
URBANDALE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

A Just Peace and Open and Affirming Congregation



AUGUST 2009

THE CALL

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Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Summer is a time for many good things, especially getting some sun, having some fun, exercising more, and eating lots of fruits and vegetables. In other words, summer is the season for health, and I hope that yours is good or getting better. Viewed holistically, our health depends very much not just on the things I mentioned but also on the quality of our relationships, both those we have with people immediately around us and those we have with people in other places. Let's look at a few examples.

If you have fallen out of right relationship with someone in your (church) family and feel angry, disappointed, abused, or insulted by that person, you need to muster the courage and psychic energy to seek that person out and be reconciled with him/her. If you do not, your health will probably suffer. Of course, it is not easy to take such initiative; in fact, it can be downright unpleasant. But in most cases you—and very likely the other person too—will continue to suffer until you do take that initiative. You should remember that as a follower of Jesus you have been given the Holy Spirit, which is God's instrument for bringing about reconciliation in our conflicted world. So when you take the initiative to be reconciled with someone, you are not acting alone; God is acting with you and through you to achieve God's objective: a reconciled world starting with you. And the result of God's acting through you is that your health improves as a sign that the world's health has too.

When we are not reconciled with someone physically near us, we know it; it's obvious. But when we are not reconciled with people far away, we may not even be aware of it. The first step in our becoming aware is to try to put ourselves in the shoes of those people in faraway places. That's why, on July 12, we sang hymns/songs usually sung by people in Latin America. We wanted to feel in our gut the solidarity that the Bible tells us we have with all people through Jesus Christ. We wanted to see the world, however briefly, through the eyes of people whose suffering far exceeds our own and be moved to do something about it.

My prayer for this congregation is that this summer we will be inspired and empowered by the Holy Spirit to take reconciling action both with those near to us and with those far away.

Pastor Bob

Needed: Wednesday Night Alive Meal Coordinator!

For the past 8 or 9 years, Rachel Siegel has welcomed and encouraged those attending Wednesday Night Alive by preparing the meal. Rachel deserves a hearty **Thank You** for her dedicated ministry to Urbandale UCC.

Now, Rachel has "retired" from this volunteer position and there's an opportunity for someone new to serve in this capacity. There is no one way to handle this ministry, and it would be up to the new volunteer(s) to design a meal plan that works for them. If you have a heart for preparing food or coordinating meals, Rachel is more than willing to consult with you, and has loads of information to provide. Speak with her or phone the church office if you are interested in helping.

Pastor Bob will be away during early August. In case of pastoral emergencies, from Sunday, August 2 through Thursday, August 13, please contact Karl Andersen, karl.andersen@urbucc.org. If Karl is not available, you may contact John Chaplin, john.chaplin@urbucc.org.

For pastoral emergencies after this date, you may reach Pastor Bob at 712-320-0476 (cell phone), or by e-mail at bob.butterfield@urbucc.org.

UUCC Safety Reminder

An important mission of the Urandale United Church of Christ congregation is to provide a safe haven for all. Trust, mutual respect, hope, and kindness guide our practices in building support and care for everyone in our church and community. Our safety policies seek to foster accountability, responsibility, and healing within our ministries.

~Child Safety Team Recommendations, p. 2

We often think of our church as a safe haven where we are protected from the harsh realities of the outside world. We must not forget that the church is still a public place where we need to be aware of our surroundings. It is important for us to know where our children are at all times and not to let them roam the church unattended. When children need to use the restroom, please send them with a trusted adult or wait right outside for them. We should not take for granted the safety of our children even at church.

Please review the Safety Team's recommendations, which are available on our website www.urbucc.org or on the table in the narthex. Rev. Amy will host a safety training in early October for all interested in learning more about this policy. All of our childcare volunteers need to complete this training if they want to work with children. We are always in need of volunteers for our various children and youth ministries.

All volunteers who work with kids at Urandale UCC must fill the following requirements:

- Have attended Urandale UCC for at least 6 months prior to volunteering with children.
- Not appear as a registered sex offender on the official website.
- Not be alone with a child in the ministries of Urandale UCC (unless the child is a member of your family or has been placed in your care by family members). There should always be two adults in a classroom, but at moments when this is not possible, you should still avoid situations where you are alone with one child.
- Attend the training required of all child care and education volunteers and staff.
- Sign a covenant following this training that indicates that you understand and agree to follow abuse prevention and reporting rules.

Modeling good boundaries, being a good listener, and creating a safe sanctuary for all people to be free is the work of Christ in our midst. Thank you for watching out for our children and for your support in honoring this covenant. Please contact Rev. Amy if you have any questions or want to volunteer with our children.

Sunday School Clean-Up!

We will be preparing our Sunday School rooms for the beginning of our program year on **Saturday, August 8th** from 10 am until noon. You will be rewarded with a pizza lunch! Please RSVP to Laura Fefchak at laura.fefchak@urbucc.org. Thanks for your support of our Education Ministry!

August Childcare Volunteer Coordinator, Jon Greising

Jon will serve as the support person for our volunteers in August. Please see Jon if you need help finding a replacement for your time in the nursery, EIW room or need childcare for a meeting. *Thank you, Jon, for your support!*

Greetings from the Moderator

Hello to all of the members and friends of Urbandale United Church of Christ. I have just lived through a powerful time in my life with the final decline and death of my dad, whose abilities have been limited for several years due to a car accident and several strokes. Luckily, I was able to spend the last six days of his life with him and my stepmother, Judy. Part of the powerful experience has also been the gathering together of our family to celebrate his life and remember him in a memorial service. I am immensely comforted by the presence of my family and friends during this time, and I believe I was comforting to my dad as he slipped away from this life. Thank you for your presence, your cards and words of comfort, and your support in the many ways I needed it. What I realize most acutely is that it's all about the people we share our life with. It is also true that as we have to let go of some members of our family through death, others join us through birth, marriage and partnership, and our family continues on together.

The same can be said about our church. It's all about the people we share our lives with, both inside and outside the congregation. As some members, friends, and pastors move away, others join us, and we continue on together. One of the central experiences we live together is in our worship services. The Worship Team works with Elsie Naylor, Bobby Stinnett, Pastor Bob, and Amy Murray to provide meaningful worship experiences that engage our five senses.

There are many ways you can become involved with and support the Worship Team and our staff. Join the adult or youth choir, bell choir, Raggedy Band, or volunteer for solo musical performances. For this, contact Elsie. Volunteer as an acolyte, usher, or greeter. To do so, contact Ruth Miller. Help decorate our sanctuary for worship. Ruth Miller and Carol Looney have volunteered to make new banners, and this would be a fun way for creative sewers to help with a one-time project. The team also needs help with installation of banners or other decorations from time to time. To help with this, please contact Debbie Gannon. The Worship Team can use extra help during special times of the year, such as Advent and Lent. People could help plan the extra worship services, serve communion, help with the Christmas Eve reception or the Easter Brunch, and help with decorations. For this, contact Debbie Gannon.

Everyone is welcome to become a member of the Worship Team and they are looking for more members. The team meets on All Team Night, the first Monday of each month at 7 pm. No contact is needed—just come and join the team! Finally, please note that all of these opportunities do not only apply to adults—the team would love to have more kids and youth help with these worship activities.

Thank you to everyone who supports this important ministry.

Blessings upon you and our church,
Amy Christensen, Moderator

♪♪♪ **It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year!** ♪♪♪

Love that jingle! That's right, school is right around the corner and that means our choirs here at UUCC will be starting up again. We are looking forward to having many familiar faces return to sing and play bells and are looking for some new faces as well. Registration sheets are on the table in the narthex for “interested” SOS choir and bell choir members. Please fill them out and return them to Bobby's box in the office.

Please say a special prayer for our Pilgrim Heights campers and staff in August:

Josh Dhainin, Maleika Carter, Jamel Carter, Julianie Carter, Anna Keeler, Maeve Greising, Matthew Siegel, Chris Jordan, Pastor Bob, Brandon Woods and Kelsie Miller.

Thank You! to everyone who helped with campership fundraising. We raised over \$2,000 through plate offerings, the Campership Brunch prepared by the Bowtie Boyz, and the Walking Taco lunch. This has enabled 14 kids to attend Pilgrim Heights, with enough funds left to seed next year's Campership Fund! Your generosity, time and effort is very much appreciated!

August-September Childcare Sign-ups Available

Please check out the lists on the table in the narthex and sign up! Prayerfully consider how you can support these ministries, and consider a permanent slot for the program year, as this helps everyone involved in these ministries.

Christian Growth Needs You!

Do you enjoy children's and youth ministries? Do you want to have input on our Sunday school program, Adult Spiritual Formation and Everyone Is Welcome ministry? If you enjoy supporting our children and youth, planning events and fundraisers, getting to know some incredibly gifted individuals and sharing your gifts then we are looking for you! Please see Joyce Bixby or Rev. Amy Murray with your interest.

Our Whole Lives (OWL) Informational Meeting, August 31st at 6:30 pm

Youth going into 7th-9th grades are eligible to participate in OWL for the 2009-2010 program year. Please mark your calendars for this important meeting which will be held in the sanctuary. If you have not already confirmed your participation with Rev. Amy please let her know and **RSVP for this meeting.**

UCC Children & Youth Need You for 2009-2010!

We need teachers for Preschool and the Kindergarten-2nd grade classes.

We also need substitutes. You can teach for a month all the way up to a full year. Prayerfully consider this ministry and how you might help. Contact Amy Murray at amy.murray@urbucc.org with your interest.

Volunteers Needed to Plan September-October EIW Unit

The **Everyone Is Welcome** ministry uses the rotation model to provide a meaningful worship experience for our children. A unit lasts about **6-8 weeks** and a theme is explored such as Christian Diversity, Creation, and Civil Rights to name a few. We are currently exploring what it means to be the United Church of Christ. Our Jr. High class did an awesome job planning this unit. We are looking for EIW coordinators to help plan units with Rev. Amy Murray. Amy will help you develop your ideas and create stations that address your theme. These stations include:

Art, Creation, Responding, Games/Puzzles, Music & Library

Just two, one hour meetings are all that are needed to transform EIW into a new unit that is exciting for our kids and volunteers. Please contact Rev. Amy with your interest.

Sunday school Registrations for 2009-2010 DUE NOW!!!
Please fill out your Sunday School registration and turn it in ASAP to the church office!

Registrations are available on our Website www.urbucc.org or on the narthex table.

Caregiver Training:

We are moving forward with a *Called To Care* training in August. This training is for anyone wishing to learn more about the nuts and bolts of our Caregiving Ministries and those feeling called to support other church members on their journeys.

Please note the days/times of trainings:

- Tuesday, August 4: 6 – 8 pm
- Tuesday, August 11: 6 – 8 pm
- Saturday, August 15: 9 am – noon
- Tuesday, August 18: 6 – 8 pm
- Tuesday, August 25: 6 – 8 pm

Caregivers are required to attend all trainings. If you wish to join us, please contact Debbie Gannon, debbie.gannon@urbucc.org, or Laura Fefchak, laura.fefchak@urbucc.org.

Families Like Ours:

A Book Study/Social Networking Opportunity for LGBT Parents

Join us as we celebrate the blessings and challenges of being a LGBT parent! Our group will be studying the book, *Families Like Mine: Children of Gay Parents Tell It Like It Is*, by Abigail Garner. We will meet at Urbandale United Church of Christ, every other Wednesday night from 6:15 until 7:30 pm, starting on **September 9** and running **through November 18**.

Childcare will be provided. The book is available at Beaverdale Books (2629 Beaver Avenue; ph: 279-5400) for \$12.56 plus tax. If you are interested in attending, please contact Laura Fefchak at laura.fefchak@urbucc.org.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: SUNDAYS, 9:00-9:45 AM

Sunday School for all ages of children & youth, held in Fellowship Hall:

The Sunday School program, plus a variety of summer activities, aim to foster participation by children and youth in the church and community. See “Kids in Action” activities below.

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Adult Spiritual Formation, held in the lower level Choir Room:

Discussion will be held over the Lectionary Text.

- August 2:** *Ephesians 4:1-8, 11-16*, led by Gage Church
- August 9:** *TBD*, led by Kevin Gannon
- August 16:** *1 Kings 2:10-12, 3:3-14*, led by Pastor Bob
- August 23:** *Psalms 84*, led by Pastor Bob
- August 30:** *James 1:17-27*, led by Pastor Bob

UUCC “Kids in Action” Summer Program

The kids and youth (with adult leaders) will be...

- visiting **Care Facilities** or **Senior Living Centers**,
- collecting food for the **Urbandale Food Pantry**
- collecting clothing for an **Urbandale free clothing program**, and
- preparing meal packets at **Meals for the Heartland** in September.

The children and youth will be learning about these programs on Sunday mornings from 9:00-9:45, as well as using that time to prepare for their activities. To learn more about this program, or to help with any of the activities, contact Jennifer Gardner, jennifer.gardner@urbucc.org.

Our Sacred Space: Steward of UCC Camping Resources

About one-half mile west of the Meskwaki Casino and Hotel near Tama, Iowa, is a dirt road which leads northward from U.S. Highway 30. A journey up that dirt road leads to the site where in 1936 Arlo Hinegardner erected a dam across a stream and created a beautiful lake which soon became popular for fishing, boating, and picnicking. A roller skating rink was soon added on the west shore of the lake and three tourist cabins were erected up in the lush, rolling hills. In 1955, the Congregational Christian Conference purchased 127 acres of land surrounding the lake to become a church camp and named the camp "Pilgrim Heights." Financial responsibility for the \$200,000 project was shared by 73 congregations. At the time, our late Pastor Emeritus, Gayle V. Strickler, Sr., was on the Conference Board of Directors.

In the early years, Urbandale Church members, such as Gayle and Beth Strickler and Carrol and Miriam Cline were heavily involved in helping start up family camping programs at Pilgrim Heights when it consisted of three cabins, a roller skating rink, and a bunch of tents. They established a tradition for our Urbandale UCC congregation of participation and leadership at Pilgrim Heights which has continued to this day. For example, Chris Jordan has camped, served on the Conference outdoor ministry board, and spent many years as a camp counselor. Gayle Strickler, Jr. has been a camper, served on the summer camp staff, and was the interim camp manager during 2004 and 2005.

Former Urbandale UCC Pastor Sue Gallagher played a key role in planning and raising money for two of the newest buildings at Pilgrim Heights: Four Seasons Lodge and Autumn House. These facilities provide a beautiful space for conferences and retreats.

Since 2008, the operation of Pilgrim Heights is the responsibility of *Our Sacred Space*, which has a strong covenantal affiliation to the Iowa Conference. *Our Sacred Space* was created to provide stewardship for the fine resource which Pilgrim Heights has been for over 50 years and which Pilgrim Heights can continue to be in the future. Through solid business practices and fundraising efforts, *Our Sacred Space* has provided new energy for camping and retreats at Pilgrim Heights. Along with Chris Jordan, Urbandale Church member Jessica Lown and former members Dave and Julie Eberbach have worked hard to get *Our Sacred Space* started and to raise funds. Urbandale UCC's Schaeffer family spent several weekends early this spring in visiting various churches across the Iowa Conference to spread the good news about the fantastic camping program available at Pilgrim Heights and to encourage people to attend camps this summer.

By the end of this summer, 14 Urbandale UCC youth will have participated in this summer's camping programs at Pilgrim Heights. As they return, be sure to listen to their tales of all the fun they have had, the new friends they have made, and the ways they have grown in their faith while camping at Pilgrim Heights.

All members of the United Church of Christ in Iowa may use Pilgrim Heights. Similarly, we all have the opportunity to contribute some of the funds that are needed so that future generations can continue to enjoy this wonderful facility. A check placed in the offering plate which has *Our Sacred Space* on the memo line will be passed along for support of Pilgrim Heights.

For more information, please see the Pilgrim Heights web page at:

<http://www.pilgrimheights.org>

Join the AMOS House Meeting Campaign

Do you think middle class life is improving and opportunities are expanding? As unemployment reaches a 23-year high in Iowa, more and more people are doubting whether the American Dream is available to them or to their children. It turns out that the roots of our problems go deep. Urbandale United Church of Christ, since joining AMOS (A Mid-Iowa Organizing Strategy), will have a chance to explore this issue and join together with hundreds, perhaps thousands, to take action needed to reclaim the American Dream for ourselves. It is all part of the AMOS House Meeting Campaign that culminates in a statewide fall action on Sunday, November 1, entitled “Faith, Politics and Re-Claiming the American Dream.” The purpose of the campaign is to organize house meetings of 10-12 people, engage them in conversations and surface issues that are important to their lives. These issues are then turned into an “issue agenda” and presented publicly at a large gathering on Sunday, November 1, in Des Moines.

There are many ways to get involved. Pick one or more and get active:

1. **Participate in an introductory conversation:** “What Every Happened to the American Dream?” Urbandale UCC will host two 90-minute discussion sessions to explore this issue from a personal and historical perspective. You will learn what the promise and the compromise of the American Dream are, and be invited to take the next step in joining the house meeting campaign. Those two discussion sessions will take place Sunday, August 9, after church and Wednesday, August 12, at 7 pm.
2. **Host or Lead a House Meeting.** We hope to have at least 15 house meetings just among Urbandale UCC members and friends and their friends, neighbors and co-workers. There will be a training event for those hosting or leading house meetings on Tuesday, August 18, at Plymouth United Church of Christ.
3. **Participate in the House Meeting Campaign Kick-off** meeting on Saturday, August 22, at Palestine Lutheran Church in Huxley, Iowa. On August 22, the House Meeting Campaign officially launches and will run for about 6 weeks during which we will host as many house meeting as we can.
4. **Participate in one of the many House Meetings** we will be sponsoring in the Urbandale UCC community. The house meetings are small gatherings of about 10-12 people and they last from 60 to 75 minutes. They feature a facilitated discussion designed to surface the most pressing issues facing participants.
5. **Participate in the 2009 AMOS Fall Action** at the Polk County Convention Complex on Sunday, November 1, at 3 pm.

These activities move us from dream to reality as we revive a sense of hope and possibility when facing the real challenges and opportunities in reclaiming the American Dream. For more information, contact Tom Rendon (tom.rendon@urbucc.org) or Karl Andersen (jokal1235@aol.com).

Interfaith Hospitality Week Begins August 30

Once again, it is Urbandale’s opportunity to provide food and lodging for families experiencing homelessness in the Des Moines area. The week runs from August 30 to September 6. Since some of this will occur over Labor Day weekend we know soliciting volunteers will be a special challenge. We will need a full contingent of volunteers, including drivers, food preparers, food servers, overnight hosts, launderers, and set-up and tear-down assistants. If you don’t know what each of these jobs requires, a detailed job description is available. Throughout August, a white board is available for sign-up. This is a rare opportunity to be engaged in a concrete act of charity that blesses the giver more than the receiver. For more information, contact Tom Rendon, tom.rendon@urbucc.org.

August 2009

Who... What... Where... When...

	August 2 Communion	August 9	August 16 Food Pantry	August 23	August 30
Scripture	Ephesians 4:1-16	Ephesians 4:25-5:2	1 Kings 2:10-12, 3:3-14	Psalm 84	James 1:17-27
Preaching	Rev. Gage Church	Dr. Kevin Gannon	Pastor Bob	Pastor Bob	Pastor Bob
10:00 Liturgist	Debbie Gannon	Bonita Wiley	Karl Andersen	Randy Jedele	Laura Fefchak
10:00 Music Leadership	Sarah & Suzanne Sontag	Connor Hood	David Zinnel	Carol Looney	Nathan Wiley
10:00 Ushers & Greeters	Jeff Couch Laura Fefchak Jennifer Gardner Dianne Woods Jerry Woods	Jerry Woods David Yurdin Jim Nervig Robby Nervig	Linda Grathwohl Nancy Boyer Mark Siegel Ray Bowler	Jan Maltby Craig Maltby John Young Nancy Young	Ken Hanson Wade Petersen Jim Benda Chuck Emblen
10:00 Acolytes	Jeff & Wendy Sontag	Suzanne Sontag Margaret Nervig	Brandon Woods Olivia Dirks	Carter-Shields Family	Sue & Kara Renfrow
10:00 Nursery	Alma Sims Deb Beery	Debbie Gannon Deb Beery	Jayna Gossling Deb Beery	Karen Capps-Davis Deb Beery	Alberta Bowler-Keeler Deb Beery
10:00 EIW Room*	Pat Boes Nancy Dunn	TBD	TBD	Susan Joynt	TBD
Opening the Church	Scott Gardner	Jeff Couch	Mark Siegel	Jerry Woods	Todd Peterson
Offering Recorders	Chris Jordan Ruth Rasmussen	Ruth Miller Tom Rendon	Steve Chandler Mark Siegel	Karen Capps- Davis Geri Jacobs Jim Nervig	Todd Peterson Joyce Hjort
Sound Booth	Scott Gardner	Scott Davis	Scott Gardner	Ray Bowler	Scott Gardner

*EIW Room stands for "Everyone Is Welcome" Room.

September 2009 CALL DEADLINE
Saturday, 15 August - 9:00 am

Activities & Events

August 2009


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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						August 1
						8:00am Visiting Group Breakfast
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Pastor Bob away						
New Members Joining 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship: Communion 11:00am New Member Reception	1:30pm Staff Meeting 7:00pm All Team Night	6:00pm Caregiver Training	7:30pm AA			10:00am Sunday School Cleanout
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship 11:00am AMOS Movie	1:30pm Staff Meeting 7:00pm Leadership Team	6:00pm Caregiver Training	7:00pm AMOS Movie 7:30pm AA		5:30pm OWL Training	CALL Deadline 8:00am OWL Training 9:00am Caregivers Training
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9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship 1:00pm Art Club	1:30pm Staff Meeting	6:00pm Caregiver Training	7:30pm AA			
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Tara away						
IHN Host Week						
9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship	1:30pm Staff Meeting 6:30pm OWL Information Mtg					

UUC Unique Card Creations

UUC Unique Card Creations has hand-made greeting cards available for purchase after worship the first Sunday of each month. Proceeds from greeting card sales are given to the general church budget. Contact Ann Boes, ann.boes@urbucc.org, for more information.

The **Art Club** will meet **Sunday, August 23**, from 1-4 pm at Jennifer Gardner's. Come for part of the time or the whole time—and bring your own projects or just yourself and a smile. We'll find a project for you!! New members are always welcome!

 The **Evening Women's Group** will not meet in August but will resume in September.

AUGUST FOOD PANTRY ITEMS

We had a great response for the food items in July. The Food Pantry Box and the shopping cart were both full. The congregation is showing the Spirit of Christ which motivates so much of action of this community of faith. In the next CALL I will try to have a count of what we have given for the last few months.

For August let's see how much **juice**—both fruit and vegetable—we can contribute to those in need. For Personal Care items please bring **shampoo** and **hair conditioner**.

As usual, feel free to contact Ray at ray.bowler@urbucc.org. You can call Eileen Bogges, the Urbandale Food Pantry's coordinator, at 251-6688 for information or to volunteer.

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Concert by Randy Coryell

Enjoy an evening of Music & Fine Food

Friday, September 4, 2009 ~ 6:00 Meal, 7:30 pm Concert

Dinner: Perry Washburn, UUC's own cooking instructor, author and food columnist, will create a fabulous late-summer dinner of Roasted Cornish Hens, a warm salad of Pea Pods and Fresh Corn, Cucumbers and Onions, Fried Rice with Basil, and Berry Cobbler. Plus Mac & Cheese for the kids! All proceeds of the dinner go to Urbandale UCC.
Ticket Price—\$15 per person, \$40 per family—Reservations required—
Please call the church office, 276-0625

Concert: Featuring Grammy-award-winning pianist, composer and singer, Randy Coryell, a UCC musician from Boise, ID. This lively concert will feature Sing-alongs, Stump the Pianist, and more! **Freewill Offering for the concert.**

Reminder:



Submit your receipts from *Beaverdale Books* purchases to the can on the Narthex table for 15% back to the church on sales totals. For good summer reads, use this link to the bookstore website: <http://beaverdalebooks.com>.
Happy Reading!



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The Urbandale UCC Prayer Shawl Ministry is available to all the church family. Do you know someone who has had a significant loss, major surgery or is coping with a serious illness, going through a transition, and/or experiencing a difficult time? Please submit a request card found on the prayer shawl display in the narthex or email prayer.shawls@urbucc.org.

Thank you!

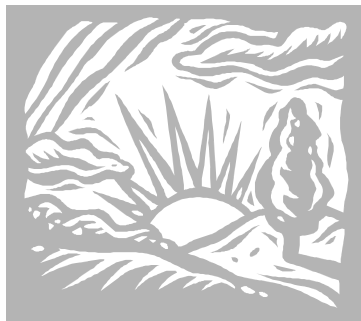
A special thanks to Todd Peterson and his Rebuilding Together crew for all their hard work at my home. *Nelda Foshe*

Ordination of Stephanie Haskins

The Central Association, Iowa Conference of the United Church of Christ cordially invites you to the Ordination of Stephanie Anne Haskins, **Sunday, August 9th** at 3 pm, held at Plymouth Congregational UCC, Des Moines.

COMING EVENTS:

Look for details of other coming events on the Community Events Bulletin Board!



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SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

9:00 Sunday School

10:00 Worship

The Rev. Dr. Bob Butterfield, Interim Senior Pastor.....bob.butterfield@urbucc.org
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Church office hours are 9:00am – 3:00pm