



Urbandale
United
Church of
Christ
God is still speaking ☺

“No matter who you are or where you are on life’s journey, you are invited and welcome here.”

A Just Peace and Open and Affirming congregation

January 13, 2019

10:00 a.m.

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

The liturgical color for The Second Sunday of Epiphany (Baptism of Christ Sunday) is white, representing purity and holiness.



SERVING AT URBANDALE UCC THIS SUNDAY

Liturgist: Elsie Naylor

Ushers & Greeters: Jim Nervig, Adam Dirks, Diane Gladson, Lee Hood

Acolytes: Aeja, Anne & Ayla Schultz

Nursery: Anjy Allen & Susan Joynt

Opening the Church: Today, Jeff Couch **Next Sunday,** Mark Siegel

Sound Booth: Scott Gardner

Flowers were given by Chris Jordan in remembrance of her dad, Donald Jordan’s birthday on January 14th.

GATHERING

We extend a special welcome to our visitors. Nametags and information packets are available at the welcome table at the main entrance to the sanctuary. Childcare is available in the nursery for children ages birth through seven. Please see an usher for location if you wish to use the nursery.

GREETING

“The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched - they must be felt with the heart.”

~ Helen Keller

TIME OF FRIENDSHIP

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

“New Born Again”
Adult Handbells

Kevin McChesney

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES *Their flames symbolizing God’s Spirit.*

❖ *This symbol invites the congregation to stand in body or spirit*
Bold type indicates a unison response

❖ CALL TO PRAISE AND PRAYER

ONE: People of God, gather now to hear what God does to redeem life, and know that it continues among us.

ALL: We witness the long history of fear and mistrust among God’s children and yearn for a different way to live.

ONE: People of God, listen carefully and receive what God imparts: there is mercy and hope for all who seek new life!

ALL: We want this for ourselves and for our community! We want to live in ways that enhance God’s gift of life!

ONE: People of God, let go of what has been! Trust the power of God to make all things new! Invite the transformation of the Spirit!

ALL: We praise the God who offers us salvation! We give ourselves to the renewing work of the Holy Spirit!

❖ OPENING HYMN

“O Spirit of the Living God”

Hymnal 263

❖ INVOCATION

PROCLAMATION

ANTHEM

“A New Year Dawns with Grace and Hope”
Adult Choir

arr. Jon Paige &
Brad Nix

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 8:14-17 (The Inclusive Bible)

¹⁴ When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. ¹⁵The two went down to these people and prayed that they would receive the Holy Spirit. ¹⁶She had not yet come down upon any of them, since they had only been baptized in the name of Jesus. ¹⁷Upon arriving, the pair laid hands on the Samaritans and they received the Holy Spirit.

The Greek word for spirit (pneuma) is feminine, so the editors of The Inclusive Bible have used “she” as the pronoun referring to the Holy Spirit. It may seem unfair, or at least inconsistent, to eliminate male pronouns that refer to God, and keep the female pronouns that refer to the Holy Spirit, but for centuries, the feminine references to God have been glossed over in favor of the masculine. It is therefore important to keep those feminine images alive in order to bring balance to our warped history of translation.

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

SERMON

“Accept the Word!”

Pastor Dave

RESPONSE

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

O God, our heavenly Father and Mother, may your name be sacred to us. May your realm become a reality for us. May your desires be fulfilled among us as they are in your courts. Give us today what we need for life. And forgive us for our wrongs as we forgive those who wrong us. Guide us in tempting situations, and protect us from the power of evil. For the realm that is coming, the power that is growing, and the glory that is building, all belong to you forever. Amen.

PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS

ONE: God is good!

ONE: All the time!

ALL: All the time!

ALL: God is good!

ONE: Let us share the goodness of our God!

When the offering plate comes to you, we invite you to hold it for a moment and consider the many gifts that you can share. You may pray for a person or a ministry; you may commit yourself to a specific act of compassion; or you may resolve to work on a relationship that is in need of repair. Allow the Spirit to guide your thoughts.

OFFERTORY

“In the Bleak Midwinter”

John Innes

Please sign the Pew Pad and pass it to your neighbor.

❖ DOXOLOGY

tune: *Lasst uns erfreuen*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God the source of all our gifts!

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

❖ CLOSING HYMN

“Crashing Waters at Creation”

Hymnal 326

The candles are extinguished.

God's Spirit remains as a living flame in the hearts of God's people.

❖ BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Recessional”

Charles W. Ore

Please reshelve the hymnals and put this used Bulletin in the recycle basket.

PRAYER CONCERNS

To list someone in this section, **with their permission**, please email staff@urbucc.org by the weekly bulletin deadline.

Keep in your thoughts and prayers:

Jamel Carter...Don Walters...Diann Miller

And our dear ones: **Laurayne Robinette...Alma Sims...Lee & Margaret Messenger**

To notify the staff of a prayer concern, or to send a note of caring and support to someone, please use the cards in the pew rack and drop them in the offering plate. Please indicate whether prayer concerns should be forwarded to our Prayer Chain. Notes will be mailed on Tuesday, provided we have the recipient's full name and the sender's signature.

The Prayer Shawl Ministry provides prayer shawls to people experiencing difficult circumstances or life transitions. For more information, email prayer.shawls@urbucc.org.

This Week at UCC

Sunday, January 13

9:00 am Sunday School
9:00 am Adult Spiritual Formation
10:00 am Worship
 Special Music: Adult Handbells & Adult Choir
11:00 am Budget Q&A
11:00 am New Members' Class
12:30 pm Matu Bethel Church
12:30 pm Light Mission Pentecostal Church
5:30 pm Simply Smiles: Movie Night

Monday, January 14

6:00 pm Green Boat Crew

Tuesday, January 15

11:00 am Staff Meeting

Wednesday, January 9

5:30 pm SOS Choir
6:15 pm Adult Handbells
6:45 pm Confirmation Class
7:00 pm Adult Choir
7:30 pm AA

Friday, January 18

6:00 pm Scouts: Pinewood Derby
6:30 pm Dinner w/ Friends

Saturday, January 12

8:00 am Scouts: Pinewood Derby
9:00 am Bowtie Boyz
3:00 pm Light Mission Pentecostal Church
6:00 pm Matu Bethel Church

Upcoming Sundays

Sunday, January 20

9:00 am Sunday School
9:00 am Adult Spiritual Formation
10:00 am Worship
 Special Music: Raggedy Band & Adult Choir
12:30 pm Matu Bethel Church
12:30 pm Light Mission Pentecostal Church

Sunday, January 27

9:00 am Sunday School
9:00 am Adult Spiritual Formation
10:00 am Worship
 Special Music: Adult Choir
11:00 am Congregational Budget Meeting & Luncheon
12:30 pm Matu Bethel Church
12:30 pm Light Mission Pentecostal Church



Simply Smiles Movie Night, TONIGHT
La Plant Oral History Project

Are you curious about this amazing mission opportunity and want to know what our youth and adults will be doing next summer? **Well you can TONIGHT from 5:30-7:30 pm in Fellowship Hall.** Popcorn and drinks will be provided. Come with an open mind and heart. Check out <http://www.simplysmiles.org/volunteer-crst/> for more information.

Sunday School & Adult Spiritual Formation 9:00-9:45 am

Preschool to 5th grade will meet in the Sanctuary for Singing w/ Bobby & Alex from 9-9:10 am then up to the Upper Ed Wing for Bible Study Time.

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6-12th graders will meet in the NW corner of Fellowship Hall

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Adult Spiritual Formation (ASF) ~ 9:00-9:45am in Fellowship Hall:

This Week: 2019 Budget Presentation; Presenter: Leadership Team

Next Week: Why UUCC Needs Solar Panels; Presenter: Gail George

ANNUAL BUDGET PROCESS, 2019

Sunday, January 13th

- Adult Spiritual Formation: Informational session about the 2019 Budget.
- Q&A Session after worship

Sunday, January 27th

- The Annual Congregational Budget Meeting to vote on the 2019 Budget.
- Meeting and Luncheon in Fellowship Hall following worship.

*There will be vegetarian and gluten free options. **Childcare will also be provided.

Dinner with Friends

Friday, January 18th, 6:30 pm at Fong's Pizza, 223 4th St, Des Moines, 50309

Are you looking for a unique experience? Check out their menu at fongspizza.com. If you would like to join us for dinner, please rsvp Jeff Sontag at jvisualize@aol.com or 515-554-2533 by Wednesday, January 16th so that reservations can be made.

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FAMILY PROMISE...NEXT MONTH

Our next Family Promise week is coming February 10-17. During that week we will be sheltering and providing evening meals and transportation to 3 families in need of temporary housing. Please check the big sign up board in the narthex and think about how you might be able to help in this important ministry. -Jon Duvick, FP coordinator

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Help get Urbandale UCC on the Air!

We are pooling public radio donations to purchase an on-air ad for the church. You can help with this new effort to get out the word on our ministry—just pool your regular IPR donations with other members of the congregation. Steve Looney is coordinating – contact him at financial@urbucc.org.

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7-12th Fundraiser for Simply Smiles & General Synod Recycling Cans & Bottles

We have a recycling can ready to accept your refundable recyclables near the shed by the Memorial Garden. All the money received from redeeming cans and bottles will help the youth with our trips to South Dakota and Wisconsin next summer. If you are unable to bring your cans/bottles to church, please contact Anjy Allen to arrange a pick up. Thank you for supporting our youth!

UUCC's Inclement Weather Policy

The church office will be closed on any day that either Urbandale or Des Moines Public Schools are closed as a result of inclement weather. On those days, all church programming will be canceled. If classes are dismissed early, all events at the church will also be canceled.

On Sunday mornings with inclement weather, decision will be made by 7:30AM. The recorded message on the church phone system will be changed. (Press 3 for cancellations.) Local television stations will be notified to publicize the announcement and the information will also be posted on UUCC's Facebook page,

www.facebook.com/UrbandaleUCC.

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“We welcome into this community of faith, and affirm the participation in all aspects of church life, persons of every age, race, gender identity and expression, nationality, ability, and sexual orientation. We will continue our efforts toward inclusiveness, and stand against all forms of discrimination. We will empower ourselves, our children, and one another to be fully present in the world, living in Christ’s image and striving for justice and peace.”

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Church Office hours are Monday to Friday 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

For pastoral care, please contact Pastor Dave at 276-0625 (church office), 720-6389 (cell) or david.sickelka@urbucc.org. Pastor Dave is off on Mondays but will still respond to emergencies if you call or text.