



Focus on Faith

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PASTORAL PONDERINGS

“Jesus replied: “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.” ~ Matthew 22:37-40

It certainly has been a ride, hasn't it? A pandemic, riots, and so much political unrest.

Today we have a new President and Vice President. New agendas and ideas, plans to move the country in a new direction. Heaven knows we need a new direction.

LOVE and RECONCILIATION are my passion—division, and all things dividing, are my hot buttons. While a new direction for this country is certainly in order, we must continue to stay grounded, and remember that regardless of who leads our country, real change starts at the bottom, and that would be with us.

I have watched a country lift up its President to the heights of god-like status. That goes for both sides. Yes, the President has great power, but with that power comes responsibility: to care for the least of these; to provide justice for ALL, not just a select few; to lead, but not expect those they lead to do anything they themselves won't do; to lead with compassion, truth and with a plan for reconciliation in order to move this nation from America to the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. (No pressure!!)

But if we hold up a mirror, are we taking responsibility for our own actions of loving our neighbor and moving toward reconciliation? Maybe we aren't because we don't know how. Good point, but not an excuse.

The UCC has put together curriculum and programs that may help begin the process of reconciliation. It begins with conversation—those incredibly difficult and super uncomfortable conversations.

Throughout this year, we will be working on this process of learning how to create Brave Space—a space where it is safe to have discussions among ourselves, even when there is disagreement and conflict.

Once we understand Brave Space, we will move to Building an Inclusive Church. Later in the year we will hold conversations around how to be a church, and how to lead a community to be inclusive and anti-racist.

I imagine these will be intense, but it is our responsibility as the Body of Christ to begin taking action toward healing and reconciliation. We cannot expect the leaders of our nation to do the work for us. We have power, and thus, responsibility. Scripture commands us to do this holy work.

Working toward LOVE and RECONCILIATION will probably be one of the most difficult things we have ever done as the Body of Christ. But in the end, God promises that work will be worth every moment. We just have to choose to take action, one step at a time.

If you are interested in attending any of the trainings, please let myself or Cheryl Leamer know, and we will get you registered! One is March 4 and the second will be March 6.

~ Always Peace, *Pastor Heidi*

FROM THE COUNCIL:

Church Council Highlights – January 13, 2020

Property:

Had our first snow/ice storms.

Outreach:

Ordered and received a new outside banner.

Spiritual Life:

Christmas decorations were removed.

Christian Education:

No Sunday School classes.

Other Business

Annual Meeting coming up.

Next Council Meeting: Tuesday, February 9, 2021

Newsletter articles due the 3rd Sunday of the month.

March Newsletter article deadline is February 14.

March Newsletter will be mailed February 24.

As you prepare your giving for 2021, please consider setting up an online giving account. Go to our website

www.faithuccdavenport.org and click on Online Giving. You can also download the Online Giving App to your phone—

directions for this are also on our website.



It is not typically the policy of Faith UCC to close for worship, so we ask that if the weather is questionable, and you do not feel safe driving, please STAY HOME!

If we do cancel worship, we will announce it on News Channels 4, 6, 8, and 18, and Facebook, as well as through the Undershepherd connection tree. If you have questions about what you see or hear, please feel free to text or call Pastor Heidi at 309-737-4349.

Notes from the Council President

Thanks everyone who attended the annual meeting. Immediately following the meeting, Todd resigned from Council, as he has accepted a new job at the County Hospital in Osceola, Iowa. He, Lindsay and the kids have begun the process of moving to Indianola. We will miss them terribly!

We have 3 Council members, leaving 5 open spots (in case you are feeling called to join us!) Positions will be decided at the February meeting.

Pastor Heidi



February

BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Cameron Hart
- 6 Stephanie Fox
- 9 Stephanie Allen
- 11 Gloria Kuehl
- 15 Natalie Walck
- 17 Hazel McBride
- 22 Asher Preston

Treasurer's Report December 2020

PLEDGE ACCOUNT	MO. PLEDGE	DECEMBER	GIVEN YTD
General Fund	\$ 6,182.42	\$ 9,194.50	\$ 77,197.50
OCWM	\$ 160.75	\$ 292.00	\$ 1,984.50
Maintenance Reserve	\$ 305.92	\$ 1,261.00	\$ 6,228.00
Non-Pledge Gen Fund	\$ -	\$ 793.00	\$ 7,155.75
Total Giving	\$ 6,649.08	\$ 11,540.50	\$ 92,565.75

GENERAL FUND	MO BUDGET		TOTAL YTD
Pledged & NP Giving	\$ 6,182.00	\$ 9,987.50	\$ 84,353.25
Misc Gen Fund Giving	\$ -	\$ 204.35	\$ 1,159.10
Transfers In	\$ -	\$ 4,404.87	\$ 28,973.46
Total Gen Fund Inc	\$ 6,182.00	\$ 14,596.72	\$ 114,485.81

Pastor Expense	\$ 6,398.00	\$ 7,761.15	\$ 76,512.32
Employee Expense	\$ 1,437.00	\$ 1,536.62	\$ 10,307.14
Church Ministry Exp	\$ 325.00	\$ 556.39	\$ 2,374.39
Office Expense	\$ 301.00	\$ 414.55	\$ 4,884.42
Property Expense	\$ 1,337.00	\$ 755.50	\$ 14,402.01
Total Gen Fun Exp	\$ 9,798.00	\$ 11,024.21	\$ 108,480.28

Net General Fund	\$ (3,616.00)	\$ 3,572.51	\$ 6,005.53
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Submitted by Martha Watters

2021 Council Meetings

Second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m.
At this point, we will meet via ZOOM, unless otherwise advised.

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| Feb. 9 | Mar. 9 | Apr. 13 | |
| May 11 | Jun. 8 | Jul. 13 | Aug. 10 |
| Sept. 14 | Oct. 12 | Nov. 9 | Dec. 14 |



We Pray For

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 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

Gloria Power
Keisha Power
Dave Leamer
Marlene Long
Mick Noteboom
Lois Wellendorf

Our Homebound

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

Our Family and Friends

Lisa
Carlette Ketelsen
Heather Smith
CJ Svagera
Donna McGill
Julie Sutherland
Karen Byers
Randy Bales
Terry Showens
Paula Wakeland
Merrill Pepper

Our World

Andorra, Italy
Malta, Portugal
San Marino, Spain
Austria, Liechtenstein
Switzerland
France, Germany
Monaco, Belgium
Luxembourg
The Netherlands

*Our deepest condolences go to Jan Johnson
on the death of her brother Robert Eckstein on Wednesday, December 30, 2020.*

*Our deepest condolences go to Kay and Larry Showens, Myrene Burton and Linda and Mike Martin
on the death of Bobby Showens on January 12, 2021.
Bobby was Kay and Larry's nephew, and Myrene, Linda and Mike's cousin.*

*Our deepest condolences go to Sheryl Mortimore on the death of her mother Joan Goodin
on Monday, January 25, 2021.*

*Congratulations to Lois Wellendorf on
the birth of great-grandson
Wyatt Harold Dykstra on January 11.
Parents are Joe and Heidi Dykstra.*

*Happy 2nd
Stem Cell Transplant-aversary
to Arlene Barclay on January 11!*

Church Friends,

Mom is in quarantine at an assisted living facility in Tulsa. She has had and recovered from COVID, but they still have her quarantined. I cannot visit. She is lonely, but her spirits are high. Mom loved her church time in Davenport and wanted to remember you at Christmas. Her address and phone are:

Vivian Giebelstein
7220 S. Yale Apt 223
Tulsa, OK 74136
918-879-8223

**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.**

SHARE-A-MEAL

The next time we are scheduled
to serve will be
Tuesday, March 30 at 5:15 p.m.
THIS IS NOT YET CONFIRMED.
Please watch for further details.



SCOUT SUNDAY
February 14
10:30 a.m. Worship
ALL Scouts (of all ages!)
are invited to wear your uniforms.

WOMEN'S GROUP

Will meet on Thursday,
February 4th at 6:30 p.m.
At Faith United Church of Christ



TERRI LYNN NUTS

Mammoth Pecan Halves—\$13
Deluxe Mix (No peanuts) - \$13
Roasted Whole Cashews—\$13
Malted Milk Balls—\$11
Trail Mix—\$11
Honey Roasted Peanuts—\$9
Chocolate Jumbo Peanuts—\$9

RADA CUTLERY

We only have a
few pieces of
cutlery left on hand:

Handi Stir—\$6.00
Bread Knife—\$7.75

Or order Terri Lynn online:

<https://faithUCC.terrilynn.com>

Or order RADA Cutlery online:

<https://radafundraising.com/?rfsn=3322254.0f0d5e>

Thank You!



Faith Family,
Thank you for the great, generous gift and the beautiful card for Christmas. It was truly a surprise as I didn't expect anyone to be running around collecting money during a year such as this! I will be using the money for something very unforgettable! It will go to pay off my mortgage at the end of 2020! 2021 will be the first year of my adult life

that I won't have to budget for rent or a mortgage! I am beyond thankful for that!

And thank you for the "little extra something" in my December check! That, too, was an unexpected surprise. I am blessed to be working with this church.

Thank you so much!

~ Susan

Dearest Faith UCC Tribe,



David, the boys, and I want to thank you for the very generous gift of money for Christmas! We were hoping to use it toward new furniture this summer, however, our van had other plans!

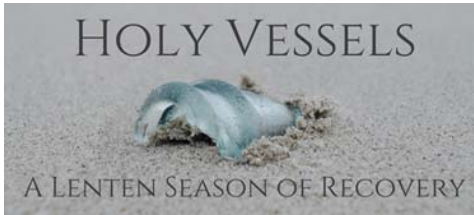
We love being a part of this tribe. God is so good, and we are grateful for all God's blessings – especially all of you!

~Peace – The Hulmes

LENTEN WORSHIP SERIES

"He took our infirmities and bore our diseases."

Matthew 8:17b



Each of us is created a precious and holy vessel of embodied love. We have been through a harrowing time since last Lent that has shattered our sense of wholeness—body, mind, and spirit—like a glass vessel fractured into pieces. In this Lenten "season of recovery" for our physical, communal, mental, intellectual, and environmental health, we will explore the healing narratives of Jesus that tell of divine solidarity with human suffering and remind us that we can begin a journey toward making something beautiful from that which is seemingly broken. Beach glass offers us a multifaceted symbol of this transformative process.

Join us for worship at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings in person, on Facebook Live, or on YouTube!



The Little Dresses For Africa (LDFA) sewing group meets Fridays 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Please watch schedule for any changes.

Update: #200 dresses have been given to a friend of Deb Sullivan to take with him when he goes home to **Nigeria!** We will share photos as soon as they are available.

We continue to look for additional contacts who are willing to take any of our dresses to any parts of the world where they are needed!



Donations or questions may be directed to: Arlene Barclay, cell (563) 322-5757 Thank You!

Student Success Store Needs Our Help!!

For the month of February, we will be collecting the following items:



- Diapers – all sizes
- School Supplies
- Gift Cards for Groceries

Please place items in the basket in the narthex.

Re-Imagined Soup and Scripture

As we continue to move through the effects of this pandemic, we continue to re-imagine everything, including our Soup and Scripture time.

While we will not meet for a meal, we will gather for group discussion based on our worship series. This time will be in person in the sanctuary, as well as via ZOOM on Wednesday evenings beginning **February 24** at 6:30 p.m.



Join us for our Ash Wednesday Service of Ashes **6:30 p.m.**

Wednesday, February 17!

We will gather in person, as well as Facebook Live and YouTube.

FEBRUARY 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2  Groundhog Day	3 10:00 a.m. Bible Study	4 6:30 p.m. Women's Group Faith UCC Pam host	5 1:30-3:30 p.m. Sewing Group	6 
7 10:30 a.m. Worship/ <i>Communion</i> 	8	9 6:30 p.m. Council 	10 10:00 a.m. Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Be Together ZOOM	11	12 1:30-3:30 p.m. Sewing Group	13
14 10:30 a.m. Worship  <i>Newsletter Articles Due</i>	15	16	17 10:00 a.m. Bible Study  Service of Ashes 6:30 p.m.	18 5:30 p.m. Basket Class	19 1:30-3:30 p.m. Sewing Group	20 
21 10:30 a.m. Worship	22	23	24 10:00 a.m. Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Holy Vessel Lent Group Discussion <i>Newsletter Mailed</i>	25	26 1:30-3:30 p.m. Sewing Group	27
28 10:30 a.m. Worship						