



Focus on Faith

Faith United Church of Christ

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PASTORAL PONDERINGS

“Behold, I am doing a new thing;
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness
and rivers in the desert.” ~ *Isaiah 43:19*

Spring and Easter are synonymous with “new life”. Trees bud new leaves, new flowers grow, baby animals of all kinds are born, the grass turns green and once again grows, and possibly the best part, is that the days are longer, and much, much warmer. Easter is when God proves to us that death doesn’t get the last word, by raising Jesus after three days of being dead in the tomb. This time of year is rife with possibilities, and opportunities.

Faith UCC is no different. As we continue to challenge ourselves by growing our faith, and working through exactly who we are, and what God wants us to be, we are exploring new ways of doing things, and taking on new opportunities.

In the last year, we have changed the look of worship several times as we followed an Advent Series and Lent Series; we partnered with First Christian Church DOC for VBS (and will again this summer) as well as for Youth Group; partnered with Edwards Congregational UCC for Confirmation, which led to a combined Lent Wednesday evening program, Maundy Thursday (which included foot washing by Pastor Becky and myself—something new for me!), and Good Friday services. We have moved a few rows of pews out of the sanctuary and replaced them with chairs so that those with back problems are more comfortable during worship, and there are more on the way.

We are also now able to offer Online Giving as an electronic tool for contributions so you can give via the Internet or download the app to your phone. Click on the Donate/Give Link on our website at www.faihuccdavenport.org to get started.

Coming up, new things to look for will be mission opportunities with Riverbend Food Bank (watch for more details); a trip with the Confirmation class (anyone who would like to go) to Feed My Starving Children in Aurora, IL; Confirmation trip to General Synod in Milwaukee, WI and a combined youth led worship service on June 30.

Our job is to continue listening, searching and praying for our call by God to the places we need to be. By keeping our minds, eyes, ears, and hearts open to that call, we learn to be flexible. Life is fluid, and the Spirit blows where it will, and as a mighty church on the hill, we must learn to be fluid and flexible as well.

I love spring, and I especially love the Easter message—death doesn’t win. Our God, our Love, wins. And because of this, we are offered new life. What will we do with that new life?



~ Always Peace, *Pastor Heidi*

FROM THE COUNCIL:

Church Council Highlights – April 9, 2019

Property:

Discussed issues with the sanctuary roof. Waiting for insurance company.

Outreach:

Getting involved in The Backpack Program and Mobile Food Pantry.

Spiritual Life:

Wednesday evening Lenten supper and program at Edwards finishes this week.

Christian Education:

Preparing for Holy Week and VBS.

Other Business:

Office Assistant, Judy, is absent for a time. Arlene Barclay and Carol Spies are helping in the office.

Next Council Meeting: Tuesday, May 14, 2019



Our loved ones:

Paul Dammeier Mary Fox Hazel McBride
 Arlene Barclay & Family Lois Wellendorf
 Harry Stroupe and Family

Our home bound:

Dorris Adams Helen Wiese Jack Kohrs
 Millie Allison Millie Middleton

Our World:

Sudan, South Sudan, Uganda, Kenya, Tanzania, Malawi, Zambia, Botswana, Zimbabwe

From the Council President

We are in the season of needing to make some changes so we can stay relevant as a church. Our building is getting up there in age, therefore requiring more repairs than we have funds for. Council is working on ways to ensure we can make repairs as they come up. In the near future, we will begin brainstorming ideas. We will hold "Big Table" conversations to allow everyone to share your ideas. Be on the lookout for more details. If you can't make any of the discussions, please reach out to any member of the Council with your ideas. This way we can get everyone involved! Thanks for your help.

Todd Ozmon, Council President

Our deepest condolences go to Millie Allison on the death of her daughter, Anita Watkins, on April 10, 2019.

Congratulations to Helen Wiese on the birth of her great-granddaughter, Elizabeth Ruth, born to Jonathan and Melissa Wiese on March 17, 2019.

FLOOD / DISASTER ASSISTANCE

If you are interested in helping with disaster relief for the recent flooding, here are two ways to do so:

United Church of Christ

You may donate online at Emergency USA Fund or make checks out to United Church of Christ with "Emergency USA Fund" in the memo United Church of Christ c/o Financial Services Office, 700 Prospect Ave. Cleveland OH 44115

Nebraska Farm Bureau Disaster Relief Fund

This is to provide emergency aid to Nebraska farmers, ranchers, and rural communities who have been affected by recent storms and flooding. The foundation is a charitable nonprofit and all donations are tax deductible. 100% of the donations will be distributed.

You may donate online, or make checks out to NB Farm Bureau Foundation
 Mail to: Nebraska Farm Bureau Foundation
 Attn: Disaster Relief Fund
 P.O. Box 80299
 Lincoln, NE 68501-0299

**Please contact the church office if you or someone you know needs a pastoral visit or is going to be in the hospital.
 563-391-5726.**

Treasurer's Report March 2019			
PLEDGE ACCOUNT	MO.PLEDGE	MAR	GIVEN YTD
General Fund	\$ 5,805.00	\$ 8,176.00	\$ 17,520.00
OCWM	\$ 205.00	\$ 207.00	\$ 622.15
Maintenance Reserve	\$ 210.00	\$ 130.00	\$ 871.49
Non-Pledge Gen Fund	\$ -	\$ 736.00	\$ 2,274.00
Total Giving	\$ 6,220.00	\$ 9,249.00	\$ 21,287.64
GENERAL FUND	MO BUDGET		TOTAL YTD
Pledged & NP Giving	\$ 5,805.00	\$ 8,912.00	\$ 19,794.00
Misc Gen Fund Giving	\$ -	\$ 110.08	\$ 12,045.69
Total Gen Fund Inc	\$ 5,805.00	\$ 9,022.08	\$ 31,839.69
Pastor Expense	\$ 6,216.00	\$ 7,299.91	\$ 18,250.58
Employee Expense	\$ 1,420.00	\$ 1,293.58	\$ 3,876.98
Church Ministry Exp	\$ 313.00	\$ 200.78	\$ 389.14
Office Expense	\$ 283.00	\$ 340.87	\$ 863.80
Property Expense	\$ 1,337.00	\$ 1,349.91	\$ 4,055.03
Total Gen Fun Exp	\$ 9,569.00	\$ 10,485.05	\$ 27,435.53
Net General Fund	\$ (3,764.00)	\$ (1,462.97)	\$ 4,404.16
Submitted by Martha Watters			

Share-A-Meal

5:15 p.m. Tuesday, April 30

June Newsletter articles deadline
is June 16
the newsletter will be sent out
on June 26



Thank you to all who have donated food and hygiene items for the Friendly House. We collected 29 items during the month of March!

Office closed
May 27
in observance of
Memorial Day



Congregation ~

My Mom, Vivian Giebelstein, missing worship with the best church in Davenport! She really enjoys the continuing contact with the church. She turned 95 on Mar 24. Slowing down but still sharp as a tack! Still deaf! LOL
Thanks for your continuing support of Mom!
Pati Hoffmann



Handbell Ringers Wanted

Can you count to eight?
Know your right from left hand?
Join us for practice & summer performance. Watch the bulletin board for info or contact Morgan Barclay or Susan Senn.

Church Women United 2019 May Friendship Day THE TIME IS NOW! "Agree to Differ"

Friday, May 3, 2019
9:00 a.m.—Registration
9:30 a.m.—Brunch and Program (\$7.00)
Christ United Methodist
2330 W. 41st Street, Davenport

New Business! Visit Michelle Holdt
Not Just a Sandwich !!

JEFFIE'Z

It's a Sando!!

1401 W. 7th Street, Davenport
Phone# 563-200-4883

WORSHIP TIME CHANGE

Sunday, May 26

Services will start at 10:00 a.m.
and will continue at that time
until Labor Day. Please make
note of this.



PILGRIM HEIGHTS CAMP & RETREAT CENTER

2019 Camp Schedule starts June 7th
For registration forms and
scholarship information
Please see Pastor Heidi



WOMEN'S GROUP

Wednesday, May 1st
6:00 p.m.
At Olive Garden

Please call or text RSVP to
Becky 563-210-0711



2019 Council Meetings

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

May	14	June	11
July	9	August	13
Sept.	10	October	8
Nov.	12	Dec.	10

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.



**Spring Attic Shop,
Craft, and
Bake Sale**
Saturday, May 18
8am—2pm

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Check out the times and activities below and
decide how you can help.

A signup sheet will be posted.

9:30 Wednesday, May 15

We will set up tables, bring up attic
stuff, and put out what we can.



9:30 Thursday, May 16

We will finish setting up with help from anyone!

Friday, May 17

Someone will be here between
3 p.m. to 5 p.m. to accept bake
sale items.

Be sure they are priced.



Saturday, May 18

We will need cashiers as well as helpers for the
attic area, the craft area, and the bake sale.

We will also need helpers for cleanup.



MAY

- 5 Max Holdt
- Valerie Fairbanks
- 7 Veralynn Fox
- 8 Wilma Graden
- Joanna Connors
- 9 Cody McKune
- 10 Todd Ozmon
- 12 Susan Fox
- 14 Scot Bouillon
- 15 Maggie Stroupe
- 16 Millie Allison
- Carol Spies
- Larry Wiese
- 21 Sarah Wheaton
- 23 Deb Sullivan
- 27 Karleen Noteboom

May 27 – June 2

Pastor Heidi will be on vacation
for Jarrod's graduation.

Jill Pepper will lead worship.

Rev. Linda Hunsaker will be

on call. In case of emergency,
please call her at 563-940-8251.



You are invited!

Erin Root's
Graduation

**Latimer Golf Course
Latimer, IA**

**Saturday, May 18,
2019**

9:00—11:30 a.m.

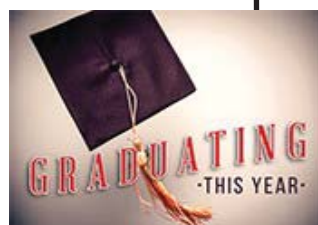
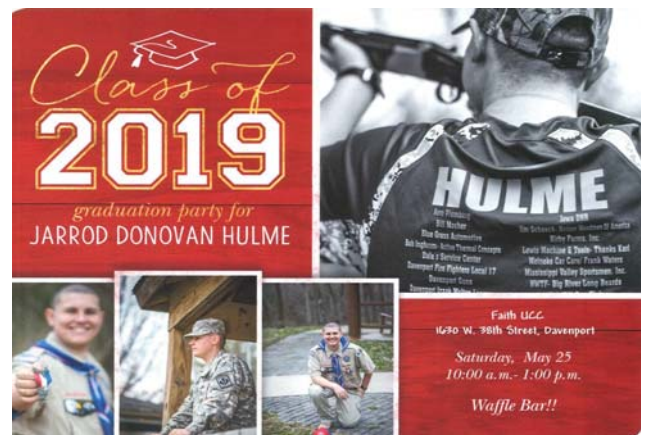
Or send her a card:

Erin Root
P.O. Box 105
Coulter, IA 50431



OUR 2019 GRADUATE

Please join us for brunch to celebrate
Erin's High School Graduation



You are invited! Jarrod's Graduation Party
Faith UCC

Saturday, May 25, 2019 10 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

We will have a WAFFLE BAR!!

May 2019

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

	<p><u>Youth Group Schedule</u> Noon-2:00 p.m. First Christian May 5th Faith UCC May 19th</p>	<p><u>Confirmation Schedule</u> 12:30-2:30 p.m. 12th at Faith 26th No Mtg</p>	<p>1 9:00 a.m. Quiet Time 6:00 p.m. Women's Group</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4 </p>
<p>5 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship/ Communion</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7 </p>	<p>8 9:00 a.m. Quiet Time</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10 </p>	<p>11</p>
<p>12 9:15 am Sunday School 10:30 am Worship </p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14 6:30 p.m. Council</p>	<p>15 9:00 a.m. Quiet Time 9:30 a.m. Begin Set up for Spring Attic Shop</p>	<p>16 5:30 p.m. Baskets 9:30 Spring Attic Shop Set Up</p>	<p>17 3-5 p.m. Drop off bake sale items</p>	<p>18 Spring Attic Shop & Crafts 8 a.m.- 2 p.m.</p>
<p>19 9:15 am LAST DAY OF Sunday School 10:30 am Worship Newsletter articles due</p>	<p>20 </p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22 9:00 a.m. Quiet Time</p>	<p>23 </p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25 Fellowship Hall Jarrod Hulme Graduation 10 - 1 p.m.</p>
<p>26 No Sunday School NEW TIME Worship 10:00 am Birthdays & Anniversaries</p>	<p>27 <i>Office closed</i> </p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29 NO Quiet Time</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31 5:15 p.m. Share-A-Meal</p>	<p></p>