



**Just Peace, Open & Affirming**

217 – 6<sup>th</sup> Street | Ames, Iowa  
office@amesucc.org | 515.232.9323  
www.AmesUCC.org

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

**YOU ARE WELCOME HERE!**

---

**FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**

**FEBRUARY 8, 2015**

---

\*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**      “Arise, Give Praise to God”

G. Young

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

God created the world with a Word,

**and God is still speaking.**

In Christ the Word became flesh,

**and God is still speaking.**

In surprising ways that open our eyes,

in challenging ways that change our lives,

**God is still speaking, and we are here to listen.**

**\*GATHERING SONG** “God, Speak to Me, That I May Speak” NCH 531

**\*SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**\*SUNG RESPONSE** “Eternal Light, Shine in My Heart” v. 1

**\*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 MOMENT

Hannah Hannover

### SUNG PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION "Eternal Light" v. 2

*Eternal life, raise me from death; Eternal brightness, help me see;  
Eternal Spirit, give me breath; Eternal Savior, come to me.*

### SCRIPTURE READING

#### **Acts 10:1-5, 9-20, 28-29a, 44-48**

In Caesarea there was a man named Cornelius, a centurion of the Italian Cohort, as it was called. He was a devout man who feared God with all his household; he gave alms generously to the people and prayed constantly to God. One afternoon at about three o'clock he had a vision in which he clearly saw an angel of God coming in and saying to him, 'Cornelius.' He stared at him in terror and said, 'What is it, Lord?' He answered, 'Your prayers and your alms have ascended as a memorial before God. Now send men to Joppa for a certain Simon who is called Peter.'

About noon the next day, as they were on their journey and approaching the city, Peter went up on the roof to pray. He became hungry and wanted something to eat; and while it was being prepared, he fell into a trance. He saw the heaven opened and something like a large sheet coming down, being lowered to the ground by its four corners. In it were all kinds of four-footed creatures and reptiles and birds of the air. Then he heard a voice saying, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But Peter said, 'By no means, Lord; for I have never eaten anything that is profane or unclean.' The voice said to him again, a second time, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times, and the thing was suddenly taken up to heaven.

Now while Peter was greatly puzzled about what to make of the vision that he had seen, suddenly the men sent by Cornelius appeared. They were asking for Simon's house and were standing by the gate. They called out to ask whether Simon, who was called Peter, was staying there. While Peter was still thinking about the vision, the Spirit said to him, 'Look, three men are searching for you. Now get up, go down, and go with them without hesitation; for I have sent them.' and he said to them, 'You yourselves know that it is unlawful for a Jew to associate with or to visit a Gentile; but God has shown me that I should not call anyone profane or unclean. So when I was sent for, I came without objection. Now may I ask why you sent for me?'

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, 'Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?' So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

**SERMON**

“God Is Still Speaking! What’s That About?”

Rev. Richard Pleva, UCC Conference Minister

**\*SONG**

“Hymn for Synodical Hallways”

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

### **Joys and Concerns**

The family of Kim Williams who died Sunday, February 1.

Pat and Kim Spangler in the death of Pat's dad, David Smith, on Monday, February 2.

Rev. Terry Hamilton-Poore during her time out of the country.

Lynn Zeigler recovering at home from cancer surgery.

Lowell Mathison is now at home (no visits yet).

Mitchell, brother-in-law of Greg Wool, ongoing health concerns.

Caregivers

The Pastor Search Committee.

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*Please pray the following, or a version 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**

**"All the Earth Rejoice"**  
Chancel Choir

Vivaldi/arr. Hopson

**\*SUNG RESPONSE**

“He Came Down”

ELW 253

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**\*SONG**

“Guide My Feet”

NCH 497

**\*BLESSING**

**\*SENDING MUSIC**

# UCC CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

## Sunday, February 8

6:00-7:30p Youth Group

## Monday, February 9

6:00p Pastoral Search Committee,  
*rm 104*

*Emergency Residence:  
Spicer/Duckstein*

## Tuesday, February 10

12:00p Men's Fellowship

## Wednesday, February 11

### **NO Morning Bible Study**

12:00p Women's Fellowship

12:10p Peace Bell Ringers

2:05p WAC

6:45p Chancel Choir rehearsal,  
*sanctuary*

## Thursday, February 12

3:00p INSIGHT Study Group,  
*rm 104*

7:00p "Easy As Cookies",  
*Fellowship Hall*

## Saturday, February 14

*MOW – Clark*

## Sunday, February 15

9:00a Breakfast, *Fellowship Hall*

9:30a Learning Center, *Fellowship  
Hall*

9:30a Sunday School

10:45a Worship, *sanctuary*

Texts: Psalm 50:1-6

Mark 9:2-9

Sermon: "Highs and Lows"

Hannah Hannover preaching, our  
Minister for Children and Families

6:00-7:30p Youth Group

# UCC ANNOUNCEMENTS

**The Social Justice and Outreach Team** utilizes the loose offering (that which is not designated as a pledge or a particular cause) to fulfill our congregational commitment outside our church walls. This week we are featuring one of the organizations to which we contribute:

**ACCESS** <http://www.assaultcarecenter.org/> Assault Care Center Extending Shelter & Support (ACCESS) addresses the causes and impacts of domestic and sexual violence by providing free and confidential services that enhance safety, empower survivors, and promote understanding and social justice within our community. The 18-bed emergency shelter facility in Ames provides for the immediate needs of individuals fleeing domestic violence, sexual assault or other forms of violence.

--Cornelia Butler Flora, PhD

**WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP:** Join the women of the church at 12 noon on Wednesday, Feb. 11 for lunch and fellowship. Since the date is close to Valentine's Day, we will be talking about how we met our significant other or if you are unmarried, share with us how your parents met. Do you have a special thing you like to do for Valentine's Day or what is your perfect Valentine's gift.? Come and share with the group and get to know the women of our church better.

**The Financial Stewardship Team** would love your input! We will be meeting Thursday evening, February 12 at 7:00 PM in Room 104. Please join us with your thoughts and ideas for the upcoming year! Do you have an idea for efficiency? Do you have an idea for raising stewardship awareness? Please join us! All ideas welcome! If you have questions please contact Diana McHenry ([dianasmchenry@gmail.com](mailto:dianasmchenry@gmail.com))

## **Easy As....Valentine Cookies**

Join us on Thursday, February 12, 7:00 p.m in the large kitchen to make cookies for our church shut-ins for Valentines Day! Our lead cooks that evening will be Frieda Lehman (sugar cookies) and Bonnie Trede (chocolate chip cookies). They will bring prepared cookie dough and recipes to share so we can share some of our time and fellowship doing this project. If you wish to, you also may bring cookie dough which is ready to "shape" and bake (as well as the recipe for your contribution.) Ami Frank will bring some gluten free cookies ready for decorating along with a quick and easy idea for decorating the sugar cookies. Our youth and Caregivers will deliver the cookies. Let me know if you wish to have recipes so I can tell our leaders how many copies to have available. Dinah Kerksieck 515-233-3550 or [dinahandbob@hotmail.com](mailto:dinahandbob@hotmail.com).

## **Guest Preacher February 8 & 15**

Terry Hamilton-Poore will be away the first two weeks of February. She'll be doing a week of Spanish Language Immersion in Costa Rica, followed by a week of vacation. In her absence, you'll have the opportunity to hear three wonderful preachers:

**February 8** Rev. Rich Pleva, Conference Minister of the Iowa Conference

**February 15** Hannah Hannover, our Minister for Children and Families

If there is a pastoral emergency during Terry's absence, please call Hannah Hannover at 515-408-0228.

**Our Sunday School children** are teaming up with the SOJO Team during Lent to collect items for MICA. The items that have been identified as needs include: calendars, paperback books (adult, young adult, children), greeting cards, and toiletry items (small bottles from hotels work great!). We will collect these items Sunday, February 15 through Easter Sunday,

April 5. Our Wednesday Afternoon Club children will deliver the items to MICA as they are collected.

**Ash Wednesday, February 18**, we will join our friends from First Christian and First United Methodist Church for a worship service at 7:00 p.m. The service will be held across the street at First United Methodist Church. There will be no soup supper before the service.

**Beginning Wednesday, February 25** we will have our soup suppers and Lenten services here at Ames UCC. The soup supper begins at 5:45 p.m. and the worship service at 6:30 p.m. During Lent Chancel Choir will begin at 7:00 p.m. Our Youth Group will be cleaning up following the soup supper again this year to raise money for their summer mission projects and fun. Come enjoy the soup, fellowship, and support our youth!

### **Does Worship of God Remain the Heart of Christianity in the Twenty-first Century?**

Ruth C. Duck, one of the 2015 Theologian In Residence lecturers, has authored a book *Worship for the Whole People: Textbook for Christian Worship*. In the book she emphasized worship should invite the heartfelt participation of the congregation and result in a life with God in the world outside the church. The book is written as a seminary textbook for classes in worship and covers the theology, history and practice of worship. However if you have wondered how worship might enhance a more vital relationship with God or transform humanity through communion with God, spending some time with this book might provide new insights. She discusses the role of worship leaders, various liturgies, forms of prayer, preaching, baptism and communion in a vibrant worship experience. She also addresses how arts can enhance worship including music, movement and the visual arts.

Plan on attending 2015 Theologian In Residence, February 28 and March 1.

## **Good Neighbor News**

The last Good Neighbor committee meeting was held on January 20 at Good Neighbor of Story County. For the first six months of the current fiscal year, Good Neighbor has provided a total of 202 households with rent and/or utility assistance, 2,440 Healthy Food vouchers to 610 households and 114 gas vouchers. Director Mike Fritz submitted a request for a 2.5% increase from United Way of Story County and the City of Ames in order to support additions to the Healthy Food Voucher and Rent/Utility Assistance programs but has not heard back from them yet.

The annual fundraiser, “Irish Fest,” will be held on March 28 at Dublin Bay. The afternoon will include a silent auction and the music of “Holy Ground” from Minneapolis. The month of April is “Good Neighbor Month.” During the month, several write up will be printed in weekly bulletins. The tentative meeting of Good Neighbor will be on February 17 at First Christian Church.



**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  
Music Director.....Lesley Lackore  
Keyboardist.....Karen “Sunny” Stewart

**Ministers of Worship & Hospitality:**

Deacon.....Tom Meyer  
Ushers.....Jan Breitman, Art & Bernie Pohm  
Greeters.....Sharron Slinger, Kristine Shields  
Welcome.....Barbara & Bill Yungclas  
Liturgist.....Linda Shenk  
Coffee.....Steve & Ellen Barnhart,  
Laura Beason & Ed Goedeken