
URBANDALE

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

A Just Peace and Open and Affirming congregation



SEPTEMBER 12, 2010

10:00 A.M.

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

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST COMMUNION ~ HOMECOMING SUNDAY

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. Nursery care is available for children ages birth through three years. Please see an usher for location if you wish to use the nursery.

GREETING

This world of ours... must avoid becoming a community of dreadful fear and hate, and be, instead, a proud confederation of mutual trust and respect.

~ Dwight D. Eisenhower

TIME OF FRIENDSHIP

Children age 4 through 2nd grade are invited to the Everyone Is Welcome Room, where they will reflect on today's message. They will return at a later point in the service. However, parents may bring their children back to the sanctuary at any time.

PRELUDE

“Come Now, O God of Peace”

Geonyon Lee

Raggedy Band

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: Which of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the 99 in the wilderness and go after the one until it is found?

BOYS AND MEN: When you find it, you lay it on your shoulder and rejoice.

ONE: Or what one of you, having ten silver coins, if you lose one, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until you find it?

GIRLS AND WOMEN: When you find it, you call together your friends and neighbors and rejoice.

ALL: As faithful people all, let us gather by the grace of a seeking God—who rejoices in finding us here today!

❖ OPENING HYMN

“There's a Spirit in the Air”

Hymnal 294

Stanzas: 1 & 2 All; 3 Women; 4 Men; 5, 6 & 7 All

❖ PRAYER OF CONFESSION *

We confess, O God, that we sometimes treat you as though we could hide from you, or keep you out, or stray from you; as though you would give up on us as we give up on you. O God, don't give up on us. Forgive us. Seek us. Find us. Rejoice in us. Whether we confess it or not, you teach us by word and deed: we are precious in your sight. Amen.

❖ ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

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❖ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

THE INVITATION

THE COMMUNION PRAYER

We give you thanks, Creator God, for the gift of life that you have given to each of us and for the joy we experience in knowing those who are gathered with us on this day. We thank you that as we come to this table, we are united in Christ with those who are scattered all over the world, worshiping you in Spirit and in Truth. You have brought us together to celebrate the learning and growing that are a part of all of our lives. You have called us to faithfully use gifts of teaching and organizing, of music and art, of crafting and of caring. As the bread is broken and the drink is poured, may the lessons of love be imparted once again in our lives. We ask in the name of Christ. Amen.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

This morning we will share the bread and cup by intinction. Starting from the front pews, please move to the center aisle (forming two lines) and come to the front. Take a piece of bread and dip it into the cup. Please return to your seat via the side aisles. After all who are able have come forward, any needing the elements brought to them will be served in the pews.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Expansive and Renewing God, we give thanks for the room that is made for us at this table, in this fellowship of faith, and in your heart. As we have been filled with your grace and with the love of Christ, make us receptive to even greater faith and higher purpose. Enlarge our capacity to know your will and to learn your wisdom. Deepen our relationships with your children in all aspects of our lives, that the knowledge of who you are and how you work may spread wider and wider. We ask in the name of the One who proclaimed Good News for all to hear. Amen.

COMMUNITY SHARING AND PASTORAL PRAYER

Barb Woodsmall's mother, **Emilie Logan...** Janice Burnham... Ruth Miller's sister, **Bonnie Riggert...** Mayta Bird... Joy Seydel.

The Rev. Juan R. Thomas and Beecher Memorial Congregational, New Orleans...
and **First Trinity Evangelical, Metairie.**

And our dear ones: **Margaret Avaux** and **Leonard Phelps.**

To list someone in this section, with their permission, please e-mail tara.aukes@urbucc.org by the weekly bulletin deadline.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 and ever. Amen, Amen. Forever and ever. Amen, Amen.

❖ CLOSING HYMN

"Help Us Accept Each Other"

Hymnal 388

*The candles are extinguished.
God's Spirit remains as a living flame in the hearts of God's people.*

❖ ANNOUNCEMENTS

❖ BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Sh'ma Israel" (Deut 6:4-5) adapted by Clyde & Fowler
Raggedy Band

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

SERVING AT URBANDALE UCC THIS SUNDAY

Liturgist: Perry Washburn
Acolytes: Jones-Pfeifer Family
Nursery: Deb Beery, Alma Sims
EIW Room: Tina Carter, Anne Clark
Ushers & Greeters: Jerry Woods, Dianne Woods, Jim Nervig, Robby Nervig
Opening the Church: Today, Jeff Couch Next Sunday, Mark Siegel
Sound Booth: Scott Davis

Flowers are given by Jo Lilley in memory of her mother.

THIS WEEK AT URBANDALE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Today, 12 September: Homecoming Sunday

9:00a Sunday School
10:00a Worship: Communion
Adult Choir, Raggedy Band
11:00a Back-to-School Potluck
4:30p 3rd-6th Grade Youth Group

Monday, 13 September

1:30p Staff Meeting
4:00p ASF Meeting
7:00p All Team Night

Tuesday, 14 September

9:30a Caregivers
7:00p Scout Leaders

Wednesday, 15 September

9:00a **October CALL Deadline**
9:00a **Bulletin announcements due**
5:30p Wednesday Night Alive: all programs
7:30p AA

Saturday, 7 September

9:30a Prayer Shawl Group

UPCOMING SUNDAYS

Sunday, 19 September

9:00a Sunday School
10:00a Worship
Adult Choir
4:30p 3rd-6th Grade Youth Group

Sunday, 26 September

9:00a Sunday School
10:00a Worship
Adult Handbells, Men's Chorus
3:00p Casual Concert

Please wear your name tag!

** * * Did you know? Wheelchairs and a walker are available at the fully accessible south door. * * **

◆ *Next Sunday is Food Pantry* ◆

Remember that next Sunday is Food Pantry Sunday. Let's bring **vegetable soup** (low sodium) and **toilet paper** for the personal item. A check to the church, with DMARC Food Pantry or Urbandale Food Pantry in the memo line, will allow them to buy what they need.

Calling all 3rd-6th Grade Youth!

You now have a youth group of your very own. Please thank Chris Jordan and Ken Briggs, who have agreed to be your fearless leaders! Come to Fellowship Hall **TODAY from 4:30-6:30pm**. Please stay tuned to the bulletin and CALL for upcoming events that are planned just for you.

Adult Spiritual Formation

Have an idea for a Sunday morning Adult Spiritual Formation offering? Want to help arrange a guest speaker? Join us **Monday, September 13** at 4pm in Rev. Amy's office. Please see Karl Andersen, ReNae Vanden Broek, Wendy Sontag or Rev. Amy with your support. This will be an exciting year of offerings!

Childcare Needs!

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

IHN Week Coming Soon!

Through the Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN) we will again be hosting families experiencing homelessness. The families arrive on **September 19** and depart on September 26. There are many ways to participate: provide food, serve food, spend the night, drive, help to set up or tear down, do laundry, or support the effort financially. Please sign up on the white-board in the narthex. We especially encourage you to sign up with a friend. For more information and a complete job description for each volunteer opportunity, contact Tom Rendon at tom.rendon@urbucc.org.



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.

The Prayer Shawl group will meet on Saturday morning on the third week of each month in the NW room of Fellowship Hall. The first fall meeting will be **Saturday, September 18** at 9:30am.

Small Group Ministry Update

Check out the revised folders and bulletin board outside the church office. Pat Boes and Rev. Amy are eager to help you begin and support your small group. Review the folder and see Pat or Rev. Amy for any questions.

SUNDAY SCHOOL, 9:00-9:45AM

Christian Education at Urbandale UCC is a spirit-filled adventure for all ages from 3 years to adult. Grades 5 and under follow the Gather 'Round curriculum, with lessons focusing on key stories of the Hebrew Bible and the New Testament. 6-8th graders and 9th-12th graders are guided by their teachers through units based on the big themes of Christian church life. Lessons use Bible study, film, drama, art, discussion, and other resources to explore ideas like worship, community, mission and stewardship.

Preschool Lower Level 2	Grades 4 & 5..... Ed Wing-203
Grades K & 1..... Lower Level 1	Grades 6, 7 & 8..... Fellowship Hall-SE
Grades 2 & 3..... Ed Wing-202	Grades 9-12 Fellowship Hall-NW

Adult Spiritual Formation, held in Fellowship Hall, 9:00-9:45am:

TODAY: Understanding Family Systems, presented by Laura Fefchak.
September 19: Our Church's Wider Mission (OCWM), presented by Steve Looney.
September 26: DMARC Ministries, presented by Sarai Schnucker Rice.

Be sure to check Sunday bulletins for more program information.



All Wednesday Night Alive programs resume on September 15th.

5:30-6:00	SOS Choir	1 st -8 th grade
6:00-6:30	Youth Handbells	4 th -Sr. High
6:30-7:00	Adult Handbells	Sr. High and up
6:45-8:00	Confirmation	8 th -9 th grades
7:00-8:30	Adult Choir	Sr. High-Adults

From 5:30-7:00 pm, childcare is available. Ages birth through 3 years may play in the nursery with Judy Waters and Angie Kenna. If your child is not in one of the scheduled activities, please honor the safety policy and supervise him/her so that children are not unattended in the building.

Wanted! *Wednesday Night Alive* Meal Coordinator!

The Leadership Team is seeking a **Coordinator** for Wednesday Night Alive meals. The Coordinator will plan and prepare the meals for Wednesday night church activities. A stipend of \$100 a month will be offered for the Coordinator. If you are interested, please contact Randy Jedele by phone (277-2376) or e-mail the church (staff@urbucc.org).

Fall Program Guides are available on the narthex table.

New Pictorial Directory Coming!

Mark your calendars! The church will publish a new pictorial directory through *LifeTouch*. The photography dates are **September 29** through **October 2**, and sign-ups for appointments have begun. You may sign up online at:

<https://www.securedata-trans14.com/ap/urbandaleunitedchurchofchrist/index.php?page=10>

Or you may follow the link on UUCC's homepage, or use the sign-up sheets on the narthex table. Each participating household will receive a complimentary directory and 8x10 Custom Color Portrait. If you have questions, please contact Joyce Bixby (joyce.bixby@urbucc.org). Remember, our pictorial directory won't be complete without you!



Three People. Many Notes

Guess who's coming for a visit? Gabriel Faure, Edward MacDowell, Henry Smart, Anton Dvorak, and several of their friends. They are all composers of the music which will be performed by the talented trio of...



Connor Hood, mandolin • Lee Hood, flute • Kerryn Oliver, piano

Enjoy an afternoon with many notes: Listen to music in classical style, turn-of-the-century popular, folk, sacred, and maybe even a bit of jazz.



Sunday, September 26, 2010 • 3:00 pm in Fellowship Hall

Light refreshments will be offered. Reservations are requested. Pick up a ticket to help us have enough seats and food. Freewill offering. Tickets are available each Sunday in the narthex, or phone the church office, 276-0625.

OUR CHURCH, OUR FAMILY

Come to the first **Congregational Potluck and Forum** on **Sunday, October 3** following worship, sponsored by the Congregational Support and Education (CSE) work group. There will be a potluck, followed by a forum featuring representatives from the Community Concerns Team and the Stewardship & Mission Interpretation (SMI) Team. They will share their vision and goals for their work during the coming year. There will be ample time for discussion.

Please bring a dish to share; table service and drinks will be provided. This is the first of what we hope are regular Congregational forums to provide an opportunity for our church family to discuss topics that are important to us and to the UUCC mission. For more information, please contact Wendy Sontag at 963-8797 or wendy.sontag@urbucc.org.

Want a Game Table?

There are a couple game tables at Urbandale UCC that need to be removed due to lack of space. If you wish to acquire one of these, please contact the office, 276-0625.

Thank you!

Women's Fellowship wishes to thank those who contributed to the collection of the Baby Kits and Health Kits for Haiti in May and June. Urbandale UCC collected a total of 20 kits, and altogether the Des Moines Church Women United community contributed 177 kits on this drive. The need for kits is ongoing and is supported by DMARC.

COMING EVENTS:

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

Sunday, September 19: *Interfaith Service for Peace*, 4pm at Nollen Plaza, sponsored by the Des Moines Area Ecumenical Committee for Peace. Questions? Contact Elsie Naylor.

Friday, October 1 & Saturday, October 2: *12th Annual ESL Clothing Drive*, held at Karen Acres Elementary School to provide ESL families with clean and free items of clothing, toys, books, etc. Volunteers are needed to assist in setting up, organizing, assisting families in finding appropriate sizes and cleaning up. Deadline for donations is **Friday, September 17th**. Questions? Please contact Jessica Kugler, 4th-5th ESL teacher at Karen Acres, 457-5728.

Sunday, October 10: *41st Annual Des Moines Area Hunger Hike*; gather at 1:30pm on the west steps of the State Capitol and hike at 2:00pm. Plan to walk as a family, a group, or with others from the congregation; packets for hikers are available from Kathy Marean or Sandy Gahn.

The 4th Sunday of each month: *Film Series/Discussions on Immigration*, 4pm at Trinity United Methodist Church, 8th & College, followed by a shared meal and discussion.

RECYCLE!

Please Note: you may now toss plastic and metal bottles and cans, as well as paper, in the recycle bin at the north parking lot of the church.



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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, 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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