



Focus on Faith Faith United Church of Christ

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PASTORAL PONDERINGS

DID YOU KNOW?

"When I was a child, I used to speak like a child, think like a child, reason like a child; when I became a man, I did away with childish things." ~ 1 Corinthians 13:11

Church "happens" because faithful people are called to the various ministries we have. As we grow in our faith, our involvement in the ministries of the church evolves. We take on different responsibilities, and we expand our gifts and talents. (At least, that's the whole idea about growing our faith.) We know that Faith UCC is a small church, but we are a faithful church, and we have many different ministries that happen here. Whether you have been a life-long member, or you are new to our community, DID YOU KNOW??????

DID YOU KNOW? We have three youth who will be confirmed on September 8? (And another 4 from Edwards!)

DID YOU KNOW WE TAKE PART IN THESE MISSIONS?

- *The Holiday Bazaar started just under 40 years ago, and that the Attic Shop started in 1982? (And it takes ALL of us to make this event possible! It is our biggest fundraiser of the year. Please see Pastor Heidi if you have questions!)
- *That we have participated in Share-A-Meal since 1982? (We serve a meal on either the 5th Tues. or Fri. of the month. If you have questions or want more info, see Bob King.)
- *That we have made 60 sandwiches delivered every Tuesday to Humility of Mary, since 1991. We are the only church left making sandwiches. (Sign up to donate food or your time on the Fellowship Hall board.)
- *We provide the local Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center with fresh baked cookies each Monday? (Sign up on the Fellowship Hall board.)
- *The Undershepherd call list was started in 1984? (This is to get prayers, funeral notices, etc. to everyone. Please note that the format will change by December of 2019.)
- *Still take donations for the Student Success Store at the Eastern Iowa Community College? (Basket in the narthex)
- *Still collect pop tabs to be given to the Ronald McDonald House?

DID YOU KNOW YOU HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THESE MINISTRIES?

- *Online giving
- *Reading scripture in worship
- *Attending Sunday School (Adults will have a video series, and this year we will have a Jr/Sr. High class!)
- *Help prepare communion
- *Host Fellowship Hour following worship
- *Make cookies for Fellowship Hour
- *Serve on Council or Pastor Parish Relations Committee (or help with any other committee!)
- *Help in any other part of worship? (I am always open to others participating!)
- *That we offer knitting and crocheting for you during worship? (Basket is in the Narthex—follow the directions.)

DID YOU KNOW MY SABBATICAL STARTS IN 10 MONTHS?

Since I have been called to Faith UCC, we have grown in ways many of us didn't even think we could. Because we are God's children, we are filled with the Holy Spirit, and that makes us MIGHTY! We have Good News to share, and with the help of the Holy Spirit, we will continue to grow into who we are meant to be, even if we don't know what that will look like yet. For all this, and so much more, we give God our thanks and praise!

~ Always Peace, *Pastor Heidi*

FROM THE COUNCIL:



Council did not meet in person in August.

The following business was conducted via email:

Council approved Memorial Funds to purchase rugs to place underneath sanctuary chairs to avoid slippage.

Next Council Meeting September 10, 6:30 p.m.

There have been several changes lately around the church. We have a second row of chairs in the sanctuary. We have moved the nursery downstairs and made a Youth "Room" downstairs. The teens requested a space for themselves, and when the youth want to be more involved, we have to make it happen! The room where the nursery was, will now be the new location for the Adult Sunday School. These were big projects and I want to thank everyone who helped make this happen. (Also watch for the new look to the library!) This last month we had a great VBS with First Christian Church, and it sounds like everyone really enjoyed it. Thank you to Jill Pepper for putting it together, and everyone who helped in any way. As we start a new program year, we have lots of ministry opportunities. Watch the bulletins and the Fellowship Hall Action Board for more details.

Todd Ozmon—Council President

2019 Council Meetings

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

Sept. 10 Oct. 8 Nov. 12 Dec. 10

September Birthdays

- 1 Matthew Stroupe
Emma Banks
- 2 Aaron Wellendorf
- 6 Linda Fox
- 12 Charles Fox
Harry Stroupe
Helen Christy
Connor Bouillon
- 14 Karsten Hulme
- 18 Michael Kent
- 21 Jim Spies
- 22 Harrison Christy
- 24 Lori Collier
Martha Watters
- 27 Mick Noteboom (90th)
- 30 Nancy Allen



IN NEED OF PRAYER

Our loved ones:

- Bob Cobb Paul Dammeier Lois Wellendorf
- Harry Stroupe Teresa King Karen Risler

Our home bound:

- Dorris Adams Helen Wiese Jack Kohrs
- Millie Allison Millie Middleton

Our World:

Czech Republic, Poland, Slovakia, Albania, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia, Slovenia, Bulgaria, Hungary, Romania, Belarus, Moldova, Russia, Ukraine, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia

Our deepest condolences to Ruth Lehmkuhl and Lee and Pam Lehmkuhl on the death of Neil Lehmkuhl, August 4, 2019. He was 88 years old, and he and Ruth celebrated their 64th wedding anniversary in June. Ruth's address is: 5896 Walsh Point, Apt 107, Colorado Springs, CO 80919.

Treasurer's Report July 2019

PLEDGE ACCOUNT	MO.PLEDGE	JULY	GIVEN YTD
General Fund	\$ 5,805.00	\$ 4,937.00	\$ 40,187.00
OCWM	\$ 205.00	\$ 137.00	\$ 1,465.15
Maintenance Reserve	\$ 210.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 1,776.49
Non-Pledge Gen Fund	\$ -	\$ 856.00	\$ 4,949.45
Total Giving	\$ 6,220.00	\$ 6,080.00	\$ 48,378.09

GENERAL FUND	MO BUDGET	TOTAL YTD
Pledged & NP Giving	\$ 5,805.00	\$ 5,793.00 \$ 45,136.45
Misc Gen Fund Giving	\$ -	\$ 87.27 \$ 22,859.39
Total Gen Fund Inc	\$ 5,805.00	\$ 5,880.27 \$ 67,995.84

Pastor Expense	\$ 6,216.00	\$ 5,207.67	\$ 43,277.25
Employee Expense	\$ 1,420.00	\$ 1,226.08	\$ 8,483.16
Church Ministry Exp	\$ 313.00	\$ 44.61	\$ 1,690.45
Office Expense	\$ 283.00	\$ 140.19	\$ 2,029.14
Property Expense	\$ 1,337.00	\$ 381.30	\$ 8,737.50
Total Gen Fun Exp	\$ 9,569.00	\$ 6,999.85	\$ 64,217.50

Net General Fund	\$ (3,764.00)	\$(1,119.58)	\$ 3,778.34
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Submitted by Martha Watters

Usher Greeter Liturgist

- 9/01 Marlene Long Arlene Barclay
- 9/8 CONFIRMATION WORSHIP AT EDWARDS UCC
- 9/15 Karsten Hulme Arlene Barclay
- 9/22 Jan Hannel
- 9/29 Arlene Barclay
- Acolytes: Youth Sandwich makers: NEEDED

**There is NO Share-A-Meal
in September.**



A HUGE VBS THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone for making the 2019 Dr. Seuss VBS a huge success! The children had a great time! THANK YOU JILL PEPPER for all the hard work you put

into creating and planning this event.
THANK YOU FIRST CHRISTIAN DOC and Pastor Linda for partnering with us!
THANKS Sharon and Jim for all you do!
THANK YOU Arlene Barclay, Jan Hannel, Jeri Revels, and David Hulme for helping!
THANK YOU EVERYONE for praying for, donating items and time, and coming to worship.
I wonder what we will do next year!?!?

Eastern Iowa Association Annual Meeting
Sunday, September 22
1:30-6:00 p.m.

Lowden UCC, Lowden, Iowa
See Pastor Heidi if you would like to attend with her.

Women's Group Meeting
Wednesday, September 4, 7:00 p.m.
Christy/Jones Home

N **We need your Help!.....Please Volunteer!**
E Ushers, Greeters, and Liturgists along with
E Fellowship Hour Host/Hostess are needed.
D Cookies for fellowship hour are needed,
E homemade or store bought are fine.
D **Ushers and Sandwich makers**
are needed for September.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Saturday, November 2, 2019
Holiday Bazaar and Attic Shop

Attic Shop Reminder

DEADLINE TO BRING ITEMS IN IS SEPTEMBER 1!

If you are planning to bring items for the fall attic shop please be sure they are **clean!** We have a reputation for having one of the nicest attic shops in our area. Please help us keep it that way. We also want to remind you that items can only brought in by Faith families unless permission has been given.

October Newsletter deadline is
Sunday, September 15
Mailing date is Wednesday, September 25

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

Sunday, September 8
10:15 a.m.



At Edwards Congregational UCC
There will be NO WORSHIP at FAITH UCC

Join us as we welcome 8 new members into our churches! A huge thank you to all those who supported these confirmands through the year. A deep thank you to Jeri Revels for being a faithful leader, full of ideas, curiosity, and compassion. I couldn't have done it without you! Thank you to Edwards UCC for journeying with us, to the parents for getting them to and from places, and to the mentors for building a relationship with them. These are very special youth, and we are blessed by their gifts, talents, and presence among us!

Faith UCC

Karsten Hulme—Pam Edmond, Mentor
Chandler Ozmon—David Hulme, Mentor
Sophie Pepper—Jan Hannel, Mentor

Edwards Congregational UCC

Elliot Knudson—Margaret Wilbur, Mentor
Jake Revels—Cathie Miller, Mentor
Maddox Sullivan—Brad Miller, Mentor
Gavin Verdick—Tom Kenneke, Mentor
Kade Verkick—Lyle Stratton, Mentor

Sunday School Supply Needs

It has been a while since we have gotten supplies for our Sunday School classes. We are in need of some fresh supplies. Please bring donations to the office. If you can't shop, and would like to donate money, we have shoppers!

Markers, Crayons, Loose leaf notebook paper, Art supplies, Any type of religious story books for young children

If you have questions, see Jill Pepper.
Thanks for your help!



Last month we congratulated Myrene Burton on becoming a great grandmother in July. Well, in August she had a great granddaughter born. Double congrats Myrene!

September 2019

Sun

Mon






Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

<p>1 Attic Shop Deadline</p> <p>10:00 a.m. Worship/ Communion Last 10:00 a.m. Worship</p>	<p>2 Labor Day Office Closed</p> 	<p>3</p>	<p>4 9:00 a.m. Quiet Time</p> <p>7:00 p.m. Women's Group Meet Christy/Jones</p>	<p>5</p> 	<p>6</p>	<p>7 Confirmation Dinner 5:30 p.m. at Edwards</p>
<p>8 Confirmation Sunday at Edwards UCC Worship 10:15 a.m.</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Council</p>	<p>11</p> <p>9:00 a.m. Quiet Time</p>	<p>12</p> <p>5:30 p.m. Baskets</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>
<p>15 9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship</p> <p>Newsletter Articles Due</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> 	<p>18</p> <p>9:00 a.m. Quiet Time</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p> 
<p>22 9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship Birthdays/ Anniversaries *See newsletter</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>11:30-1:30 pm Host Eastern Iowa Assoc. Lunch</p>	<p>25</p> <p>9:00 a.m. Quiet Time</p> <p>Newsletter goes out</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p> 	<p>28</p>
<p>29</p> <p>9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>No Share A Meal in September</p>	