



Focus on Faith

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PASTORAL PONDERINGS

"A Psalm for giving thanks. Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth! Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing! Know that the Lord, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name! For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations." ~Psalm 100:1-5

For the first time since this whole COVID-19 pandemic began, I am afraid. I am not afraid of opening things back up and moving back toward a state of togetherness—I know many of you are, and that’s okay. I am not afraid of getting sick (especially in the season where my allergies kick my butt!)—I know many of you are, and that’s okay. There are a thousand things that I could be afraid of and I know each of you could come up with 10 of your own fears, and that’s okay.

What scares me is something that the Wisconsin Council of Churches sent out last week to all the churches in Wisconsin. It is a comprehensive document guiding churches through the re-opening phases. For the most part, it is very good, so I sent it to the Council. But as I read through it again, one part caught my eye. That part says: *"Singing is among the riskier behaviors when it comes to spreading droplets/aerosols which can carry the virus a significant distance and remain suspended in the air. A cloth mask is unlikely to be enough to protect you or your neighbor. We recommend against singing in the sanctuary when the congregation is gathered."*

Friends, this scares me because when we, people of faith, stop singing our praises to God, we face losing our hope. Singing is not only about giving God our praise, it is about clinging to hope, remembering who and whose we are, and claiming our faith as Easter People. *"Amazing Grace," "How Great Thou Art," "In the Garden," "Be Now My Vision," "Come, O Fount of Every Blessing,"* or *"Joy to the World"* are among some of my favorites. What songs/hymns bring peace and comfort to your heart when you need it most?

Recently I watched an episode of M*A*S*H* with Jarrod. There was a lull in the fighting, and the unit had nothing to do but clean. During this time, they didn’t get any mail, and everyone was set on edge. Father Mulcahy found their mail and a movie to distract them, but the movie kept breaking down. Each time it stopped and Klinger had to fix it, they sang. The songs weren’t church songs, but they brought humor and smiles, and allowed the rough edges (everyone’s anger) to once again become smooth. The hope they lost had been found, and it was thanks to music.

As we move forward into the transformation of church that we have yet to discover, there is one thing I know for sure—our praising God will continue with music and singing. The Bible—especially the Psalms— are filled with instruction of praising God with music and singing. Everything God created was meant to praise God with song. If you don’t believe me, just stand outside and listen. Yes, we will continue safe practices, and we may not get to go back to exactly how it once was, but we will continue to offer God our thanks and praise as we sing together!

When you find yourself afraid during this time, I invite you to find your voice—you don’t have to sing in tune—God said *"Make a joyful noise!"* God didn’t say, *"Make a joyful noise in tune!"* Open your windows and shout to the Lord a new song! Share God’s love and hope with a wonderful world that desperately needs it. And if you don’t know what to sing—

"Jesus Loves Me" or *"Kum By Ya"* is a great place to start!

~Always Peace, *Pastor Heidi*



Millie Allison turns 99 on May 16!
Because we are unable to gather for a Birthday Party, Millie’s family is inviting everyone to send her a birthday card!
Millie Allison
Senior Star at Elmore Place
4500 Elmore Ave. Room 329
Davenport, IA 52807



Summer Worship Hours
begin Sunday, May 24.
10:00 a.m.

We will worship online until further notice. Please watch for details.

COVID-19 UPDATES

What is happening at Faith UCC??

Notes from the Council President

Hello Everyone,

I hope everyone is staying safe and healthy through this pandemic. We are all dealing with the unknown of what is going to happen. I want to thank the essential workers for doing what they do during this unusual time. I know it's tough not having services on Sunday during this time but Pastor Heidi is doing a great job with the virtual services. If you haven't seen the services, check them out on our Facebook page or our Youtube account. Council has voted to wait another month before gathering again in the sanctuary together. It's hard to make these decisions but it's something that Council feels is the right thing to do for our congregation. Remember we have online giving that is available to make your pledges during this time. Thank you! Keep safe.

Todd Ozmon—Council President



IMPORTANT!!!

If you enter the church building at any time while we are closed, we respectfully request that you WIPE DOWN every surface you touched with the wipes available. We are trying to keep our environment safe for all who are at high risk, but especially our custodians. When you don't wipe things down before you leave, Pastor Heidi has to do it. Thank you for your help!!

***SPRING ATTIC SHOP & CRAFT SALE
has been cancelled due to the
COVID-19 pandemic.***

Once we are able to gather together again, we will start taking donations for the Holiday Bazaar scheduled for Saturday, November 7.

Share-A-Meal

*The next time we serve will be
Friday, May 29 at 5:15 p.m.*

WATCH FOR DETAILS—NOT CONFIRMED YET

Easter Lilies



Thank you to all who ordered lilies to adorn the sanctuary on Easter morning. Because we were not able to worship together, we have decided that we will instead purchase flowers to celebrate our first Sunday worship back together. We will have a list of loved ones on that day.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, all events held in Faith UCC Church have been cancelled through May 31.

Please join us for online worship on our Facebook page
<https://www.facebook.com/FaithUCCDavenport/>
or on our YouTube Channel -
Faith United Church of Christ Davenport

Update from the Fundraising Committee

Once again, our Painting Party has had to make a change! **We will now gather on June 28** at the church.

Please watch for more details in the coming months on a **Euchre Tournament and Trivia Night**.

We still have our nuts and knives!

Please continue to spread the word on those.

We also still have some cash and carry.

If you would like to know what, please contact the office at 563-391-5726.



Terri Lynn Nuts:

<https://faithUCC.terrilynn.com>

Rada Cutlery:

[https://
radafundraising.com/?
rfsn=3322254.0f0d5e](https://radafundraising.com/?rfsn=3322254.0f0d5e)



~ Jill Pepper

FROM THE COUNCIL:

**Church Council Highlights – April 14, 2020
Meeting via ZOOM**

Property:

Kitchen and bathroom faucet replacements in the parsonage.

Outreach:

Working with Quad-City Interfaith on a housing task force.

Spiritual Life:

Able to have three Lenten suppers before COVID-19 curtailed our gatherings.

Christian Education:

Sunday School last held on March 8. Jill is still working on VBS.

Other Business

MetroNet quote for internet and phone. Council is pursuing this.

Next Council Meeting: Tuesday, May 12, 2020

Newsletter articles due the 3rd Sunday of the month.

June Newsletter article deadline is May 17.

June Newsletter will be mailed May 27.

2020 Council Meetings

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

May 12 Jun. 9 Jul. 14 Aug. 11

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

Treasurer's Report March 2020

PLEDGE ACCOUNT	MO.PLEDGE	MAR	GIVEN YTD
General Fund	\$ 6,182.42	\$ 4,963.00	\$ 16,411.00
OCWM	\$ 160.75	\$ 132.00	\$ 421.00
Maintenance Reserve	\$ 305.92	\$ 285.00	\$ 755.00
Non-Pledge Gen Fund	\$ -	\$ 600.00	\$ 1,462.00
Total Giving	\$ 6,649.08	\$ 5,980.00	\$ 19,049.00
GENERAL FUND	MO BUDGET		TOTAL YTD
Pledged & NP Giving	\$ 6,182.00	\$ 5,563.00	\$ 17,873.00
Misc Gen Fund Giving	\$ -	\$ 14.75	\$ 8,117.42
Total Gen Fund Inc	\$ 6,182.00	\$ 5,577.75	\$ 25,990.42
Pastor Expense	\$ 6,398.00	\$ 7,912.18	\$ 18,686.01
Employee Expense	\$ 1,437.00	\$ 797.32	\$ 2,391.96
Church Ministry Exp	\$ 325.00	\$ 247.42	\$ 310.82
Office Expense	\$ 301.00	\$ 609.74	\$ 1,132.19
Property Expense	\$ 1,337.00	\$ 1,958.06	\$ 5,954.60
Total Gen Fun Exp	\$ 9,798.00	\$11,524.72	\$ 28,475.58
Net General Fund	\$ (3,616.00)	\$ (5,946.97)	\$ (2,485.16)

Submitted by Martha Watters



**IN NEED
OF PRAYER**

Our Faith Family

Janelle Hoker
Mike and Linda Martin
Jan Johnson
Kay and Larry Showens
Lois Wellendorf
Harry Stroupe
Family of Josh McCray
Janell and Kenny Alger
Pat Hicks
Family of Deb and Jim Sullivan
Family of Mike Bixby
Paula Wakeland
Karen Byers
Melissa King

Our Homebound

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

Our World

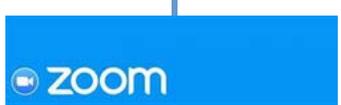
South Sudan, Sudan, Uganda, Kenya, Tanzania,
Malawi, Zambia, Botswana, Zimbabwe, Lesotho,
Namibia, South Africa, Swaziland

**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.**



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

May 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<p>In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.</p>  <p>EPHESIANS 2:22 - ESV</p>				<p>1</p> 	<p>2</p>
<p>3</p> <p>10:30 a.m. Facebook Live Worship</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p> <p>10:00 a.m. ZOOM Bible Study</p> <p>Be Together ZOOM 7-8 p.m. ZOOM Women's Group—8 p.m.</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p> 
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<p>24</p> <p>10:00 a.m. Facebook Live Worship</p>	<p>25 Office Closed</p>  <p>MEMORIAL DAY</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p> <p>10:00 a.m. ZOOM Bible Study</p> <p>Mail Newsletter</p> <p>Be Together ZOOM 7-8 p.m.</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>  <p>Share-A-Meal 5:15 p.m. This is NOT confirmed yet. Please watch for details.</p>	<p>30</p>
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