



Focus on Faith

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PASTORAL PONDERINGS

“Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.” ~ Philippians 4:9

The year of our Lord, 2022, is quite literally, right around the corner—only 11 days from the day I write this! With each year comes new life lessons for us to learn. I read somewhere that if we don’t learn our lesson the first time through an experience, then we will continue to have similar experiences until we learn that lesson. Whether or not that is actually a truth, I feel very much like it is, especially over the last two years.

As we celebrate the birth of Baby Jesus this week, and prepare to welcome in yet another new year, I would invite you to take a couple of moments and look over the last year of your life. Taking time to really understand yourself and your relationship with God and with God’s creation, is important for you to move forward in God’s plan for you.

Find a quiet place, with no distractions, even if for 10 minutes. Get yourself comfortable, maybe grab a cup of your favorite beverage, and allow yourself to just be. Breathe in the hope and love of this Christmas season, and breathe out all your could have / should have / would have of the past year. Allow these to float away from you, taking any regret with them.

After a few breaths, take a couple of minutes for each of the following questions:


1. What life lesson have I learned this past year?
2. How has this lesson changed my life? Have I actually allowed it to make the change it is supposed to?
3. How has this lesson changed my relationships with those I love, as well as with those I find difficult being in relationship with?
4. Is there a lesson that I didn’t learn, but feel like the opportunities to learn it keep popping up in my life?
5. How can I pay more attention to those lessons I choose not to learn, or have trouble understanding I need to learn?

When you finish, breathe in the hope of this new year, and breathe out everything of which you want to let go. Breathe in. Breathe out. Make room for the opportunities for whatever lessons are coming your way.

What lessons do you need to learn? What lesson do you think God needs you to learn? What lessons do you think God needs us to learn as a whole? Will you resolve to be open to those lessons?

May you have a Wonder-filled Christmas, and an abundant New Year!

~ Always Peace, *Pastor Heidi*



We will hold our Annual Meeting immediately following worship on **Sunday, January 16, 2022** in person as well as via ZOOM. Contact Pastor Heidi if you need the link.

ANNUAL MEETING



Pastor Heidi will be on vacation from **December 25—January 2** and will return to the office on **January 3, 2022**.
In case of emergency:
December 25-26 :
Rev. Linda Hunsaker at 563-940-8251.
December 27-January 2
Rev. Marcy Heil at 508-863-1313.

FROM THE COUNCIL:

Church Council Highlights – December 14, 2021

Property: Repairing of sidewalk —2 sections weren't completed last month. Working with Regions . DJR is going to repair the drywall area and also put in the light where the skylight was.

Outreach: Share-A-Meal served 30 on Nov 30. Next meal will be Jan 24.

Spiritual Life: No report.

Christian Education: Confirmation begins in January.

Other Business:

First Christian has moved in.

Waiting on bids for two cement projects.

Next Council Meeting: Tuesday, Jan. 11, 2022



WOMEN'S GROUP

January 5, 2022

6:30 p.m.

at Faith UCC

All women are invited to join us!

We will be taking down the Christmas decorations.

Newsletter articles due the 3rd Sunday of the month.

February Newsletter article deadline is Jan. 16.

February Newsletter will be mailed January 26.

Notes from the Council President

As we prepare for 2022 we take a look back at 2021. We have accomplished a great deal this year. We have a new roof not only for the church but for the parsonage as well. In addition we have new siding for the parsonage. Thanks to everyone who donated to help us with this huge project.

We are sharing our space with First Christian Church. They moved in during the last couple of weeks in November and held their first worship on November 27th.

The New Hope, New Life, New Faith committee worked this year to make some changes to the Constitution and Bylaws and it will be presented at the Annual Meeting on Jan. 16th.

Martha Watters —Council President

Share-A-Meal

The next time we are scheduled to serve will be

MONDAY, JANUARY 24, 2022

Please note date change!!

2022 Council Meetings

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

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

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

Treasurer's Report November 2021

PLEDGE ACCOUNT	MO.PLEDGE	NOVEMBER	GIVEN YTD
General Fund	\$ 6,285.00	\$ 6,160.00	\$ 69,545.50
OCWM	\$ 156.00	\$ 136.00	\$ 1,892.00
Maintenance Reserve	\$ 389.00	\$ 328.00	\$ 30,922.59
Non-Pledge Gen Fund	\$ -	\$ 970.00	\$ 12,858.00
Total Giving	\$ 6,830.00	\$ 7,594.00	\$ 115,218.09

GENERAL FUND	MO BUDGET		TOTAL YTD
Pledged & NP Giving	\$ 6,285.00	\$ 7,130.00	\$ 82,403.50
Misc Gen Fund Giving	\$ -	\$ 95.03	\$ 1,302.23
Transfers In	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 11,806.25
Total Gen Fund Inc	\$ 6,285.00	\$ 7,225.03	\$ 95,511.98

Pastor Expense	\$ 6,503.00	\$ 5,716.10	\$ 69,137.45
Employee Expense	\$ 1,437.00	\$ 813.30	\$ 8,946.30
Church Ministry Exp	\$ 320.00	\$ 515.25	\$ 2,231.46
Office Expense	\$ 426.00	\$ 236.02	\$ 4,208.06
Property Expense	\$ 1,366.00	\$ 458.49	\$ 15,266.11
Total Gen Fun Exp	\$ 10,052.00	\$ 7,739.16	\$ 99,789.38

Net General Fund	\$ (3,767.00)	\$ (514.13)	\$ (4,277.40)
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Submitted by Martha Watters



- 2 Marlene Long
- 8 Jeffrey Banks
- 10 Nancy Jones
- Arlene Barclay
- 16 Michelle Holdt
- 22 John Raap
- Shara Rangel
- Kathy Edlemon
- Vanessa Banks
- 30 Eli Ozmon



We Pray For

As we approach 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

Pam Edmond
Barb Bullock
Bob and Teresa King
Brian Barclay
Jan Johnson
Jim Sullivan
Dave Leamer
Karen Risler
Rev. Barb Koenig

Our Homebound

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

Our Family and Friends

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

Our World

Egypt, Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territories, Jordan, Lebanon, Iran, Iraq, Syria
Arab Emirates, Bahrain, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates, Yemen,
Cyprus, Greece, Turkey, Algeria, Libya, Morocco, Tunisia

*Our deepest condolences go to Pam Edmond on the death of her brother, Ray Lutz,
Sunday, December 12, 2021.*

**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.**



Hat/Mitten/Scarf Tree

Thank you to everyone who gave to the Hat/Mitten/Sock Tree! Those in need will be very thankful!

Our pledges are up from last year to General Fund
Down to OCWM and Maintenance Reserve.
Thank you to all who have pledged. If you haven't turned
in your pledge, there are forms in the office.

Campaign	2021	2022	Difference
General Fund	\$ 75,520	\$ 75,917	\$ (397.00)
OCWM	\$ 1,972	\$ 1,200	\$ 772.00
Maintenance	\$ 4,772	\$ 3,195	\$ 1,577.00

OFFICE CLOSED

The office will be closed on
December 27— January 2
in observance of
Christmas
and New Years.



**I MAY NOT BE A "WISE MAN," BUT AT
LEAST I NEVER GOT SO LOST I HAD TO ASK
HEROD FOR DIRECTIONS.**



WE ARE REGISTERED!

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

January 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						<u>1</u> First Christian Bible Study 3pm Worship 4:00 p.m.
<u>2</u> 9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship	<u>3</u> Pastor Heidi returns Troop 7 6:30-8 p.m.	<u>4</u> Pack 828 6:30-8 p.m.	<u>5</u> 10:00 a.m. Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Women's Group Faith UCC	<u>6</u> 	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u> First Christian Bible Study 3pm Worship 4:00 p.m.
<u>9</u> 9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship / <i>Communion</i>	<u>10</u> Troop 7 6:30-8 p.m.	<u>11</u> Council 6:30 p.m. Troop 7 6:30-8 p.m.	<u>12</u> 10:00 a.m. Bible Study	<u>13</u> 10:30-12:30 pm Homeschool group	<u>14</u> 	<u>15</u> First Christian Bible Study 3pm Worship 4:00 p.m.
<u>16</u> 9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship ANNUAL MEETING FOLLOWING WORSHIP	<u>17</u>  BOY SCOUTS Troop 7 6:30-8 p.m.	<u>18</u> Pack 828 6:30-8 p.m.	<u>19</u> 10:00 a.m. Bible Study 	<u>20</u>	<u>21</u>  January	<u>22</u> First Christian Bible Study 3pm Worship 4:00 p.m.
<u>23</u> 9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship Funding Future Leaders Offering	<u>24</u> 5:15 p.m. Share-A-Meal Troop 7 6:30-8 p.m.	<u>25</u> Troop 7 6:30-8 p.m.	<u>26</u> 10:00 a.m. Bible Study <i>Mail newsletter</i>	<u>27</u> 10:30-12:30 pm Homeschool group	<u>28</u>	<u>29</u> First Christian Bible Study 3pm Worship 4:00 p.m.
<u>30</u> 9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship	<u>31</u> Troop 7 6:30-8 p.m.					