



# Focus on Faith

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### PASTORAL PONDERINGS

*“Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. ~ Philippians 4:6*

It’s too much. It’s not fair, and it’s just too much. A pandemic, with no end in sight, and more questions than answers, not to mention the division in how people feel about what is happening. Loss of jobs, loss of freedom, and loss of lives.

For the second time since the US decided to name hurricanes and tropical storms, we are naming them from letters of the Greek alphabet due to the volume of activity we are seeing.

School looks different. Do we hold school, do we hold only online? Are the numbers increasing? And now, for those of us who are part of the Davenport Community School District, we are left wondering what will happen after the removal of the Superintendent and CFO last Thursday.

Oh, and let us not forget that our country is preparing for our Presidential election, and stress around this subject is through the roof!

In his letter to the people of Philippi, Paul is telling them not to be anxious about anything. Really? Don’t worry, don’t be anxious? Paul certainly doesn’t know me very well.

But that’s just it, Paul does know. He knows that fear can take over and leave us paralyzed. He isn’t saying that if we do worry, that what we are worrying about doesn’t matter. What he is saying is that when we have anxiety, and we are anxious because of everything that is going on within and around us, we are to take it to God in prayer. God hears our prayers, each and every one of them. And when we are beyond words, we have been gifted with the Holy Spirit who will take our deep, anxious sighs, and turn them into words for God to hear.

There isn’t one of us who doesn’t need to let go of anxiety and anxious feelings, especially right now. When you lose your sense of peace, take it to God in prayer. With words, with gestures, with joy, with anger, with happiness, sadness, sorrow, or fear. Give what is hurting you over to God. Know that God hears your pleas, and is waiting to wrap you in Their arms. We are not alone in all of this. Our God is walking with us.

For that, and for so much more, I give thanks and praise, because it is too much, and it isn’t fair.

~ Always Peace, *Pastor Heidi*

### Annual Budget Meeting



### ANNUAL BUDGET MEETING

This is the official announcement that our Annual Budget Meeting & Council Elections will be held on **Sunday, October 18** immediately following worship in person as well as via ZOOM

If you would like to join us via ZOOM, please contact Pastor Heidi for the link.

**FROM THE COUNCIL:**

**Church Council Highlights – September 8, 2020**

**Property:**

One of our oak trees needs to be removed due to storm damage. Other need trimming.

**Outreach:**

Survey sent to members regarding Share-A-Meal

**Spiritual Life:**

Karleen hopes to do usher signups by phone.

**Christian Education:**

Still uncertain how to navigate Sunday School due to COVID-19.

**Other Business**

Our new website goes live very soon.

**Next Council Meeting: Tuesday, October 13, 2020**

**Newsletter articles due the 3rd Sunday of the month.**

**November Newsletter article deadline is October 18.**

**November Newsletter will be mailed October 28.**

**SHARE-A-MEAL**

The next time we are scheduled to serve will be

**Friday, October 30 at 5:15 p.m.**  
**THIS IS NOT YET CONFIRMED.**

Please watch for further details.



Notes from the Council President

Hello everyone,

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 are meeting in person as well as via ZOOM. 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 Pastor Heidi. We will answer any questions you have.

*Todd Ozmon—Council President*

- 3 Helen Wiese
- 5 Joseph Fox
- Jaquin 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

**Treasurer's Report August 2020**

PLEDGE ACCOUNT	MO.PLEDGE	AUGUST	GIVEN YTD
General Fund	\$ 6,182.42	\$ 5,694.00	\$ 48,818.00
OCWM	\$ 160.75	\$ 322.00	\$ 1,376.00
Maintenance Reserve	\$ 305.92	\$ 319.00	\$ 4,013.00
Non-Pledge Gen Fund	\$ -	\$ 608.00	\$ 4,710.00
<b>Total Giving</b>	<b>\$ 6,649.08</b>	<b>\$ 6,943.00</b>	<b>\$ 58,917.00</b>

GENERAL FUND	MO BUDGET		TOTAL YTD
Pledged & NP Giving	\$ 6,182.00	\$ 6,302.00	\$ 53,528.00
Misc Gen Fund Giving	\$ -	\$ 22.61	\$ 234.38
Transfers In	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 24,568.59
<b>Total Gen Fund Inc</b>	<b>\$ 6,182.00</b>	<b>\$ 6,324.61</b>	<b>\$ 78,330.97</b>

Pastor Expense	\$ 6,398.00	\$ 5,563.05	\$ 49,159.96
Employee Expense	\$ 1,437.00	\$ 797.32	\$ 6,378.56
Church Ministry Exp	\$ 325.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 885.55
Office Expense	\$ 301.00	\$ 285.06	\$ 3,377.00
Property Expense	\$ 1,337.00	\$ 881.69	\$ 10,430.66
<b>Total Gen Fun Exp</b>	<b>\$ 9,798.00</b>	<b>\$ 7,727.12</b>	<b>\$ 70,231.73</b>

<b>Net General Fund</b>	<b>\$ (3,616.00)</b>	<b>\$(1,402.51)</b>	<b>\$ 8,099.24</b>
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Submitted by Martha Watters

**2020 Council Meetings**

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

Oct. 13 Nov. 10 Dec. 8

**Iowa Conference Annual Meeting**

with a brief worship via ZOOM

**Saturday, October 17**

8:45 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

**Faith UCC is allowed 2 delegates.**

*Please contact Pastor Heidi if you would like to attend.*

## **Fundraising Committee**



### **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 RADA Cutlery 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



### **WOMEN'S GROUP**

Wednesday, October 7

7:00 p.m.

We will meet at the church

for fellowship and some light crafting.

*Please join us for fellowship even if you don't craft!*

### **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 sponsors to help with postage and shipping costs.

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

We are also looking for additional missionaries, 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!



**Please contact the office if you or someone you know is in need of a pastoral visit.**

**563-391-5726 Please note the hospitals no longer notify us.**

*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**

Carol Ginneberge

Dave Leamer

Hazel McBride

Marlene Long

Mick Noteboom

Jan Johnson

Janelle Hoker

Gloria Power

Kay Showens

Lois Wellendorf

Harry Stroupe and family of Josh McCray

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**

Heather Smith

Pat Hicks

Paula Wakeland

Karen Byers

Merrill Pepper

Randy Bales

Gabe Shineman

Kelly Baird

Donna McGill

#### **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

All those affected by the California, Colorado, and Oregon fires





The **Neighbors in Need Offering** will be taken on **October 4, 2020**. This special offering supports the UCC's ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States.

*Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the elected officers of the United Church of Christ determined that the highest priority for our churches was to offer relief where possible. Thus, they gathered monies from a variety of sources, which included NIN, and formed a Covid-19 relief fund.*

### Volunteers Needed for Day of Bazaar

1. Cashiers—3 needed for each of the 2 shifts. 8 to 11 and 11 to 2.
2. Cashier Tables — need helpers to bag items for cashiers.
3. Attic Shop — 2 or 3 helpers to help with bagging items, keep traffic moving, and moving table items.
4. Bake Sale — 3 Helpers needed to price baked goods as they come in and manage bake tables.
5. Craft Area — Helpers needed to price items as they come in.

**NOTE:** It is really helpful if items are priced when they are dropped off. Baked goods sell best if placed in small packages.



**Saturday,  
November 7, 2020  
8 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

Attic Shop in Fellowship Hall.

### Attic Shop



Bake Sale will be in library area.

Crafts will be in the Narthex area.



### Setup Schedule:

Sunday, Nov. 1 — 11:30 a.m. Setup tables.

Bring attic items to Fellowship Hall.

Monday, Nov. 2 — 9 to 11 a.m. (Attic Shop can setup only in north part of Fellowship Hall. Crafts in Narthex.)

Tuesday, Nov. 3 — 9 to 11 a.m. (Attic Shop, if needed only in north part. Crafts in Narthex. Put up signs)

Wednesday, Nov. 4 — 9 to 11 a.m. Finish attic shop.

Thursday, Nov. 5 — Bake!

Friday, Nov. 6 — 4 to 6 p.m. Drop off baked goods.

**Members only sale!**

### COVID-19 Safety Requirements:

1. Workers will wear masks.
2. Masks will be required to all who enter.
3. Entrance will be from parking lot door only.
4. Exit will be the door by the cashiers tables.
5. One way aisles will be established.

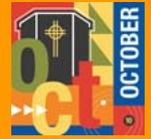
~Nancy Jones, Bazaar Chair

### Avoid Coronavirus Scams

- \* **Don't respond to texts, emails or calls about checks from the government.**
- \* **Ignore offers for vaccinations and home test kits.** Scammers are selling products to treat or prevent COVID-19 without proof that they work.
- \* **Be wary of ads for test kits.** Most have not been approved by the FDA, and aren't necessarily accurate.
- \* **Hang up on robocalls.** Scammers use to pitch everything from low-priced health insurance to work-at-home schemes.
- \* **Watch out for emails claiming to be from the CDC or WHO.** Use sites like coronavirus.gov and usa.gov/coronavirus to get the latest information.
- \* **Do your homework when it comes to donations.** Never donate in cash, by gift card, or by wiring.



# October 2020



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			 face masks are encouraged	1	2 1:30-3:30 p.m. Sewing Group	3 
4 <b>World Communion Sunday</b> 10:30 a.m. Worship  <i>Neighbors In Need Special</i>	5	6 	7 10:00 a.m. Bible Study  7:00 p.m. Women's Group Faith UCC	8	9 1:30-3:30 p.m. Sewing Group  	10
11 10:30 a.m. Worship	12	13 6:30 p.m. Council  	14 10:00 a.m. Bible Study  7:00 p.m. Be Together ZOOM	15 5:30 p.m. Basket Class	16 1:30-3:30 p.m. Sewing Group	17
18 10:30 a.m. Worship <i>Newsletter Articles Due</i>  <b>Annual Budget Meeting Following Worship</b>	19 	20	21 10:00 a.m. Bible Study  	22	23 1:30-3:30 p.m. Sewing Group	24 
25 10:30 a.m. Worship	26 	27	28 10:00 a.m. Bible Study  7:00 p.m. Be Together ZOOM  <i>Mail Newsletter</i>	29	30 1:30-3:30 p.m. Sewing Group	31 