



Focus on Faith

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PASTORAL PONDERINGS

Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). ~ John 20:16

Hello Friends!

Here today! Gone tomorrow! The snow we just got, that is. Wasn't it BEAUTIFUL??? Of course, our pine tree, like many others around town that I have seen, didn't like it as well as I did. I hope everyone was careful if they had to shovel! That was some heavy stuff!

Unfortunately, I was not able to shovel, as I am working on a back/leg issue. I want to thank everyone for your thoughts and prayers, and your patience as I work to heal. I have learned a few things: I am a MUCH better care giver than care receiver; I have reached the age that it will take me longer to heal than I would like, so I am better understanding some of the frustration that many of you have felt in your lives; and I have the most loving and giving husband and son! They have taken such good care of me, and sacrificed so much so they could care for me, putting my needs before their school and work, and other activities. THANK YOU DAVID AND KARSTEN!

Now, that being said, I want to let you know that we will NOT be having an online worship service on Good Friday, as I was only able to work on so much while I was laid up.

HOWEVER, I want to invite you to our Maundy Thursday supper/worship on Thursday, April 6 in the Fellowship Hall at 6:00 p.m. We will enjoy our meal together, as we hear the final stages of Jesus life through prayer and scripture, and share a piece of ourselves with one another throughout the evening. Whether you have joined us before now or not, I pray you are able to be there on this special night.

Don't forget to check out the rest of the Easter schedule on page 3. Have a most blessed week!

~ Always Peace, *Pastor Heidi*



Pastor Heidi will be on vacation April 10-16.

Rev. Linda Hunsaker will lead worship on Sunday, April 16, as well as be on call in case of an emergency that week.

If you need her, you may contact her at 563-940-8251.

FROM THE COUNCIL:

Church Council Highlights – March 12, 2023

Property: Will try to sell our largest snow blower as we now have service for sidewalk snow removal.

Outreach: Share-A-Meal served on February 13.

Spiritual Life: Lenten Soup Suppers and Conversation continuing on Wednesday evenings.

Christian Education: Confirmation Sunday on May 7.

Other Business: Council adjusting meeting dates due to Easter and Mother's Day.

Next Council Meeting: Sunday, April 23, 2023

Share-A-Meal

We are next scheduled to serve
Tuesday, May 30, 2023.

THERE IS NO SHARE-A-MEAL IN APRIL

Newsletter articles due the 3rd Sunday of the month.

May Newsletter article deadline is April 16.

May Newsletter will be mailed by April 26.

2023 Council Meetings

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

Apr. 23	May 14	June 11
July 9	Aug. 13	Sept. 10
Oct. 8	Nov. 12	Dec. 10

Notes from the Council President

Spring has sprung!

I hope everyone is doing well. I wanted to let you know a few things that council discussed at our last meeting. We are looking at holding a few painting parties in the spring, instead of a Spring Attic Shop sale. One will be a canvas bag that we will paint on! We may also hold a Vendor Fair and we definitely want to do a neighborhood picnic this summer. If you have any interest in organizing any of these events, let someone on council know.

Also, as you all know we continue to be in conversation with First Christian about following God's call for combining church ministries. We will continue to hold question and answer sessions after our meetings, but please feel free to bring questions or comments to the committee at any time.

Your Council President,
Cheryl Leamer



WE ARE REGISTERED!

Watch for details regarding
donating to Birdies for Charity to help
Faith UCC! *Our number is 2307.*



Treasurer's Report February 2023

PLEDGE ACCOUNT	MO.PLEDGE	FEB	GIVEN YTD
General Fund	\$ 6,370.00	\$ 6,425.50	\$ 15,515.38
OCWM	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 200.00
Maintenance Reserve	\$ 198.00	\$ 228.00	\$ 430.25
Non-Pledge Gen Fund	\$ -	\$ 488.44	\$ 968.44
Total Giving	\$ 6,668.00	\$ 7,241.94	\$ 17,114.07
GENERAL FUND	MO BUDGET		TOTAL YTD
Pledged & NP Giving	\$ 6,370.00	\$ 6,913.94	\$ 16,483.82
Misc Gen Fund Giving	\$ -	\$ 255.24	\$ 323.44
Transfers In	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,156.13
Shared Space Inc	\$ -	\$ 1,715.80	\$ 3,101.45
Total Gen Fund Inc	\$ 6,370.00	\$ 8,884.98	\$ 23,064.84
Pastor Expense	\$ 7,055.08	\$ 6,312.72	\$ 11,694.88
Employee Expense	\$ 908.58	\$ 854.45	\$ 1,708.90
Church Ministry Exp	\$ 362.50	\$ -	\$ -
Office Expense	\$ 437.08	\$ 413.91	\$ 717.02
Property Expense	\$ 1,839.42	\$ 1,869.53	\$ 5,534.32
Total Gen Fun Exp	\$ 10,602.67	\$ 9,450.61	\$ 19,655.12
Net General Fund	\$ (4,232.67)	\$ (565.63)	\$ 3,409.72
Submitted by Martha Watters			



6	Lyndy Holdt
8	Peyton Ozmon
15	Bob Cobb
19	Kirsten Gebhardt
19	Jill Pepper
30	Cassandra Disney



We Pray For

Draw us forth, God of all creation. Draw us forward and away from limited certainty into the immense world of your love. Give us the capacity to even for a moment taste the richness of the feast you give us. Give us the peace to live with uncertainty, with questions, with doubts. Help us to experience the resurrection anew with open wonder and an increasing ability to see you in the people of Easter. Amen.

Our Faith Family

Jan Johnson
Sue Fox
Blake Padavich
Deb Sullivan
Karen Risler
Rev. Barb Koenig

Our Homebound

Millie Allison
Paul Dammeier
Connie Disney
Marlene Long
Hazel McBride
Lois Wellendorf
Helen Wiese

Our Family and Friends

Megan	Scott
Donna Johnson	Terry Showens
Barb Atkinson	Judy Prideg
Judy Cummings	Don Erickson
Rosa Kris	Aaron Wellendorf
Dinah Lohmeier	Lisa Elizabeth

Our World

The Balkans—Albania, Bosnia, and Herzegovina, Croatia, Kosovo, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Serbia, Slovenia, Bulgaria, Hungary, Romania, Belarus, Moldova, Russia, Ukraine, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia

**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.**

HOLY WEEK / EASTER SCHEDULE

**“Lookin’ for Love
in All the Wrong Places”**

Sunday, April 2

Palm Sunday

“Look for the Unexpected”

Thursday, April 6

Maundy Thursday

6:00 p.m. Supper and in person worship

“Love Looks for Us”

Friday, April 7

Good Friday

Sunday, April 9

EASTER SUNDAY

“Love Wins”

9:00 a.m. Already Risen Sunrise Service

Youth Group

9:30—10:45 a.m. Potluck Breakfast and

Easter Egg Hunt

11:00 a.m. Combined Easter Worship



He's Alive!

WOMEN'S GROUP

**We will not meet in
April due to Lent. Watch
for details for May!**



April 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 FCC Worship 9:00 a.m. Sunday School 10:10 a.m. Faith Worship 11:00 a.m. Communion 4 pm Confirmation	3 6:00-8:00 pm Troop 828/1828	4 6:00-8:30 pm Merit Badge	5  Holy Week	6 6pm Soup Supper and Worship	7 	8 Church Reserved 8 a.m.—2 p.m.
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