



JAMES UCC COURIER

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WORSHIP

Request for Volunteers to Usher and greet

We are in need of volunteers to help with ushering and greeting throughout the fall. Helping with this part of worship is easy and not time-consuming—you need not have any prior training... just a smile! Willing to help? Ideally, please use the website SignUp Genius that we have set up to take care of these opportunities. It takes only a minute or two to set up an account, and you can even have an email reminder sent to you. Here is the link for the online sign-up sheet: <http://bit.ly/2a2BXOq>. It is also available in the sidebar of your weekly email.

If you would prefer contacting us directly to sign up, please contact Linda Shenk at lshenk@gmail.com.

Emergency Preparedness

We now have a grey tub of emergency supplies (first aid kit, radios, flashlights, water, hand sanitizer, paper towels) and some blankets in both the west basement (the former choir room) and the youth room. Special thanks to Greg Widener and Mayfair Cleaners, Barbara Faidley and the ABC Sale crew, Catherine James, Pat Spangler, and Linda Shenk for their donations and assistance in putting together these items!

A group of team members from WAM and Property are also working on some emergency signage and an emergency handbook. More on these items in a future newsletter.

Special thanks to those who ushered/greeted in September

Allison Anderson, Kevin Binder, Paul Clark, Gary Deal, Kermit Dirks, Trudy Dirks, Irene Dohrmann, Boyd Dohrmann, Debi Ford, Elaine Hieber, Bill LaGrange, Greg Lamont, Karen Lasche, Peg, Powell, Dale Shenefelt, Ginny Shenk, Linda Shenk, Lee Silva Dos Santos, Kim Spangler, Pat Spangler, Donna Starck, and Greg Widener



OCTOBER 16, 2016: BAPTISM OF PATRICIA HARRISON RAYZOR

Why I Serve on the Worship and Music Team

By Kim Spangler

I guess what I would like to write about is how serving the congregation on Worship and Music has helped me gain a better understanding of how our church works. Who am I kidding, it gives me something to do during church and I have found that I like it. Plus, it gives me a chance to help the congregation by being a greeter, usher, deacon or serving at coffee fellowship. A Big Thank You to all of you that have helped in these capacities. Many hands make light work and build friendships. That is one of the things I like best is to be able to get to know many of you much better and the friendships that we have developed. It is also comforting to know we are members of a congregation that gives back to others. One final note is that I just want to make people feel comfortable and welcome when they attend UCC.

Order Your 2016 Advent Devotional

Wolves and Lambs: Advent Devotional 2016 from the UCC Stillspeaking Writers' Group is not a typical—or tame—Advent devotional. This unique collection of Advent devotions will push and challenge you through the season as much as it will inspire and enlighten you.

Wolves and Lambs begins on the first Sunday of Advent (November 27) and includes a scripture verse and prayer for each day of Advent and Christmas Day.

"We think the image of a wolf and a lamb lying down together should be comforting, yes, even sweet. But it should also be deeply unnerving. As the first Christmas was. As this one will be, if Isaiah and God—and we—have anything to say about it."

Devotionals are \$4 each and must be reserved by Sunday, November 6. Just call or e-mail Pr. Eileen to let her know how many you would like (515-232-9323, eileen@amesucc.org).

Submit Names for All Saints Day

On Sunday, November 6 we will celebrate All Saints Day. This will include reading the names of all those we love but who have moved onto another stream of the life eternal during this last year. Please submit the names of your saints to Pr. Eileen by Tuesday, November 1: eileen@amesucc.org or 515-232-9323.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Advent Party and Hanging of the Greens

Join us on Sunday, November 27 at 4:00 p.m. for our annual Advent Party and Hanging of the Greens! There will be crafts for ALL ages in the Fellowship Hall and at the same time help will be needed to decorate our church building for the Advent and Christmas season. There will be carols playing, cookies that need to be decorated (and eaten!), and we will have pizza delivered. EVERYONE is invited for this fun evening of fellowship as we begin Advent together!

Upcoming Learning Center Topics

Meets at 9:15 a.m. Sundays in Fellowship Hall
Come have coffee or tea and join the discussion

October 30 -- Kim Hanna, Executive Director of Raising Readers in Story County

Raising Readers in Story County developed from an *Iowa Stories 2000* project. Christie Vilsack initiated Iowa Stories 2000, and Ames was selected as one of 7 pilot communities.

In Ames the project team was headed by librarians from school, public, and university libraries. Early literacy emerged as the area of greatest need and young children and their parents, especially low-income families, became the target group for the Ames project.

Programs range from free books given out at well-child visits to dialogic reading with preschoolers to reading enrichment to early elementary school students.

November 6 – God Talk: Saints and Prophets with Pastor Eileen Gebbie

November 13 – Panel talking about Grieving

November 20 -- Sandi Risdal, Executive Director of Habitat for Humanity

November 27 – no program

December 4 -- God Talk: Repentance and Forgiveness with Pastor Eileen Gebbie

December 11 – Dale and Donna Shenefelt talk about their journeys of faith

December 18 -- Carrie Dunnwald, director of the Emergency Residence Project, started work in Ames in August, taking over from Vic Moss who founded the project and lead it for nearly three decades.

On Grief: November 13

Church is about more than Sunday worship. Through the relationships that weekly celebration of God creates, we have the opportunity to learn from each other about how to live in this world, from our peers, from our elders, from the youth. Several times during this program year I will host panels about major life issues during the Learning Center hour. On Sunday, November 13 (9:15 a.m., Fellowship Hall), a panel of our fellow seekers will share with us their experiences of grief, how it felt in the immediate aftermath of the death and over time. Their losses include spouses, siblings, parents, and children. Please join us.

–Pr. Eileen

MEMBER SERVICES

Get to Know Our New Members

Katie Bonney: I have been living in Ames since 2010, when I started attending Iowa State University. I began work at Ames UCC as church office administrator in September 2015. In the last year, I have enjoyed getting to know everyone here, getting involved with the choir and youth group, and becoming part of this community. Thank you for always being so welcoming!

Debi Smith Ford: Hi! I am Debi, a 62 yr old retired nurse. I have been married for 9 yrs- met my hubby online and married 2 months later, then moved from California where I had lived for 30 yrs to Ames. I have 2 dogs-Romeo and Juliet whom I adore. I love sparkly things, entertaining, creating art, cooking, reading. And doing nothing! I have 3 adult stepkids. I have relatives that live on Maui- how lucky am I??? Very happy to be a member of this wonderful church! Thanks to all who have made me feel welcome!

Barbara Hauerrberg: Barbara grew up in Mt. Prospect, IL moved to Elcho, WI to raise her family, then returned to Mt. Prospect after many years. In 2014, she moved to Ames to live closer to her middle daughter Laura and her two grandchildren. Nikita is in high school and Sawyer is in middle school. Barbara's oldest daughter Christina lives in Florida with her husband Heath and their youngest son Jett who is in 1st grade. The oldest granddaughter Chauna and her son Landen, who is Barbara's great grandson, live in Champaign IL. Davyn works and lives in Madison, Damyn attends college in Wisconsin, Caelyn attends college in Jacksonville FL. Barbara's youngest daughter Jennifer lives in Rhinelander, Wisconsin.

Karen Lasche: I was born and raised in Ames. Although I left Ames for 10 years I returned to Ames in 1979 to be close to family. I'm a retired Medical Technologist specializing in transfusion medicine. I spent the last 29 years of my working career at Mary Greeley Medical Center. I'm

a widow of 23 years with one son. I enjoy reading, gardening, walking my dog and spending time with friends and family.

The Rayzor Family: Joseph, Sally, Annie (4 years old), and Harris (4 months old) moved to Ames in 2014 from Knoxville, Tennessee. Annie and Harris's great-grandmother (Phyllis Anderson Rademacher) was baptized and married at Ames UCC. The family resides in the Roosevelt Park area and enjoys exploring the outdoors and getting involved in the community.

Please contact Katie Bonney (515-232-9323, office@amesucc.org) for contact information for our new members or the most updated version of our current church directory.

Holiday Hoopla and Cookies Galore

The sale was very successful. The back part of the Fellowship Hall was filled with tables of Holiday items and some nearly new gift items. The front section of the hall was our cookies. We had 40 people make cookies and we sold 55 varieties of cookies. We filled two 6 foot tables, two 8 foot tables and had extra cookies in the kitchen. We had pre-sales from workers, our Saturday sale, our Sunday sale for church members and our Free sale for those in need from Story County. All the sales were successful. We probably had more people shopping after church on Sunday than we have ever had before. I think the cookies were the original draw and then people saw other things they wished to purchase. Then Monday was our day of clean-up. We sent unsold items to Collegiate Presbyterian Church for their rummage sale, to Goodwill, to Salvation Army and to Affordables in Story City. That day involves clearing tables, packing boxes, loading the pickup and delivering items. It was also a time of breaking down of old boxes and recycling them. We had to also organize the items we are saving for the sales next year and organize our supplies as we will not be using them now for about 6 months. Overall it was a very BUSY weekend.

At the time of publication the sale made \$1,363.50. Twenty percent of that or around \$275.00 will go to the MICA Food Pantry.

Thank You! Thank You!

The following people were involved in the sale in some way. They made cookies, worked preparing the donations for the sale, helped on the day of the sale, and helped during our clean-up session. Many hands made a successful sale!

THANK YOU: Allison Anderson, Malinda Bauer, Janet Binder, Katie Bonney, Jan Breitman, Andrea Buchele, Bess Casey, Jerry Chase, Sally Chase, Nancy Clark, David Cook, Ginny Corder, Ann D'Arcy, Trudy Dirks, Irene and Boyd Dohrmann, Barbara and LeVern Faidley, Debi Ford, Ami Frank, Mim Fritz, Martha Geist, Jennifer Gelwick-Luecke, Hannah Hannover, Nancy Heathman, Barbara Hauerrberg, Catherine James, Tracy Johnson, Dinah Kerk sieck, Charles Kniker, Lesley Lackore, Freida Lehman, Nancy Marks, Laurie Olk, Lori Peake, Bernie Pohm, Terry Potter, Peg Powell, Steve Rogers-Smith, Donna Shenefelt, Ginny Shenk, Kristen Shields and her mother Barbara, Carol Smith, Pat Spangler, Lynette Spicer, Galina Spike, Tania Tipton, Donna Starck, Laura Swanson, Bonnie Trede, Marjorie Uitermarkt, Edna Wiese, Barbara Yungclas, Bill Yungclas

Women's Fellowship

In November there will be one meeting because of the Thanksgiving holiday. It will be on November 9. We will be having a visitor on that day. Andrea Gronau from Worldly Goods will be talking about empowering women in the world. Christa Andersen will be our hostess. All women from the church are welcome and we meet from 12:15 p.m. to 1:15 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. We bring our lunches and have fellowship with one another as we listen to an interesting speaker.

Upcoming Book Club Selections

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.

November 16 –The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind: Creating Currents of Electricity and Hope by William Kamkwamba (2010 nonfiction, 320 pages) Discussion leader: Pat Spangler
(Multiple copies are available in the Ames Public Library Book Club collection. Books may be checked out for six weeks.)

William Kamkwamba was born in Malawi, a country where modern science was a mystery and the land was withered by drought and hunger. William had read about windmills, and he dreamed of building one that would bring electricity and running water to his small village.

December 14 – Discussion – What are you reading? What do you recommend?

An open discussion in which readers can share what they are reading and recommend.

January 18 – Kitchen Table Wisdom: Stories That Heal by Rachel Naomi Remen, M.D. (1996 nonfiction, 384 pages) Discussion leader: Christa Andersen

In a deeply moving and down-to-earth collection of true stories, this prominent physician shows us life in all its power and mystery and reminds us that the things we cannot measure may be the things that ultimately sustain and enrich our lives.

ODDS & ENDS

Soap Drive

The youth group will be collecting hygiene items for the Ames Community School District's food pantry. The youth will be collecting items starting October 30th through November 27th. There will be a collection box located in the parlor. The pantry is in desperate need of the following items:

- Full size bottles of shampoo
- Full size bottles of conditioner
- Full size bottles of body wash
- Full size bottles of lotion
- Men's and women's deodorant
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These items are made available to any student no questions asked. If you have any questions please contact Jean Watts.

Book Review

When People Place decided to dis-band their library, our Church Library chose some of their current books for inclusion in our library. We now have some top quality books under the topic PARENTING. This month's book review is a part of that collection. ***Using Your Values to Raise Your Child to be an Adult You Admire*** by Harriet Heath, Ph.D. The author is a developmental psychologist, certified school psychologist, parent educator, and active grandmother of eight. She has developed parenting programs for inner cities, the bush in Alaska, several countries in South America, the Far East, the Middle East, and Russia.

This book encourages parents to use their values as guides for their parenting and general family decisions. All parents do have values, but few consider them when dealing with everyday situations. This book will help people know their own values and what they mean to

them. It will help you understand how you live your values and how to model them in ways your children can see and understand? The book will help you realize what a child must know and be able to do to live by a value. It will also help us understand the developmental steps a child must go through to live by a value. The book can help us recognize opportunities to teach values. The first chapters of the book are about identifying values. The later chapters discuss readiness to learn, considering temperament patterns, working with learning styles and resolving conflicting values. There is also a chapter about teenagers. The rest of the book is involved with analyzing 12 different values. The Helpful Resources section lists books and useful websites. This is a helpful book for parents and for any adult trying to identify their values. This book is found on Book Shelf G in our Church Library. Come check it out.

Children's Book Review

As we are starting again in Genesis in our scripture readings during church, the book I am reviewing is very appropriate. The book is **CREATION STORIES**, re-told by Maureen Stewart and illustrated by Graeme Base. The stories come from many different cultures, including our traditional story from the Hebrews. Each of the stories has an appropriate illustration by the well known illustrator. All races of people have wondered how the world and its people began. They have attempted to solve this mystery by inventing their own creation stories. The stories in this book are only a few of the hundreds of those our ancestors have created. Adults or older children could use this book to notice similarities and differences in the creation stories which are included. This book is found in the cubbies of Christian Children's Books under Old Testament stories. Next month it will be displayed on the shelf in the parlor.



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