



Focus on Faith

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PASTORAL PONDERINGS

“And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ.” ~ Philippians 1:9-10

As we look to the future and continue to discern what call God is placing on us as a church community, one of the most important things we can do is be honest with ourselves. Honest about who we are, and what we as a community are physically, emotionally, mentally, and spiritually able to do. This will sometimes include difficult questions and conversations.

This month, we are going to begin discussing the ministry of our annual Holiday Bazaar, held on the first Saturday of November. The Attic Shop was added to the Holiday Bazaar in 1982, which means this event has been going for more than 40 years! That is a long time, and it has been wonderful. As I read past annual reports, there were many changes made to the bazaar along the way—times were changed, meals added, attic shop added—and now it is time for us to take a breath and evaluate once again.

Every year it gets harder to make this event successful. We have fewer volunteers, even since you called me here. And let’s face it, none of us are as young as we used to be!

Currently, we are in need of someone who will be willing to step up and lead the Attic Shop portion of the bazaar. Leading means just that—making sure there is a team to help clean and price the items (or choose to do it differently); make sure there is a team to help set up the week before the bazaar; a team to cashier; a team to walk around during that Saturday and help customers; and a team to help pack everything that is left over when the bazaar is finished.

At our Council meeting on Sunday, we decided we want to see what you think. Please watch your email (or mail) for a short 8 question survey regarding the Holiday Bazaar. We are asking that you answer the questions no later than **Wednesday, June 1**. We will collect the data, and then we will have a brief congregational gathering following worship on **Sunday, June 5**, where we will give you the results we collected, as well as offer a time for further discussion.

The purpose for this survey is to see if we are going to continue forward with the Holiday Bazaar, either as we are doing now, or with some changes, or if we need to let it go and find other fundraisers that will fit our congregation’s gifts and talents differently.

I know these discussions are difficult, because we like things the way they have been, but as we have all seen over the last 2 years, life is different, and honestly, different can be good! It can breathe new life into us, so that we can breathe new life into our community, and into our world.

As we continue with these difficult discussions and decisions, remember that we are not alone because we are being led by the Holy Spirit, and keeping God at the center. When we do that, we can be confident that we are following the missional path that God is leading us to. May it be so.

~ Always Peace, *Pastor Heidi*



FROM THE COUNCIL:

Church Council Highlights – May 22, 2022

Property:

The combined church sign in the front yard needs to be adjusted.

Outreach:

Share-A-Meal served 60 on Monday, April 29.

Spiritual Life:

Nothing to report.

Christian Education:

Mission projects for the youth.

Other Business:

Vendor Fair on June 18.

Next Council Meeting: Sunday, June 12, 2022

Newsletter articles due the 3rd Sunday of the month.

July Newsletter article deadline is June 19

July Newsletter will be mailed June 29

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.

	June 12	
July 10	Aug. 14	Sept. 11
Oct. 19	Nov. 13	Dec. 11

Share-A-Meal

We will NOT serve in June
We are next scheduled to serve
Friday, July 29, 2022.

Treasurer's Report April 2022			
PLEDGE ACCOUNT	MO.PLEDGE	APRIL	GIVEN YTD
General Fund	\$ 6,326.00	\$ 5,942.50	\$ 24,075.00
OCWM	\$ 100.00	\$ 90.00	\$ 375.00
Maintenance Reserve	\$ 266.00	\$ 180.00	\$ 916.00
Non-Pledge Gen Fund	\$ -	\$ 297.60	\$ 1,727.60
Total Giving	\$ 6,692.00	\$ 6,510.10	\$ 27,093.60
GENERAL FUND	MO BUDGET		TOTAL YTD
Pledged & NP Giving	\$ 6,326.00	\$ 6,240.10	\$ 25,802.60
Misc Gen Fund Giving	\$ -	\$ 129.55	\$ 393.40
Transfers In	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,915.98
Shared Space Inc	\$ -	\$ 1,424.67	\$ 6,433.33
Total Gen Fund Inc	\$ 6,326.00	\$ 7,794.32	\$ 40,545.31
Pastor Expense	\$ 6,733.00	\$ 6,173.09	\$ 24,751.37
Employee Expense	\$ 1,453.00	\$ 829.56	\$ 3,942.24
Church Ministry Exp	\$ 339.00	\$ 51.22	\$ 804.76
Office Expense	\$ 382.00	\$ 311.49	\$ 1,342.07
Property Expense	\$ 1,528.00	\$ 1,450.18	\$ 9,845.50
Total Gen Fun Exp	\$ 10,435.00	\$ 8,815.54	\$ 40,685.94
Net General Fund	\$ (4,109.00)	\$ (1,021.22)	\$ (140.63)
Submitted by Martha Watters			

Notes from the Council President

Hello! I hope you are enjoying the blooming spring flowers. I have noticed the corn is starting to pop up in rows also. I love Spring!

During our last Council meeting, we had an in-depth discussion on the viability of our Holiday Bazaar. It seems our major hurdle is having enough volunteers to pull such an event off. We also discussed if switching to more frequent, but smaller, fundraising events would be more sustainable. After lots of discussion, we decided to ask the Congregation, so you will be getting a survey soon. We ask you to answer this short survey no later than WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1. As a follow-up, we will hold a short congregational discussion after worship on SUN., JUNE 5. I truly value your opinions and hope you are able to give us some feedback so that we can continue to hold fundraising events that support the church's missions.

Cheryl Leamer —Council President



WOMEN'S GROUP

**We will meet
On June 1 at 5:30 p.m.
At Mo Brady's!**

WE ARE REGISTERED!

Birdies for Charity pledge forms are available on the Fellowship Hall table.
Our number is 2307.



- 1 Trenton Wakeland
- 6 Richard Fox
- 8 Beau Gerisher
- 12 Mark Duncan
- 13 Karen Wakeland
- 23 Janelle Hoker
- 26 Brendan McBride
- Lucas Smith
- 27 John Adams



We Pray For
Listening God, we pray for peace for our world. We pray for those who are facing war, for all those who are suffering or afraid. Watch over them. We continue to pray for the world leaders: that they will show compassion, choose peace, lead with wisdom. Show us how to live and lead in this world where so much feels like it is going wrong. Guide us on your path, show us your will. Amen.

Our Faith Family

Pam Edmond
 Jan Johnson
 Karen Risler
 Rev. Barb Koenig
 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

Jeff Ripslinger Dinah Lohmeier
 Judy Prideg Nicholas Passcuzzi
 Erin Cavan Terry Showens
 Judy Pepper Preemie – Smith
 17 year old daughter of a friend of Gloria Kuehl

Our World

Angola, Mozambique, Lesotho, Namibia,
 South Africa, Eswatini, Botswana, Zimbabwe,
 Malawi, Zambia, Kenya, Tanzania

**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.**

Little Dresses For Africa (LDFA)
 sewing group is meeting again!
 Fridays from 1:30-3:30 p.m.
 Please watch schedule
 for any changes.



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



**Strengthen the Church
 Special Offering**

Strengthen The Church (STC) is a special mission offering to reimagine and build the future of the UCC. As God calls our congregations to be the "church" in new ways, your generosity will plant new churches, awaken new ideas in existing churches and develop the spiritual life in our youth and young adults. STC funds will also be used to award grants to help congregations communicate the "God is still speaking," message. Strengthen the Church offering will be received Pentecost Sunday, **June 5, 2022.**



Thank you, my Faith church family for your continued prayers, concerns, calls, visits and cards and other acts of kindness over the past two years for Mick and I. All has been greatly appreciated. A special thank you to Pastor Heidi for the comforting Celebration of Life service, to Susan who played some of my favorite hymns and to the ladies that served the wonderful desserts after the service.

Thanks and Blessings,
 Karleen Noteboom and family



WE NEED VENDORS!

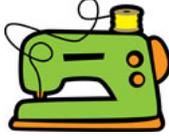
If you or someone you know would like to join us for our Vendor/Craft fair, please contact Pastor Heidi, or the office for an application!



**Saturday, June 18, 2022
 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

Faith UCC will have two tables:
 one for baked goods and one for crafts.
WE WILL NEED YOUR HELP
 Watch and listen for further details.

June 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 10:00 a.m. Bible Study Women's Group Dinner Out Mo Brady's 5:30 p.m.	2	3 1:30-3:30 p.m. Sewing Group 	4 First Christian Worship 4 pm
5 10:00 a.m. Worship <i>Communion and Strengthen the Church Special Offering</i>	6 Troop 7 Meeting 6:30-8 p.m.	7 VOTING PRIMARY 7 a.m.—8 p.m. 	8 10:00 a.m. Bible Study 	9 Basket Class 5:30 p.m.	10 NO Sewing Group Barclay/DeGraff Rehearsal 5:00 p.m.	11 Barclay/DeGraff Wedding 4 p.m.  <i>With this Ring... First Christian will meet tomorrow</i>
12 10:00 a.m. Worship 12:00 p.m. Council Meeting First Christian Worship - 4 p.m.	13 Troop 7 Meeting 6:30-8 p.m.	14 	15 10:00 a.m. Bible Study	16 	17 1:30-3:30 p.m. Sewing Group 3:00-5:00 pm Drop off Baked Goods	18 Summer Fun Vendor Fair!! 9 am—2 pm First Christian Worship 4 pm
19 10:00 a.m.  <i>Newsletter articles due</i>	20 Troop 7 Meeting 6:30-8 p.m.	21 	22 10:00 a.m. Bible Study	23	24 1:30-3:30 p.m. Sewing Group	25 First Christian Worship 4 pm
26 10:00 a.m. Worship	27 NO SCOUTS Summer camp	28	29 10:00 a.m. Bible Study <i>Mail Newsletter</i>	30 		