



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



Last summer our family watched reruns of the TV series “*Star Trek: The Next Generation*.” During the beginning credits, you hear the voice of Captain Jean-Luc Picard of the Starship Enterprise say: “Space... The final frontier... These are the voyages of the Starship Enterprise. Its continuing mission: To explore strange new worlds... To seek out new life; new civilizations... To boldly go where no one has gone before!”

When it’s finished, my husband always says, “Boldlygo?!? I’ve watched all the episodes and they’ve never gone to no Boldlygo!” Makes me laugh every time!

But as I sit here on this cool, snowy morning, hearing that reminds me of ringing in the New Year. As one year comes to a close, and we pack away all of the decorations we pulled out to celebrate the birth of our Savior, we look toward a new beginning. A year which has never before been explored by anyone. It is like looking into the vast and far reaching darkness of space. We have no idea what will be beyond the next minute, the next day, or the next month. It’s scary and exciting all at the same time.

But with this New Year, comes ABUNDANT OPPORTUNITY! The opportunity to shake off those things we may not be as proud of, and start fresh. The opportunity to try something new, and fail. The opportunity to try another thing new, and succeed!

This year, our opportunities will be abundant! But what opportunities will we choose? This is where we stand. What do we do now?

January marks 56 years as Faith United Church of Christ, and we have talked many times about being at a crossroads. But we are done talking. The year 2020 is Faith’s year of ACTION! There is much to do – creating a new vision and mission statement; revitalizing our social media; working toward financing a new roof (or more!); preparing and living out Rest and Renewal time; and who knows what else. We will make a plan, maybe tweak it once or ten times, but we will always be moving forward. Make no mistake - the Holy Spirit is alive and well within us and within our church, and is just waiting for us to say YES to our call.

With action, takes commitment – the commitment to try, to participate, to be willing to do what others won’t do. (By others, I mean others outside of our church!) Jesus taught his disciples actions, not just words. They were taught to heal, to baptize, to work toward peace and justice, to love. And then they were taught to *go into the world and do likewise*.

Friends, 2020 is our time to go out and do likewise. We are looking into our future, and it is bright! We are going where others won’t. Are you ready for the adventure? Buckle up, and maybe, finally, we will find our “Boldlygo!”



Pastor Heidi will be on vacation from
December 25—January 1
and will return to the office on January 2, 2020.
In case of emergency, please contact
Rev. Mariah Marlin-Warfield at 773-420-6426.

Deep Peace and Joy
to you and yours this Holiday Season!!

~ Always Peace, *Pastor Heidi*

FROM THE COUNCIL:

Church Council Highlights – November 12, 2019

Property:

Bob will purchase a new snow blower for the church.

Outreach:

Share-A-Meal served 90 on October 29.

Spiritual Life:

Myrene performed her usual duties.

Christian Education:

Will decide whether to hold a Children’s Christmas Program.

Other Business:

Fundraising going well. More to come in January.

Next Council Meeting: Tuesday, December 10, 2019

Newsletter articles due the 3rd Sunday of the month

February Newsletter article deadline is January 19

February Newsletter will be mailed January 29

As you prepare your giving for 2020, please consider setting up an online giving account. Go to our website www.faithuccdavenport.org and click on Online Giving. You can also download the Online Giving App to your phone—directions for this are also on our website.

UPDATED Roof Bid

During our December 8 Congregational Meeting, we had some wonderful discussion. It was difficult, but long overdue.

Three things came out of this meeting:

- 1) A motion was made and passed to remove the metal cross from the roof, and have Cedar Valley Steel dispose of it for \$7000. The question was if we could remove it immediately, or not. Mick was able to talk with Cedar Valley, and we found out that we cannot remove the cross at this time because we do not have a roofing contract. The legs are hollow and once they remove it, the roofer is supposed to come and put rubber over it until they get the roof finished. If we remove it, water would collect in the pieces left in the roof, which will end up causing more damage. We will look into another cross to place in front of the church once the roof is finished.
- 2) The roof bid was tabled until further discussion regarding raising money could be had.
- 3) We took this time to reflect on what vision the congregation has for the church. We will take a congregational survey during worship on Sunday, January 5 to begin our discernment process. Council agreed to come up with a plan of action proposal at the January Annual Meeting on January 19.

If you have ideas to share, or questions, please see Todd Ozmon or Pastor Heidi.

Notes from the Council President

Help Wanted! We still have two chairs open on Church Council vacant. Volunteers are needed.

Annual Reports. The various annual reports are due in the office by December 31, 2019. Please submit them electronically if possible.

Annual Meeting. Our Annual Meeting will be on January 19, 2020. A potluck will follow the church service. The Annual Meeting will be held in Fellowship Hall after the potluck.

MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Todd Ozmon—Council President

Treasurer’s Report November 2019

PLEDGE ACCOUNT	MO.PLEDGE	NOVEMBER	GIVEN YTD
General Fund	\$ 5,805.00	\$ 5,625.50	\$ 63,678.50
OCWM	\$ 205.00	\$ 197.00	\$ 2,303.15
Maintenance Reserve	\$ 210.00	\$ 267.00	\$ 2,613.49
Non-Pledge Gen Fund	\$ -	\$ 699.60	\$ 7,432.86
Total Giving	\$ 6,220.00	\$ 6,789.10	\$ 76,028.00

GENERAL FUND	MO BUDGET		TOTAL YTD
Pledged & NP Giving	\$ 5,805.00	\$ 6,325.10	\$ 71,102.36
Misc Gen Fund Giving	\$ -	\$ 173.14	\$ 24,646.49
Total Gen Fund Inc	\$ 5,805.00	\$ 6,498.24	\$ 95,748.85

Pastor Expense	\$ 6,216.00	\$ 6,097.71	\$ 67,309.54
Employee Expense	\$ 1,420.00	\$ 781.72	\$ 12,777.25
Church Ministry Exp	\$ 313.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 2,839.17
Office Expense	\$ 283.00	\$ 242.85	\$ 3,190.52
Property Expense	\$ 1,337.00	\$ 889.58	\$ 11,876.50
Total Gen Fun Exp	\$ 9,569.00	\$ 8,031.86	\$ 97,992.98

Net General Fund	\$ (3,764.00)	\$ (1,533.62)	\$ (2,244.13)
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Submitted by Martha Watters



2020 Council Meetings

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

Jan. 14 Feb. 11 Mar. 10 Apr. 14

May 12 Jun. 9 Jul. 14 Aug. 11

Sept. 8 Oct. 13 Nov. 10 Dec. 8

Share-A-Meal

Friday, January 31st, 2020
at 5:15 p.m.



**IN NEED
OF PRAYER**

Our loved ones:

Marlene Long Karen Byers Joan Goodin
Harry Stroupe Lois Wellendorf
Janell and Kenny Alger

Our home bound:

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

Our World:

Bahrain, Iran, Iraq, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi
Arabia, United Arab Emirates, Yemen, Cyprus,
Greece, Turkey, Algeria, Libya, Morocco, Tunisia,
Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, Sweden

**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.**

	<u>Usher</u>	<u>Greeter</u>	<u>Liturgist</u>
1-05	Jim Sullivan	Deb Sullivan	Cheryl Leamer
1-12	_____	_____	Jan Hannel
1-19	_____	_____	_____
1-26	_____	_____	_____
Acolytes: Youth		Sandwich Makers: Bob King	

*Thank You to everyone for your cards,
thoughts and prayers following my
gallbladder surgery.*

~ Morgan Barclay



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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 January

Report from Fundraising Committee

The fundraising committee is continuing to work on the
current projects, the Terri Lynn Nuts and RADA Cutlery.

We have several of the knives in stock, as well as some of
the nuts, and they are available for purchase! (More nuts
coming soon!) If you would like to order something that
we do not have in stock, you can either fill out an order
form at the church or order on line at these websites:

Terri Lynn Nuts:

<https://faithUCC.terrilynn.com>

Rada Cutlery:

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

We have more fun activities that we are working on for
the new year. We hope you can join us!

~ Jill Pepper



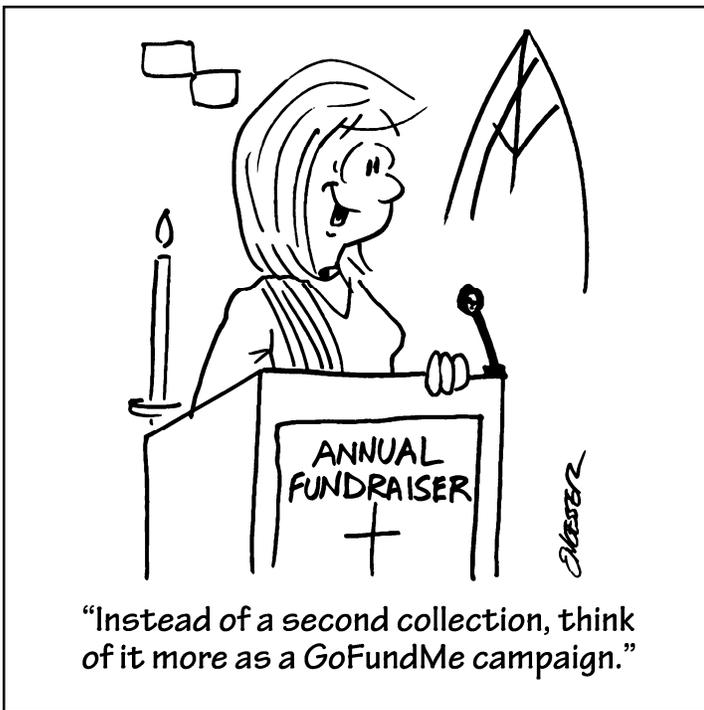
**JANUARY
Birthdays**

- 1 Marlene Long
- 8 Jeffrey Banks
- 10 Nancy Jones
- Arlene Barclay
- 14 Robert Fairbanks
- 16 Michelle Holdt
- 22 John Raap
- Shara Rangel
- Kathy Edlemon
- Vanessa Banks
- 30 Eli Ozmon



OFFICE CLOSED

The office will be closed on
December 25, 26, 27
and also closed on
January 1, 2, 3
In observance of Christmas
and New Years



Annual Reports Due
 Please have your annual reports to the office no later than **DECEMBER 31**. Thank you!




Student Success Store Needs Our Help!!
 Because of the early cold temperatures, the Store is in need of the following items. There is a table in the fellowship hall for the items.



- Diapers – all sizes
- Non-perishable food items
- Winter coats – Men, Women, & Children
- Warm winter clothing – gently used
- Warm socks – all sizes
- Mittens, scarfs, and hats – Adult & Children

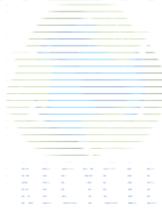
Building Use
 As a member of the Faith UCC tribe, you are able to use the building for gatherings for FREE! All we ask is that you let the office know so we can make a note on the calendar in order to avoid double bookings and as a courtesy to inform the janitors. Thank you!




Time to CELEBRATE!
 Our pledges are up from last year!
 Thank you to all who have pledged. If you would like to make a pledge, it's not too late! See Martha.

Campaign	2020	2019	Difference
General Fund	74,189	69,498	4,691 more
OCWM	1,929	2,464	(535) less
Maintenance	2,520	3,671	1,151 more

DID YOU KNOW?
 Batteries are recyclable! If you would like to lessen your carbon footprint, bring your batteries to the church and place them in the container provided in the narthex.



January 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<u>1</u> Happy New Year NO Quiet time or Bible Study	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u> 	<u>4</u>
<u>5</u> 9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship / <i>Communion</i> 12:30—2:30 p.m. Youth Group	<u>6</u> 5:30 p.m. ROC meeting	<u>7</u> 	<u>8</u> 9:00 a.m. Quiet Time 10:00 a.m. Bible Study	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u> 	<u>11</u>
<u>12</u> 9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship	<u>13</u> Crafters 6:30-8:30 p.m. 	<u>14</u> 6:30 p.m. Council	<u>15</u> 9:00 a.m. Quiet Time 10:00 a.m. Bible Study	<u>16</u>	<u>17</u> 	<u>18</u>
<u>19</u> 9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship POTLUCK AND ANNUAL MEETING IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING WORSHIP <i>Newsletter articles due</i>	<u>20</u>	<u>21</u> 	<u>22</u> 9:00 a.m. Quiet Time 10:00 a.m. Bible Study	<u>23</u>	<u>24</u> 	<u>25</u>
<u>26</u> 9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship <i>Birthdays and Anniversaries</i>	<u>27</u> 	<u>28</u>	<u>29</u> 9:00 a.m. Quiet Time 10:00 a.m. Bible Study Mail Newsletter	<u>30</u>  LOVE NEVER FAILS	<u>31</u> 5:15 p.m. Share-A-Meal	