

Celebrating 150 years



Ames United Church of Christ

1865-2015

Ames' first church



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No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey,

YOU ARE WELCOME HERE!

THANKSGIVING SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 23, 2014

*Those who are able please stand

Songs: NCH – *New Century Hymnal*; SPP – *Sing, Prayer & Praise*

Bold face indicates where the congregation is invited to join in saying the words

RINGING THE BELL

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

CENTERING MUSIC

“Thanksgiving Dialogue”

A. Jordan

Allow the music to help focus your soul for worship as you listen in silence.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

God's steadfast love endures forever.

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name.

Make known God's deeds among the peoples!

God blesses us with gifts of love:

with food and clothing, home and family.

God blesses us with daily work:

and all we need from day to day.

God protects us in time of danger:

and guards us from every evil.

God calls us into relationship with him:

and forms us into one holy people,

the Church of Jesus Christ in this place.

Therefore shall we offer thanks and praise to the Lord our God.

O Lord our God, we will give thanks to you forever!

***GATHERING SONG**

NCH #422

"Come, O Thankful People Come"

ST. GEORGE'S

WINDSOR

***SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

***SUNG RESPONSE**

“Empty Jar”
Jim Manley (USA)

SPP 92

***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.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

“We Give Thanks”
Hannah Hannover







SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 138

I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart;
before the gods I sing your praise;
I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks
to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness;
for you have exalted your name and your word
above everything.

On the day I called, you answered me,
you increased my strength of soul.
All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord,
for they have heard the words of your mouth.
They shall sing of the ways of the Lord,
for great is the glory of the Lord.
For though the Lord is high, he regards the lowly;
but the haughty he perceives from far away.
Though I walk in the midst of trouble,
you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies;
you stretch out your hand, and your right hand delivers me.
The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me;
your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever.
Do not forsake the work of your hands.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

-  For all those who helped to bring today's celebration together!
-  For Nancy's mother, who was recently diagnosed with bone cancer.
-  For the Pastoral Search Committee, as they continue their work.
-  For searching pastors in their discernment.
-  For Kaiden, young cousin of Diana, whose parents face a difficult treatment decision.
-  For Mitchell, brother-in-law of Greg, in his ongoing health concerns.

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.

The Bell at Sixth & Kellogg

Ames' First Church – 150 years

by Jan Bauer

“The Bell at Sixth & Kellogg” is a narrative based on the writings of Farwell T. Brown, Ames’ Official Historian and member of Ames United Church of Christ. The play features a number of characters from Ames’ historical past, including the congressman for whom the city is named, Oakes Ames; the first minister of Ames’ first church, the Reverend John White; and Ames’ founding mother, Cynthia Duff.

CHARACTERS

(in order of appearance)

Congressman Oakes Ames – Ed Goedeken

Reverend John White – Bradley Duckstein

Cynthia Olive Kellogg Duff – Lynette Spicer

H. F. Kingsbury – Matthew Ellinwood

Mary Kingsbury – Linda Hanson

Lyman Pierce – Kim Spangler

Phoebe Pierce – Pat Spangler

Robert B. Shearer – Greg Wool

Elizabeth Shearer – Laurie Olk

John Whitlaw – Nicholas Schelle

Alexander Duff – Nathan Hannover

Jane White – Hannah Hannover

Reverend Josiah B. Grinnell – Jim Dickson

Dr. George F. Magoun – Jim Peake

Pierce Daughters – Adela Johnson, Annelise Johnson,

Adeline O’Neal, Marlys O’Neal, Kathryn Shields

Dedication Guests – Ames UCC Members

UCC CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, November 23

9:00a Breakfast, *Fellowship Hall*

9:30a Learning Center, *Fellowship Hall*

9:30a Sunday School

10:45a Worship, *sanctuary*
"The Bell at Sixth & Kellogg"

12:00p Potluck, *Fellowship Hall*

Monday, November 24

6:00p Pastoral Search Committee, *rm 104*
ERP – Alt

Tuesday, November 25

12:00p Men's Fellowship, *Fellowship Hall*

Wednesday, November 26

NO Morning Bible Study

9:00a Wed. AM Work Crew

12:10p Peace Bell Ringers, *bell tower*

NO Wednesday Afternoon Club

6:45p Chancel Choir rehearsal, *sanctuary*

Thursday, November 27

Thanksgiving Day – office closed

Saturday, November 29

MOW – Chase

Sunday, November 30

NO Learning Center

NO Sunday School

10:45a Worship, *sanctuary*

Rev. Dr. Charles Kniker

"A Time of Transition"

Isaiah 64:109, Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

I Cor. 1:3-9

Alternative Gift Market

4:30p Advent Party & Church Decorating

6:00p Youth Group

UCC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Terry Hamilton-Poore will be away November 16-30 – In case of emergency or pastoral concerns, please contact Hannah Hannover, Minister to Children & Families at 515-408-0228 or Hannah@amesucc.org.

Advent Party & Church Decorating – Sunday, November 30, 4:30 p.m. Come make crafts (for all ages), listen to Christmas music, decorate Christmas cookies baked by Charles Kniker, and enjoy each other's company as we kick off this very special time in the church year. People can also gather in the sanctuary to decorate our church for Christmas! Then, stay for pizza in the Fellowship Hall at 6:00 p.m.

Alternative Gift Market will be available in the Parlor after worship on November 30, December 7, and December 14. An Alternative Gift is a humanitarian gift given in honor of a friend or loved one. Thirty projects ranging from water wells in South Sudan to medicine for Burmese refugees are available through our partner, Alternative Gifts International. Just like traditional gifts, Alternative Gifts express love and affection, celebrate occasions, and show you care. Unlike traditional gifts, Alternative Gifts do not contribute to the consumer stream and will not be re-gifted. Alternative Gifts express our stewardship of the world God gave us, and give us a tangible way to care for our brothers and sisters. Give gifts that have global impact!

Donate Christmas Items – Donations of new and gently used items for Food at First's Pass Along Party are being accepted now through Monday, December 1. The Pass Along Party gives families in need the opportunity to Christmas shop for free. Donations of household items, books, toys, toiletries, gift wrapping supplies and more may be dropped off on the front porch at 3324 Preston Circle in Ames, or left in the donation boxes available in the Parlor.

Congregational Meeting December 7 – We will gather after worship on December 7 to vote on the 2015 budget and elect officers for the coming year. The Executive Board has approved a budget for 2015 that will appear in the December issue of the UCC Courier, along with nominations for officers. An optional information session will be held after worship on November 30 to answer questions on the proposed budget.

Art Exhibitors Needed – Ames UCC is looking for artwork to exhibit in the Parlor for the next several months. If you have paintings, quilts, or any other types of art you would like to share, *or if you know an artist*, please contact Jan Bauer at 515-292-3739 or bauerjan@yahoo.com. Thank you!

Welcome! Whether you are passing through, attending with a friend or relative, searching for a church home, or seeking answers to life’s questions, we are glad you are with us today. Please introduce yourself to the minister following the service and stay for refreshments so others in our fellowship may meet you. If you want to know more about our church, please tell the minister or indicate this on our fellowship pads.

In keeping with the life and teaching of Jesus Christ, we joyfully and unconditionally welcome all people of any age, gender, race, culture, ability, sexual orientation, or gender identity 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.

Nursery Care: We welcome children to stay during our worship service...in fact, we enjoy it! However, if you or your child(ren) would like to use our staffed nursery, it is available during worship for infants and children through kindergarten. Our nursery is located on the second floor on the east side of the church building, and a parent or guardian will be required to sign their child in and out. Please feel free to use this service.

Godly Play: Join us during the Sunday School hour for *Godly Play*! On the second Sunday through the end of the month, children ages Kindergarten through 5th grade are invited upstairs to experience a story from the Bible and then create, play, or act out their ideas. The first week of the month will feature *speed rotations*, where children experience a Bible story through an action-packed variety of activities. *Godly Play* is also offered during worship on the first Sunday of each month, following the Children’s Message.

Bell Ringing for Peace: Join us every Wednesday at 12:10 p.m. in the bell tower to ring the bell and pray for worldwide peace. Ames UCC is a Just Peace church, encouraging the interrelation of friendship, justice, and common security from violence.

Communion: Jesus included everyone present in the meals he shared, and so do we. The bread we use is free of gluten, soy, and dairy products (it does contain eggs); and the wine is unfermented (aka “juice”). In our theological understanding, it is not the bread or the wine that is changed in Communion, but *we* who are changed in the sharing of it. If you are here on a Communion Sunday, we hope you will join us in this transformative meal.

To contact the Rev. Terry Hamilton-Poore: During regular office hours, if the matter is not urgent, please call the church office or email Terry at terry@amesucc.org. If your situation is an emergency, don’t hesitate to call her cell phone at 415.686.4799.

Program Staff:

Interim Minister.....Rev. Terry Hamilton-Poore
Minister to Children & Families.....Hannah Hannover
Youth Director.....Emily Kenneke
Music Director.....Lesley Lackore
Keyboardist.....Karen “Sunny” Stewart