

All Saints Day

**Ames United Church of Christ
Sunday, November 4, 2018**

Welcome to Ames UCC! Worship is the way we praise God and learn what it means to be a Christian. Services of worship are just that: a way that we serve the power that calls us together and sends us out to be the eyes, hands, and feet of justice in the world. We hope that you leave today feeling connected, renewed, and in relationship with the holy.

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.

Our deacon, ushers, and greeters for today are Mim Fritz, Nick Lyon, Steve Rogers-Smith, and Linda Shenk. Ben Schrag is providing coffee fellowship.

PREPARATION FOR PROCESSIONAL

One: Through the ages, God has moved people to build houses of prayer and praise, and to set apart places for the ministry of his holy Word and Sacraments. With gratitude for the renovation of the Ames UCC sanctuary, we are now preparing to re-dedicate and re-consecrate it in God's Name. Let us pray.

Many: **Almighty God, we thank you for placing some of your image in us, that we might to share in the care of your world. Receive the work of our hands in this place, now to be set apart again for your worship, the building up of the living, and the remembrance of the dead, to the praise and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ. Amen.**

We will all process to the sanctuary following:

Bonnie Trede carries the Christ candle, a symbol of the light of Christ in our lives, is lit at the start of every worship except for the four weeks of Advent. A new Christ light is lit on Christmas Eve.

Susan Jones carries the Bible, dedicated to the church sometime between 1952 and 1964.

Paul Lasley carries the Cross, a memorial he made in memory of Carl Rusk. Nick Howell and Brad Dell carry the baptismal font, where we all start our Christian journey.

Will Coppoc and Norah Klocke carry the Communion table, where we receive bread for that journey.

(Naaman) went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten sets of garments. He brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read, "When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you my servant Naaman, that you may cure him of his leprosy." When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me."

But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel." So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean." But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy! Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage. But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean'?" So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

Then he returned to (Elisha) the man of God, he and all his company; he came and stood before him and said, "Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel; please accept a present from your servant."

SERMON

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH AND REMEMBRANCE OF OUR SAINTS

Please share your prayer needs as you are so moved. In remembrance of All Saints/All Souls, we will also hear the names of those whom we have lost over the past year, with our historic bell tolling throughout.

HYMN OF REFLECTION "For All the Saints" (insert)

OFFERING "Marchin' On Up" arr. Mark Hayes
Chancel Choir

In 2018, ten percent of our total budget helps fund local, regional, and national charitable programs. On the third Sunday of each month, when we have Holy Communion, loose change and bills are designated for a Communion Fund, which supports our in-house Pastoral Emergency Fund. You can also designate your gift to the Pastoral Emergency Fund directly. If you would like to sign up for automated giving, contact Katie Tschopp at 515-232-9323 or office@amesucc.org.

It's not too late to submit your commitment for Ames UCC's 2019 budget. Find a pledge card in the back of the Fellowship Hall or visit amesucc.org/pledge.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION: PRAYER OF OUR SAVIOR

The basics of the Lord's Prayer appear in Matthew 6:9-13 and Luke 11:2-4. It may be familiar to you in this form, or with "sins" or "trespasses" toward the end. We also support the use of traditional or contemporary language for addressing the holy and naming the holy's realm.

Our Father/Creator who art in heaven/the cosmos, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom/kin-dom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven/the cosmos. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom/kin-dom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever, Amen.

HYMN OF SENDING “All Are Welcome” (insert)

BENEDICTION

From the Latin of “well” and “to speak,” this is one final good word to send us off. Please join us for coffee, tea, treats, and community.

Calendar for the Week

		<u>Sunday, November 11</u>	
<u>Monday, November 5</u>		9:15 a.m.	Godly Play
5:30 p.m.	Worship Staff Meeting	9:15 a.m.	Youth Coffee Talk
		9:15 a.m.	Learning Center
<u>Wednesday, November 7</u>		10:30 a.m.	Worship
10:30 a.m.	Learning Center Committee		
10:45 a.m.	Study for Sunday		
12:00 p.m.	Bell Ringing		
6:30 p.m.	A Little Bit of Everything		
6:30 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal		
6:30 p.m.	Youth Group		

Good Neighbor Emergency Assistance Fall Choral Concert – TODAY

The Good Neighbor Emergency Assistance Fall Choral Concert will be held today, November 4, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at Bethesda Lutheran Church. Ames UCC’s Chancel Choir will perform with the First Christian Church choir and in the massed choir during the program. This year’s massed choir will be directed by Mark Kretsinger-Harries, who was Ames UCC’s substitute organist earlier this year. All donations collected during the concert go to fund Good Neighbor programs in Story County.

A Little Bit of Everything – 11/7, 12/5

Did you know that the legal name of our local church is “United Church of Christ – Congregational”? And that our original name was “First Congregational Church”? What do those titles mean? Why have they changed over time? And what makes the United Church of Christ different from the Church of Christ, the Church of God in Christ, the United Methodist Church, and the United Church of God?

This program year, on the first and third Wednesday of each month from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. (the same time as Youth Group and Chancel Choir), I’m offering a class about the history, practices, and theology (theologies) of the United Church of Christ through video, conversation, and activities. We will open with a prayer practice and close by joining the Chancel Choir and Youth Group for song and prayer.

No homework, no RSVP, just come. Childcare for kids through 5th grade is available. Pr. Eileen

Fire Drill – 11/11

Depending on the weather, the Worship and Music Team is planning to have a Fire Drill after the worship service on November 11. We would like everyone to participate so we know the church has a safe evacuation plan. More details will be in the bulletin next week.

1,000 Stories Holiday Book Drive

Raising Readers in Story County would like to provide 1,000 books to Salvation Army Families of Story County area this holiday season. You can help!

Through December 7th you can gift new children's books by dropping them off in the collection box in the parlor, or at any of the other drop off locations listed on the box!

Your gift will help hundreds of children of Story County discover new worlds, learn new things, and experience amazing adventures through books.

Thank You for your Extravagant Welcome

The Worship and Music Team would like to thank the following people for volunteering to help during the month of October while we were worshipping in Fellowship Hall:

Brett Brinkmeyer, Jim Coppoc and family, Kermit Dirks, Trudy Dirks, Barbara Faidley, Will Hannover, Barbara Hauerrberg, Bonnie Hawkins, Gabe Hanson, Annelise Johnson, Brecken Johnson, Stella Klocke, Sue Lamont, Greg Lamont, Karen Lasche, Anna Nadolny, Diane Northington, Julia Shannon, Maya Shannon, Kim Spangler, Annalynn Watts, and Oliver Watts.

We also wish to thank all the people who helped move chairs and couches to the Fellowship Hall so we had enough seats. A great big thank you to all of our volunteers!

The Worship and Music Team will soon be asking for volunteers for the services in December. Please volunteer your time for this simple job to make everyone feel welcome and help each worship service run smoothly.



Happy Baptismal Anniversary

The United Church of Christ celebrates two sacraments, rituals of the invisible grace of God made visible: Baptism and Holy Communion. Our church celebrates Holy Communion about once per month, but baptism only once in our lives. So as not to lose touch with those waters of life, we remember baptismal anniversaries here. We also remember the promises we have all made to those who have been baptized in our presence, here or elsewhere. This week's anniversaries are Brecken Johnson and Ailis ShenkCook. To have yours included, whenever and wherever it was, simply send the date to Pr. Eileen.



DID YOU KNOW?



SHARED EXPERIENCES,
LIKE INTERGENERATIONAL WORSHIP
AND COMMUNITY SERVICE,
FOSTERS COMMUNITY AND THE KNOWLEDGE THAT
WE BELONG TO EACH OTHER
AT ALL TIMES AND IN ALL SPACES.



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