



Focus on Faith

Faith United Church of Christ

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PASTORAL PONDERINGS

“But blessed is the one who trusts in the LORD, whose confidence is in him. They will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream. It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green. It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit.” ~ Jeremiah 17:7-8

This year we celebrate 55 years of being Faith United Church of Christ. It is an exciting time!

We are a wonderful tribe—faithful, compassionate, and filled with the Holy Spirit. We have been blessed with a beautiful building, parsonage and grounds. At 55 years of age, our building and parsonage are doing just that, aging. We have reached a time where maintenance has become, well, if nothing else, it has become expensive. We still have a boiler that was installed in 1967 (which still works, by the way!); a sound system that is from 1971 and no longer adaptable to any current technology (we can’t even get junk parts for it!); we have windows on the lower level that are rotting; and a skylight which leaks and a roof that is supporting an iron cross which continues to cause more damage every time we experience high winds. Add to this a dwindling savings and bequest fund.

I know this sounds like doom and gloom—but in reality, it is just that—facts of our reality.

The Bible says, *“Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go.” ~ Joshua 1:9.* While I get that, I still worry. In fact, I have recently realized (with help!) that because I am worried about the possible reactions resulting from these difficult conversations, as your called leader, I am not leading you as well as I could.

So, you may ask, what do we do? Good question, dear friends!

One of my favorite things about this tribe is that we have enormous amounts of faith, and an even greater abundance of love for this church, for one another, and for God. Because of this faith and love, we are able to have a safe place where these difficult discussions can take place and where we can each be heard (which means we must listen!)

It is time for me to set my worry at God’s feet, to trust that the Holy Spirit is moving among us, and begin these conversations. While some of us have already started, but in small groups and some one on one, we need to have a large group conversation.

All this being said, I would like you to mark your calendars for Sunday, September 1. That is Labor Day Sunday (I know, not ideal, but that “perfect” moment I have been waiting for, isn’t going to show up—so it’s what we have!), and what better time to celebrate and converse about our labors—past, present, and future?

I pray you can join me that day for a special worship where we will share the intimate meal of Communion together, offer prayer, praise God in our song, and share God’s truth in love. (PLEASE NOTE—this is NOT a congregational meeting where we will make motions or vote. This is just the opening of wider conversations to come. And, yes, it will be held during the worship hour.)



God has a plan for this faithful community, and now is the time for us to work together to figure it out.

I look forward to seeing you on September 1. (And before, of course!)

~ Always Peace, *Pastor Heidi*

FROM THE COUNCIL:



Church Council Highlights – July 9, 2019

Property:

Still working on sanctuary roof situation with new information.

Outreach:

Mobile Food Pantry on June 29 went very well.

Spiritual Life:

Looking over our altar cloths.

Christian Education:

VBS coming in August.

Other Business:

Working on options for Sunday School space.

Next Council Meeting: Tuesday, August 13, 2019

August Birthdays

- 13 Jay Watters
- Dustin Sierra
- 17 Emily Davis
- 22 David Adams
- Sophie Pepper
- 26 Jack Kohrs
- 27 Mike Martin
- 29 Myrene Burton
- Barb Koenig
- Andrea Ohanlon
- 31 Caden Hart

From the Council President

As everyone knows our church building is getting up there in age. We have a roof that leaks and several other things that need to be done for our church. Our church is small and having a small church we need to look outside of our congregation to raise the money for the things we need to do. This is why the Council has decided to set up a committee to put together fundraisers or other ideas to raise money. We are searching for volunteers to be on this committee. Council has come up with several different ideas for fundraisers and look forward to the input from the committee for more ideas. If you would like to volunteer for this committee, please reach out to Council or Pastor Heidi.

*Todd Ozmon,
Council President*



**IN NEED
OF PRAYER**

Our loved ones:

- Bob Cobb Paul Dammeier Virginia Ewoldt
- Hazel McBride Lois Wellendorf Harry Stroupe
- Teresa King Sharon Christy Karen Risler
- Mark & Becky Christy

Our home bound:

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

Our World:

Canada, United States of America, Aotearoa New Zealand, Australia, Fiji, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Micronesia, Nauru, Paulau, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tivalu, Vanuatu, Western Sansa and the French Overseas Territories of New Caledonia (Kanaky) and French Polynesia

Treasurer's Report June 2019			
PLEDGE ACCOUNT	MO.PLEDGE	JUNE	GIVEN YTD
General Fund	\$ 5,805.00	\$ 6,478.00	\$ 35,250.00
OCWM	\$ 205.00	\$ 272.00	\$ 1,328.15
Maintenance Reserve	\$ 210.00	\$ 105.00	\$ 1,626.49
Non-Pledge Gen Fund	\$ -	\$ 561.20	\$ 4,093.45
Total Giving	\$ 6,220.00	\$ 7,416.20	\$ 42,298.09
GENERAL FUND	MO BUDGET	TOTAL YTD	
Pledged & NP Giving	\$ 5,805.00	\$ 7,039.20	\$ 39,343.45
Misc Gen Fund Giving	\$ -	\$ 10,266.28	\$ 22,772.12
Total Gen Fund Inc	\$ 5,805.00	\$ 17,305.48	\$ 62,115.57
Pastor Expense	\$ 6,216.00	\$ 8,297.76	\$ 38,069.58
Employee Expense	\$ 1,420.00	\$ 1,400.43	\$ 7,257.08
Church Ministry Exp	\$ 313.00	\$ 941.00	\$ 1,645.84
Office Expense	\$ 283.00	\$ 377.11	\$ 1,888.95
Property Expense	\$ 1,337.00	\$ 956.93	\$ 8,356.20
Total Gen Fun Exp	\$ 9,569.00	\$ 11,973.23	\$ 57,217.65
Net General Fund	\$ (3,764.00)	\$ 5,332.25	\$ 4,897.92
Submitted by Martha Watters			

2019 Council Meetings

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

- August 13 Sept. 10
- October 8 Nov. 12 Dec. 10

Share-A-Meal
5:15 p.m.
Friday, August 30, 2019

September Newsletter deadline is
Sunday, August 18
Mailing date is
Wednesday, August 28,

It's A Boy!

Congratulations to Myrene Burton on the birth of her great grandson Jaxxon Powell on Wednesday, July 10.

Hello !

I am part of a group of senior ladies that sew handmade little dresses, and we are looking to expand the reach of our gifts.

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

Our little group of nine ladies make 75-100 dresses per month, in a variety of sizes toddler to teen. We currently send all of our dresses to the charity Little Dresses for Africa, however we are looking for additional ways to share our gifts and get the dresses to the girls who need them. Financial sponsors are also needed to help cover shipping costs

Thank you for your help,
 Arlene Barclay
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 (563) 322-5757

	<u>Usher</u>	<u>Greeter</u>	<u>Liturgist</u>
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8/04	Pam Edmond	Marlene Long	
8/11		Jan Hannel	Jan Hannel
8/18		Arlene Barclay	
8/25			
Acolytes: Youth		Sandwich makers: NEEDED	



Our deepest condolences to Sharon Christy, Mark & Becky Christy & families on the death of Sharon and Mark's Aunt Urania Christy-Tarbet who died on Thursday, July 4, 2019.

Women's Group Pool Party

Becky Christy's House
 August 7, Potluck at 6:00 p.m.
 Pool open in the afternoon
 for everyone (not much shade).

The **Friendly House** sends a Big thank you for our continued support. We gave 41 food/hygiene items in May and 15 hygiene items in June.

Harry Stroupe has been kind enough to share some of his and Maggie's wonderful recipes. We are reproducing them and they will be available soon. Watch the announcements for date and where they will be located in the church to pick up.

Backpack Donations

are being accepted through
Sunday, August 25, the day they will be blessed.
 Other school supplies are also being accepted.
 These supplies are given to the
 EICC Student Success Story

Attic Shop Reminder

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.

PLEASE BRING CLEAN ITEMS ONLY!

Deadline to bring items to the church is September 1st.

REMEMBER YOUR NAME AT WORSHIP

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 and Sandwich Makers
are needed for AUGUST!

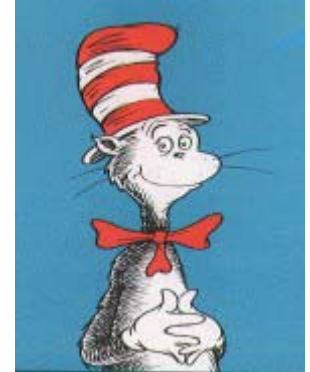
IMPORTANT INFORMATION

As Dr. Seuss continues as our worship and VBS Theme we are asking for donations of NEW Dr. Seuss books for the Sunday morning offering on August 18. These books will be donated to the University of Iowa Children's Hospital.



*It's almost time,
It's going to be great!
VBS is coming,
I can't wait!*

*More information is here,
No need to wait!
We will wear red and white stripes,
and have green on our plate!*



Here are the details:

August 16 from 5:30 - 8:00 PM at Faith UCC

Pizza will be served for dinner from 5:30 - 6. Families are welcome to stay for dinner. Please RSVP!

August 17 from 9:00 - 11:30 AM at First Christian Church

Breakfast will be served from 9:00 - 9:30. Families are welcome to stay for breakfast. Please RSVP!

****There will be an adult VBS Bible study during VBS for those who would like to join!****

August 18 at 10 AM at Junge Park in Davenport

We will have worship led by the children and then lunch and fellowship together. Bring a chair with you!
Please bring a side or dessert to share!

Registration forms are available in the library on the computer table.

Deadline is Sunday, August 11.

Please give these forms to Jill Pepper or leave them in the office.

August 2019

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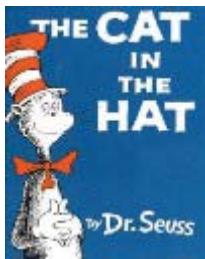
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Sat



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10:00 a.m.
Worship/
Communion

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9:00 a.m.
Quiet Time

Women's Group
Pool Party at
Becky Christy's
6 p.m. Potluck

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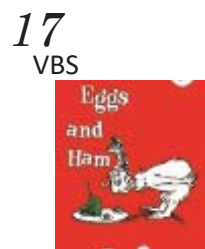
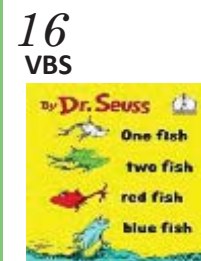
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10:00 a.m.
Worship

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13
6:30 p.m.
Council

14
9:00 a.m.
Quiet Time

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5:30 p.m.
Baskets



18
10:00 a.m.
Worship
VBS Service/
Picnic
Newsletter
Articles Due

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21
9:00 a.m.
Quiet Time

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25
10:00 a.m.
Worship
Birthdays &
Anniversaries

Backpacks Blessed
Ministry Commission

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9:00 a.m.
Quiet Time

Newsletter Out

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5:15 p.m.
Share-A-Meal

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