

*I came to
bring fire
to the earth...*

LUKE 12:49, NRSV

August 18, 2019



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Preparation Music

Ringling of The Church Bell

Welcoming of Visitors and Friends

Worship Begins With Prayer

Call to Worship

Leader: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: And the peace of the Lord be with you also.

Leader: Let the world see witnesses of God's grace through our lives.

People: Let us each one take courage and share the Gospel in all we do.

Leader: Even when the world will not hear the message of Christ, let us hold true and praise God.

All: Blessed be the name of the Lord!

Opening Song #801 “This Is the Day”

Scriptures Luke 12:49-56 NIV

"I have come to bring fire on the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! (50) But I have a baptism to undergo, and what constraint I am under until it is completed! (51) Do you think I came to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but division. (52) From now on there will be five in one family divided against each other, three against two and two against three. (53) They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law." (54) He said to the crowd: "When you see a cloud rising in the west, immediately you say, 'It's going to rain,' and it does. (55) And when the south wind blows, you say, 'It's going to be hot,' and it is. (56) Hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of the earth and the sky. How is it that you don't know how to interpret this present time?"

Collection of Tear Off Sheets

Children's Moment “Signs of the Times”

Joyful Noise Anthem

Confession of Sin

All: Lord, we often seek the approval of the world and lose sight of the message You would have our lives bring to those around us. Or we have feared rejection and not seen how Your rejection on the cross brought healing and love. Forgive us, Lord, when we have lost our way, and lead us so that our lives might lead others to You. In Christ we pray. Amen.

Response #619 “God Will Take Care of You” vs. 1 &

Pastoral Prayers, Including the Lord's Prayer

Offering

Sung Praises Praise God from whom all blessings flow...

Prayer of Dedication

Message "The Christ Message Blowtorch!"

Closing Song #723 "Revive Us Again"

Closing Blessing

Closing Response Amen; amen; amen.

Music to Send Us Into The World

* Nursery available during Worship and Education Hour



CHURCH CALENDAR

Sun.	Aug 18	10:00 am	Worship
		11:15 am	Congregational Giving Meeting
Mon.	Aug 19	9:30 am	Senior Dining
		7:00 pm	Boy Scouts
Tues.	Aug 20	6:30 am	Men's Bible Study
		9:30 am	Senior Dining Hall Open
		10:00 am	Bible Study
Wed.	Aug 21	11:30 am	Family Table Meal
Thur.	Aug 22	9:30 am	Senior Dining Hall Open
		5:30 pm	Women's Bible Study
		7:00 pm	Money Management
Fri.	Aug 23	9:30 am	Senior Dining Hall Open
Sat.	Aug 24		
Sun.	Aug 25	10:00 am	Worship/Blessing of Backpacks
		11:15 am	Missions & Social Concerns Meeting



Amery UCC Mission Statement:

"We are a family of faith, dedicated to the mission of making disciples, spreading the Good News and baptizing in the name of Jesus Christ"

**Welcome: To our members, friends, guests and visitors.
Our Congregation reaches out to you in faith and love.**

August Ushers and Coffee Host - Volunteers

Remember in your Prayers: Pray for our service personnel, for Fire, Police and EMS workers, for all who keep us safe and strong. Pray for those that are ill or hospitalized. Pray for those fighting addiction in all forms. Pray for LeAnn S., Dave W., Laura, Penny S., Sharon, Beth's son, Carter, Heidi's granddaughter, Danny W, the Hite family and for their newborn baby. Pray for family healing for those in need. Pray for people all over the world affected by extreme weather. Please fill our hearts with love for our neighbors. We give praise for answered prayers for the health and safety of our loved ones.

Pastor's Office Hours: Pastor Schaefer's regular office hours are Tuesday and Wednesday from 9am to 12pm. To contact him, call his cell 715-222-2899.

News and Events:

Bible Study:

**Tuesdays
10am
in the Congo Conference Room**

"Know How We Got Our Bible"

In this study, church historian Ryan Reeves traces the history of the Bible from its beginnings to the present day, highlighting key figures and demonstrating the reliability of Scripture. Reeves surveys the writing of the Bible's books (including authorship and dating), the formation of the Old and New Testaments (including early transmission and the development of the canon), and Bible translations from the Latin Vulgate to the current, ongoing work of translation around the world.

August Tote

The Tote for August is CRA (Community Referral Agency)

Their list of needs is:

Laundry Soap (if possible the small 306 ml that can be found at the dollar stores for \$1.00)

Shampoo and conditioner

Women's underwear size 6,7,10

Boys underwear 14-16, 18+

Batteries D and AA

Boys deodorant

Thank you for your generosity,

Missions & Social Concerns

Drivers needed for Meals on Wheels.

If you are able to spare a couple hours a day to deliver meals in the Amery/Clear Lake areas, please contact:

Nancy at 715.553.0569 or Sue at 715.410.4306

Thank You.

Youth News:

Blessing of the Backpacks: Sunday August 25th during our 10am worship service. Please join us for a special blessing for all who are going back to school. We will also be having a fun back to school Sunday School party during our worship service - you wont want to miss it!!

Youth group kicks off soon! Homework & Hangout, grilling out and boomball kicks off our youth group season on Wednesday August 28th after school.

All kids in grades 5-12 are welcome to join us each week.

Cooks needed: we are still in need of volunteers to help feed our Congo kids on Wednesday evenings. Please see Charlotte Gillen if you are able to help!

**Charlotte Gillen, Youth Director
Email: youth.ameryucc@gmail.com
Cell 715.338.6929**

United Church of Christ - What We Believe

We believe in the triune God: Creator, resurrected Christ, the sole Head of the church, and the Holy Spirit, who guides and brings about the creative and redemptive work of God in the world.

We believe that each person is unique and valuable. It is the will of God that every person belong to a family of faith where they have a strong sense of being valued and loved.

We believe that each person is on a spiritual journey and that each of us is at a different stage of that journey.

We believe that the persistent search for God produces an authentic relationship with God, engendering love, strengthening faith, dissolving guilt, and giving life purpose and direction.

We believe that all of the baptized 'belong body and soul to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.' No matter who – no matter what – no matter where we are on life's journey – notwithstanding race, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, class or creed – we all belong to God and to one worldwide community of faith. All persons baptized – past, present and future – are connected to each other and to God through the sacrament of baptism. We baptize during worship when the community is present because baptism includes the community's promise of 'love, support and care' for the baptized – and we promise that we won't take it back – no matter where your journey leads you.

We believe that all people of faith are invited to join Christ at Christ's table for the sacrament of Communion. Just as many grains of wheat are gathered to make one loaf of bread and many grapes are gathered to make one cup of wine, we, the many people of God, are made one in the body of Christ, the church. The breaking of bread and the pouring of wine reminds us of the costliness of Christ's sacrifice and the discipleship to which we are all called. In the breaking of bread, we remember and celebrate Christ's presence among us along with a 'cloud of witnesses' – our ancestors, family and friends who have gone before us. It is a great mystery; we claim it by faith.

We believe the UCC is called to be a united and uniting church.

"That they may all be one." (John 17:21) "In essentials—unity, in nonessentials—diversity, in all things—charity," These UCC mottos survive because they touch core values deep within us. The UCC has no rigid formulation of doctrine or attachment to creeds or structures. Its overarching creed is love. UCC pastors and teachers are known for their commitment to excellence in theological preparation, interpretation of the scripture and justice advocacy. Even so, love and unity in the midst of our diversity are our greatest assets.



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We believe that God calls us to be servants in the service of others and to be good stewards of the earth's resources. 'To believe is to care; to care is to do.'

We believe that the UCC is called to be a prophetic church. As in the tradition of the prophets and apostles, God calls the church to speak truth to power, liberate the oppressed, care for the poor and comfort the afflicted.

We believe in the power of peace, and work for nonviolent solutions to local, national, and international problems.

We are a people of possibility. In the UCC, members, congregations and structures have the breathing room to explore and to hear ... for after all, God is still speaking, ...

BIRTHDAYS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 18TH

08/20 Lavone Pratt
08/24 Wyatt O'Rourke
08/24 David Russo



ALL AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

08/01 Brett Johnson	08/16 Brennen Wagner
08/02 Chad Leonard	08/16 Juli Swanson
08/03 Douglas Johnson	08/17 Cheryl Bowman
08/08 Yvonne Monteith	08/20 Lavone Pratt
08/09 Carol Eklund	08/24 Wyatt O'Rourke
08/13 Betty Jansen	08/24 David Russo
08/15 Shirley Johnson	08/27 Benjamin Pitchford
08/15 Howard Monteith	08/27 Mindy Molls
08/16 Linda Satterlund	08/27 Bobbie Edin