



Focus on Faith

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PASTORAL PONDERINGS

“Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.” ~ Luke 6:38

It takes a village.....

It takes a village to raise children. Sometimes, as parents, we just need help. Although they are our children, they aren't in our eyesight 24/7/365. Whether they head to a sitter, preschool, school, a friend's house, belong on a team, somewhere along the line, someone else is caring for, feeding, teaching, leading, or coaching them. And that's good! Sometimes another authority figure needs to help, because they just won't listen to us parents.

In the same way, it takes a village to be a church. Or rather, it takes community. When we are in community, we each have responsibility to make sure things are getting done. A healthy community needs each person to pitch in and help, making sure that the same people aren't always doing everything. Faith UCC is no different.

It is wonderful to be able to be in fellowship with one another and to participate in things like Sunday School, and Coffee Hour, Vendor Fairs and our Holiday Bazaar. But in order to have events like these, we need people to help with their time and physical abilities. I understand that not everyone can physically help, but many of us can.

For instance, we all enjoy Coffee Hour, but the same people are having to clean up each week. Let's spread the task around. It isn't difficult: putting food away, taking care of coffee, and washing, drying, and putting away a few dishes. *What about you? Can you help for one Sunday a month?* If you are unsure about something, it's okay to ask for help!

The Holiday Bazaar is coming up. We will need lots of help for this. (See page 4 for details.) Even if you can't help for long, we are asking that you do offer your time and physical help. We are a small church, but we are mighty, as long as we all work together.

Thank you in advance for your help! It really does take a village!

~ Always Peace, *Pastor Heidi*



Please note Pastor Heidi will be on vacation October 3-9.
Jill Pepper will lead worship on October 9.
If there is an emergency, please contact Jill at 563-370-1359.

ANNUAL BUDGET MEETING

This is the official announcement that our Annual Budget Meeting & Council Elections will be held on **Sunday, October 16** immediately following worship in person as well as via ZOOM

If you would like to join us via ZOOM, please contact Pastor Heidi for the link.

Annual Budget Meeting



FROM THE COUNCIL:

Church Council Highlights – September 11, 2022

Property: Looking for someone to do snow removal as One-Eighty increased the prices and won't clear sidewalks. Congregational meeting Sept. 11 to approve up to \$5000 for parsonage bathroom repairs. Looking to replace Fellowship Hall light bulbs to LED. David Hulme getting information.

Outreach: Share-A-Meal served over 100. Next meal Sept 30.

Christian Education: Final VBS on Sept. 18. Messy Church curriculum being used for Sunday School.

Other Business: Vendor Fair Sept. 24
 Hosting EIA Fall Annual Meeting Sept. 25
 Pastor Heidi planning Sabbatical for July/Aug/Sept 2023

Next Council Meeting: Sunday, October 9

ANNUAL BUDGET MEETING AND COUNCIL ELECTIONS OCTOBER 16 FOLLOWING WORSHIP

Newsletter articles due the 3rd Sunday of the month.

November Newsletter article deadline is October 16.

November Newsletter will be mailed October 26.

Notes from the Council President

Happy Fall Y'all!

We have been keeping busy at Faith UCC. First, thank you everyone for being accommodating to the new worship time so that First Christian can move their worship to Sunday mornings.

After our painting party in August, many of those who came wanted to know if we would have another one. Beth Peters, Painting for a Purpose, is coming back for another painting party on October 12th, 6:30 p.m. We will paint a little fall gnome and raise funds to buy diapers for the EICC Student Success Store. If this type of fundraiser continues to be successful, look for more painting parties in the future.

Also in October, the council will present our proposed budget for 2023. The Annual Budget Meeting and Council Elections is scheduled for **October 16th** after worship. I hope to see everyone there.

Cheryl Leamer
 Council President



2022 Council Meetings

Second Sunday of the month at 12:30 p.m.
 We will meet face to face, unless otherwise requested.

Oct. 9 / Nov. 13 / Dec. 11

Treasurer's Report August 2022			
PLEDGE ACCOUNT	MO.PLEDGE	AUGUST	GIVEN YTD
General Fund	\$ 6,326.00	\$ 5,270.00	\$ 49,441.50
OCWM	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 807.00
Maintenance Reserve	\$ 266.00	\$ 260.00	\$ 2,411.00
Non-Pledge Gen Fund	\$ -	\$ 400.00	\$ 5,470.60
Total Giving	\$ 6,692.00	\$ 6,030.00	\$ 58,130.10
GENERAL FUND	MO BUDGET		TOTAL YTD
Pledged & NP Giving	\$ 6,326.00	\$ 5,670.00	\$ 54,912.10
Misc Gen Fund Giving	\$ -	\$ 113.46	\$ 784.34
Transfers In	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,915.98
Shared Space Inc	\$ -	\$ 1,324.27	\$ 11,867.72
Total Gen Fund Inc	\$ 6,326.00	\$ 7,107.73	\$ 75,480.14
Pastor Expense	\$ 6,733.00	\$ 6,009.96	\$ 51,220.72
Employee Expense	\$ 1,453.00	\$ 829.56	\$ 7,260.48
Church Ministry Exp	\$ 339.00	\$ 252.31	\$ 1,373.07
Office Expense	\$ 382.00	\$ 387.36	\$ 3,541.91
Property Expense	\$ 1,528.00	\$ 913.31	\$ 15,283.95
Total Gen Fun Exp	\$ 10,435.00	\$ 8,392.50	\$ 78,680.13
Net General Fund	\$ (4,109.00)	\$(1,284.77)	\$ (3,199.99)
Submitted by Martha Watters			



- 3** Helen Wiese
- 5** Joseph Fox
Jaquin Glines
- 7** Melissa King
Sarah Rasler
- 11** Lorann Glines
- 13** Teresa King
- 14** Gloria Power
- 15** Gary Hoker
- 17** Connie Disney
Cheryl Leamer
- 18** Rob Kress
- 19** Kay Showens
- 22** Jacob Smith
- 26** Mark Christy

We Pray For



God, as the heat of summer intensifies, we pray for those without air conditioning or electricity, clean water, and health care. For all of our neighbors in “survival mode”, give them the communities and resources to not only survive, but to thrive this summer. And Lord, remind us to give you a drink when we see you thirsty. Amen.

Our Faith Family

Karen Risler
Rev. Barb Koenig

Our Homebound

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

Our Family and Friends

Judy Cummings
Lisa
Judy Prideg
Aaron Wellendorf
Jeff Ripslinger
Elizabeth
Dinah Lohmeier
Terry Showens
Nicholas Passcuzzi
18 year old daughter of a friend of Gloria Kuehl

Our World

Colombia, Ecuador, Venezuela, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Panama, Belize, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, The Caribbean: Antigua and Barbuda, Aruba, Bahamas, Barbados, Cuba, Curacao, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, Puerto Rico, Sint Maarten, St. Kitts-Nevis, St. Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago, Canada, United States of America

**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.**

Finish Strong Iowa Series

Advance Care Planning Iowa: A Gift to Yourself and Your Loved Ones

Thursday, October 13, 2022, 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM CDT – Zoom Meeting



It's never too soon to plan for your care in the event of a serious illness. This free program, first in a series called Finish Strong Iowa, empowers Iowans to plan ahead for the health care decisions and end-of-life experiences they want. Learn about:

End-of-Life options available to Iowans, plus actions to take if you prefer dying at home.

Compassion and Choices' free toolkit for identifying and ensuring your wishes are honored, including NEW planning tools for COVID-19 and dementia diagnoses.

Efforts to expand care and option for persons living with terminal illness in Iowa and beyond.

Speakers for this event are Amy Sherman and Hilary Strayer. Ms. Sherman has over 20 years of policy and program experience and leads Compassion & Choices' outreach and advocacy activities in Iowa and other Midwestern states. She earned a J.D. from Northwestern University School of Law and managed emergency services for Cook County Hospital and University of Illinois Hospital prior to her legal career.

Ms. Strayer is Co-leader of the Johnson County, Iowa Compassion and Choices Action Team.

You can attend this free program from the comfort of your own home via Zoom. If you have any questions, please contact: Marian Schwabbauer at tuthpik@icloud.com.

*Compassion and Choices is a non-profit, national organization dedicated to improving end-of-life care and expanding options, including medical aid-in-dying. The organization also provides numerous tools and resources for planning, communicating, and documenting one's wishes.

For more information, go to: compassionandchoices.org.



Saturday

November 5, 2022

7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.



Attic Shop in Fellowship Hall.

Bake Sale and Cookies by the Pound will be in library area. Crafts will be in the Narthex area.

Breakfast and Lunch are Back!

Breakfast served 7:30 to 10 a.m.

Lunch served 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.



Holiday Bazaar Setup Schedule:

Sunday, Oct. 30 — Set tables in specified areas

Monday, Oct. 31 — 9 to 11 a.m. Attic Shop and Crafts

Tuesday, Nov. 1 — 9 to 11 a.m. Attic Shop and Crafts

Wednesday, Nov. 2 — 9 to 11 a.m. Attic Shop and Crafts

Thursday, Nov. 3 — Finish Setup and Bake!

Friday, Nov. 4 — 4 to 6 p.m. Drop off baked goods

Volunteers Needed for Day of Bazaar

1. Cashiers—3 needed for each of the 2 shifts. 8 to 11 and 11 to 2.
2. Cashier Tables — need helpers to bag items for cashiers.
3. Attic Shop — 2 or 3 helpers to help with bagging items, keep traffic moving, and moving table items.
4. Bake Sale — 3 Helpers needed to price baked goods as they come in and manage bake tables.
5. Craft Area — Helpers needed to price items as they come in.

NOTE: It is really helpful if craft items are priced when they are dropped off. Baked goods sell best if placed in small packages.

Attic Shop Donations Deadline
Sunday, October 2

NO Share-A-Meal
In October



October Collection

During October, we will collect new packages of underwear, underpants, undershirts, bras, socks for men, women and children for Underwear Because We Care.

Underwear Because We Care is a volunteer organization which takes donations of undergarments to provide to the homeless and needy residents of the Quad-Cities.

PAINTING EVENT!

Join us **Wednesday, October 12**
at 6:30 pm.
and bring a friend!
\$25/each
BYOB and bring a snack to share



Please RSVP to the office, as there are only 35 spaces. See Cheryl Leamer with questions!

Proceeds will go to getting diapers for the EICC Student Success Store

EXPIRATION DATES VS. EAT BY DATES

Sometimes dates on food are confusing! The examples below show how long past the dates that food is still safe to eat. Have you ever wondered?

SELL BY 3/15/25	What it means This is a freshness date. Food is freshest by the date on the label, but still safe to eat after that date.
ENJOY BY 3/15/25	Examples are milk (up to 1 week after the sell by date) and eggs (3-5 weeks after the sell by date.)
BEST BY 3/15/25	This is a quality date. Food has the best quality if eaten by this date. You can eat acidic canned foods 12-18 months after this date. Examples: canned tomatoes or pineapples.
USED BY 3/15/25	You can eat non-acidic canned foods up to 2-5 years after this date. Examples: canned soup or vegetables.
EXP 3/15/25 OR USE BY 3/15/25	This is a true expiration date. After the expiration date, the food is not safe to eat and must be thrown away. Examples: canned soup or infant formula.
FROZEN FOOD cooked	Frozen food remains safe indefinitely, though they eventually get freezer burn. Cook immediately after thawing. The food may be refrozen.
NOTHING from when you got it. 3/15/25 or 07516	If there is no expiration date, use the can within one year. This is a manufacturing date. It is not an expiration date. Treat this as a BEST BY date and follow the above guidelines.
A SERIES OF NUMBERS and LETTERS LIKE W15KA253XJ	This is a packing code. It is used by the manufacturer. It is not an expiration date. Use the above guidelines.

Thank you to everyone who helped with the Vendor Fair in any way—purchasing a booth, set up, serving, hosting, taking money, advertising, shopping, cleaning up—all of it helped make this another successful event!

Thank you to Troops 7 and 1107 for serving lunch!



OCTOBER 2

We will take our Neighbors in Need special offering on **Sunday, October 2**. Neighbors in Need (NIN) is a special mission offering of the UCC that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the U.S. Grants are awarded to churches/organizations to fund projects such as direct service, community organizing, and advocacy to address systemic injustice.

If you are in the sanctuary, there will be envelopes on the table outside the sanctuary, which can be placed in the offering basket. If you are online, you may go to the website and click on the DONATE link.

October 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 FCC Worship 9:00 a.m. Joint Sunday School 10:10 a.m. Faith UCC Worship 11:00 a.m. World Communion Sunday Confirmation 12:30	3  Prepared. For Life.® Troop 7 / 1107 6:30-8 p.m. <i>Pastor Heidi on vacation</i>	4 Homeschool Theater 10:45-12:30	5 10:00 a.m. Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Women's Group Nancy Jones	6	7 1:30-3:30 p.m. Sewing Group 	8
9 FCC Worship 9:00 a.m. Joint Sunday School 10:10 a.m. Faith UCC Worship 11:00 a.m. (Jill lead) →	10 Troop 7 / 1107 6:30-8 p.m. <i>Pastor Heidi Return to office</i>	11 Homeschool Theater 10:45-12:30	12 10:00 a.m. Bible Study	13	14 1:30-3:30 p.m. Sewing Group	15 
16 FCC Worship 9:00am Joint Sunday School 10:10 a.m. Faith UCC Worship 11:00 a.m. Budget Meeting Noon Newsletter Articles Due	17 Troop 7 / 1107 6:30-8 p.m.	18 Homeschool Theater 10:45-12:30	19 10:00 a.m. Bible Study	20 5:30 p.m. Basket Class	21 1:30-3:30 p.m. Sewing Group 	22
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