



# Focus on Faith

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### PASTORAL PONDERINGS

Last Sunday we were able to worship in person for the first time since March 8. It was amazing, and hard, and comfortable, and uncomfortable all at the same time! (At least for me!) The pandemic we have been experiencing has thrown everything and everyone for a loop. But, as I have said so many times already, it has also been a blessing of opportunity. This time has forced us to re-evaluate who we are and how we do ministry. While some of it will look the same, much of what and how we do things will be so very different, and yet, it will be good!

During our sheltering in place, we held Bible Study via ZOOM calls, and worshipped together exclusively through Facebook Live and YouTube. Our Council met via ZOOM, making difficult decisions, and holding holy conversations. Our ROC team continued to work on deepening relationships, and we stayed connected on our weekly Be Together ZOOM.

Even though we are opening up, and able to be together in person as we feel comfortable, there are those of us who aren't ready yet. This means offering both in-person and online options for our ministries. Opportunities to be the Body of Christ in new and exciting, and sometimes exhausting, ways.

We have two new ministry opportunities happening in July. First, on July 5, we will hold a Congregational Meeting immediately following worship in-person, but also on ZOOM. (See page 3 for further details.)

Starting July 26, we will hold our first ever VBS—Virtual Bible School! We will embark on this new journey with 4 other churches—First Christian DOC, Edwards UCC, Hope UCC, and Church of Peace. The theme this year is **Harry Potter, Jesus & Me**. The theme scripture comes from Jeremiah 29:11 *“For I know the plans I have for you,” says the Lord. “They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.”* Just as Harry Potter was born with a magnificent purpose, so were we! We were created by God to be amazing, and ready to find and spread our very own magic and love throughout the world to make it a better place!

This VBS will begin in person to pick up supplies, and join for a sorting ceremony and blessing. Then we will meet via ZOOM for stories, and your Wiseacre's Wizarding Equipment bag will have all the instructions for you to learn that you are special, and you were beautifully and wonderfully made for a specific purpose. (See registration details on page 2.)

Friends, these new ways are just the beginning! God has so much in store for us. All we need to do is listen and be brave enough to answer the call!



~ Always Peace, *Pastor Heidi*

# 2020 VBS Registration

Please send your Registration in by JULY 12<sup>th</sup> to the Church Office or register online with our Google form.

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfueMjfiWiY64V7uSAj\\_hfv2LIaqhXiT3lfDbmGnc\\_TsCL0w/viewform?usp=pp\\_url](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfueMjfiWiY64V7uSAj_hfv2LIaqhXiT3lfDbmGnc_TsCL0w/viewform?usp=pp_url)

## Pick Up Material (place to be announced)

**Sunday, July 26 , 4 – 5 pm at**

There will be a few Games to play, pick up your VBS home kit, and a sorting ceremony.

## Online VBS-Sunday, July 26 Thursday, July 30

You will join in on your church's YouTube page, Facebook page or website for story or activity.



Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade completed \_\_\_\_\_ Home Church \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies/Special Instructions \_\_\_\_\_

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## VBS Donations

We will have a complete list of donations **July 1.**

For now, we are looking for new/used solid black t-shirts—size L, XL, or larger.

*If it has print on it we can make it work.*

*Please bring it to the office no later than **Sunday, July 12.***

## FROM THE COUNCIL:

### Church Council Highlights – June 9, 2020

**Property:**

Parking lot, particularly near the garbage receptacle, needs repair.

**Spiritual Life:**

There being no physical worship services, there is nothing to report.

**Christian Education:**

Plans are in progress for some sort of VBS for this summer.

**Other Business**

Thank you to all who responded to the in-person worship survey.

**Next Council Meeting: Tuesday, July 14, 2020**

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

**August Newsletter article deadline is July 19.**

**August Newsletter will be mailed July 29.**

### 2020 Council Meetings

Second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m.

Jul. 14    Aug. 11

Sept. 8    Oct. 13    Nov. 10    Dec. 8

## Notes from the Council President

Hello Everyone,

It was nice to see everyone on Father’s Day that attended church in person. It was great to get back to a little bit of normal. We know this most likely is the new normal since COVID 19 is still in the unknown. As we move forward, there are a lot of things that I am excited about for the church. We have the funds for the sound system. This new sound system will let us grow and do online worship for those who can’t make it into the church. This will help us reach those that cant make it into church and those who don’t want to risk coming back to church yet. We have had a great response to the online worship and look forward to keeping this service for everyone to enjoy. It will benefit us if we need to go back into lockdown as a church due to COVID 19. We also have the funds for the roof. This is huge for us and I’m glad we are getting the things we need done. With this, we will need to replenish our Maintenance Reserve Fund, though. As a reminder, we do have the Congregational Meeting July 5<sup>th</sup>.

*Todd Ozmon—Council President*

## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Council has announced that a Congregational Meeting will be held immediately following worship on **JULY 5**.

God continues to pave our way and provide what we need, when we need it. We have been blessed with a very generous gift of \$25,000 toward the repair and reconstruction of the roof. Because of this extremely generous gift, we have enough funds to make this construction happen. Now we just need to discuss and vote on the bid.

For those not able to join us in person, we will have a link for you to ZOOM in to join us. Please contact Pastor Heidi for that link.

*Watch for a copy of the bid and proposed funds via mail/email early next week for you to look at before the meeting.*

### Treasurer's Report May 2020

PLEDGE ACCOUNT	MO.PLEDGE	MAY	GIVEN YTD
General Fund	\$ 6,182.42	\$ 8,328.00	\$ 31,452.00
OCWM	\$ 160.75	\$ 147.00	\$ 715.00
Maintenance Reserve	\$ 305.92	\$ 271.00	\$ 1,226.00
Non-Pledge Gen Fund	\$ -	\$ 665.00	\$ 2,682.00
<b>Total Giving</b>	<b>\$ 6,649.08</b>	<b>\$ 9,411.00</b>	<b>\$ 36,075.00</b>

GENERAL FUND	MO BUDGET		TOTAL YTD
Pledged & NP Giving	\$ 6,182.00	\$ 8,993.00	\$ 34,134.00
Misc Gen Fund Giving	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 168.35
Transfers In	\$ -	\$ 4,052.56	\$ 12,052.56
<b>Total Gen Fund Inc</b>	<b>\$ 6,182.00</b>	<b>\$13,045.56</b>	<b>\$ 46,354.91</b>

Pastor Expense	\$ 6,398.00	\$ 7,228.04	\$ 31,000.30
Employee Expense	\$ 1,437.00	\$ 797.32	\$ 3,986.60
Church Ministry Exp	\$ 325.00	\$ 31.02	\$ 460.94
Office Expense	\$ 301.00	\$ 162.31	\$ 1,837.49
Property Expense	\$ 1,337.00	\$ 493.46	\$ 7,762.36
<b>Total Gen Fun Exp</b>	<b>\$ 9,798.00</b>	<b>\$ 8,712.15</b>	<b>\$ 45,047.69</b>

<b>Net General Fund</b>	<b>\$ (3,616.00)</b>	<b>\$ 4,333.41</b>	<b>\$ 1,307.22</b>
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Submitted by Martha Watters

### Our Faith Family

Gloria Power  
 Janelle Hoker  
 Jan Johnson  
 Kay Showens  
 Lois Wellendorf  
 Harry Stroupe and family of Josh McCray  
 Janell and Kenny Alger  
 Family of Deb and Jim Sullivan  
 Keisha Power

### Our Homebound

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

### Our Family and Friends

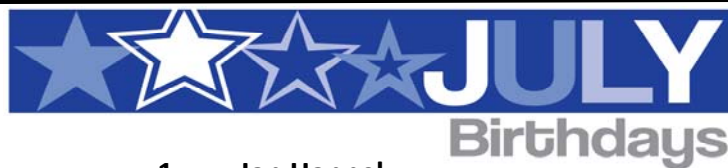
Pat Hicks  
 Paula Wakeland  
 Karen Byers  
 Merrill Pepper  
 Randy Bales  
 Anil Gorania



### Our World:

Columbia, Ecuador, Venezuela, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Panama, Belize, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, The Caribbean: Antigua and Barbuda, the Bahamas, Barbados, Cuba, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, Trinidad, and Tobago

**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.**



- 1 Jan Hannel  
Lindsay Ozmon
- 2 Jan Johnson
- 3 Thomas Ertel  
Lois Wellendorf
- 4 Judy Cummings
- 6 Maureen Miller
- 10 Henry Pepper
- 14 Karen Risler
- 17 Marianne McBride
- 18 Vicki Ertel
- 21 Lincoln Wakeland
- 22 David Hulme
- 23 Michael McBride
- 24 Adrian Banks
- 30 James Sullivan
- 31 Shylynn Fox

	<u>Usher/Greeter</u>	<u>Liturgist</u>
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7-05	Jan Hannel	NEED
7-12	NEED	NEED
7-19	NEED	NEED
7-26	NEED	NEED

Acolytes: Youth      Sandwich Makers: NEED  
 July Flowers: Carol and Jim Spies

### Fundraising Committee

#### Painting Party

has been moved to July 26 at noon at the church. We have a couple of spots open. \$35/person includes a nacho bar lunch. Bring your own beverages! Contact Jill Pepper or Pastor Heidi if you would like to join us.



#### TERRI LYNN NUTS

We have new product on hand!

Mammoth Pecan Halves—\$13

Deluxe Mix (No peanuts) - \$13

Roasted Whole Cashews—\$13

Trail Mix—\$11

Malted Milk Balls—\$11

Honey Roasted Peanuts—\$9

Chocolate Jumbo Peanuts—\$9

Gummi Bears—\$9

**Or order online:**

<https://faithUCC.terrylynn.com>

#### RADA CUTLERY

And we still have cutlery on hand:

Bread Knife—\$7.75

Handi Stir—\$6.00

Tomato Slicer—\$5.75

Serrated Knife—\$5.00

Cutting Board—\$2.00



**Or order online:**

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

~ Jill Pepper

#### **Free Magazines!**

Need any old magazines for kids or crafts? Paper mache? Collage? Paper weaving? Please call Lois Wellendorf or Arlene Barclay at (563)322-5757. Free local delivery!



## BACKPACKS

Beginning immediately, we are collecting backpacks for the EICC Student Success Store. We will bless them on **August 2**.



# CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES!



2020  
A most unusual year!

**Colby Carlson graduated from Mid-City High School.**

**Abbey Edlemon graduated from North High School.**

*Abbey will be attending the University of Northern Iowa for Music Education. She plans to be a high school choir teacher! For now, she keeps busy working 30+ hours/week at Theisen's.*

**Jacob Smith graduated from West High School.**

*Jacob is currently working with the groundskeeping department at Genesis, and plans to continue that position.*

**Join us Sunday, July 5  
to celebrate  
Resurrection Sunday!**



Because we were not able to be together in person for Easter morning worship, we celebrate coming back together, and will adorn the sanctuary on **Sunday, July 5** with summer flowers to celebrate the Resurrection. Thank you to all who have donated in honor of loved ones.

## Share-A-Meal

*The next scheduled Share-A-Meal will be Friday, July 31 at 5:15 p.m. Please watch for details, as this has NOT BEEN CONFIRMED.*



Wednesday  
July 1  
Christy/Jones  
Home  
7:00 p.m.



**The Little Dresses For Africa (LDFA) sewing group** will begin meeting in person again on Friday, July 3. We will meet 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!



## HARRY POTTER WORSHIP SERIES (To go with our Harry Potter themed VBS!)

**July 26**

Harry Potter and a Mother's Love  
(1 Corinthians 13)

**August 2**

Harry Potter and the Band of Ragamuffins  
(Micah 4:1-7)

**August 9**

Harry Potter and the Power to Choose  
(Matthew 7:13-14)

**August 16**

Harry Potter and the Prodigal Son  
(Luke 15:11-32)

**August 23**

Harry Potter and the Great Cloud of Witnesses  
(Hebrews 12:1-4, 12-13)

**August 30**

Harry Potter and the Greater Love  
(John 15:12-17)

# July 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<b>1</b> 9:00 a.m. Quiet Time  10:00 a.m. Bible Study  Women's Group 7:00 p.m. Christy/Jones home	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 1:30-3:30 p.m. Sewing Group	<b>4</b> 
<b>5</b> 10:30 a.m. Worship / Communion   CONGREGATIONAL MEETING	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 9:00 a.m. Quiet Time  10:00 a.m. Bible Study	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 1:30-3:30 p.m. Sewing Group  .  <b>Pastor Heidi            on Vacation</b> →	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> 10:30 a.m. Worship  <i>Jill Pepper lead            worship</i> →	<b>13</b> QCI to Host A People's Forum 6:30-8:00 p.m.  <i>Pastor Heidi            in office</i>	<b>14</b> 6:30 p.m.  	<b>15</b> 9:00 a.m. Quiet Time  10:00 a.m. Bible Study	<b>16</b>  5:30 p.m. Basket Class	<b>17</b> 1:30-3:30 p.m. Sewing Group	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> 10:30 a.m. Worship  <i>Newsletter            Articles Due</i>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 9:00 a.m. Quiet Time  10:00 a.m. Bible Study	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 1:30-3:30 p.m. Sewing Group  	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> 10:30 a.m. Worship  Noon Painting Party <i>Birthdays and            Anniversaries</i>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 9:00 a.m. Quiet Time  10:00 a.m. Bible Study  <i>Mail Newsletter</i>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> 1:30-3:30 p.m. Sewing Group  5:15 p.m. Share-A-Meal <i>(This has NOT been            confirmed. Please            watch for details.)</i>	