



Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Ames

October 2013

Vol. 20, No. 09

1015 N. Hyland Ave.
Ames, IA 50014
515-292-5960
www.uufames.org
uufa@uufames.org
Office hours:
Monday - Thursday,
1:00 - 4:30 pm



Rev. McKusick's
Column

Page 2

From the President

Page 3

From the DYCM

Page 6

Groups &
Committees' News

Page 7

Deadline for the
next newsletter is
October 20. For a
current calendar, see
www.uufames.org

Sunday Service times 9:15 and 11:00 am.

October Service Theme: Being Human

6 Covering, Passing and Coming Out

Rev. Kent McKusick

October 11 is National Coming Out Day. In *Covering*, Kenji Yoshino writes, "Nothing has convinced me of the power of words as much as the experience of coming out the first few times – one ends the sentence a different person." This service reflects on "coming out" as an ongoing multi-layered spiritual, cultural, and social process.

13 New Faith for a New Age

Rev. Kent McKusick

Rev. William Schultz writes, "The Humanist Manifesto of 1933 was consciously designed to encapsulate a religious faith, not just a philosophy of life, and for all its religious failings, it represented a heartfelt attempt to amalgamate intellectual integrity with religious expression." This service celebrates the eightieth anniversary of religious humanism.

20 How Science Fiction Will Save the World

Rev. Amy DeBeck

Jules Verne, Steampunk, Star Trek, and more are lifted up and exegeted. Science fiction speaks to many dreamers of the hopes for future generations, and we have all benefitted greatly from this genre whether we are fans or not. Maybe saving the world seems like a big claim, but why not reach for the stars on Kent's installation day?

27 Dia de los Muertos

Lori Allen, Rev. Kent McKusick

All Congregation Intergenerational Service

Bring an ofrenda, or offering, for our Dia de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) altar on Sunday, October 27. At both the 9:15 and 11:00 services people (adults and children) will have an opportunity to place their ofrenda on the altar. The ofrenda should be small - a picture, flowers, food, jewelry, a drawing or painting, a poem, a rock – anything that reminds you of a person, experience, or place that you no longer have the ability to physically access. We'll also have plenty of candles to light as tribute to the people and places we remember fondly from the past. After the service you can reclaim your ofrenda to take back to its special place in your home or you can leave it to be gathered and burned at a later date in a special ritual by the youth. We hope you'll join us for this Sunday Service of celebration where we remember how people and experiences in our pasts have changed us; where we deepen our connections to one another as we share our experiences.

You're Invited

to the

Installation of Rev. Kent McKusick

Sunday, October 20, 4:00 pm

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Ames

Being Human

The Sunday service theme for October is “Being Human.” The topics for Sunday gatherings are appropriately broad and cover a wide continuum of humanness ranging from the process of coming out (Come, come whoever you are!) and celebrating the 80th anniversary of the Humanist Manifesto to observing the Day of the Dead. As the Rev. Forrest Church wrote: “Religion is our human response to the dual reality of being alive and having to die.” With this perspective, we might think of ourselves as religious simply by virtue of being human.

Kenneth Patton was a highly honored and prophetic voice for contemporary religion and naturalistic humanism in the 1940’s and 50’s. His fifteen year ministry at the Charles Meeting House in Boston redefined “Universalism” by offering a widespread diversity of art and culture with the intention of engaging “a religion for one world.” He represented this human legacy of “new Universalism” with symbolic representations of religions and elements of the world. These brass creations were displayed on the walls of the Charles Meeting House as symbolic reminders pointing to the long and diverse line of human religious expression. Minister and scholar David Bumbaugh sums up Patton’s work: “It was he who taught a monotone rationalism how to sing; it was he who taught a stumble-footed humanism how to dance; it was he who cried ‘Look!’ and taught our eyes to see the glory in the ordinary.”

Patton is quoted as having said, “Our lives are the only sermon we preach.” He believed that religion is a celebration of life. His “life as sermon” celebrated a narrative blending of art, music, poetry, and humanity with a penchant for being stubborn, outspoken, inflexible, and unwilling to compromise. Like all of us, he danced a complex dance of being human, remembered as much for being innovative, creative, unifying and bold as he was for being difficult and cantankerous. One of his most familiar and often quoted readings is Let Us Worship. With his experimental and “new” approach to Universalism, Patten called religious liberals to a different understanding of worship and a larger and more challenging faith. I offer it as an invitation into a month of being human together and “living the sermon” we hope to share with the world.

“Let us worship with our eyes and ears and fingertips; let us love the world through heart and mind and body.
 We feed our eyes upon the mystery and revelation in the faces of our brothers and sisters.
 We seek to know the wistfulness of the very young and the very old, the wistfulness of people in all times of life.
 We seek to understand the shyness behind arrogance, the fear behind pride, the tenderness behind clumsy strength, the anguish behind cruelty.
 All life flows into a great common life, if we will only open our eyes to our companions.
 Let us worship, not in bowing down, not with closed eyes and stopped ears.
 Let us worship with the opening of all the windows of our beings, with the full outstretching of our spirits.
 Life comes with singing and laughter, with tears and confiding, with a rising wave too great to be held in the mind and heart and body, to those who have fallen in love with life.
 Let us worship, and let us learn to love.”

In faith and the ministry we share,

Rev. Kent McKusick

MidAmerica Region is seeking workshop presenters for Regional Assembly (formerly known as PSD Conference) on April 12. The deadline to apply to present in Topeka, Kansas is October 4. They seek workshop proposals that will help develop the theme, “Hunger for Justice,” as well as workshops that enrich our congregations and help us “do church” better. Go to MidAmericaUUA.org for more information.

For email please use this link <http://www.midamericauua.org/ra>

President's Message

The board started a Strategic Planning process at the board retreat last month and will be continuing the process at the October board meeting.

Planning:

- helps assure that an organization remains relevant and responsive to the needs of its community, and contributes to organizational stability and growth
- provides a basis for monitoring progress, and for assessing results and impact
- facilitates new program development
- enables an organization to look into the future in an orderly and systematic way.

From a governance perspective, it enables the Board to set policies and goals to guide the organization, and provides a clear focus to the Minister and staff for program implementation and agency management.

In general, the board will meet first to help identify audiences, programs and general direction. Then committees will be asked to “weigh in” with ideas and plans for the next year and a vision for the next three years.

Once we have input from the committees we will start a formal suggested plan. This will go out to the fellowship and we will have meetings for additional input and comments. As you can see, the committees will continue to be at the forefront of our planning and implementation. I encourage you to find a committee or two that fits your interests and talents and get involved.

After we have broad fellowship input, the board will work on bringing together a vision plan and action plan.

~ Joel Geske
UUFA board president

Here is a sample of the format we may follow.

I. INTRODUCTION

- A. Need for a Strategic Plan
- B. How the Plan was Developed

II. THE ENVIRONMENTAL SCAN

- A. Organizational History and Structure
- B. The External Environment
 1. National Situation and Trends
 2. Local Situation and Trends
 3. Summary of Opportunities and Threats
- C. The Organization
 1. Scope of Activities
 2. Program Operating Model
 3. Management
 4. Governance
 5. Summary of Strengths and Weaknesses

III. ORGANIZATIONAL VALUES, VISION, AND MISSION

- A. Values or Operating Principles
- B. Community Vision
- C. Organizational Mission

IV. GOALS, PLANNED ACCOMPLISHMENTS, AND STRATEGIES

- A. Organizational Vision and Planned Accomplishments:
 - The Organization in X Years
 - B. Goals and Priorities
 - C. Strategies

V. MONITORING AND REVIEW

- A. Monitoring Progress
- B. Plans for Reviewing and Refining the Plan

VI. ANNUAL PLAN (may be prepared separately)

- A. Program
- B. Management/Institutional Development
- C. Governance
- D. Monitoring and Evaluation

ATTACHMENTS

- A. Environmental Scan Data
- B. Other Supporting Information

You are invited!

The Installation committee would like to make sure that everyone received their invitation to the Installation of our minister, the Rev. Kent C. McKusick. Invitations were sent out via e-mail last month. If you have not received an invitation, please check your spam/junk folders or contact the office. Your RSVP will help the final stages of planning process.

Rev. Kent C. McKusick will be installed as our settled minister on Sunday, October 20, at 4 pm at the UUFA. An installation is the service held by UU congregations to formally affirm the relationship between the congregation and the minister they have called. This event also celebrates UUFA's relationship to the wider UU denomination and the Ames community. It is a significant and meaningful event in the history of a congregation and in the life of a minister.

This service honors and recognizes Kent as our settled minister. Ministers from all over the Mid-America Region (formerly Prairie Star District) as well as those who are friends and colleagues of Kent's will be in attendance or part of the service. A reception will follow.

We need volunteers to help with the reception. If you would like to volunteer for one or more of the following tasks, please e-mail Kathy Gandy at kathy@gandy.homeip.net. There will be a sign up sheet between Sunday services each week as well. Thank you for your willingness to help make this celebration a great success!

Food donations

Flowers

Sewing table cloths

Kitchen help- both set-up and clean-up

Parking attendants and shuttle drivers

Furniture movers- moving tables and chairs before and after service and reception

~ The Installation Committee

Board Highlights

The Board of Directors held its September meeting on the 11th. Following are the highlights from the meeting:

- The board is conducting strategic planning to determine the focus for our year's work. During the first session, we discussed the internal and external environment at the UUFA in an effort to identify our strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats. The strategic planning will continue over the next several board meetings.
- The Finance Committee completed the annual internal audit and presented the findings to the board.
- Discussion about the Amazon Affiliates program continued. Other UU congregations our size have raised around \$1,500 with this program. While it is anticipated that the staff effort would be minimal, we are asking input from the staff about the time it would take to maintain record keeping. We will vote on this during October's meeting.
- The Policies and Procedures Manual was approved by the board. Thank you to Amy Slagell and Lisa Larson, who put so much work into this essential document.

The next board meeting will be October 9. Fellowship members are welcome to attend.

~ Becky Coppoc, Secretary

Welcoming Congregation Program Begins on October 17th

A six-session Welcoming Congregation Program will begin on Thursday, October 17th at 7 PM in the Barton Channing Room of UUFA. The six sessions will be offered on October 17, 24, 31, November 7, 14, and 21. Each program will run from 90 to 120 minutes and cover the following lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer topics/issues: what we know and do not know; what we know and how we learned it; gender socialization and homophobia; racism and homophobia/heterosexism; bisexuality and biphobia; and how homophobia hurts us all. An additional and new comprehensive transgender curriculum, *Transfiguring Congregations*, will be presented when it becomes available.

The Welcoming Congregation Program is a volunteer program for Unitarian Universalist congregations that want to take intentional steps to become more welcoming and inclusive of people with marginalized sexual orientations and gender identities. Starting in 1990, the program grew out of an understanding that widespread prejudices and ignorance about lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ) people exist within Unitarian Universalism, which results in the exclusion of LGBTQ people from our congregations.

UUFA is one of the 66% of UU congregations that are designated as Welcoming Congregations. One of our commitments is to offer programs that offer additional opportunities for discussion and work from an intentional anti-racist, anti-sexist, and anti-oppressive perspective. In a growing congregation like UUFA, it is important to regularly reaffirm and re-engage in this important work.

The curriculum is being co-facilitated by Social Justice Ministry Committee member Jill Mortensen and Rev. Kent McKusick. Please register prior to October 17th by sending an e-mail to Congregational Administrator Lisa Harmison at uufa@uufames.org or by calling the fellowship office at 292-5960.

Iowa Meal

The Fellowship's eighth annual Iowa meal will be at the Fellowship on November 3 after the second service. It is a free, no-reservation potluck for UU members and friends. The menu focus is food with at least one Iowa grown ingredient. However, hospitality is the most important ingredient, and diners may bring food convenient for them to prepare even if no Iowa produce is in it.

There will again be a local food quiz game with a drawing for prizes, and you are welcome to contribute a prize such as a book, jam, bread, pie, root vegetables, honey, candles, or napkins.

The meal is organized by Jan Vine and Helen Gunderson on behalf of the UUFA Meals Group. Jan will oversee the kitchen and set up crews. Helen will coordinate the quiz and door prizes. Please contact one of them if you have suggestions for the success of the meal, need help obtaining local produce, want to provide a door prize, or are willing to help with the meal. Thanks.

jan_vine@yahoo.com 515-520-1195 gf@gunderfriend.com 232-9416

Save the Date!

December 1, 2-4 pm, Endowment Acquisitions and Disbursements Tea and speaker. Come and enjoy tea and learn about the Endowment. More information coming later.



Dia de los Muertos – Day of the Dead

On Sunday, October 27, the All Congregation Intergenerational Service celebrates Dia de los Muertos, or, Day of the Dead. This holiday, important in many cultures around the world, is the holiday that inspired the Christian All Souls Day, and the more secular Halloween. Scholars trace Dia de los Muertos celebrations back to an ancient Aztec festival that celebrated the Mictecacihuatl, a goddess of the underworld whose work it was to watch over the bones of the dead. It was not only dead people's bones she was to watch over and hold the memories of, but also the "bones" of our dreams, buildings, art, jewelry, relationships, crops, homes, forests, seas – basically to guard the memories of all that had once existed. The festival was originally celebrated in August, but changing civilizations and blending other festivals now finds Dia de los Muertos being celebrated on November 1 and 2.

Today's Dia de los Muertos celebrations in Mexico, Central and South America, include customs that can be traced back thousands of years. These customs include dancing, writing poetry and epitaphs for the dead, and building altars for ofrenda that honors the dead. Food and spirits, flowers, pan de los muertos, or bread, and articles that belonged to the deceased or that the deceased would have liked, are placed as ofrenda on the Dia de los Muertos altars.

This year at our Dia de los Muertos celebration we will be building an altar to receive your ofrendas. You can bring an ofrenda that honors a loved one who has passed, or you may bring an ofrenda that honors something that is no longer a physical part of your life. In honoring a loved one you could bring a photo, a favorite food or candy so they can enjoy the essence of what you've brought them, a piece of jewelry, or any other small thing that can be placed on the altar. In honoring some thing that is no longer in your life you might bring a key to your old apartment, your first cellphone, a picture item from a former friend or partner, or your garden's last bloom. In creating this altar filled with our diverse ofrendas, we build a physical representation of the people, places, and experiences that have been a part of our growing into the people we are today.

I love this way of acknowledging what is in our past. Even if it is difficult to be without these people or experiences today, we offer celebratory gratitude for all that the past has given us. As we work to build the future for ourselves and our descendants we are held up by the lingering dreams and love of our ancestors.

In reverence for all that no longer is

~ Lori Allen, Director of Youth and Children's Ministries

Religious Education News

Remember – all you need to know about children's and youth religious education programs and events is found at the following places. A reminder to check these places on the web is in each week's UUFA Email Update. The content on Facebook and at the UUFA website is the same. The website has other details about upcoming events as well.

UUFA Website RE Page: <http://www.uufames.org/content/week-re>

UUFA Family Page on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/135782689797892/>

UUFA Youth Group Page on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/35940468676/>

If you have any questions, contact Lori Allen, Director of Youth and Children's Ministries. dycm@uufames.org or 515-292-5960 or Friend Me on Facebook - Lori Dycm-UUFA

A Plea for Help on Sunday Mornings

Our Fellowship relies on everyone's participation and volunteer spirit, but lately our Sunday mornings have been woefully short of Greeters, Coffee-Making Helpers and Kitchen Helpers. We need help now and in the coming weeks with these tasks. They're very easy to do and are a great way to meet your fellow members and welcome new folks and visitors. It's very important that we have two Greeters (one for upstairs and one for the bottom of the stairs) and help in the kitchen. We nearly all enjoy having a cup of coffee or tea, but if no one volunteers to make it we'll go without. Kitchen helpers are needed to rinse dishes and cups and run the sanitizer. Unfortunately, if no one can help with this after the 2nd service, we'll have to end our refreshment service when the 2nd service starts.

Please read the descriptions here and sign up to help with one or more of these tasks in the coming weeks. You can sign up on the sheets hanging near the visitor's table, by contacting the office or by going online to the sign-up genius www.SignUpGenius.com/go/20F0A4DACAC2AA13-october2/1258882

GREETERS: Arrive 15-20 minutes before service starts. Wear a Greeter tag from the box at the visitor's table, and pick a spot at either of the entries. Say hello, shake hands, hug, extend a warm welcome, smile, direct newcomers to the Visitor's Table. We always need 2 Greeters every service each week.

COFFEE MAKING: Coffee making helpers typically arrive 30 minutes before the service to start both regular and decaffeinated coffee. We have found it easiest to make pots of coffee and transfer them to thermal carafes. The coffee maker needs to keep an eye on coffee levels and make more pots as the need arises. Coffee, cream, sweetener, and tea bags are all provided by the Fellowship. The coffee maker just puts out coffee mugs and other supplies (cream, sugar, spoons), cleans up spills, replenishes the cream pitcher, directs folks to the hot water, etc.

KITCHEN HELPING/CLEAN-UP: All of the coffee mugs and treat plates need to be run through the sanitizer, and the coffee pots need to be rinsed out as well. This job can take place after the Fellowship time or at the conclusion of the second program (when we are running two programs), based on the discretion of the clean-up crew. It's good to have someone monitoring dishes between services as well.

We need everyone's help to make our Sunday mornings welcoming and enjoyable. If we're happy utilizing the services and refreshments, we should attend to our responsibility for pitching in and helping too.

Thank you,

- Faith Winchester, Chair, Membership Services

Dustin Berger Memorial Library Book Review

Entering the Castle – An Inner Path to God and Your Soul, by Caroline Myss, is a challenging read for me, an agnostic. Yet, I have been attracted to several of Myss' books. She writes from, as she calls it, "a transreligious perspective... not only for Catholics or even Christians, but for anyone who yearns to find and follow a calling. It is a search for cosmic, unifying truths."

She uses examples from both Western and Eastern mystics to respond to such questions as "Why was I born?" "What is the meaning of my life?" and "How am I meant to be of service?" In this book she uses the structure of Teresa of Avila's journey to her "interior castle" and the seven mansions within the castle to discuss how to be a contemporary mystic without a monastery.

Entering the Castle is shelved at Dewey number 248.2.

-Review by Barb Abbott

Szervusz!

Hello! Have you noticed the beautiful wooden display case on the wall outside the kitchen with the red-stitched embroideries and wooden plaque? These are gifts from our Partner Church in Transylvania, Romania displayed in a case made by UUFA member Fritz Franzen. Our Fellowship is fortunate to have a relationship (called partnership) with Unitarians in a remote village in Transylvania called Tordatfalva. We have a group called the Partner Church Committee which seeks to involve all members of the Fellowship in activities connected with the partnership, so this is your first call this church year to become involved!

The UUFA Partner Church Committee is gearing up for a year of activities in support of our partner church in Romania, and we encourage you to join us! If you have an interest in the historical roots of Unitarianism and international relationships, this is the involvement for you! Some of us have had the privilege of traveling to Romania to visit our partner church congregation, and we would love to share the joy we have experienced in creating these new friendships.

Typically during a year we assist in presenting a Sunday service expanding on the importance of our partnership to our Fellowship and the partner congregation. We offer educational opportunities to learn more about the development of unitarianism in this remote part of the world and its unique ethnic Hungarian culture. We organize fundraising activities to supplement our yearly budgeted financial support to the village. In years past we have held Transylvania Nights to celebrate the food and culture of our partner church. This year we are going to have a Guylás (goulash) Cook-Off to highlight our partnership.

Since the mid-1990's the UUFA has been partnered with the Unitarian Church in Tordatfalva (Turdeni) in Transylvania under the auspices of the Unitarian Universalist Partner Church Council. (www.uupcc.org) The Rev. Lajos Lorinczi and his wife Tunde serve churches in two villages. In 2002 Lajos and Tunde visited our Fellowship when they were living in California for purposes of studying at Starr-King Seminary in California. In 2004, 2007, 2010, and 2011 representatives of the Fellowship visited Tordatfalva, further strengthening our ties to the people in the village.

Becoming involved in this global partnership is a unique opportunity in the Fellowship. Please contact Kitty Fisher, kafisher99@aol.com, Chair of the Partner Church Committee, if you are interested in learning more about ways you can support our partnership. Köszönöm! (thank you)

~ Kitty Fisher, chair of Partner Church Committee

The Caring Corner

The Caring Network extends our sincere sympathy to Lynne VanValin, a long-time member of our committee on the death of her husband, Rich on August 28, 2013. We, along with Lynne, would like to extend a huge thank you to everyone involved in Rich's memorial service and reception. The overwhelming donations of food, offers of meals to Lynne and her family, the team of volunteers for kitchen, parking and table and chair duties and the sheer number of people attending the service were a true reflection of how much Rich touched everyone in the congregation and the community. The outpouring of love and support from the UUFA was and continues to be a great source of comfort to Lynne. Thanks for caring!



UUFA Caring Network

caring@uufames.org
515.292.5960 (main office)

The Rev. Kent McKusick
minister@uufames.org
515.292.8929

Sharing Our Caring

Conscientious Crafters

The fall finds our group very busy indeed. We are working on a wall hanging for Room 3, done in needle felting on faux suede. No previous experience in needle felting is needed. The hanging will be displayed on the wall for the year following its installation. The theme of the wall hanging is Spirit of Life with those words plus "Wings set us free" and "Roots hold us deep" from the song we love. We will meet to work on this on Friday afternoons, in the hope of having the hanging done by Kent's installation on October 20. For more information, contact Ginny Molgaard, ginny.molgaard@gmail.com.

On October 13, we are planning a potluck retreat at Mark & Terry's farm. Traditionally we have lunch, then spend the afternoon with our craft projects, catching up from the summer and making plans for our group for the rest of the year. Walks outside are allowed. Carpooling will be arranged and directions to the farm provided. Contact Mary Richards or Sue Ann Peck with transportation or other questions. Our regular monthly meeting is the 2nd Sunday following 2nd service in classroom 3.

Women's Book Group Members

Come join us October 7, 2013, at 7:00 PM in the UU Fellowship Room 3 for a discussion of the book *The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry* by Rachel Joyce. Harold Fry sets out to mail a letter to a long lost friend who has informed him of her imminent death and instead keeps walking 600 miles across England hoping to save her. Throughout his journey, he reflects on his life and touches many other lives while becoming an extraordinary touchstone for the people he meets along the way.

The UU Book Group is an open group. Join us for any discussion that interests you or join us for all. We have another great list of books to savor. The dates and books for 2013-2014 are listed below.

UU Women's Book Group List 13-14

November 4: *Let the Great World Spin* by Colum McCann; December 2: *The Year We Left Home* by Jean Thompson; January 6: *Bossy Pants* by Tina Fey; February 3: *Bright-Sided* by Barbara Ehrenreich; March 3: *She's Not There* by Jennifer Finney Boylan; April 7: *Year of Magical Thinking* by Joan Didion; May 5: *Quiet* by Susan Cain; June 2: *End of Your Life Book Club* by Will Schwalbe

- Barbi Greenlaw, bluemoon_1660@yahoo.com, 292-5317

Social Justice News

October

Because Colorado has been devastated by the flooding, this month we are splitting our non-pledge offering with Colorado Immigrant Rights Coalition, Emergency Flood Fund for Immigrant Families. All donations will go to immigrant families who lost homes and possessions in floods in Evans, Milliken, and Longmont, CO.

ISU Lectures: World Affairs Series, Feminism, Catholicism, Hunger/Food/GMOs, Mental Health, Ed Mezvinski and Several Scandals! Check it out! <http://www.lectures.iastate.edu/schedule.php>

November 11-15, Join Terry Lowman in San Antonio for an Industrial Areas Foundation workshop. There is grant money to help pay for your training.

AMOS part of Social Justice news

Several UUFA members attended the “Train the trainers” session that AMOS (A Mid-Iowa Organizing Strategy) offered to help communities assist folks who will be signing up for insurance under the Affordable Care Act. Health care is one of the large issues for folks on the margins of society, and whatever AMOS can do to help smooth its availability will improve our community by improving life for the “least of these, our brethren”

Participating AMOS congregations--that includes UUFA--recently received this note of congratulations--let's celebrate!

A Win for Prenatal Care in Ames!!

AMOS hard work on health care access and prenatal care for Ames residents has paid off! The efforts by the Ames community to receive federal funding for a Community Health Clinic were successful. Ames was awarded a federal grant and a community health care clinic will open in Ames in the near future! (See link)

The efforts to receive these funds were prompted, in large part, by AMOS lobbying to ensure uninsured pregnant women in Ames have access to prenatal care and labor and delivery at their local hospital. In the interim, AMOS leaders worked out an arrangement with Free Clinics of Iowa, Broadlawns Medical Center and Des Moines University to provide free pre-natal care to these women through a mobile clinic that travels to Ames twice a month.

It's anticipated that the new federally funded clinic will now provide this much needed care to Ames' poorest residents as well as all other kinds of primary care.

Congratulations to all the Ames AMOS leaders for your persistence and organizing efforts!

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Ames

Our Mission

We are a diverse community of caring individuals who come together to provide an environment that nurtures and educates our children, stimulates the study and practice of ethical and liberal religious ideals, supports the creative spirit in us all, and demonstrates concern for the environment and the broader community.

Minister: the Rev. Kent McKusickminister@uufames.org – 515-292-8929
Director of Youth and Children's Ministries: Lori Allendycm@uufames.org – 515-292-5960
Congregational Administrator: Lisa Harmison uufa@uufames.org – 515-292-5960
Projects Coordinator: Diana Crosswaitprojects@uufames.org – 515-292-5960
Music Director: Cynthia Marten.....music@uufames.org – 515-292-5960
Caring Concerns caring@uufames.org – 515-292-5960
Campus Groupcampus@uufames.org – 515-292-5960
Board of Directors..... board@uufames.org

Officers of the Board

President	Joel Geske
Vice president	Amber Anderson Mba
Past president	Lisa Larson
Secretary	Becky Coppoc
Treasurer	Ralph Gandy

Board Members

Andrew Denison	through 2015
Jamie Gurganus	through 2014
Wesley Shank	through 2015
David Slade	through 2014
Amy Slagell	through 2014
Ella Bartlett	youth representative

Next Regular Board Meeting:
October 9, 2013, 6:30 pm
