



**Just Peace, Open & Affirming**

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

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**FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**SEPTEMBER 14, 2014**

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\*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***

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

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

We come to this place of grace, where we learn how to forgive.

**We come to this place of peace, where we learn how to reconcile.**

We come to this place of love, where our hearts learn how to open.

**God of grace, of peace, of love, we come to learn from you.**

**\*GATHERING SONG**      “For the Beauty of the Earth”

NCH 28

**\*SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**\*SUNG RESPONSE**

“Empty Jar”

vv. 1 & 3

**\*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**

“How Many Times?”

Hannah Hannover

**SCRIPTURE READING**

**Exodus 14:19-31**

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night. Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt." Then the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand

over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

### **Matthew 18:21-35**

Then Peter came and said to him, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. "For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, "Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly

distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, "You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?" And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

**SERMON**

*"The Diameter of the Bomb"*

Rev. Terry Hamilton-Poore

**\*SONG**

*"Lead Us from Death to Life"*

*see insert*

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*beginning with*

*"In Our Prayers"*

SPP 125

**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**      *“Saints Bound for Heaven”*      arr. Lloyd Larson  
UCC Chancel Choir

**\*SUNG RESPONSE**      *“Here Are Our Hearts”*      SPP 178

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**







**\*SONG**      *“Amazing Grace”*      NCH 547

**\*BLESSING**

**\*SENDING MUSIC**

## ***IN OUR PRAYERS...***

*As we come together each week, we remember each other in prayers of thanksgiving and prayers for God's continued presence. You are invited to provide these joys and concerns to the church office throughout the week, and they will be included in the Prayers of the People.*

-  For **Nancy**, as she regains her strength
-  For **Mitchell**, brother-in-law of Greg, in ongoing health concerns
-  For **Kaiden**, young cousin of Diana, undergoing treatment for leukemia, and for his sister **Ashlyn**, who broke her arm this week
-  For the families of **Richard** and **Jack**, seminary classmates of Charles who passed away this month
-  For the service of all retired ministers
-  For **David**, as he recovers from surgery

# UCC CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

## **Sunday, September 14**

9:00a Breakfast, *Fellowship Hall*  
9:30a Learning Center, *Fellowship Hall*  
9:30a Sunday School  
10:45a Worship, *sanctuary*  
"The Diameter of the Bomb"  
Rev. Terry Hamilton-Poore  
*Matthew 18:21-35*

## **Monday, September 15**

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

## **Tuesday, September 16**

7:15p Executive Board, *Fellowship Hall*  
7:30p Students for Progressive Christianity, *Jeff's*  
*Pizza*

## **Wednesday, September 17**

*Newsletter deadline*  
8:30a Morning Bible Study, *Fellowship Hall*  
9:00a Wed. AM Work Crew  
12:10p Peace Bell Ringers, *bell tower*  
2:00p UCC Book Club, *library*  
2:05p Wednesday Afternoon Club  
6:45p Chancel Choir rehearsal, *music rm*

## **Thursday, September 18**

3:00p INSIGHT study group, *rm 104*  
7:00p AMOS – Conversation on Immigration, *St. Thomas Aquinas*

## **Friday, September 19**

*Congregational Dinners*

## **Saturday, September 20**

9:30a Food at First, *First United Methodist*  
*MOW – Trenkle*  
*Congregational Dinners*

## **Sunday, September 21**

9:00a Breakfast, *Fellowship Hall*  
9:30a Learning Center, *Fellowship Hall*  
9:30a Sunday School  
10:45a Worship (Holy Communion), *sanctuary*  
Rev. Terry Hamilton-Poore  
*Matthew 20:1-16*  
12:00p LGBT+ Fellowship, *location TBD*  
*Congregational Dinners*

# UCC ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Learning Center, September 14** – Enrique Hernandez will talk about his faith journey beginning in Venezuela and continuing today as a new member of Ames UCC.

**Learning Center, September 21** – Minister to Youth Linda Hanson and Ames UCC youth will talk about their experiences and revelations from their mission trip to Heifer Ranch, an educational 1,200-acre farm in rural Perryville, Arkansas.

**WAC (Wednesday Afternoon Club)** has started again! This past week we learned that God is like...a gift! Next week we will learn how God is like...water! If you have time on Wednesday afternoons and would like to help pick up the children from their elementary schools and bring them to the church building for WAC, or be here to volunteer with the children, please let Hannah know!



### **Community Conversation on Immigration**

For many people in Iowa, immigration isn't about politics; it's about family and friends. Regardless of what happens – or fails to happen – in Washington, D.C., there is so much we can do here in Story County and Central Iowa if we work together as a community. *Sponsored by AMOS & UCC's Social Justice Team.*

When: 7:00-8:30 p.m., Thursday, September 18

Where: Lower Lounge, St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church, 2210 Lincoln Way, Ames

**Food at First** Our week for Food at First will be Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers are still needed for cooks (1 from 9:30-11:30a) and servers (2 from 11:00a-1:00p). Please sign up in the Parlor if you are interested.

**Culture Under Canvas: Chautauqua Comes to Ames by Train and Tent** will be presented by Dr. Charles Kniker on Thursday, September 18 at 7:00 p.m., Octagon Center for the Arts. Kniker will highlight events of the Chautauqua Movement, including fine arts, education, political and scientific presentations of a time gone by. Come to hear about “the most American thing in America.”

**Congregational Dinners** are fast approaching! Mark your calendars for September 19, 20, & 21 and 26, 27, & 28, and be on the lookout for more details from hosting families.

**Moments of Gratitude** – Diana McHenry is collecting church memories and moments for a project! If you have a moment or memory that you are grateful for relating to the church and it can be described in a few minutes, she would love to talk with you! Please contact Diana at [dianasmchenry@gmail.com](mailto:dianasmchenry@gmail.com) or via phone at 515.337.1140. They don't need to be huge or spectacular, although they can be; just something that moved you or that caused you to be grateful for your church. Thank you!

### **Providing an Extravagant Welcome**

Interested in helping warmly welcome your fellow church-goers? The church office is now taking volunteers for worship assistance (ushers, greeters, liturgists & Deacons) for the **remainder of the year**. Time commitment is minimal and it's a wonderful way to get to know your fellow Ames UCCers! Contact the office for more details.

### **Easy as Apple Pie**

Join Dinah Kerksieck in the church kitchen for fellowship and fun, and to learn some basic cooking skills. We will begin by making apple pie(s)--from selecting apples through making pastry to eating our results. We will move on to other skills and cooking challenges that participants in this group want to tackle. Contact Dinah Kerksieck at 515-233-3550 for more information.

**Color printer available for non-profit or startup business.** Canon PIXMA MP990 (All-In-One). Contact the church if you or someone you know may be interested.

**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 nursery, there are qualified childcare providers during worship for infants and children through kindergarten. Our nursery is located on the second floor on the east side of the church building. A parent or guardian will be required to sign their child in and out. Please feel free to use this service.

**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.

**Bell Ringing for Peace:** Join us every Wednesday at 12:10 p.m. in the bell tower to ring the bell for peace and pray for worldwide peace. Ames UCC is a just peace church.

**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](mailto: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 Minister.....Linda Hanson  
Music Director.....Lesley Lackore  
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