



Focus on Faith
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PASTORAL PONDERINGS

“There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work. Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines..” ~ 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

According to scripture, each of us, as humans, have been given some sort of gift from God/Holy Spirit. These gifts vary for each one of us, and are to be used to make the world a better place. Sometimes we know what our gifts are, and sometimes we don't. Regardless of what our gifts are, God calls us to use them for Their plan for us and the world. If we don't use our gifts, we are cheating others and all of creation.

As people of faith, we don't always recognize these gifts in ourselves, or don't know we have them until we have an opportunity to try something new. As we continue to move through this pandemic, the chaos of violence, continued division, and hatred, we must hold fast to our gifts, and let them shine in ways we never thought possible.

I currently serve on two different committees outside of Faith UCC. I am the Chairperson for the Funding Future Leaders Scholarship Committee, and Treasurer for the Eastern Iowa Association. Like every other aspect in our lives, both of these committees are in need of volunteers to serve. (As does the Eastern Iowa Association Committee on Ministry.) At this point in time, all three of these are meeting online. Below are the descriptions of the committees, as well as the positions we are looking for.

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY—meets monthly (3 year term)

COM is the committee which authorizes ministers in the EIA, as well as the overall health of clergy, and relationships between clergy/congregations.

Term Ending 2024 (lay person)

ADVISORY COUNCIL—meets every other month (2 year term)

Advisory Council is the governing body of the EIA. They are in charge of budget and policies, hold the Annual Meeting. They are the support of the lay leaders of the churches within the EIA.

Term ending 2023 Vice Moderator—Lay Person

Term ending 2023 Member-at-Large—Lay Person

Term ending 2023 Nominating Committee Chairperson—Lay or Clergy

FUNDING FUTURE LEADERS— meets 8 times a year (2 year term)

FFL is the committee who reviews the scholarships for the Members in Discernment of the Iowa Conference.

Term beginning August 1, 2022—ending July 31, 2024

If you are interested in using your gifts by serving on any of these committees, please contact me!

~ Always Peace, *Pastor Heidi*



Pastor Heidi will be taking vacation **February 11-13**.
 Jill Pepper will lead worship on February 13, as well as be on call while I am gone.
 If there is an emergency, contact Jill at 563-370-1359.

FROM THE COUNCIL:

Church Council Highlights – January 11, 2022

Property:

Church building was closed on January 2 due to weather. No in-person worship January 8 due to weather, only online worship.

Outreach:

Share-A-Meal to be served Monday, January 24

Spiritual Life:

Christmas decorations were removed.

Christian Education:

Jill continues with Sunday School and children's messages.

Other Business:

Annual Meeting coming up.

Next Council Meeting: Sunday, February 13, 2022

Share-A-Meal
The next time we are scheduled to serve will be
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2022
Please note date change!!



WOMEN'S GROUP

February 2, 2022

6:30 p.m.

at Faith Church

All women are invited to join us!
We will begin crafting for bazaar in November!

Notes from the Council President

My final comments as your Council President... My term officially ended at the annual meeting on January 16th. It's been a busy year for the property committee at Faith. We really need someone to spearhead this committee. The person doesn't have to be on council although they would need to send a monthly report to the council each month via email or a handwritten report stating the monthly activities. Pastor Heidi has been filling in as the committee chair but this takes away from the duties that we have called her to do. Thank you to Gary and Jim for helping during the year. Financially, we ended the year on a good note – we only transferred \$13k from the special donations account to the general fund to meet our expenses during the year. This is huge as in the past we have transferred \$20k. Please note: We only have \$26,600.19 left in the special donations account – hopefully, this will last us 2 years. Thanks to everyone for their support during this year. I will still be your treasurer...

Martha Watters —Council President



Newsletter articles due the 3rd Sunday of the month.

March Newsletter article deadline is Feb. 20

March Newsletter will be mailed February 23

2022 Council Meetings

Second Sunday of the month at 12:00 p.m.

At this point, we will meet face to face, unless otherwise requested.

	Feb. 8	Mar. 8	
April 12	May 10	June 14	
July 12	Aug. 9	Sept. 13	
Oct. 11	Nov. 8	Dec. 14	



Lenten Worship Series

We live in a culture bent on definitions of a good life as continuous upward mobility – climbing ladders of prosperity with increasingly fabulous experiences that we can post to evermore-likable social media accounts. We may comb the shelves of the self-help section in search of just the right formula to gain success. Perhaps we even gravitate towards spiritual leaders who promise great rewards if we only do “the right thing.” But life happens, right? Most times we are not moving upward but trying to repair the rung we’ve just slipped from. So what if we stopped climbing and started fertilizing, watering, and blooming right where we find ourselves? Welcome to a Lent of affirming a faith in which we are blessed, regardless, and where we can lean into embracing our “good enough” lives.

Join us on Sunday mornings
at 10:30 a.m.

We Pray For



As we grow into a new year, we pray with new-found hope. In this time of continued division, chaos, and power struggles, we pray for strength to continue the fight for peace and justice. We pray for courage to face each new day, no matter what comes our way. Guide us, Creator of All. Shine your light on our path. Light a fire in our core, so that we will feel it's warmth, and ignite in us the passion to do your will. We pray all this, and so much more. Amen.

Our Faith Family

Mick Noteboom
Hazel McBride
Sheryl Mortimore
Pam Edmond
Barb Bullock
Brian Barclay
Jan Johnson
Dave Leamer
Karen Risler
Rev. Barb Koenig

Our Homebound

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

Our Family and Friends

Judy Pepper
Terry Showens
Nicholas Passcuzzi
Karen Byers
Frances Leamer
Sid and Ardella Boots
17 year old daughter of a friend of Gloria Kuehl

Our World

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

**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.**



SCOUT SUNDAY
February 6
10:30 a.m. Worship
ALL Scouts (of all ages!)
are invited to wear your uniforms.



CONGRATULATIONS
to Sophie Pepper
on being inducted into
the National Honor Society!

Faith Family,
Once again, thank you for your very generous gift. And a special thanks to whoever organized the project! I've been doing a basement project and this will get me over the finish line! May you all have a blessed 2022!

With Love,
Susan Senn



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

WE ARE REGISTERED!

Watch for details this April
about donating to Birdies for
Charity to help Faith UCC!



THANKYOU!

Dearest Faith UCC Tribe,
David, the boys, and I want to thank you for the very generous gift of money for Christmas! We will use it toward new furniture this summer! 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

FEBRUARY 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Pack 828 6:30-8 p.m.	2 10:00 a.m. Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Women's Group Jan H host at FCC	3 	4 1:30-3:30 p.m. Sewing Group	5 First Christian Bible Study 3pm Worship 4:00 p.m.
6 SCOUT SUNDAY 9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship/ <i>Communion</i>	7 Troop 7 6:30-8 p.m.	8 6:30 p.m. Council Troop 7 6:30-8 p.m.	9 10:00 a.m. Bible Study DYT Team Mtg 6:00 p.m.	10 10:30-12:30 pm Homeschool group	11 1:30-3:30 p.m. Sewing Group	12 First Christian Bible Study 3pm Worship 4:00 p.m.
13 9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship <i>Council Mtg</i> 12:00 p.m.	14  Troop 7 6:30-8 p.m.	15 Pack 828 6:30-8 p.m.	16 10:00 a.m. Bible Study 	17 5:30 p.m. Basket Class	18 1:30-3:30 p.m. Sewing Group	19 First Christian Bible Study 3pm Worship 4:00 p.m.
20 9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship <i>Newsletter</i> <i>Articles Due</i>	21 Share-A-Meal 5:15 p.m. Troop 7 6:30-8 p.m.	22 Troop 7 6:30-8 p.m.	23 10:00 a.m. Bible Study <i>Newsletter</i> <i>Mailed</i>	24 10:30-12:30 pm Homeschool group	25 1:30-3:30 p.m. Sewing Group	26 First Christian Bible Study 3pm Worship 4:00 p.m.
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