



# Focus on Faith Faith United Church of Christ

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## PASTORAL PONDERINGS

During our Annual Meeting in January, we commissioned an ad hoc committee to begin researching and seeking new ways to bring the governing of Faith UCC into the present, as well as set ourselves to move into the future. This committee—New Hope, New Life, New Faith—is made up of Mark Christy, Jan Hannel, Cheryl Leamer and myself, as well as ex officio Martha Watters.

Our Constitution and By-Laws were originally written in 1964 at the birth of two churches merging into one. That was 57 years ago, and like so many things, church has changed. We are at a point where we are averaging 22 people in person, and anywhere from 60-80 online. (Online tracking is very difficult, so we are doing our best to watch it.) Because of this, our church Council is currently made up of three (voting) members, the Council President, and myself as ex officio. We have 4 open seats. Therefore, the governing of our church and its ministries lie on the shoulders of these people.

While this is good in some ways, it is difficult in others. This new committee met to discuss how we could update the Constitution so that it more accurately represents Faith UCC today. Originally, we said we would hold a special congregational meeting in July to bring these recommended changes to you, in order to vote on them. While we have accomplished the first step, we decided that since we have already functioned as a Council in this capacity for 7 months, we would wait to bring the recommended changes to you until the 2021 Annual Meeting on January 16, 2022.

As we were going through the words, we found several places where we will be recommending more than just changes for the governing body. We will include our thoughts on more inclusive language as well as simplicity and/or clarity of descriptions in areas.

If you are interested in reading through the changes we are recommending, please let myself or Martha know following the August 10 Council meeting to obtain a copy. (This will give us time to get these into the computer.)

Thank you so much to these faithful people for working so hard on this. Changes, while absolutely necessary, are sometimes really difficult. We aren't just doing this for today, but in order to move into the future where God is calling us to be. So, thank you Mark, Jan, Cheryl and Martha for your time, energy and prayers throughout this time of discernment.

Just so you know, this is not the end of this Committee. It may or may not be made up of the same people, but the purpose of this committee is to keep us moving forward, and trust me, there is more to come! Watch and listen for more details coming soon! In the meantime.....

~ Always Peace, *Pastor Heidi*

## Vacation Bible School 2021

August 8, 9, and 10  
6-8 pm

## “Peace, Hope, Love”



See Jill Pepper or Pastor Heidi for registration form.

*We are collecting backpacks for the  
EICC Student Success Store.  
We will bless them on August 8.*



## FROM THE COUNCIL:

### Church Council Highlights – July 13, 2021

**Property:** Backflow inspection scheduled. Issues with ravine—will contact the City of Davenport.

**Outreach:**

Neighborhood picnic on September 5.

**Spiritual Life: No report.**

**Christian Education:**

VBS theme—Peace Hope and Love. Scheduled for

Aug 8th, 9th, and 10th—6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Confirmation planning in works for September.

**Other Business:**

Regions Roofing proposal for flat roof.

First Christian sharing space committee.

Vendor Fair— Faith will have a bake sale table.

**Next Council Meeting: Tuesday, Aug 17, 2021**

### Notes from the Council President

\$10,000 of the amount approved at the annual meeting in January has been transferred to the General Fund—even with this we are negative \$3,240.35 through June.

Calling all bakers—we are planning to have a bake sale table for the Vendor Fair on August 14th. We have 20 vendors secured for the event. Plan to stop by to check them out. Hours are 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Martha Watters —Council President

### WOMEN'S GROUP

Wednesday evening Women's Group

August 4, 2021

6:30 p.m. at Faith UCC

All women are invited to join us!

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

**September Newsletter article deadline is August 15.**

**September Newsletter will be mailed August 25.**

### *Share-A-Meal IS BACK*

The next time we are scheduled to serve will be

**Tuesday, August 31 at 5:15 p.m.**

**THIS HAS BEEN CONFIRMED**

Please watch for further details.

### 2021 Council Meetings

Second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m.  
At this point, we will meet face to face, unless otherwise requested

Aug. 10    Sept. 14  
Oct. 12    Nov. 9    Dec. 14



\*Aug 1 – John 15:12-17 Disney/Pixar— “Cars”

\*Aug 8—Mark 8:34-37 Disney— “Finding Nemo”

\*Aug 15—1 Corinthians 12:4-12 Disney— “Incredibles”

\*Aug 22—John 16:20-24 Disney— “Inside Out”

\*Aug 29—Isaiah 43:14-21 Disney— “Up!”

### Treasurer's Report June 2021

PLEDGE ACCOUNT	MO.PLEDGE	JUNE	GIVEN YTD
General Fund	\$ 6,285.00	\$ 5,273.00	\$ 37,705.50
OCWM	\$ 156.00	\$ 136.00	\$ 1,082.00
Maintenance Reserve	\$ 389.00	\$ 338.00	\$ 3,131.50
Non-Pledge Gen Fund	\$ -	\$ 410.00	\$ 3,600.00
<b>Total Giving</b>	<b>\$ 6,830.00</b>	<b>\$ 6,157.00</b>	<b>\$ 45,519.00</b>

GENERAL FUND	MO BUDGET	TOTAL YTD	
Pledged & NP Giving	\$ 6,285.00	\$ 5,683.00	\$ 41,305.50
Misc Gen Fund Giving	\$ -	\$ 143.23	\$ 351.86
Transfers In	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 11,806.25
<b>Total Gen Fund Inc</b>	<b>\$ 6,285.00</b>	<b>\$10,826.23</b>	<b>\$ 53,463.61</b>

Pastor Expense	\$ 6,503.00	\$ 7,124.45	\$ 37,905.43
Employee Expense	\$ 1,437.00	\$ 813.50	\$ 4,880.00
Church Ministry Exp	\$ 320.00	\$ 84.38	\$ 499.83
Office Expense	\$ 426.00	\$ 757.43	\$ 2,408.89
Property Expense	\$ 1,366.00	\$ 1,818.92	\$ 11,010.01
<b>Total Gen Fun Exp</b>	<b>\$ 10,052.00</b>	<b>\$10,598.68</b>	<b>\$ 56,704.16</b>

<b>Net General Fund</b>	<b>\$ (3,767.00)</b>	<b>\$ 227.55</b>	<b>\$ (3,240.55)</b>
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Submitted by Martha Watters



13	Jay Watters	27	Mike Martin
	Dustin Sierra	29	Myrene Burton
17	Emily Davis		Barb Koenig
22	David Adams		Andrea Ohanlo
	Sophie Pepper	31	Caden Hart
26	Jack Kohrs		



**We Pray For**

*We pray for our community, our country and our world as we continue to be divided by racial injustice, political chaos, decisions about how to handle this pandemic, and power struggles. We lament our inability to change those things which cannot be changed, and pray for strength to work toward God's justice and peace. Break open hardened hearts, O God, and help us to be still long enough to hear your still-speaking voice calling us to turn to you. Amen.*

**Our Faith Family**

Teresa King  
Pam Edmond  
Mick Noteboom  
Jim Sullivan  
Dave Leamer  
Becky Christy  
Don Emde  
Karen Risler  
Rev. Barb Koenig  
Sheryl Mortimore

**Our Homebound**

Dorris Adams  
Millie Allison  
Paul Dammeier  
Jack Kohrs  
Marlene Long  
Hazel McBride  
John Raap  
Lois Wellendorf  
Helen Wiese

**Our Family and Friends**

Bill Stroupe  
Nicholas Passcuzzi  
Randy Bales  
Terry Showens  
Karen Byers  
David Burton  
Sid and Ardella Boots  
17 year old daughter of a friend of Gloria Kuehl

**Our World**

Republic of Congo, Gabon, Sao Tome, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Equitorial Guinea, Burkina Faso, Chad, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Liberia, Sierra Leone, Cape Verde, the Gambia, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Senegal

*Our deepest condolences go to Ron Ketelsen on the death of his wife, Carlette Ketelsen on Saturday, July 24, 2021. Condolences to Kay and Larry Showens on her death as well, as she and Carlette were friends for 60 years.*

**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.**

**Attic Shop Reminder**

If you are planning to bring items for the fall attic shop please be sure they are clean! We have a reputation for having one of the nicest attic shops in our area. Please help us keep it that way. We also want to remind you that items can only brought in by Faith families unless permission has been given.

PLEASE BRING CLEAN ITEMS ONLY!

Deadline to bring items to the church is **September 5th.**

**NEIGHBORHOOD PICNIC**

JOIN US AS WE GATHER WITH  
OUR NEIGHBORS

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5**  
**11:30 A.M. – 1:30 P.M.**

HOT DOGS  
CHIPS  
DESSERT

GAMES AND  
MUCH MORE!

*Watch for  
more details!*



**Summer Fun Vendor Fair  
and Bake Sale**

**August 14**

10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Volunteers needed! See more information  
and sign ups in Fellowship Hall or contact the office.



**VENDORS**

A Bead to Remember  
Bowers Designs  
Color Street  
Humble New Beginnings  
Michelle's Sweet Treats  
Norwex  
Sene Gence—Lipsense  
Stella & Dots  
Tupperware  
Your Jewelry Obsession

Better with Glitter  
Brennan Designs  
Damsel in Defense  
Kay's Kreation  
Nana's Pleasures  
Playtime Academy  
Sipology  
Tastefully Simple  
Usborne Books and More

# August 2021

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> 10:00 a.m. Worship <i>Communion</i>	<b>2</b> 	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 10 a.m. Bible Study  6:30 p.m. Women's Group at Faith UCC	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> 10:00 a.m. Worship <i>Blessing Backpacks</i> <b>VBS—Faith UCC 6-8 pm</b>	<b>9</b> <b>VBS— Faith UCC 6-8 pm</b>	<b>10</b> <b>VBS— Faith UCC 6-8 pm</b>	<b>11</b> 10 a.m. Bible Study  3:00 p.m. Set up for Vendor Fair	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 1:30-3:30 p.m. Sewing Group	<b>14</b> <b>VENDOR FAIR 10 am-3 pm</b>
<b>15</b> 10:00 a.m. Worship  <i>Newsletter Articles Due</i>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 6:30 p.m. 	<b>18</b> 10 a.m. Bible Study	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 1:30-3:30 p.m. Sewing Group	<b>21</b> 
<b>22</b> 10:00 a.m. Worship	<b>23</b> 	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 10 a.m. Bible Study  <i>Newsletter Sent Out</i>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 1:30-3:30 p.m. Sewing Group	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> 10:30 a.m. Worship	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>				