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**PASTORAL PONDERINGS**

“Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it.”
~ Proverbs 22:6

As I write this, we are at T-minus 18 days to our oldest son’s graduation. After 18 years of teaching him to think of others, to say “please” and “thank you,” to be aware of his surroundings, to be nice to his brother, to stand up and speak for those who can’t do those things themselves, to work toward a more fair and just world, to take responsibility for his own actions, and that no matter what happens, or what he does, we love him unconditionally. But of everything we have taught him, more than anything, I pray that he knows who he is, and whose he is: his is a child of God, made in God’s image, and loved by God more than we, as his parents, could ever fathom to love him. I trust that what we have taught him, will stay with him throughout his life.



As new parents, we swear we are going to do everything we can to protect these tiny creatures, and as they grow, they develop a mind of their own, and by the time they graduate from high school, we pray they are ready to spread their wings and make their way into this big, strange, shadowed world. And as parents, at least for me, as much as I know in my head that is how it is supposed to go, my heart isn’t quite there yet. With each day that goes by, I watch him do things “for the last time.” His last orchestra concert, choir concert, bowling meet, trap meet, awards dinner, class final. With each “last time” I watch him cut one more string of his childhood away. I want to hold on with all my strength, but know that isn’t what God has planned for him.

I can’t help but think of other mothers who have to let go of their babies. The refugees who abandon everything they know and have to flee their country because of violence or political unrest, or whatever, and I imagine them holding them close for as long as they can, praying that they will make it safely to wherever they go. And my heart breaks when I think of all of the families who don’t make it safely, whose children are separated from them.

I think of Mary, who knew that her son was special, and couldn’t keep him safe from what was happening. On Good Friday, I think of her sitting at mock trial, wanting to reach out, to hold him, to save him from receiving more lashes. I think of her watching him carry the heavy wooden cross on his bloody back, watching the nails go through his hands, and the spear pierce his side. I cry when I think of her hearing his final words, and watching him take his last breath. And then, I give thanks to God over and over again for my sons, and know that I am not in control, and offer them both to God.

Being a parent comes with so much joy, and so much heartache. I imagine God can relate to those feelings and emotions. As God’s creation, we haven’t done the best job of caring for one another or for Creation. When we sin, and then ask for forgiveness, and repent of our ways—turning away from what was not good and choosing good, God runs to us, just like the father of the Prodigal Son, welcoming us back into God’s warm embrace. “You are forgiven, my Son, my Daughter, my Beloved, and I am so glad you are home!”

Wherever you have been, wherever you are, wherever you are going, God is there. Let God wrap you with comfort, compassion, peace, and love.

~ Always Peace, *Pastor Heidi*

FROM THE COUNCIL:

Church Council Highlights – May 14, 2019

Property:

Waiting for another roof replacement bid. Will reseal the flat roof in the storage area/choir room.

Outreach:

Share-A-Meal served 93 on April 30.

Spiritual Life:

The altar cloths have been changed.

Christian Education:

Sunday School ends May 19.

Other Business:

Brainstorming session for fundraising ideas.

Next Council Meeting: Tuesday, June 11, 2019



June Birthdays

- 1 Trenton Wakeland
- 6 Richard Fox
- 8 Beau Gerisher
- 12 Mark Duncan
- 13 Karen Wakeland
- 18 Kristin Bouillon
- 23 Janelle Hoker
- 25 Millie Middleton
- 26 Brendan McBride
- Lucas Smith
- 27 John Adams

From the Council President

HELP US GROW OUR TRIBE!

June 9th is Pentecost—the celebration of the beginning of the Church—the Birthday of the Church. To celebrate, we are calling that day our first BRING A FRIEND TO CHURCH SUNDAY. Bring your neighbor, your best friend, the stranger on the street. We will celebrate with Communion and hearing the choir for the last time before summer break. After worship, we will have a POTLUCK so our friends have a chance to meet our tribe. (Be sure to bring a dish to share!) See you at 10:00 a.m. Sunday, June 9—with a friend!

Todd Ozmon, Council President



IN NEED OF PRAYER

Our loved ones:

Twila Cobb (and Bob) Paul Dammeier Mary Fox
 Hazel McBride Lois Wellendorf
 Arlene Barclay & Family Harry Stroupe & Family

Our home bound:

Dorris Adams Helen Wiese Jack Kohrs
 Millie Allison Millie Middleton

Our World:

Lesotho, Namibia, South Africa, Swaziland, Angola, Mozambique, Brazil, Argentina, Paraguay, Uruguay, Bolivia, Chile, Peru

Treasurer's Report April 2019

PLEDGE ACCOUNT	MO.PLEDGE	APRIL	GIVEN YTD
General Fund	\$ 5,805.00	\$ 6,899.25	\$ 24,419.25
OCWM	\$ 205.00	\$ 222.00	\$ 844.15
Maintenance Reserve	\$ 210.00	\$ 395.00	\$ 1,266.49
Non-Pledge Gen Fund	\$ -	\$ 578.00	\$ 2,852.00
Total Giving	\$ 6,220.00	\$ 8,094.25	\$ 29,381.89
GENERAL FUND	MO BUDGET		TOTAL YTD
Pledged & NP Giving	\$ 5,805.00	\$ 7,477.25	\$ 27,271.25
Misc Gen Fund Giving	\$ -	\$ 282.78	\$ 12,328.47
Total Gen Fund Inc	\$ 5,805.00	\$ 7,760.03	\$ 39,599.72
Pastor Expense	\$ 6,216.00	\$ 5,515.66	\$ 23,766.24
Employee Expense	\$ 1,420.00	\$ 1,197.95	\$ 5,074.93
Church Ministry Exp	\$ 313.00	\$ 158.11	\$ 547.25
Office Expense	\$ 283.00	\$ 715.09	\$ 1,578.89
Property Expense	\$ 1,337.00	\$ 2,624.18	\$ 6,679.21
Total Gen Fun Exp	\$ 9,569.00	\$ 10,210.99	\$ 37,646.52
Net General Fund	\$ (3,764.00)	\$ (2,450.96)	\$ 1,953.20
Submitted by Martha Watters			

Our deepest condolences go to Harry Stroupe and family on the death of Margaret Stroupe on Tuesday, April 23.

Please contact the church office if you or someone you know needs a pastoral visit or is going to be in the hospital. 563-391-5726.

Share-A-Meal
5:15 p.m. Friday, May 31, 2019
No Share-A-Meal in June

July Newsletter article deadline
 is June 16
 the newsletter will be sent out
 on June 26



Office closed
May 27
 in observance of
Memorial Day

JUNE 9, 2019



Our First
BRING A FRIEND
TO CHURCH
SUNDAY

WORSHIP TIME CHANGE

Sunday, May 26
Services will start at 10:00 a.m.
and will continue at that time
until Labor Day.



What better way to share the Holy Spirit with your friends than to BRING THEM TO CHURCH on PENTECOST SUNDAY? Join us for 10:00 a.m. worship followed by a good old fashioned POTLUCK! (Be sure to bring a dish to share!)



May 27 – June 2
 Pastor Heidi will be on vacation for Jarrod's graduation. Jill Pepper will lead worship. Rev. Linda Hunsaker will be on call. In case of emergency, please call her at 563-940-8251.



KEEP YOUR PLEDGE CURRENT! We are very excited to announce that we are now able to offer Online Giving as an electronic tool for contributions so you can give via the Internet or download the app to your phone. Click on the Donate/Give Link on our website at www.faithuccdavenport.org to get started. See Martha with questions.

Handbell Ringers Wanted

Can you count to eight?
 Know your right from left hand?
 Join us for practice & summer performance. Sign up sheet is on bulletin board, or contact Morgan Barclay or Susan Senn



PILGRIM HEIGHTS
CAMP & RETREAT CENTER
 2019 Camp Schedule starts June 7th
 For registration forms and scholarship information
 Please see Pastor Heidi



2019 Council Meetings

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

	June	11		
July	9	August	13	Sept. 10
October	8	Nov.	12	Dec. 10

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.



Our second annual Spring Attic Shop was a success. The committee worked hard and enjoyed their time together. We made close to \$1,102 which is awesome. We couldn't have accomplished a successful event without all the donations from our members for the craft items they created, the attic shop items, and for all the delicious bake sale items.

We are also truly grateful to all members who took time out of their Saturday to help. We are now on to getting things ready for the Holiday Bazaar which will be held **Saturday, November 2nd!!**



"Together We Can Solve Hunger"

What: Mobile Pantry (River Bend Foodbank)
Date: Saturday, June 29th
Time: 9:30am-12:00pm
Where: Davenport Friends Church
Address: 1915 Ridgeview Drive, Davenport IA 52806

The Mobile Pantry is set up like a farmers market style setting. Each station has certain foods that will be passed out to signed up families in need. Our jobs will be to check-in persons, set up, maintain, distribute, manage, clean up, and help take down each booth while getting all foods in the correct order to the families in need. You will only need to show up in comfy clothes and ready to work/serve! You can [Click this link for the Faith United Church of Christ specifically reserved group registration](#). If it asks for an "Event Reservation Code" it is **FaithUnited**. Or sign up on bulletin board at church. Or contact Jeff Banks email: jbanks179@mediacombb.net or text or voicemail to Jeff's cell – (563) 528-2915 and let him know number of people and names of all attending to help. Or if last minute and day of, just show up and help! Hope to see you there!!



Congratulations to our Graduates!

Vanessa Banks

Vanessa graduates from West High School

"My favorite thing about high school was all of the opportunities I received in theater and film making. Theater and film combined, I worked on a total of 17 full-length productions both in and outside of school. After school I plan on attending Scott Community College and will continue my artistic passions throughout my college career.

Jarrood Hulme

Jarrood graduates from West High School

"My favorite thing in High School was the Army JROTC. I am going to Montana to join the National Guard and to school for Fish and Wildlife Management and Ecology. I strive to become a game warden and an officer in the National Guard.

Erin Root

Erin graduates from Latimer High School

"My favorite thing in high school was all my friends. I am going to NIACC to finish my general education and then going to an undecided university to study zoology. I want to be a zookeeper."

June 2019

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Sat

	<p><u>Youth Group Schedule</u> Noon-2:00 p.m. First Christian June 2 June 16 & 30</p>	<p><u>Confirmation Schedule</u> General Synod June 21-25</p>				1
2 10:00 am Worship	3	4 	5 9:00 a.m. Quiet Time 7:00 p.m. Women's Group @ Deb Sullivan	6	7	8 
9 10:00 am Worship/ Communion PENTECOST / Bring a Friend to Church Sunday with Potluck	10 	11 6:30 p.m. Council	12 9:00 a.m. Quiet Time	13	14 	15 Fellowship Hall Reserved
16 10:00 am Worship Newsletter articles due	17  Happy Father's Day!	18	19 9:00 a.m. Quiet Time	20 5:30 p.m. Baskets	21 General Synod Milwaukee, Wisconsin Pastor Heidi and Confirmands	22
23 Worship 10:00 am Birthdays & Anniversaries	24	25 Home from General Synod	26 9:00 a.m. Quiet Time	27 	28	29 9:30-12:00 p.m. Food Hand Out Friends Church
30 10:00 am Worship Youth Sunday Park						