



Focus on Faith

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PASTORAL PONDERINGS

“Know therefore that the Lord your God is God; he is the faithful God, keeping his covenant of love to a thousand generations of those who love him and keep his commandments. ~ Deuteronomy 7:9

In our Wednesday morning Bible Study, we are studying the Book of Revelation. I love this book for the blessings it offers (yes, BLESSINGS), as well as the imagery.

We have just finished John of Patmos’ letters to the seven churches, and at the end of each letter, the study guide asks us what our take away is. Upon reflection, I realize it’s all about standing firm in our faith—no matter what we face, and that we are to live in covenantal or right relationship with one another.

Covenant is hard. It is the steadfast promise that God makes with Abraham and Sarah that they will be the parents of nations; the rainbow set in the sky to remind God and us that God will never again purposefully flood the earth to wipe out humanity. It is the promise through the risen Christ that our sins have been wiped clean.

But covenant requires humanity to actively take part and hold up our end. Abraham and Sarah needed to trust God; humanity must love God and one another.

The UCC is a covenantal denomination. When we join a local congregation, we make promises to be engaged and help support that congregation through our time, talent, and treasures. We promise to serve God and one another.

As a local congregation, we covenant with the wider church to be in relationship with them, to serve together, pool our resources, and grow the Body of Christ.

For Faith UCC, this includes three things:

- 1) That we actually participate in the Eastern Iowa Association, which is made up of 31 other congregations. We do this by serving on committees (I am the current treasurer) and pray for one another.
- 2) We belong to the Iowa Conference, where we widen our service and support, and in our case, that grows into the Tri-Conference, which is made up of the Iowa, Nebraska, and South Dakota Conferences.
- 3) Finally, we support the national setting—for most of us, that is financially and through prayer, but maybe one day it will be serving on a committee.

Currently, Faith UCC is working to strengthen our relationships with the Eastern Iowa Association and Iowa Conference. We will be hosting not one, but two events which offer an opportunity for you to serve these wider entities.

- 1) On July 12, we will host a Conference wide Clergy Day Apart from 10-4.
- 2) On September 25, we will host the Eastern Iowa Association Fall Annual Meeting from 2:00-5:30, which includes serving a meal. (You are all invited to attend this! It will help you understand our role in the Association!)

We also have the upcoming JAM (Joint Annual Meeting) October 9-11 for the Tri-Conference which will be held in Sioux City.

Please watch for further details on how we can practice our part of being in a covenantal relationship for all of these events!

~ Always Peace, *Pastor Heidi*



Pastor Is On Vacation

Please note Pastor Heidi will be on vacation starting
Sunday, July 3 following worship through Tuesday, July 12.

Rev. Marcy Heil will be on call in case of emergency.

You can reach her at 608-863-1313.

Jill Pepper will lead worship on Sunday, July 10.

FROM THE COUNCIL:

Church Council Highlights – June 23, 2022

Property: Gary repaired an air conditioning pipe.

Outreach: Share-A-Meal served 70 in June.

Spiritual Life: Nothing to report.

Christian Education: “Messy Church” VBS in July, August, & September

Other Business: Vendor Fair was a success.

**Next Council Meeting: Thursday, July 21, 2022
12:30 p.m.**

Newsletter articles due the 3rd Sunday of the month.

**August Newsletter article deadline is July 17
August Newsletter will be mailed July 27**

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.

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

Share-A-Meal

We are next scheduled to serve
Friday, July 29, 2022.

Treasurer's Report May 2022

PLEDGE ACCOUNT	MO.PLEDGE	MAY	GIVEN YTD
General Fund	\$ 6,326.00	\$ 7,501.50	\$ 31,576.50
OCWM	\$ 100.00	\$ 130.00	\$ 505.00
Maintenance Reserve	\$ 266.00	\$ 660.00	\$ 1,576.00
Non-Pledge Gen Fund	\$ -	\$ 1,160.00	\$ 2,887.60
Total Giving	\$ 6,692.00	\$ 9,451.50	\$ 36,545.10
GENERAL FUND			
	MO BUDGET		TOTAL YTD
Pledged & NP Giving	\$ 6,326.00	\$ 8,661.50	\$ 34,464.10
Misc Gen Fund Giving	\$ -	\$ 16.39	\$ 409.79
Transfers In	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,915.98
Shared Space Inc	\$ -	\$ 1,482.17	\$ 7,915.50
Total Gen Fund Inc	\$ 6,326.00	\$10,160.06	\$ 50,705.37
Pastor Expense	\$ 6,733.00	\$ 7,462.80	\$ 32,214.17
Employee Expense	\$ 1,453.00	\$ 829.56	\$ 4,771.80
Church Ministry Exp	\$ 339.00	\$ 166.00	\$ 970.76
Office Expense	\$ 382.00	\$ 351.77	\$ 1,693.84
Property Expense	\$ 1,528.00	\$ 1,215.38	\$ 11,060.88
Total Gen Fun Exp	\$ 10,435.00	\$10,025.51	\$ 50,711.45
Net General Fund	\$ (4,109.00)	\$ 134.55	\$ (6.08)
Submitted by Martha Watters			

Notes from the Council President

Happy Summer, Everyone!

I wanted to share with you an excerpt from an email from the Churches United Director for Share-A-Meal .

“We are starting (soon) our 7th month of meal site for 2022. We have seen many families and individuals come and go, some regulars, some kids and their families. What is consistent is they arrive at Zion Lutheran hungry and in need of a smile, compassion, and kindness along with the awesome meals I see served each night that nourishes their bodies. Often times I reflect on this ministry, and we provide and do so much more than just give them food. Together we give more to their need and support. THANK YOU to you and your churches for serving in this vital and needed ministry!”

I want to THANK EVERYONE who supports me in keeping Faith UCC involved in this mission. As you can see, there is a need in our community and it feels awesome to serve those in need.

Cheryl Leamer —Council President



WOMEN'S GROUP
We will meet
on July 6th from 4-8 p.m.
At Becky Christy's home!



JULY
BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Jan Hannel
- Lindsay Ozmon
- 2 Jan Johnson
- 3 Lois Wellendorf
- 4 Judy Cummings
- 6 Maureen Miller
- 10 Henry Pepper
- 14 Karen Risler
- 17 Marianne McBride
- 18 Vicki Ertel
- 21 Lincoln Wakeland
- 22 David Hulme
- 23 Michael McBride
- 24 Adrian Banks
- 30 James Sullivan
- 31 Shylynn Fox



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
 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

Aaron Wellendorf
 Jeff Ripslinger
 Judy Prideg
 Erin Cavan
 Judy Pepper
 Dinah Lohmeier
 Nicholas Passcuzzi
 Terry Showens
 Premie – Smith

Our World

Sudan, South Sudan, Uganda, Eritrea,
 Ethiopia, Djibouti, Somalia, Burundi,
 Democratic Republic of Congo, Rwanda

**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. Watch schedule for changes. Donations or questions may be directed to: Arlene Barclay, cell (563) 322-5757



WE ARE REGISTERED!

Birdies for Charity pledge forms are available on the Fellowship Hall table.
DEADLINE IS JULY 1!! Our number is 2307.

FIRST ANNUAL ALL AGES VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

COME ONE! COME ALL! (LITERALLY!)

This year, Vacation Bible School is NOT just for the kids! We are joining generational forces to grow our faith together! Mark your calendar for the following dates!

Each day we will meet from 4-6 p.m. with a meal at 6:00.



JULY 24
 "Love God"



AUGUST 14
 "Love Your Neighbor"



SEPTEMBER 18
 "Love Your World"

We are once again collecting backpacks and school supplies for the EICC Student Success Store. We will bless them during worship on August 7.



Thank you so much to everyone who helped make the Summer Fun Vendor Fair a huge success!
 A special THANK YOU to BSA Troop 7 for serving lunch for us!
 Total to date is \$1,210.50!!
 (\$600 table rental / \$610.50 baked goods and crafts.)



SAVE THE DATE

Fall Spectacular Vendor Fair

Saturday, September 24



July 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 1:30-3:30 p.m. Sewing Group	2 First Christian Worship 4 pm
3 10:00 a.m. Worship <i>Pastor Heidi on vacation following</i>	4 	5	6 NO Bible Study 4-8 p.m. Becky's Women's Group	7 	8 1:30-3:30 p.m. Sewing Group	9 First Christian Worship 4 pm
10 10:00 a.m. Worship 12:00 p.m. Council Meeting	11 Troop 7 Meeting 6:30-8 p.m.	12 10-4 pm Tri-Conference Clergy Day Gathering at Faith UCC	13 NO Bible Study <i>Pastor Heidi back in the office</i>	14	15 1:30-3:30 p.m. Sewing Group 	16 First Christian Worship 4 pm
17 10:00 a.m. Worship <i>Newsletter Articles Due</i> <i>Fellowship Hall Reserved 5-9 p.m.</i>	18 Troop 7 Meeting 6:30-8 p.m.	19 	20 10:00 a.m. Bible Study	21 5:30 p.m. Basket Class	22 1:30-3:30 p.m. Sewing Group	23 First Christian Worship 4 pm
24 10:00 a.m. Worship ALL AGES VBS 4-6 p.m. Meal served	25 Troop 7 Meeting	26	27 10:00 a.m. Bible Study <i>Mail Newsletter</i>		29 1:30-3:30 p.m. Sewing Group 5:15 pm Share-A-Meal	30 First Christian Worship 4 pm
31 10:00 a.m. Worship						