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Office Hours: 9 am to 12 pm daily

**PASTORAL PONDERINGS**

"Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord." And you forgave the guilt of my sin." ~ Psalm 32:5

Guilt—ooooo—it is such an ugly feeling. And so often, such an unnecessary feeling. Unfortunately, within the church, guilt has been used to "created dutiful Christians." Using guilt within the church creates such an unhealthy environment, and often leaves individuals to live their lives feeling unworthy, and trying everything to get on God's good side so they won't end up in hell. This is also the reason so many people leave the church and never set foot inside their places of worship again. Maybe you know someone that this has happened to, or maybe it has happened to you.



Friends, that is not how our God works. While our God holds us accountable for our sins, when we admit them—both to God as well as to those we have sinned against—then we are forgiven. God doesn't keep a record of our wrongs and rights. Over and over again in scripture we are told that God waits for us to admit our sins so that They can forgive us! This, Sisters and Brothers, is called GRACE.

" 'Come now, and let us reason together,' " says the Lord, 'Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall be as wool' " (Isaiah 1:18). God invites you to talk it over with Them, and promises an outcome of great relief for you!

"If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9). All you need to do is tell God where you went wrong, that you are sorry, and God will take care of everything else and wash it away—transforming you and giving you new life.

"For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more" (Hebrews 8:12). God is merciful, and erases your sin from Their memory!

"There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death." (Romans 8:1). If you follow Jesus and stay true to Him, you don't have to worry about the judgment; your guilt is a thing of the past.

During worship, we spend time confessing our sins together, admitting to God where we have fallen short, and when we are finished praying, I offer words of affirmation. Those words we all long to hear—we are forgiven.

Regardless of what causes you to feel guilty—not being in church every week; falling behind, or forgetting your pledge; not being able to help on committees; or whatever it is you have done to place a strain between yourself (eating that big piece of yummy cake while trying to be healthy) or yourself and someone else (fighting and saying awful things to one another) or yourself and God (not serving God when you are able), please know that here at Faith UCC, no matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey, you are safe, you are human (as we all are—and we all make mistakes! We just need to learn from them, ask for forgiveness, and move on!), and by God's all encompassing, never-ending mercy and grace—you are WELCOME here, you are LOVED here, and you are FORGIVEN! Thanks be to God.

~ Always Peace, *Pastor Heidi*

FROM THE COUNCIL:

Church Council Highlights – September 10, 2019

Property:

Working on securing a snow removal company for the winter.

Outreach:

Underwear Because We Care donations during the month of October.

Spiritual Life:

Myrene will polish the candelabras at some point.

Christian Education:

Faith collected 36 Dr. Seuss books to donate to the University of Iowa Stead Family Children’s Hospital. We also collected 46 backpacks to donate to the Student Success Store of Scott Community College.

Other Business:

Be sure to see our new look after re-arranging spaces and furniture!

Next Council Meeting: Tuesday, October 8, 2019

As everyone knows there are several positions to fill on the council. We have several people who have served two terms and their time is finished. We greatly appreciate everything they have done for the church. There are a total of five chairs that need to be filled. Council meets the second Tuesday of every month. We do need volunteers to step up and fill these positions. If you have any questions you can always ask a member of the council or talk to Pasto Heidi. We will answer any questions you have. *Todd Ozmon—Council President*

2019 Council Meetings

Second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m.
Oct. 8 Nov. 12 Dec. 10

Treasurer’s Report August 2019

PLEDGE ACCOUNT	MO.PLEDGE	AUGUST	GIVEN YTD
General Fund	\$ 5,805.00	\$ 4,367.65	\$ 44,554.65
OCWM	\$ 205.00	\$ 192.00	\$ 1,657.15
Maintenance Reserve	\$ 210.00	\$ 210.00	\$ 1,986.49
Non-Pledge Gen Fund	\$ -	\$ 575.00	\$ 5,524.45
Total Giving	\$ 6,220.00	\$ 5,344.65	\$ 53,722.74
GENERAL FUND	MO BUDGET	TOTAL YTD	
Pledged & NP Giving	\$ 5,805.00	\$ 4,942.65	\$ 50,079.10
Misc Gen Fund Giving	\$ -	\$ 82.33	\$ 22,941.72
Total Gen Fund Inc	\$ 5,805.00	\$ 5,024.98	\$ 73,020.82
Pastor Expense	\$ 6,216.00	\$ 5,595.42	\$ 48,872.67
Employee Expense	\$ 1,420.00	\$ 1,304.82	\$ 9,787.98
Church Ministry Exp	\$ 313.00	\$ 154.29	\$ 1,844.74
Office Expense	\$ 283.00	\$ 273.62	\$ 2,302.76
Property Expense	\$ 1,337.00	\$ 751.72	\$ 9,489.22
Total Gen Fun Exp	\$ 9,569.00	\$ 8,079.87	\$ 72,297.37
Net General Fund	\$ (3,764.00)	\$ (3,054.89)	\$ 723.45
Submitted by Martha Watters			



October Birthdays

- 3 Helen Wiese
- 5 Joseph Fox
Jaqin Glines
- 7 Melissa King
Sarah Rasler
Blake Padavich
- 11 Lorann Glines
- 13 Teresa King
- 14 Gloria Power
- 15 Gary Hoker
- 17 Connie Disney
- 19 Kay Showens
- 20 Ken Power
- 22 Jacob Smith
- 26 Mark Christy
- 30 Jenna Barman



IN NEED OF PRAYER

Our loved ones:

Bob Cobb Paul Dammeier Lois Wellendorf
Harry Stroupe Teresa King Karen Risler

Our home bound:

Dorris Adams Helen Wiese Jack Kohrs
Millie Allison

Our World: Afghanistan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Mongolia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Nepal, India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, The Indian Ocean Islands: Comoros, Madagascar, Mauritius, Seychelles, Maldives

Our sincere condolences goes to the family of Millie Middleton who died on Friday, September 20.

2019 ANNUAL BUDGET MEETING AND POTLUCK

Sunday, October 20
Immediately following worship

	<u>Usher</u>	<u>Greeter</u>	<u>Liturgist</u>
10-06		Marlene Long	Becky Christy
10-13			
10-20			Jan Hannel
10-27			
Acolytes: Youth		Sandwich makers:	Christys

Share-A-Meal
Tuesday, October 29—5:15 p.m.

UNDERWEAR BECAUSE WE CARE

Underwear Because We Care is an organization which takes donations of undergarments to provide to the homeless and needy residents of the Quad Cities. For the month of October, we will collect new packages of underwear, underpants, undershirts, bras, and socks for all ages.

Report from Fundraising Committee

The fundraising committee has met and there are some amazing ideas for things in store! Some will be up and running this fall and some will help break the hum-drum of the winter after Christmas. So stay tuned and be watching for new updates on what we are working on! Get ready for some fun, too!
Jill Pepper

The Neighbors in Need Offering, which we will receive on October, 6, 2019, supports the UCC's ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States.

November Newsletter deadline is
Sunday, October 20
Mailing date is Wednesday, October 30

Women's Group Meeting
Wednesday, October 2 6:00-8:00 p.m.
Christy Home

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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 October.

THANK YOU!!

Thank you to my church family for the necklace and Bible for Confirmation. And thank you for all your support. Thank you Pam Edmond for being my mentor. Peace, Karsten Hulme

Dear Faith Family,
Thank you for the gifts and the opportunity to go through confirmation. It was very fun. Thanks David Hulme for mentoring me. Sincerely, Chandler Ozmon



To my Faith Family,
Thank you for the Bible and necklace for confirmation. And Thank for your prayers and support. Thank you Jan Hannel for being my mentor. Peace, Sophie Pepper



"Holiday Happenings"

All Church Bazaar

Saturday, November 2, 2019 — 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Please sign up to help at the following events!!



Breakfast 8:00-10:00 a.m.

Lunch 11:00 a.m. –1:00 p.m.

Soup/Salad/Dessert

Donations of all kinds of salads & desserts needed.



Cookies by the Pound

All kinds of cookies needed.

They will be in the **new** living room space. Directions will be posted to let you know what you do when you bring them to the church.



Attic Shop: Items will be displayed in Fellowship Hall.

Bake Sale: Lots of goodies will be needed for this popular event. This will be in library area. Packages of a small number of items sell best.

Holiday Crafts: Crafts will be displayed in the narthex.



Cashiers needed!!

Dates and Times for setting up the Bazaar

Sunday, October 27: After church set up tables and
Bring up attic shop items

Monday, October 28: 9:00-11:00 a.m.

Tuesday, October 29: 9:00-11:00 a.m.

Wednesday, October 30: 9:00-11:00 a.m. if needed

Thursday, October 31: **BAKE!**

Friday, November 1: Bring cookies and baked goods



October 2019

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

Gospel Music
Edwards UCC
3:00 p.m.



Youth Group
Oct 6 & 20
Noon-2:00 p.m.

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2 9:00 a.m.
Quiet Time

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6:00-8:00 p.m.
Women's
Group Meets
Christy/Jones

6 **World
Communion
Sunday**
9:15 a.m.
Sunday School
10:30 a.m.
Worship/
Communion

7 *BEREA*
100th
Anniversary

8 7:00 a.m.
to 8:00 p.m.
Primary Election

6:30 p.m.
Council

9 9:00 a.m.
Quiet Time

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13
9:15 a.m.
Sunday School
10:30 a.m.
Worship

14



16 9:00 a.m.
Quiet Time

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5:30 p.m.
Baskets

20 9:15 a.m.
Sunday
School
10:30 a.m.
Worship/ Mtg
following
Newsletter
Articles due

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23 9:00 a.m.
Quiet Time

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27
9:15 a.m.
Sunday School
10:30 a.m.
Worship/
Birthdays &
Anniversaries

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30
9:00 a.m.
Quiet Time
Newsletter
Sent Out

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Halloween



Oct. 27 thru November 1
Holiday Bazaar Set-up
See article in Newsletter for
schedule of activities and times

Bazaar set up →

