

URBANDALE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
A Just Peace and Open and Affirming congregation

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

God is still speaking

December 17, 2017

10:00 a.m.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

*The liturgical color for Advent is either purple, representing sorrow and the mourning of kings,
or blue, representing heaven and the realm of God on earth.*



SERVING AT URBANDALE UCC THIS SUNDAY

Liturgist: Youth

Ushers & Greeters: Bob & Diane Shoemaker, Walt & Barb Rehberg

Acolytes: Krizer Family

Nursery: Anjy Allen & Karen Capps-Davis

Opening the Church: Today, Mark Siegel Next Sunday, Jerry Woods

Sound Booth: Scott Gardner

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

“Let parents bequeath to their children not riches, but the spirit of reverence.”

~Plato

TIME OF FRIENDSHIP

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

“Bring a Torch, Jeanette, Isabella”
Raggedy Band

Traditional

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: God's love has been made known among us,

ALL: for God has sent Christ into the world that all people might live.

ONE: My friends, If God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

ALL: No one has ever seen God.

ONE: But if we love one another, God abides in us.

ALL: Let us worship God and seek to love as God has loved us.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE: *Joy*

❖ OPENING HYMN

“Angels, from the Realms of Glory”

Hymnal 126

PROCLAMATION

“A CHRISTMAS PLAY”

Preschool 5th Grade Sunday School Class

HYMN

“Go Tell it on the Mountain”
(kids sing 1st stanza, congregation 2nd & 3rd)

Hymnal 154

RESPONSE

PASTORAL PRAYER

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.

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!

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...Louise Haney...Diann Miller

And our dear ones: **Alma Sims...Verna LeVear...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 Monday, 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, December 17

9:00 am Sunday School & ASF
10:00 am Worship: Christmas Program
Special Music: Raggedy Band
11:15 am 4th-6th Grade OWL Info Meeting
12:30 pm Matu Bethel Church
12:30 pm Light Mission Pentecostal Church

Monday, December 18

6:00 am Book Club

Tuesday, December 19

11:00 am Staff Meeting
6:00 pm Bowtie Boyz
6:30 pm Scouts
7:00 pm Adult OWL

Wednesday, December 20

6:00 pm Advent Vespers
WNA:
6:30 pm Adult Bells
6:45 pm 7th-9th Grade OWL
7:00 pm Adult Choir
7:00 pm AA

Thursday, December 21

1:00 pm Private Event
5:00 pm Private Party

Saturday, December 23

10:00 am Light Mission Pentecostal Church
6:00 pm Matu Bethel Church

Upcoming Sundays

Sunday, December 24

10:00 am Worship
Special Music: Tony Dillon-Hansen
12:30 pm Matu Bethel Church
12:30 pm Light Mission Pentecostal Church
5:30 pm Christmas Eve Service
9:00 pm Christmas Eve Service

Sunday, December 31

10:00 am Worship
Special Music: Ann Nugent
12:30 pm Matu Bethel Church
12:30 pm Light Mission Pentecostal Church

Christmas Office Hours

The office will be closed the week of Christmas starting Monday, December 25th and will not be opened until Tuesday, January 2nd.

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4-6th OWL

Join us for a **brief 4-6th OWL Parent meeting after worship today in Fellowship Hall**. We want to share the curriculum, answer questions, get permission slips and an updated contact list. Remember, this is open to friends and family as well.

Youth Group Sponsoring a Family

Today is the last Sunday we are collecting donations after service in the Narthex. We will plan to shop for the family in this afternoon. We thank you in advance for your generosity as we all work to live our faith in our community.

Sunday School, Emerging Adults & ASF 9:00-9:45 am

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

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6th-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:

Today: Surviving Christmas, Presenter: Diane McClanahan

Next Week: Christmas Eve- NO ASF

END-OF-YEAR DONATIONS

Please remember to turn in all donations you would like included in 2017 before the end of the year. Any donations physically received after December 31st will have to be recorded in 2018.

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IMAGINE ENOUGH FOR EVERYONE

Make It Personal!

January 15, 2018 | 9am to 2pm | Urbandale Public Library Meeting Room

On January 15, 2018, bring:

- new (unused, unopened, and unexpired) personal care items
- warm scarves and hats (especially hand-made)
- monetary gifts

to help the Urbandale Food Pantry serve our neighbors in need throughout all of Polk County. Children are welcome! Since the first event in January 2009, we have collected over 12,000 items as well as monetary donations for the Urbandale Food Pantry. This may be the last year for this event (as currently organized), so we would like to set records of donations this time!

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.