC is certainly a church with a lot going on! But in the midst of all the goings-on, the Pastoral Search Committee and I are inviting you to stop, take a breath, and reflect on where you've been.

On Sunday, March 2, we'll be taking time to look back on the congregation's past: the people, programs, and events that have made you who you are today. Toward that end, we are asking you to *please fill in the timeline that's in the parlor*. Write in your name at the point that you first became involved, and add whatever things that you remember at the appropriate points on the timeline.

Then, on March 2, we will spend the morning constructing the story together, and asking ourselves what the patterns of the past say about who this church is today.

The story will be incomplete without you, so please plan on participating, as, together, we look toward the past so that we can move with greater confidence into the future.

Blessings,

Terry

### **Women's Fellowship**



Our next meeting is Wednesday, March 5 at noon in Fellowship Hall. At the end of a long winter let's talk travel. Bring a story of a funny moment, family bonding moment, most inspirational moment, or highlight of a family vacation to share. Photos are always welcome.

--Lori Peake

### **Celebrating our 150 years in Ames**

On October 15, 1865 a group of two Baptists, three Congregationalists, and three Presbyterians adopted the resolution: "...We, members of different Evangelical churches, in good and regular standing in humble reliance upon Divine grace, and with sincere desires to promote God's glory, do organize ourselves into a church of the Lord Jesus Christ, to be called the First Congregational Church of Ames, and to be in fellowship with the Orthodox Congregational Churches of the United States." (See <http://www.amesucc.org/history> for more history.)

It is important that we celebrate our history. Therefore, a committee consisting of Jan Bauer, Jan Breitman, Dinah Kerksieck and Laurie Olk has agreed to serve as a steering committee to help organize a celebration for our 150 years of history in Ames. This steering committee will coordinate all of the activities surrounding our sesquicentennial celebration. The steering committee will likely plan some new events but will also coordinate plans already under way for the celebration by the 150th Capital Campaign, Theologian in Residence, and possibly other committees. You will hear much more as we approach this historic anniversary. If you have ideas or plans, please communicate with the steering committee.

--Phil Spike, Moderator

# Worship & Music

## Lenten Event

The theme is “Come and Fill Our Hearts”.

Communion will be served every Sunday throughout Lent. Soup suppers will be each Wednesday, March 12—April 9, followed by a short Taize service. The soup suppers begin at 5:45 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

## Lenten services

We will again be collaborating with First Christian and First United Methodist Churches to facilitate Ash Wednesday and Holy Week services.

### Ash Wednesday, March 5

Location: First Christian Church  
Time: Soup supper at 6 p.m.  
Worship at 7 p.m.

### Palm Sunday, April 13

### Maundy Thursday, April 17

Location: UCC  
Time: Worship with communion  
at 7 p.m.

**Good Friday, April 18 – see  
*upcoming announcements for further  
details.***

*Processional with First Christian  
Church and First United Methodist  
Church*

Starting location: to be determined  
(will travel throughout downtown)  
Time: Noon-1 p.m.

*Prayer stations available – centered  
around the seven last words of Christ*

Location: UCC  
Time: afternoon and evening

***Be sure to join us for Holy  
Communion every Sunday  
throughout Lent!***



### Worship Volunteers

We have now transitioned to a schedule/rotation for ushers, greeters, and liturgist volunteers. A schedule will be issued every two months and if volunteers have a conflict, they will find their own substitutes and report changes to the Worship and Music coordinator and church office. This new system is an effort to alleviate the constant search for volunteers. *Signup sheets are still available in the parlor for later dates.* **If you would like to volunteer at any time for a certain task or week, please contact Bradley Duckstein at (515) 971-2886, bduckstein@gmail.com.**

### Deacons

We are still in need of volunteers for monthly deacons for April through August and October through December. It's a commitment of about 20 extra minutes each Sunday you serve, and training is available. **If you would like to volunteer, please contact Bradley Duckstein at (515) 971-2886, bduckstein@gmail.com.**



### Juice for a Welcoming Table

As we move toward Lent, during which we will share Communion each Sunday, we will be using only juice for Communion.

As lovely as it is to have the wine, having two chalices creates the danger of confusion for those who are recovering alcoholics. No one should have to be afraid of Communion!

In addition, Ami Frank has offered to make gluten-free bread, which we can all safely share.

Scripture tells us that "people will come from east and west and north and south to sit at table in the reign of God." At this table, where we have a foretaste of that reign, everyone is welcome, everyone is safe, and everyone can find sustenance.

# Christian Education Team

## Next Insight Study Group: Animate Bible

On Thursday, March 13, at 3 p.m., the Insight Study Group will start a new DVD series, **Animate Bible**. In this study the class will encounter scripture in new ways. **Animate Bible** is designed to reinvigorate and deepen understanding of the Bible. The class will cover:

### **Week 1:**

Canon: Mining for the Word

Eric Elnes

### **Week 2:**

History: Parchment to Pixel

Phyllis Tickle

### **Week 3:**

Testaments: One Story, Two Parts

Rachel Held Evans

### **Week 4:**

Gospels: Unexpected Good News

Nadia Bolz-Weber

### **Week 5:**

Genre: Rhythm of the Text

Jose Morales

### **Week 6:**

Interpretation: Scripture Reads Us

Will Willimon

### **Week 7**

Grace: Love Is the Bottom Line

Jay Bakker

In each **Animate: Bible** session, the group will watch a video featuring a leading voice from the Christian faith, spend time on personal reflection and journaling, and share ideas with the group. Each session stands alone so come to as many as you can. Everyone is invited. If this intrigues you and you want to start a small group at a different time, let me know.

--Ellen Barnhart

## Learn Something New Every Sunday at Learning Center Adult Forum

The program begins at 9:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Come early for doughnuts, pastries, bagels, coffee, tea and juice at 9 a.m. Breakfast is supported by a free will offering.

**March 2** – Rev. Terry Hamilton-Poore and members of the search committee will work with the congregation on one of the interim tasks: Interpreting our church's history.

**March 9** – Andrea Gronau, manager of Worldly Goods, speaks on how fair trade impacts women's lives.

**March 16** – no program

**March 23** – Share your church camp experience and learn about camps at Pilgrim Heights and Retreat Center in 2014

**March 30** – Green Team

**April 6** – Journeys of Faith

**April 13** – Palm Sunday with intergenerational activities

**April 20** – Easter Sunday (no program)



The church library is off the parlor in the northwest corner of the church.

### Library News

Come visit the Church library and see the new bookcase for children's books. The children's books have been on shelves too high for most children to reach. The new book shelf will put the books at their level and in cubes so the books don't fall over as easily. All you parents, come and check out some great books.

### Theologians in Residence

Now that we have a plaque to commemorate our past Theologians in Residence, check out the collection of books in the church library by those same theologians. We have a very strong collection by these experts. Come in! Check them out! And Do Some Reading!

## Book Display

On March 23, a book display will be in the church parlor. This month it is called "BOOKS AND COOKIES". Come see some of the unique books we have about the Bible. Enjoy some cookies while you look at the books. All these books are available to check out.



## Children's Book Review

***"Dear Children of the Earth: a letter from Home"*** by Schim Schimmel

This book is written as a letter from Planet Earth to her children. It is beautifully illustrated and is a tender reminder of the responsibility we all have to protect the world in which we live. The author, a professional artist, is also the illustrator. He began writing stories to accompany his artwork and emphasizes his concern for our earth. The message is "There is one of Me (earth), but there are billions of people. So when each person does a little something to help me, it makes a very big difference. A very good difference." This is a picture book with a strong message for children and adults.

-- Review by Barbara Faidley

## Book Review

***"101 MOMENTS OF HOPE: Inspiring Thoughts for Everyday Living"*** by Edward Grinnan

This small book is a selection of devotionals written by the author for "Daily Guideposts". The author gives us glimpses of his life. He learns—and so will you—to ask, to seek, to wait, to listen to trust, to love, and to yield to God. The book is divided into the four seasons. While the four seasons bring change, Grinnan discovers hope is changeless: God with him and God with us. Each devotion is short with a Bible verse listed to begin with and then a one line prayer to end the devotion.

-- Review by Barbara Faidley



# Social Justice & Outreach Team

March 30 -- One Great Hour of Sharing,  
UCC Special Mission Annual Offering  
*Giving Help, Hope and Life*

One Great Hour of Sharing supports partners in more than 70 countries with ministries that fund development projects, feed the victims of famine, provide services for displaced people, and respond to natural disasters. These ministries are the responsibility of Wider Church Ministries, Global Sharing of Resources.

## 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 each month at 2 p.m.

Please note the books marked with \*Multiple copies are available in the Ames Public Library Book Club collection. Books may be checked out for six weeks.

- **March 19 -- Parsnips in the Snow: Talks with Midwestern Gardeners** by Jane Anne Staw and Mary Swander (1990 nonfiction, 223 pages) Discussion leaders: Lynette Spicer and Barbara Faidley
- **April 16 -- The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks\*** by Rebecca Skloot (2011 nonfiction, 400 pages) Discussion leader: Nancy Marks
- **May 21 -- Deep Down** by Deborah Coates (2013 novel, 304 pages) Discussion leader: Christa Andersen

Find a synopsis of the books at <http://www.amesucc.org/BookClub>.



# Potpourri

## From former member Roger Parmenter

We sold our house in Ames on September 27 and the next day we were Coloradoans!! We had the worst mover in my entire life!!

The good news was that Steve Padgitt, neighbor in Ames, has a condo in Fort Collins and was willing to let us rent it for as long as we needed. It turned out it did not take that long. We closed on our new home in Loveland by November 16.

As many of you know, you can collect way too much stuff. We had three 10x20 storage. The local movers were great and we managed to get lots of stuff into the basement to close out the storage areas.

Carolyn immediately got in touch with the Fort Collins food bank and they want her to come back to work. Carolyn has three new great granddaughters . In February she will add a great grandson to the list.

I wanted a unique house and we got one. It is in a development and was built in 2005, no major trees. The previous owner is a "do it yourself" guy and each project was a first try at that particular task. Because they were both good cooks, we have the largest built-in barbecue system in Colorado!

He also created a 12 foot diameter pool in the back for his grand kids, and cemented the rest of the back yard. Since this was his first try it is somewhat rough. The gardens have all kinds of different herbs to season the things you grill, and the front yard has peach and pear trees. Our house is next to a city park, and our kitchen window looks west at the foothills and on to the 12,000 foot mountains beyond, which are snow covered at the moment.

I have gotten involved with the HOA. It was hard a campaign to win the vacant seat on the board. HA! HA! And since there is no community radio station in Loveland, I formed a nonprofit called "Loveland Community Radio" and filed the application with the FCC just two days before the application window closed.

Other than that, we are just sitting around!!!

## In Memoriam

On Saturday, February 15, Julia Carlander, a long-standing member of our UCC Ames family passed away.

A memorial service is being planned at UCC Ames on Saturday, May 17 at 11:00 a.m. Sympathy cards may be sent to Julia's daughter, Mary Ellen Luce, 2901 Winding Creek Dr., Plano, TX 75023.

### **PLEASE NOTIFY THE CHURCH WHEN:**

- A member of your family is admitted to the hospital, so that visits can be made and proper people notified.
- Your group or team plans a meeting or event, so the date and time can be cleared and placed on the church calendar.
- If you have an email address and have not given it the church office and care to share it.
- Either your home or business phone number changes, so that church records can be updated.
- You are planning a move, locally or out of town.
- A new baby arrives in your family or in the family of another church member or friend.
- A member of your family leaves home for college or establishes a new residence.
- You feel the church can assist you in any way.
- A church member or constituent dies and you think the church could be of assistance.



## Oil Paintings by Bernie Pohm

Bernie Pohm is exhibiting a number of her oil paintings at Ames UCC in the parlor. Says Bernie, "I started painting in 1968 when our three children were all in school and I had an "empty nest" during the day. I signed up for Lockey Schuster's adult education class on painting and found it rewarding....This class eventually evolved into the present Ames Brush Club." Several of Bernie's paintings are portraits of her grandchildren. "Fairly early, I began painting portraits of my grandchildren, and with Lockey's help they turned out pretty well. After I painted one, the other grandkids needed one too, so I had a supply of subjects." In addition to portraits, Bernie enjoys painting landscapes. "Obviously, there is an abundance of beautiful scenes almost anywhere, so I pick one that happens to catch my eye." Come meet the Pohm grandchildren through her pictures; and then journey to a few of the beautiful places Bernie's artwork will take you. All of the paintings are originals and will be displayed from January to March.



**MARCH 8**

**TURN YOUR CLOCKS**

**AHEAD 1 HOUR!**

# Iowa UCC

**Recharge June 6-7, 2014 at  
Iowa State University**

**Krista Tippett** will be the  
Friday evening **keynote  
speaker**

Krista Tippett is an author, Peabody Award winning broadcaster, and host of the program On Being, which is heard on more than 300 NPR stations nationally. More about On Being, including podcast information, can be found at <http://www.onbeing.org/>.



*Krista Tippett's message "The Adventure of Civility" recharges our commitment to meaningful and authentic civility in our congregations, communities, and beyond.*

"When Krista Tippett emerged from Yale with a Master of Divinity in 1994, she saw a black hole where intelligent journalistic coverage of religion should be. She began to imagine radio conversations about the spiritual and intellectual content of faith that would enliven and open imaginations and public discussion."

Krista Tippett's message "The Adventure of Civility" will look forward to recharging our commitment to meaningful and authentic civility in our congregations, communities, and beyond.

Tickets for Krista Tippett's presentation are included in the 2014 Recharge registration, <http://www.ucciaconf.org/opportunities/recharge>. Tickets are available to the general public at <http://www.ucciaconf.org/opportunities/recharge/interview-with-geoffrey-black>.

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.

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