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**PASTORAL PONDERINGS**

*“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. ~ Jeremiah 29:11*

**Opportunity:** *noun:* an appropriate or favorable time or occasion; a situation or condition favorable for attainment of a goal; a good position, chance, or prospect, as for advancement or success.

Every moment of every day we are faced with opportunity. Whether we recognize these moments at any given situation or time depends on whether we view life through the lens of abundance, or of scarcity. Personally, I choose the lens of abundance. This means that regardless of what is happening, good, bad, or otherwise, I understand my choices to offer a chance of learning and growing.

As a collective tribe, and a part of the Body of Christ, we are graced with many opportunities—as long as we choose to view and treat them as such. (If we don’t, we *might* begin to feel overwhelmed, and *might* be moved into a position of fear—but that is NOT who we are!)

**\*Council**—with 2 open position, and an ever evolving way to do and be church in this world, we have the unique opportunity to take a close look at how we govern ourselves, and how that might change to fit who we are as church today. (Watch for continued conversation on this!)

**\*Roof**—at the annual business meeting, we were presented with a bid to remove the cross above the sanctuary roof, and mount it on a cement slab in front of the church, as well as removing the sky light (which is most likely what is causing our leaks), and re-shingling-which includes adding insulation-which we currently don’t have. This project is an immense undertaking (thank you Mick Noteboom for all your hard work in putting this together!), and we will have to figure out how to raise the money—but an unexpected opportunity popped up during the meeting. Do we keep the cross? Or do we go ahead and scrap it? Do we remove the skylight? Do we add insulation? Do we do anything? All of these are opportunities! (See page 3 for a copy of the proposed bid, and watch for the date for the next congregational meeting for this.)

**\*ROC**—Revitalizing Our Congregation. This campaign is through the Quad Cities Interfaith and being done with a cohort of 7 other local churches. The goal of ROC is to develop our leadership within the church which will result in a cohesive and active congregation whose goals are to: fully proclaim our faith in the public sphere; increase church participation; reach the un-churched; become relevant and significant in the community and have long term sustainability. This campaign has the tools I have been searching for, and it comes with a support group who want the same thing!

(We currently have 2 leaders, but need 3 more. Please see me if you are interested in this. It will be a 1 year commitment.)

**\*Pledging**—(what you commit to giving monetarily for the year 2020) Once again, we are given the opportunity to pray, discern, and commit to giving a portion of all we have been blessed with back to God in order that we may do God’s work in this world—the difficult but holy work of justice and peace.

The flip side to opportunity is that not all opportunities are good for, or will fit us as a tribe. Therefore, we must be diligent in listening for and to the still speaking voice of God, and pray for God’s guidance. Then, we must make a decision and act upon that. This is God’s will and plan for us—to be in relationship with one another and with God.

For these, and all our daily opportunities—easy or challenging; big or small; individual or as a tribe—we have the opportunity to give God our thanks and praise. May we do that with joy and gratitude in our hearts.



~ Always Peace, *Pastor Heidi*

**FROM THE COUNCIL:**

**Church Council Highlights – October 8, 2019**

**Property:**  
Snow removal contract signed.

**Outreach:**  
Underwear Because We Care donations during the month of October,

**Spiritual Life:**  
Myrene performed her usual duties.

**Christian Education:**  
Sunday School has started with new locations for some classes.

**Other Business:**  
Fundraising opportunities coming soon.

**Next Council Meeting: Tuesday, November 12, 2019**

Notes from the Council President

I hope everything is going well for everyone. Just to go over the congregational meeting we had recently. We approved the budget for 2020 at our Annual Budget Meeting on Oct. 20. We also decided it was time for us to switch insurance companies to save money. Council brought a bid for a new roof for approval. Due to questions of clarification, we decided to table it until we could get some questions answered. Please keep an eye out for the next congregational meeting for updates on the roof.

*Todd Ozmon—Council President*


Treasurer's Report September 2019			
PLEDGE ACCOUNT	MO.PLEDGE	SEPTEMBER	GIVEN YTD
General Fund	\$ 5,805.00	\$ 6,341.85	\$ 50,905.50
OCWM	\$ 205.00	\$ 242.00	\$ 1,899.15
Maintenance Reserve	\$ 210.00	\$ 240.00	\$ 2,226.49
Non-Pledge Gen Fund	\$ -	\$ 713.46	\$ 6,237.91
<b>Total Giving</b>	<b>\$ 6,220.00</b>	<b>\$ 7,537.31</b>	<b>\$ 61,269.05</b>
GENERAL FUND	MO BUDGET	TOTAL YTD	
Pledged & NP Giving	\$ 5,805.00	\$ 7,055.31	\$ 57,134.41
Misc Gen Fund Giving	\$ -	\$ 1,296.76	\$ 24,238.48
<b>Total Gen Fund Inc</b>	<b>\$ 5,805.00</b>	<b>\$ 8,352.07</b>	<b>\$ 81,372.89</b>
Pastor Expense	\$ 6,216.00	\$ 7,663.38	\$ 56,536.05
Employee Expense	\$ 1,420.00	\$ 1,439.83	\$ 11,227.81
Church Ministry Exp	\$ 313.00	\$ 773.43	\$ 2,618.17
Office Expense	\$ 283.00	\$ 512.95	\$ 2,815.71
Property Expense	\$ 1,337.00	\$ 709.54	\$ 10,198.76
<b>Total Gen Fun Exp</b>	<b>\$ 9,569.00</b>	<b>\$ 11,099.13</b>	<b>\$ 83,396.50</b>
<b>Net General Fund</b>	<b>\$ (3,764.00)</b>	<b>\$ (2,747.06)</b>	<b>\$ (2,023.61)</b>
Submitted by Martha Watters			



# NOVEMBER

## BIRTHDAYS

1	Adam Christy
2	Sandra Holdt
3	Matt Gebhardt
5	Abbey Edlemon
5	Wendy Padavich
6	Megan Byorum
6	Morgan Barclay
11	Andrea Holdt
12	Jarrod Hulme
14	C. Michael Fox
20	Sidney Boots
20	Richard McBride
21	Dorris Adams
21	Ashly Fox Clark
22	Sally Kent
23	Warren Holdt
24	Samantha Ozmon
27	Michelle Holdt
28	Brianna Barclay



## IN NEED OF PRAYER

**Our loved ones:**  
 Harry Stroupe      Paul Dammeier  
 Karen Risler      Lois Wellendorf

**Our home bound:**  
 Dorris Adams      Helen Wiese  
 Jack Kohrs      Millie Allison

**Our World:** Burundi, Democratic Republic of Congo, Rwanda, Republic of Congo, Gabon, Sao Tome and Principe, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Equatorial Guinea, Burkina Faso, Chad, Mali, Mauritania, Niger

**2019 Council Meetings**  
 Second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m.  
 Nov. 12    Dec. 10

	Usher	Greeter	Liturgist
11-03	_____	Marlene Long	Becky Christy
11-10	_____	_____	Jan Hannel
11-17	_____	_____	Becky Christy
11-24	_____	Arlene Barclay	Carol Spies

Acolytes: Youth      Sandwich makers: Martha Watters

**Share-A-Meal**  
Friday, November 29—5:15 p.m.



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**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 November and December**

**UNDERWEAR BECAUSE WE CARE**

THANK YOU! To all who donated to Underwear Because We Care, an organization which takes donations of undergarments to provide to the homeless and needy residents of the Quad Cities.



**Women's Group**

No meeting in November

**Annual Report Heads Up**

It's time to start preparing the various annual reports. Please include participant names as well as the number of participants. This type of data will be invaluable for use in the future.



Church Women United in the Iowa Quad Cities

**WORLD COMMUNITY DAY**

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2019**

**1:00 P.M.**

*"THE TIME IS NOW! Resolve to Love"*

Our Lady of the River Catholic Church  
28200 26th Street Place  
LeClaire, Iowa

See Nancy Jones for information

**Newsletter articles due the 3rd Sunday of the month**  
**December Newsletter article deadline is November 17**  
**December Newsletter will be mailed November 27**

**Report from Fundraising Committee**

FUNDRAISER INFO!!

We now have 2 fundraisers going for the "Raise the Roof" fund.

**Terri Lynn Nuts and Snacks** – We have some bags of nuts at church for cash and carry items, but you can also put in an order and we will get it ordered for you!

We also have a website set up for those who are out of town friends and family who want to order. Go to <https://faithUCC.terrilynn.com>.

**Rada Cutlery** – These are those amazing kitchen knives that everyone loves! We have catalogs and order forms at church and are also working on a website for this as well.

We will be placing orders for both of these from the church after November 10 and after December 1.

Payment needs to be received when ordering.

There will be more fun things happening at the church after the first of the year! Watch the church Facebook page and the newsletters for further information!!

~ Jill Pepper

**Roof Bid**

At the October meeting, Council moved to accept a bid to redo the pitched roof over the sanctuary.

In reality, this bid consists of 2 bids:

1) Cedar Valley Steel

\$11,150—removal of iron cross from roof, take back to the shop to fix the cross  
\$11,100—create concrete slab, mount cross in front of the church.

2) White Roofing

\$36,944—includes removal of the skylight, building a peak to cover the hole, add R18 insulation, (currently R3) reshingle with construction grade shingles.

When presented to the congregation at the Annual budget meeting, there were further questions and discussion. The motion was tabled in order to get some answers, and when all of the information is compiled. Watch for date.

*\*These prices are good until spring of 2020*

*\*\*There was a question regarding whether we need to insulate the sanctuary.*

*Based on the US Department of Energy calculation using R3 moving to R21, for a 4500 sq. ft. roof, and using our current cost, the estimated energy savings per year is \$1200, which calculates to a savings of \$36,000 over 30 years—assuming there will never be a gas cost increase.*

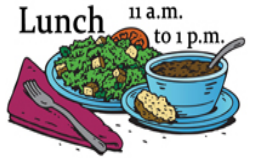
*If you have questions, please see Mick Noteboom, Todd Ozmon, or Pastor Heidi.*



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*Saturday, Nov. 2*  
 8:00 am to 2:00 pm

This bazaar is held annually on the first Saturday in November.



Recycled items in good Condition at a great price



Goodies Galore!

Pies, breads, cakes and much more

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

**Spring Attic Shop & Crafts**

*May 16, 2020*

**Holiday Bazaar - November 7, 2020**

Cookies by the Pound:

We have some of the best cookies around.  
 Stock up for the holidays.  
 Great gift idea!

Handmade crafts

for decorating your home or gift giving.



(print and share with family, friends, neighbors, coworkers .. everyone!)



**Daylight Savings Ends**

Don't forget to set your clocks back **one** hour before you go to bed on **Saturday, November 2.**

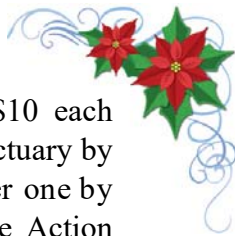


**OFFICE CLOSED**

The office will be closed on **Thursday, November 28 and Friday, November 29** in observance of Thanksgiving. Wishing you all the gift of faith and the blessing of hope this Thanksgiving Day!

**Poinsettias**

Christmas poinsettias cost \$10 each and will be placed in the sanctuary by **December 1.** You may order one by signing up on the list on the Action Board by **November 24.**



**Pledge Card Blessing**

We will bless our pledge cards during worship on **November 24, 2019.**



**Advent Readers and Wreath Lighters Sign Up**

Advent begins December 1. This year's theme is **"Heaven and Nature Sing!: 300 Years of Joy to the World"**. We are looking for individuals or families to light the Advent wreath and read during our Sunday morning worship services this season. Please sign up on the sheet on the Action Board, and readings will be sent or given to you. See Pastor Heidi for details.

# November 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><u>Youth Group</u> 12:30-2:30 Nov. 3 Faith UCC</p>	<p><u>Youth Group</u> 12:30-2:30 Nov. 17 First Christian</p>				<p>1 All Saints' Day</p> <p>Bazaar Set Up, Baked Goods Drop off 3:00-7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>2</p>  <p>8:00- 2:00 p.m.</p> <p><i>Daylight Savings time ends</i></p>
<p>3 9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship/ <i>Communion</i> <b>All Saints Sunday</b></p>	<p>4</p> 	<p>5</p> <p><b>DON'T FORGET TO VOTE</b></p> <p>Polls open 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.</p>	<p>6 9:00 a.m. Quiet Time</p> <p>No Women's Group</p>	<p>7</p> 	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p>
<p>10 9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship</p>	<p>11</p> 	<p>12 6:30 p.m. Council</p>	<p>13 9:00 a.m. Quiet Time</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p> 
<p>17 9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship</p> <p>Newsletter articles due</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p> 	<p>20 9:00 a.m. Quiet Time</p>	<p>21 5:30 p.m. Baskets</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>
<p>24 9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship <i>Birthdays and Anniversaries Blessing Pledges</i></p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27 9:00 a.m. Quiet Time</p> <p>Mail Newsletter</p>	<p>28</p>  <p><b>Office Closed</b></p>	<p>29 5:15 p.m. Share-A-Meal</p> 	<p>30</p>