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# URBANDALE

## UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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*A Just Peace and Open and Affirming congregation*



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**FEBRUARY 5, 2012**

**10:00 A.M.**

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

## FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY ~ COMMUNION

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### 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

Love not expressed, love not felt, is difficult to trust... that is the reason for incarnation.  
God knew the human need for nearness. ~ P.C. Ennis, from *Feasting on the Word*

### TIME OF FRIENDSHIP

*Children age 4 through 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.*

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### PRELUDE

“Soliloquy”

Gordon Young

#### 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: Good people of the church, lift up your eyes and see.

**ALL: Have you not seen? Have you not heard? Our God greets us here.**

ONE: Good servants of the Most High, open your ears to hear.

**ALL: Have you not seen? Have you not heard? Our God meets us here.**

ONE: Good children of the light, open your hearts and know what it means to delight in God.

**ALL: For we have seen, heard and known, from the beginning to the end, our God... is.**

#### ❖ OPENING HYMN “You Are Salt for the Earth, O People”

Hymnal 181

#### ❖ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ONE: What do we hold and treasure most?

**ALL: Is it the promises of God?**

ONE: What captivates our attention?

**ALL: Is it the grace of God?**

ONE: God of mercy and grace:

**ALL: We are vulnerable people who sometimes ignore the vulnerable. We are broken people who don't always pay attention to the world's brokenness. Heal us, O God, to make us better healers. Mend our rifts, that we might be better builders. Cleanse our hearts, so we can clear out the damage of hurt and oppression. We are yours, loving God. Help us to live and to know this better. Amen.**

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OFFERTORY

“Jesus Our Own Companion”

Robert Hebble

*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! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

❖ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

INVITATION

COMMUNION PRAYER

**Holy are you, Eternal One. You sit above, through, within the circle of the earth setting light into being, casting the stars in the sky, founding the evolving earth and all that dwell within it. Limitless is your power, and great is your wisdom. You look upon the lowly as your most cherished creatures. You visit upon the downtrodden with presence, grace, and the promise of eternal justice. You sent to us your own child, Jesus, who reached into unexpected places, calling women beyond the limits of their times, equipping men for nurturing love, welcoming children into your holy embrace. Dear God, we pray for your spirit. Transform, illumine, bless. Make these ordinary gifts of bread and cup into the extraordinary presence of Christ with us. Amen.**

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. If you wish to be served in your pew, please raise your hand as communion is being served.*

COMMUNITY SHARING AND PASTORAL PRAYER

**Paul Johnson** and family of David Llewelyn, who passed away February 1... **Don McCurdy**... Dhainin family’s niece, **Emily**... **Tony Torrier**, brother of Betti Jotzke Torrier... **Pam Ryan**, sister of Amy Ryan... Keeli Comito’s grandparents, **David & Sandy Bailey**.

**First Trinity Evangelical**, Metairie.

And our dear ones: **Lois Luick**, **Madeline Kaloides**, **Marian Chase** and **Marge Wittenbaugh**.

*To list someone in this section, with their permission, please email [tara.aukes@urbucc.org](mailto: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. Amen.**

❖ CLOSING HYMN

“As We Gather at Your Table”

Hymnal 332

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

❖ BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Trumpet Tune”

Gordon Young

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

**SERVING AT URBANDALE UCC THIS SUNDAY**

**Liturgist:** Tom Rendon

**Acolytes:** Drake-Trudeau Family

**Nursery:** Alma Sims, Julianie Carter

**EIW:** Jayna Gossling, Lily Clark

**Ushers & Greeters:** Jeff Couch, Jennifer Gardner, Heather Schott, Hattie Schott

**Opening the Church:** Today, Chris Jordan Next Sunday, Jeff Couch

**Sound Booth:** Jon Duvick

**THIS WEEK AT UCC**

Sunday, 5 February

9:00a Sunday School

10:00a Worship: Communion  
Adult Choir

11:15a 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade Youth

11:15a Caregivers 2

Monday, 6 February

1:30p Staff Meeting

6:30p Christian Growth Team

7:00p All Team Night

Tuesday, 7 February

6:45p Private Group

Wednesday, 8 February

9:00a **Bulletin announcements due**

5:30p Spaghetti Meal

5:30p Wednesday Night Alive

6:00p Introspection Discussion

7:30p AA

Thursday, 9 February

7:00p Book Club

Saturday, 11 February

9:00a Bow Tie Boyz

**UPCOMING SUNDAYS**

Sunday, 12 February

9:00a Sunday School

10:00a Worship: Baptism, OWL Recognition  
Adult Choir, Raggedy Band,  
Adult Handbells

11:15p Private Reception

11:15a 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grade Youth

12:00p ASF Book Group

4:30p Bible Pilgrimage

Sunday, 19 February

9:00a Sunday School

10:00a Worship  
Adult Choir

2:00p Mardi Gras Carnival

4:30p Bible Pilgrimage

**Wednesday Night Spaghetti Dinner  
February 8<sup>th</sup>**

*(served from 5:30-7:00pm).*

Please check for a sign-up sheet on the narthex table for ways to help with the meal and food items needed.

\* \* \* Did you know? There are wheelchairs and a walker at the fully accessible south door. \* \* \*

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

Christian Education at Urbandale UCC is a spirit-filled adventure for all ages from 3 years to adult. ~ **9:00-9:45am:**

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

*Teachers will lead children to **Fellowship Hall** after Sunday School to join their families at 9:45.*

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT ALIVE

5:30-6:00.....SOS Choir.....(Grades 1-8)  
6:00-6:30..... Youth Bells ....(4<sup>th</sup>-Sr. High)  
6:30-7:00.....Adult Bells.....(Sr. High & up)  
6:30-7:45.....OWL.....(Grades 7-8)  
7:00-8:30.....Adult Choir....(Sr. High-Adults)

**There will be no childcare on Wednesday evenings unless requested.** 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.

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**Sunday Adult Spiritual Formation (ASF)** ~ 9:00-9:45am, Fellowship Hall

**TODAY:** *Travels to Turkey and Cyprus*, presented by Wendy Sontag.

**February 12:** *OWL Youth Experience*, presented by OWL Graduates.

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### 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade Youth Group Today!

Janet Jones and Adam Dirks will gather with the 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade Youth Group **today, February 5** from 11:15-1:15, to finish painting the canvases. Lunch will be served. See you then!

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### Caregivers 2 Meeting

Caregivers 2 (facilitated by Debbie Gannon and Laura Fefchak) will meet on **today, February 5** in the Sanctuary immediately following worship. Our group has not gathered in some time so please plan to attend and catch up with your fellow Caregivers!

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### February Book Club

The Book Club meeting will be on **Thursday, February 9<sup>th</sup>** at Chapters Café, the Urbandale Library, at 7pm. The title for February is *Me and Emma* by Elizabeth Flock. All who love to read are welcome! The book we're reading in March is *The Lion's Game* by Nelson DeMille.



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### Women's Fellowship ~ Church Women United

Church Women United will meet at our church, **Monday, February 13**. Women's Fellowship will serve the luncheon at 12:00 noon. The charge is \$3.00. Following the luncheon, Rev. Amy Murray will present a Bible Study. Everyone is welcome. Come and meet women of other Des Moines churches. Women's Fellowship will not have a regular meeting in February.



*There are many opportunities to provide flowers for the chancel in the next several months. Please check the sign-up sheet on the door to the narthex. You may take the flowers home after worship or donate them to a church member.*

### **Introspection Process ~ 3 Surveys**

Our introspection team has created three separate surveys to take a look at our individual participation, how our congregation functions, and how we support our senior pastor. It is important that we take time to do all three surveys to get a total picture of our covenant! We would LOVE to have all of our members participate, so we've provided a variety of ways to include your input:

**Option 1:** There is a link in each Friday email to take you to the current survey which will be online for just two weeks. There is also a link on the church website; answers will be tabulated electronically and confidentially.

**Option 2:** Paper copies of each survey will be on the narthex table with an envelope for the completed surveys.

**Option 3:** If you prefer to sort out your thoughts through conversation, small group sessions will discuss the surveys each Wednesday at 6:00pm in Fellowship Hall.

We hope this wealth of information will point out areas where we need improvement, show the gifts we can celebrate as a congregation, and be a helpful tool in future planning. **Please take time to fill out each survey.** Your input is valuable to the health of our congregation!!

### **◆ REMEMBER FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY! ◆**

February 19<sup>th</sup> is our Food Pantry Sunday and the need has never been greater for food and cash for those in need. The number people in need is much higher than it was a year ago and we can supply only three days food instead of five. There is always a need for checks (with "Food Pantry" in the memo line). There is a need for **diapers**, especially sizes 4 and 5. Contact Ray Bowler for questions (989-0597 or [ray.bowler@urbucc.org](mailto:ray.bowler@urbucc.org)). Eileen Bogges, the Urbandale Food Pantry Coordinator, will be happy to help you for information or to volunteer (251-6688).

### **COMING EVENTS:**

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

**Tuesday, February 7:** *One Iowa Lobby Day*—One Iowa is the state's largest organization working to protect the freedom to marry for gay and lesbian couples. The 2012 Iowa Legislative session is now convened and we are getting ready for our Lobby Day. One Iowa needs all our friends and allies to join us on this day in order to ensure legislators hear from their constituents on the importance of protecting equality. We will gather at the Capital at 11:00am and then have a training session before we connect with legislators at 1:00 till 3:00. To volunteer and take part in this event please call the One Iowa office, 288-4019.

*For pastoral care, please contact Pastor Dave at 276-0625 (church office), 515-720-6389 (cell phone) or [david.sickelka@urbucc.org](mailto:david.sickelka@urbucc.org).*

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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 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

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