



**Focus on Faith**  
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**PASTORAL PONDERINGS**

*“Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland. The wild animals honor me, the jackals and the owls, because I provide water in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland, to give drink to my people, my chosen, the people I formed for myself that they may proclaim my praise. ~ Isaiah 43:18-21*



Four months. Just 4 short months left and it will be time for my 90 days of Rest and Renewal. Over the next four months, there is much work to be done. Lists of daily/weekly/monthly to do lists for our visiting friends and for Jill. Phone numbers to line up, and people put in place to make sure everything gets done.

I haven’t ever done this before. I am excited and very much looking forward to it, but I find myself a bit nervous. In light of recent conversations, the direction I originally had in mind for this time has had a trajectory change. As each day gets closer, I am becoming more clear on what path this time for me, as well as for you as a tribe and church will look like.

I understand that this time is nerve racking for some. The unknown always is. We aren’t sure what will happen when I am gone. We aren’t sure how I will disconnect completely, especially living next door. We aren’t sure what will happen if there is a tragedy within the church. We aren’t sure how to celebrate when something good happens.

I wish I could ease some of your fears and tell you exactly what will happen during this time, but I can’t. I have no idea what the outcome will look like. Even if I thought I knew, it would probably be wrong anyway! But this much I know. I know that everything will work out, even though we can’t see it.

You see, I want to learn. I want to gather all the tools I can as your shepherd so that when we come back together at the end of August, we can dive into the next part of our Kickoff Year to Revitalization. I want to gather these tools so that I can lead with confidence, knowledge, and intention.

So far, this is what I know I am doing. I am still going to Countryside UCC in Omaha, NE. Countryside sits on a 15 acre interfaith campus with an Islamic Mosque and a Jewish Temple. I will spend the time in meditation and prayer, and I have three books I will am going to read during this time.

No matter what I learn, or what you as a collective tribe will learn, it will fit together when we return. How do I know? Because I have faith in the Holy Spirit. Because I trust God and God’s promise that God will provide all that we need. God didn’t call this place, or this people together and then forget about them. God has a plan, and this kickoff year is our year to listen and figure out who and whose we are, and what our role is supposed to be in this corner of the globe.

So friends, in the words of the angels who visited the lowly shepherds on that night that Jesus was born, “Do not be afraid.” We will walk this together, and we will learn together. But most of all, we will be blessed together, for we are called by God.

~ Always Peace, *Pastor Heidi*

## FROM THE COUNCIL:

### Church Council Highlights – January 14, 2020

**Property:**

Bob is waiting for a bid to get heating in the unfinished area of the parsonage basement.

**Outreach:**

Two new members were received on January 5.

**Spiritual Life:**

Myrene performed her usual duties.

**Christian Education:**

Sunday School continues – Adult and Children.

**Other Business:**

ROC training will be held on February 29.

**Next Council Meeting: Tuesday, February 11, 2020**

**Newsletter articles due the 3rd Sunday of the month.**

**March Newsletter article deadline is February 16.**

**March Newsletter will be mailed February 26.**

As you prepare your giving for 2020, please consider setting up an online giving account. Go to our website [www.faithuccdavenport.org](http://www.faithuccdavenport.org) and click on Online Giving. You can also download the Online Giving App to your phone—directions for this are also on our website.



It is not typically the policy of Faith UCC to close for worship, so we ask that if the weather is questionable, and you do not feel safe driving, please STAY HOME! If we do cancel worship, we will announce it on News Channels 4, 6, 8, and 18, and Facebook, as well as through the Undershepherd connection tree. If you have questions about what you see or hear, please feel free to text or call Pastor Heidi at 309-737-4349.

### Notes from the Council President

**Help Wanted!** We still have one chair open on Church Council vacant. Volunteers are needed.

Thanks everyone who attended the annual meeting. It was a good meeting and remember we will gather in the near future for discussion about projects coming up. Thank you to Karleen Noteboom for stepping up during the Annual Meeting and joining us on council. Remember we still have one council position open. Please reach out to us if you would like to do this.

*Todd Ozmon—Council President*

Treasurer's Report December 2019			
PLEDGE ACCOUNT	MO.PLEDGE	DECEMBER	GIVEN YTD
General Fund	\$ 5,805.00	\$ 6,121.50	\$ 69,800.00
OCWM	\$ 205.00	\$ 252.00	\$ 2,555.15
Maintenance Reserve	\$ 210.00	\$ 5,335.00	\$ 7,948.49
Non-Pledge Gen Fund	\$ -	\$ 784.00	\$ 8,216.86
<b>Total Giving</b>	<b>\$ 6,220.00</b>	<b>\$ 12,492.50</b>	<b>\$ 88,520.50</b>
GENERAL FUND	MO BUDGET	TOTAL YTD	
Pledged & NP Giving	\$ 5,805.00	\$ 6,905.50	\$ 78,007.86
Misc Gen Fund Giving	\$ -	\$ 5,309.67	\$ 29,956.16
<b>Total Gen Fund Inc</b>	<b>\$ 5,805.00</b>	<b>\$ 12,215.17</b>	<b>\$ 107,964.02</b>
Pastor Expense	\$ 6,216.00	\$ 7,956.39	\$ 75,265.93
Employee Expense	\$ 1,420.00	\$ 1,498.72	\$ 14,275.97
Church Ministry Exp	\$ 313.00	\$ 54.01	\$ 2,893.18
Office Expense	\$ 283.00	\$ 180.90	\$ 3,371.42
Property Expense	\$ 1,337.00	\$ 631.08	\$ 12,507.58
<b>Total Gen Fun Exp</b>	<b>\$ 9,569.00</b>	<b>\$ 10,321.10</b>	<b>\$ 108,314.08</b>
<b>Net General Fund</b>	<b>\$ (3,764.00)</b>	<b>\$ 1,894.07</b>	<b>\$ (350.06)</b>
Submitted by Martha Watters			

### UNDERSHEPHERD LIST

The Undershepherd phone tree is used to get announcements out quickly to the congregation. Most of the time, it is used to announce funerals, but every once in a while there is a need to cancel church or make other emergency announcements. We will begin working on changing the format from only phone calls, to using emails and texts.



Please watch for further details. In the meantime, be sure to watch Facebook, or News Channels 4, 6, 8, and 18!

### **2020 Council Meetings**

Second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m.  
 Feb. 11   Mar. 10   Apr. 14  
 May 12   Jun. 9   Jul. 14   Aug. 11  
 Sept. 8   Oct. 13   Nov. 10   Dec. 8

**Share-A-Meal**

NO Share-A Meal in February  
Our next meal will be  
Tuesday, March 31 at 5:15 p.m.



**IN NEED OF PRAYER**

**Our loved ones:**

Karen Risler Karen Byers Joan Goodin  
Harry Stroupe Lois Wellendorf  
Janell and Kenny Alger

**Our home bound:**

John Raap Dorris Adams Helen Wiese  
Jack Kohrs Millie Allison Paul Dammeier

**Our World:**

Ireland, United Kingdom, Belgium, Luxembourg,  
Netherlands, Portugal, Spain, Italy, Malta, France,  
Germany

**Please contact the office if you or someone you know is in need of pastoral visit. 563-391-5726 Please note the hospitals no longer notify us.**

**Usher Greeter Liturgist**

2-02	_____	Marlene Long	Karen Risler
2-09	Gary Hoker	Janelle Hoker	Jan Hannel
2-16	_____	_____	_____
2-23	_____	_____	_____
Acolytes: Youth		Sandwich Makers: The Hokers	

**Student Success Store Needs Our Help!!**

For the month of February, we will be collecting the following items:



Diapers – all sizes  
Non-perishable food items



**We need your Help!.....Please Volunteer!**

Ushers, Greeters, and Liturgists along with Fellowship Hour Host/Hostess are needed.

Cookies for fellowship hour are needed, homemade or store bought are fine.

**Ushers are needed for February**

**Report from Fundraising Committee**

The fundraising committee is continuing to work on the current projects, the Terri Lynn Nuts and RADA Cutlery.

We have several of the knives in stock, as well as some of the nuts, and they are available for purchase! If you would like to order something that we do not have in stock, you can either fill out an order form at the church or order on line at these websites:

**Terri Lynn Nuts:**

<https://faithUCC.terrilynn.com>

**Rada Cutlery:**

<https://radafundraising.com/?rfsn=3322254.0f0d5e>

We have more fun activities that we are working on for the new year. We hope you can join us!

~ Jill Pepper



**FEBRUARY**

**Birthdays**

- 2 Cameron Hart
- 6 Stephanie Fox
- 9 Stephanie Allen
- 11 Gloria Kuehl
- 17 Hazel McBride
- 22 Asher Preston



**IT'S LEAP YEAR!**



CONGRATULATIONS to Lyndy Holdt for making the Dean's List at the University of Dubuque for the fall semester!

**WOMEN'S GROUP**

Will meet on  
Wednesday, February 5th  
7:00—9:00 p.m.  
At the home of Jan Hannel





Dear Members of Faith United Church of Christ:



The board, staff and volunteers at Churches United of the Quad City Area gratefully acknowledge and accept your \$165.00 contribution to our hunger ministry.

(See full letter on the Action Board.)

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Dear Friends:

Again, thank you for all you do to assist Friendly House serve our neighbors.

October—12 items

(See full letter on the Action Board.)



### SCOUT SUNDAY

February 16

10:30 a.m. Worship

ALL Scouts (of all ages!) are invited to wear your uniforms.



### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Ash Wednesday is February 26th

Soup and Scriptures will start that night.

Please remember to sign up to bring food and to volunteer your help!

Watch for further details.



New!

The Little Dresses For Africa (LDFA) sewing group

will start meeting here at Faith UCC in the Fellowship Hall on Fridays from 1:30-3:30 p.m.

All are welcome, even if you don't sew.

We gladly accept donations of:

Cotton fabric

1/4 inch elastic

Double fold bias tape, all colors

Thread, all colors

We are always in need of monetary sponsors to help with postage and shipping costs.

We are also looking for additional missionaries, groups, or contacts who are willing to take any of our dresses to parts of the world where they are needed.

Donations or questions may be directed to:

Arlene Barclay, cell (563)322-5757

Thank You!



Congratulations to Cheryl Leamer on your retirement from the Rock Island Arsenal with 38 years of service.

Dearest Faith UCC Tribe,

David, the boys, and I want to thank you for the very generous gift of money for Christmas! We will use it toward new furniture this summer! We love being a part of this tribe. God is so good, and we are grateful for all God's blessings – especially all of you!



~Peace – The Hulmes



### Weekly Bible Study

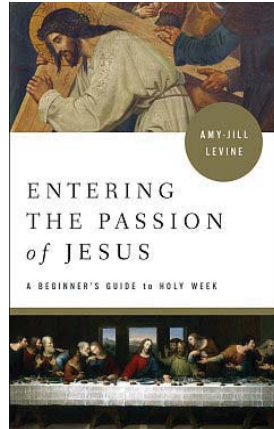
We meet each Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. following Quiet Time with God.

We are studying the women of the Bible. No matter who you are, you are welcome to join us!



Join us for worship at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings!

During Lent, we will read "Entering the Passion of Jesus" by Amy-Jill Levine together during our weekly Bible Study. If you would like to join us, please contact Pastor Heidi by February 12 so she can order enough books. Join us at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday mornings!



### LENTEN WORSHIP SERIES

The events of Christ's Passion, which take place during the last week of Jesus' life, often don't receive enough time in our worship and study. These stories are important to our faith journey and our identity as followers of Jesus. And yet we often move too quickly from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday with little time to take in the dramatic story of that last week. Throughout the six weeks of Lent we will "freeze-frame" moments in Holy Week so we might put ourselves in the picture, thereby "Entering the Passion of Jesus." How might taking a closer look at the ancient story open us to deeper conviction for our role in its ongoing message? *Inspired by Amy-Jill Levine's book by the same*

### BRING A FRIEND TO CHURCH SUNDAY

Invite a friend to "Come and See" what Faith UCC is all about! **Sunday, February 9**



### Soup and Scripture

This year, our theme will be "Dreaming our Vision."

Together we will explore our dreams for the future of Faith UCC, work on mission and vision statements which are relevant for who we are now, as well as forward thinking for who we are yet to become.

We will gather at 6:00 p.m. for a soup meal together and begin conversation about 6:45 p.m.

Join us for our Ash Wednesday meal and Service of Ashes on Wednesday, February 26!

### OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORSHIP LEADERS DURING LENT

We have several opportunities for you to help with worship during the Lenten Season!

We will need the following:

Readers

Actors (Monologue readers)

Still life actors

(all you have to do is stand still, like in a painting)

Ushers and Greeters

If you are willing to help, please sign up on the sheet in the Fellowship Hall, or contact Pastor Heidi.

# February 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						<b>1</b> 
<b>2</b> GROUNDHOG DAY  9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship/ <i>Communion</i>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 	<b>5</b> 9:00 a.m. Quiet Time 10:00 a.m. Bible Study Women's Grp @Jan Hannel's	<b>6</b> 	<b>7</b> 1:30-3:30 p.m. Sewing Group 1:00 p.m. Church Women United	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b> 9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship <b>Friendship            Sunday</b> Youth Group @ Faith UCC	<b>10</b> 6:30-8:30 p.m. Crafters 	<b>11</b> 6:30 p.m. Council	<b>12</b> 9:00 a.m. Quiet Time 10:00 a.m. Bible Study	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 1:30-3:30 p.m. Sewing Group 	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> 9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship <b>Scout Sunday</b> <i>Newsletter            Articles Due</i>	<b>17</b> 	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 9:00 a.m. Quiet Time 10:00 a.m. Bible Study	<b>20</b> 	<b>21</b> 1:30-3:30 p.m. Sewing Group	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> 9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship <i>Birthdays and            Anniversaries</i> Youth Group @ 1st Christian	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 9am Quiet Time 10a Bible Study 6pm Supper 6:45p Worship  <i>Mail Newsletter</i>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Sanctuary Reserved 3-5 p.m. No Sewing Grp	<b>29</b> 