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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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**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**MAY 10, 2015**

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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 Savior, Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

**CENTERING MUSIC**

“Praise the Lord’s Greatness”

arr. M. Hayes

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Like a mother, God cares for us,  
**feeds us, guides us, teaches us.**

She calls to us by name, and opens her arms,  
**gathering each of us into her embrace.**

**\*OPENING SONG**

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You”

NCH 4

**\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

**\*SUNG RESPONSE**                    “Halle, Halle, Hallelujah”

**\*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.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN**    “The Hippopotamus Song”

**SUNG PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**    “Waiting for You”

SPP 20

## **SCRIPTURE READINGS**

Psalm 131 with choral response

NCH 710

### **John 15:9-17**

[Jesus said,] “As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

**SERMON**      “Children of the Heavenly Mother”    Rev. Terry Hamilton-Poore

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

### **Joys and Concerns**

Prayers for Lowell Mathison at Mercy Hospital, Des Moines.

Steve Barnhart’s mother recovering from a broken hip.

Ellen Barnhart’s father in hospice care.

Emily Kenneke’s grandfather, in hospice care.

Devon, Diana McHenry’s 13-year-old niece, diagnosed with Hodgkin’s Lymphoma.

Kaiden, Diana’s 10-year-old cousin, struggling with current treatment for leukemia.

Christa Andersen’s father on a recent diagnosis of cancer.

The People of Nepal and of Baltimore

Caregivers

## **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**

“Hope In God”  
Chancel Choir

Elaine Kirkland

**\*SUNG RESPONSE**

“You Are Holy”

SPP 82

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**\*SONG**

“We Are Called”

ELW 720

**\*BLESSING**

**\*SENDING MUSIC**

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## **UCC CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK**

### **Sunday, May 10**

6:00-7:30p Youth Group

### **Monday, May 11**

11:50-1:30p AMOS Housing Team  
*Fellowship Hall*

1:00-2:30p Transition Team,  
*rm 104*

### **Tuesday, May 12**

Noon Men’s Fellowship,  
*Fellowship Hall*

### **Wednesday, May 13**

8:30a Bible Study, *Fellowship Hall*

9:30a Work Crew

Noon Women’s Fellowship,  
*Fellowship Hall*

12:10p Peace Bell Ringing

2:05p WAC (last until fall)

6:45p Choir rehearsal, *sanctuary*

### **Thursday, May 14**

7:15p Financial Stewardship mtg.,  
*Office Conference rm.*

### **Saturday, May 16**

*MOW – Dirks*

**9-Noon Church Work Day**

### **Sunday, May 17- Graduation Sunday**

9:00a Breakfast, *Fellowship Hall*

9:30a Learning Center,  
*Fellowship Hall*

9:30a Sunday School (last day until  
fall)

10:45a Worship, *sanctuary*

***Sunday School Recognition/Graduate  
Recognition/Volunteer Recognition***

Texts: Acts 1:15-17, 21-26,  
Psalm 1, John 17:6-9

Rev. Terry Hamilton-Poore preaching

**2:00p 150<sup>th</sup> Capital Campaign –  
“Historical Walk Down the Aisle”  
*Fellowship Hall***

6-7:30p Youth Group

# UCC ANNOUNCEMENTS

## HELP FOR NEPAL

The UCC is already at work in Nepal, providing much-needed humanitarian aid to people who have lost homes and loved ones. Given the magnitude of the disaster, this will be a long-term commitment. You can help with your prayers and with your money. You can give online at: [https://unitedchurchofchrist.nationbuilder.com/international\\_emergency\\_relief\\_fund](https://unitedchurchofchrist.nationbuilder.com/international_emergency_relief_fund) or by mail: **make checks payable to International Emergency Relief Fund**. Mail to: United Church of Christ c/o Financial Services office, 700 Prospect Ave., Cleveland OH 44115. Undesignated giving allows UCC Disaster Ministries to respond where resources are needed most but **if you prefer to designate your gift** you may do so by noting the disaster in the memo line of the check.

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### **Adults Can Learn Something New Every Sunday at Learning Center**

Continental breakfast at 9:00 a.m., program at 9:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall.  
May 17 Breakfast potluck at 9:00 a.m. followed by brainstorming  
Programming for next year.

### **New "Light" Summer Reading Group**

Gordon Knight and Amy Erica Smith are planning a summer reading group that meets biweekly in each others' homes on Wednesday nights. The first meeting starts May 20 at 8:30 p.m. Call Amy Erica at 412-983-7110 or email her at [aesmith2@iastate.edu](mailto:aesmith2@iastate.edu) and let her know you'll be coming and get her address.



**Church Work Day Saturday, May 16 from 9:00 - Noon**

Several indoor and outdoor activities are usually available. Indoor jobs often include washing windows, cleaning and organizing, and maintenance in the church kitchens, storage rooms, and classrooms. Outdoor jobs -weather permitting- often include raking, trimming, and general preparations for the transition from winter to summer church grounds activity. There will be activities for all 'skills' levels. Dress for the weather. Bring gloves. Plan to have fun.

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**Mark your calendar for Monday, June 1 from 5:00 - 6:30 p.m.!**

As part of our 150th Anniversary our youth group will be hosting a 50's style BINGO/ICE CREAM SOCIAL night in the Fellowship Hall! Come on over and listen to your favorite tunes from the 50's, eat some ice cream, play a little BINGO and hopefully win a prize! This will be a fun evening for ALL ages!

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**Need a date night?**

As part of their service week, our youth will be hosting a FREE evening of childcare on Friday, June 5 from 5:30 -7:00 p.m.! Your children are invited to join our youth for an evening of play, crafts, and games in the church while YOU enjoy some time to yourself!

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**-----U P C O M I N G   E V E N T S -----**

**Sunday School Celebration/Graduation Sunday, May 17**

**Volunteer Recognition Sunday, May 17**

**150<sup>th</sup> Capital Campaign “Historical Walk Down the Aisle”  
Sunday, May 17 at 2:00 p.m.**

**Pentecost/Confirmation on May 24**

**Women’s Fellowship Wednesday, May 27 at Noon**

**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.

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### **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.....Lynette Spicer  
Ushers.....Boyd & Irene Dohrmann,  
Doug & Peg Powell  
Greeter.....Nancy Marks  
Liturgist.....Jean Watts  
Coffee.....Kim & Pat Spangler  
Welcome.....Paul & Pauletti Lasley