



Focus on Faith
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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

The scripture above is the theme for this year’s VVBS—Virtual Vacation Bible School—Harry Potter, Jesus, and Me! This scripture has been my go-to scripture during these new and unprecedented times. For a long time, my go-to verse was *“Be still and know that I am God.”* But that feels out of place right now. I—WE have been still for a long time, and many of us have gotten really antsy. (At least I have!) Now, I need to hear more. I need to hear the reassuring words that no matter how upside down, inside out things are, God has everything in Their hands. I need to hear the soothing promise that no matter how much unrest there is, God’s plan are for good. I need to hear the hope and comfort that only God is able to provide.

I need to hear that, even though I can’t visit those of you who are not able to be with us because of your health, God is with you. I need to hear that even though worship is different, and still evolving, God knows where we are headed. I need to hear that even though there is civil unrest, that truths about systemic oppression are being cracked wide open, that God’s plans for us are promises of hope.

I need to hear that, even though he is 19, and starting July 29 will be 18 hours away from me, Jarrod will be just fine, because God has Jarrod’s future of hope in Their hands. I need to hear that the students and teachers who are preparing to go back to school will be watched over by the very One they were created by.

I need to hear these promises—over and over and over—lest I forget that our God is bigger than anything we can comprehend—MUCH bigger than a virus, or our aloneness, or even our fears. I don’t know about you, but I need to hear that in our shadowed valleys, and our lonely days, God walks with us, and wants (and plans!) only the best for us!

I think we can all agree that in many ways, life will never go back to “what it once was.” Friends, please know that is a good thing! God created us in Their image, to be in relationship with one another, and with Them. But those relationships were not sustainable in the ways we were living them out. So now we have the opportunity to change that. We have the choice to bring love and joy into the world, leaving behind the plethora of divisions, violence, and fear. I recently read that 20/20 vision is what we have when we look back over time. The year is 2020. Maybe God is using the bad of this year to create clarity within each one of us. Clarity of understanding what is important in life; clarity of what it means to love your neighbor AND your enemy; and clarity that God is God, and God’s plans for us are for hope, faith, love, and a prosperous future.

I don’t know about you, but those are exactly the words I need to hear right now.

~ Always Peace, *Pastor Heidi*

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



**PASTOR HEIDI WILL BE ON VACATION FOLLOWING WORSHIP
 JULY 26 – SUNDAY, AUGUST 9.
 SHE WILL RETURN TO THE OFFICE ON MONDAY, AUGUST 10.
 IN CASE OF EMERGENCY, CONTACT JILL PEPPER AT 563-370-1359.**

FROM THE COUNCIL:

Church Council Highlights – July 14, 2020

Property:

The sound/video system is being installed and we have accepted a bid for roof replacement.

Outreach:

Faith UCC will host a virtual People's Caucus on July 27 for House District 89.

Spiritual Life:

Karleen hopes to do usher signups by phone.

Christian Education:

Virtual Vacation Bible School is July 26-31.

Other Business

We resumed in-person worship on June 21.

Next Council Meeting: Tuesday, August 11, 2020

Notes from the Council President

I hope this summer finds you doing well, despite the oddities that are happening.

We have a lot going on here at Faith. The wiring has been installed for the sound/video system, and we are waiting for the rest of the equipment to come in so that they can install it. If you are interested in learning how to run the new system, please see Pastor Heidi.

We filed an insurance claim on the roofs following the April 7 hail storm. There was significant damage to the sanctuary roof, shed roof, church gutters, and window encasings. We are waiting for the estimate.

Mick Noteboom has contacted both White Roofing and Cedar Valley Steel to get them to coordinate the construction of the sanctuary roof. We will share those details as we know more.

Council is putting together a Property Committee to help with the many things that our building and grounds need. If you are willing to help, please see myself or Pastor Heidi.

Have a great rest of your summer.

Todd Ozmon—Council President

Treasurer's Report June 2020

PLEDGE ACCOUNT	MO.PLEDGE	JUNE	GIVEN YTD
General Fund	\$ 6,182.42	\$ 6,290.00	\$ 37,742.00
OCWM	\$ 160.75	\$ 232.00	\$ 947.00
Maintenance Reserve	\$ 305.92	\$ 1,549.00	\$ 2,775.00
Non-Pledge Gen Fund	\$ -	\$ 673.00	\$ 3,355.00
Total Giving	\$ 6,649.08	\$ 8,744.00	\$ 44,819.00

GENERAL FUND	MO BUDGET		TOTAL YTD
Pledged & NP Giving	\$ 6,182.00	\$ 6,963.00	\$ 41,097.00
Misc Gen Fund Giving	\$ -	\$ 16.79	\$ 185.14
Transfers In	\$ -	\$ 8,363.49	\$ 20,416.05
Total Gen Fund Inc	\$ 6,182.00	\$15,343.28	\$ 61,698.19

Pastor Expense	\$ 6,398.00	\$ 6,650.15	\$ 37,650.45
Employee Expense	\$ 1,437.00	\$ 797.32	\$ 4,783.92
Church Ministry Exp	\$ 325.00	\$ 42.73	\$ 503.67
Office Expense	\$ 301.00	\$ 847.62	\$ 2,685.11
Property Expense	\$ 1,337.00	\$ 1,502.36	\$ 9,125.62
Total Gen Fun Exp	\$ 9,798.00	\$ 9,840.18	\$ 54,748.77

Net General Fund	\$ (3,616.00)	\$ 5,503.10	\$ 6,949.42
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Submitted by Martha Watters

Newsletter articles due the 3rd Sunday of the month.

September Newsletter article deadline is Aug. 16.

September Newsletter will be mailed Aug. 26.

CONGRATULATIONS to Lyndy Holdt for making



the spring semester Dean's List at the University of Dubuque.

Our deepest condolences go to
Victoria Ertel on the death of her
Husband, Tom, on Monday, June 29.



To our church family. Thank-you for your prayers, cards, and concerns for my breast cancer. I had surgery on June 3rd and started radiation treatments on Tuesday, July 14. Thank-you!

~Janelle Hoker



WOMEN'S GROUP
We will NOT have
Women's Group in August.

Share-A-Meal

*The next time we are scheduled to serve will be
Tuesday, September 29 at 5:15 p.m.
Please watch for further details.*



- 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

2020 Council Meetings

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

Aug. 11 Sept. 8

Oct. 13 Nov. 10 Dec. 8

As we have done since March, we continue to pray for all those who are affected in any way with the virus. We add to this, all those who are affected by the racial tensions and divisions. We also pray for the leaders of this community country, and of the world, to keep God at the center as they make decisions that are best for all humans.

Our Faith Family

Jan Johnson
Dave Leamer
Hazel McBride
Marlene Long
Mick Noteboom
Lois Wellendorf
Kay Showens
Gloria Power
Janelle Hoker
Janell and Kenny Alger
Family of Deb and Jim Sullivan

Our Homebound

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

Our Family and Friends

Pat Hicks
Paula Wakeland
Karen Byers
Merrill Pepper
Randy Bales



Our World:

Canada, United States of America, Aotearoa, New Zealand, Australia,
The Pacific Islands: Fiji, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Micronesia, Nauru, Palau,
Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu,
Western Samoa and the French Overseas Territories of New Caledonia (Kanaky) and French Polynesia (Tahiti),
Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Czech Republic, Poland, Slovakia

**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.**

Fundraising Committee

Painting Party

Thank you to all who made our 1st Painting Party
a huge success! We look forward to doing it again—
preferably when we don't have to change the date!



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 Terri Lynn online:

<https://faithUCC.terrilynn.com>

Or order online:

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



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

Little Dresses For Africa (LDFA) sewing group

will start meeting here at Faith UCC in the
Fellowship Hall on
Fridays from 1:30-3:30 p.m.

We gladly accept donations:



Cotton fabric
1/4 inch elastic
Double fold bias tape,
all colors
Thread, all colors

We are always in need of monetary spon-
sors to help with postage and shipping
costs.

All are welcome, even if you don't sew.

We are also looking for additional mission-
aries, 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!

August 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Pastor Heidi On Vacation
2 10:30 a.m. Worship Communion Jill Pepper lead worship	3	4	5 NO Bible Study NO Women's Group	6	7 1:30-3:30 p.m. Sewing Group	8 
9 10:30 a.m. Worship Jill Pepper lead worship	10 Pastor Heidi Back in office	11 6:30 p.m. 	12 NO Bible Study	13	14 1:30-3:30 p.m. Sewing Group	15
16 10:30 a.m. Worship Newsletter Articles Due	17	18	19 10:00 a.m. Bible Study	20 5:30 Basket Class	21 1:30-3:30 p.m. Sewing Group	22 
23 10:30 a.m. Worship Birthdays and Anniversaries	24	25 	26 10:00 a.m. Bible Study Mail Newsletter	27	28 1:30-3:30 p.m. Sewing Group	29
30 10:30 a.m. Worship	31					