



# Focus on Faith

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### PASTORAL PONDERINGS

*By the seventh day God had finished the work they had been doing; so on the seventh day God rested from this work. ~ Genesis 2:2*

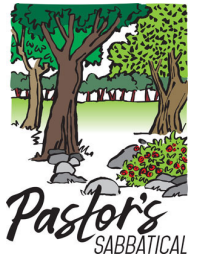
Shalom!

I am in total amazement—but Sabbath time is just a short time away! And then, before we know it, we will be back together and moving toward the holidays!

I, along with so many of you, have been working really hard to get everything in order before June 5. Most of you know what it is like to get your work place in order before leaving on vacation for 1, 2, or even 3 weeks. It is very difficult! Preparing for 13 weeks is overwhelming! But we are almost ready!

I just want to share a couple of things with you before I leave:

- 1) I have attached my travel itinerary on page 3. Please pray for safe travels, as well as lots of rest, and reconnection with God.
- 2) If you need anything, and aren't sure who to talk to, begin with Jill Pepper, Martha Watters, or Cheryl Leamer. They will help steer you in the right direction! Don't forget, you can also talk to Pastor Linda! There will be a 3 ring binder on the desk in the main office with a picture like the one here on the cover. This will have all sorts of information—most likely, way more than you will ever need!
- 3) Worship is going to look different! June and July will be “Messy Church”, which will include all of your senses. There may actually be times where you don't worship in the sanctuary, so Facebook Live may look much different as well! In August, you will have 4 different worship leaders or groups, so each service will look different then, as well. This is a time of rest and renewal. Enjoy this play time! Allow it to spark creative ideas for our future together. Take time to have fun with your neighbors and with God. Who knows, maybe your faith will grow!
- 4) Council and the Faith First Committee has made a decision for communion during this Sabbatical time. While Pastor Linda is still with us, you will have communion every Sunday. When she receives a call, and is no longer here, communion will move to twice a month on the first and third Sundays. There will likely be a station set up on the other days for those who would like to partake.
- 5) I am beyond grateful to you for this time. I am not taking this time for granted. I will use it to reconnect with family and friends; to rest; and to grow my faith in and through God. I am very excited for this time, and I can't wait to hear your stories when I return in September!



Finally, don't forget to join us on June 4 for Jill Pepper's commissioning into her worship leader role, my blessing, and our fellowship time together after worship. **AND DON'T FORGET THAT WORSHIP BEGINS AT 10:00 a.m. that day!**

~ Always Peace, *Pastor Heidi*



### Worship

Time is 10 a.m.

Starting June 4th

Through Sept 10th

## FROM THE COUNCIL:

### Church Council Highlights – May 21, 2023

**Property:** Contacted the city to dredge the ravine.

**Outreach:** Share-A-Meal will be served on May 30.

**Spiritual Life:** Becky will decorate for Pentecost.

**Christian Education:** No Sunday School for the summer.

**Other Business:** Summer worship with First Christian.

**Next Council Meeting: Sunday June 11, 2023**

### Share-A-Meal

We are next scheduled to serve  
**Friday, June 30, 2023.**



### Newsletter articles due the 3rd Sunday of the month.

July Newsletter article deadline is June 18.

July Newsletter will be mailed by June 28.

### 2023 Council Meetings

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

June 11		
July 9	Aug. 13	Sept. 10
Oct. 8	Nov. 12	Dec. 10

### Treasurer's Report April 2023

PLEDGE ACCOUNT	MO.PLEDGE	APRIL	GIVEN YTD
General Fund	\$ 6,370.00	\$ 8,160.75	\$ 29,030.63
OCWM	\$ 100.00	\$ 130.00	\$ 430.00
Maintenance Reserve	\$ 198.00	\$ 470.50	\$ 1,128.75
Non-Pledge Gen Fund	\$ -	\$ 505.00	\$ 2,075.44
<b>Total Giving</b>	<b>\$ 6,668.00</b>	<b>\$ 9,266.25</b>	<b>\$ 32,664.82</b>

GENERAL FUND	MO BUDGET		TOTAL YTD
Pledged & NP Giving	\$ 6,370.00	\$ 8,665.75	\$ 31,106.07
Misc Gen Fund Giving	\$ -	\$ 110.04	\$ 532.39
Transfers In	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,663.05
Shared Space Inc	\$ -	\$ 1,444.07	\$ 5,929.33
<b>Total Gen Fund Inc</b>	<b>\$ 6,370.00</b>	<b>\$10,219.86</b>	<b>\$ 43,230.84</b>

Pastor Expense	\$ 7,055.08	\$ 7,664.98	\$ 27,307.21
Employee Expense	\$ 908.58	\$ 912.61	\$ 3,623.47
Church Ministry Exp	\$ 362.50	\$ 159.63	\$ 233.33
Office Expense	\$ 437.08	\$ 394.74	\$ 1,492.42
Property Expense	\$ 1,839.42	\$ 1,960.01	\$ 8,932.16
<b>Total Gen Fun Exp</b>	<b>\$ 10,602.67</b>	<b>\$11,091.97</b>	<b>\$ 41,588.59</b>

**Net General Fund**    **\$ (4,232.67)**    **\$ (872.11)**    **\$ 1,642.25**

Submitted by Martha Watters

## Notes from the Council President

Hello All!

I am looking forward to this summer, not only for the warm weather, but also the earlier worship time with our friends at First Christian. Summer always goes by so fast. It is going to be a time for some fun and fellowship. I can't wait!

We will need to start planning for the Fall Holiday Bazaar. Let me know if you want to lead this event. In the meantime, there is a Painting Party fundraiser on June 14th. The money raised will go towards Thanksgiving in July for Churches United food pantry. You will see more info in the announcements and on the table in Fellowship Hall.

Your Council President,  
Cheryl Leamer

**WOMEN'S GROUP**  
Thursday, June 1st  
Dinner Out—5:30 p.m.  
Mo Brady's



### WE ARE REGISTERED!

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



## JUNE BIRTHDAYS

1	Trenton Wakeland
6	Richard Fox
13	Karen Wakeland
18	Kristin Bouillon
23	Janelle Hoker
26	Brendan McBride
	Lucas Smith



## We Pray For

*Guide us, Lord, as we all journey through the months ahead together. Help us to walk trustingly in faith with our faith family and to serve one another humbly. May we always be aware of your presence and direction in all we do. Amen.*

### Our Faith Family

Deb Sullivan  
Blake Padavich  
Karen Risler  
Rev. Barb Koenig

### Our Homebound

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

### Our Family and Friends

Wren	Jeannine
Taryn Menning	Scott
Megan	Terry Showens
Judy Cummings	Judy Prideg
Aaron Wellendorf	Don Erickson
Lisa Elizabeth	Dinah Lohmeier

### Our World

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

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**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.**

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Several of you have asked, so below you will find my travel itinerary for our Sabbatical time. Please pray for myself, my family, as I will keep you all in daily prayer!

6/4/2023	Farewell Worship Service and Potluck (Commission Jill into position)	ALL
6/5–6/11	Cedar Falls for State Trap	Heidi
6/12–6/22	Visit Heidi's parents / sister and brother in law	Heidi
6/29-7/4	General Synod 34 – Indianapolis, IN	Heidi
7/20–7/30	Montana – Jarrod	Hulmes
8/10-8/17	Visit friends in Elko, NV	Heidi
8/25–8/27	Family Reunion in Hartington, NE	Hulmes
9/5/2023	Return to office	Heidi
9/10/2023	Return worship and reception (share stories and photos)	ALL



**July 16-20 (Ages 6-11)**

**Activities:**

*Archery, Swimming and Lake Fun, Apiary Studies, Arts n' Crafts, Campfire Songs, Exploration and Adventures, and more!*  
**\$450 per camper meals included!**

**More info:**

***office@pilgrimheights.org***

Pilgrim Heights Camp  
& Retreat Center  
3005 E. Avenue  
Montour, IA 50173

## Thanksgiving in July

Churches United put out a request to assist their food pantries in keeping their shelves stocked for the many families in need.

We will be collecting unexpired food items, non-perishable, as well as toiletries, TP, paper towels, laundry detergent, etc. and what we collect through July will go to the Friendly House in Davenport.

Beginning July 1st, there will be a collection box to put your donations in.  
Thanks in advance for all your donations!



**Saturday, November 4, 2023**

We Know! We Know! It's not even time for "Christmas in July"! But it is time to start thinking about our annual Holiday Bazaar!

Women's Group ladies have begun preparations for all the candy bar wrappers they make and we're sure others are crafting up items at home for the craft sale. We're also certain that our wonderful bakers are eyeing new recipes and are already thinking about what they might bake!

We will need items for the Attic Shop as always. Please drop them off at the church and remember that we appreciate it when the items are cleaned and ready to display.

Bazaar Committee Co-Chairs, Myrene and Martha



**Funeral Meals**

**We need your help!**

Please sign up in Fellowship Hall if you are still able to help provide desserts, as well as help setting up and cleaning up.

Please sign up, even if you have done so in the past.

Thank you. Hospitality Committee



**YOU ARE INVITED**

to join us in celebrating the graduation of **SOPHIE PEPPER**

**Saturday, June 3  
1:00—4:00 p.m.  
Faith UCC**

**CLASS OF 2023**

## **General Synod 34 Service Project**

The UCC is partnering with Church World Service to put together Period Pack emergency kits for those who cannot afford menstrual hygiene products.

Recent studies show that 2 in 5 people who menstruate experience period poverty, and these products are not covered by U.S. government assistant programs.

Faith UCC will be collecting money during May to purchase the items for the kits, and we will gather to assemble them so that Pastor Heidi can take them when she goes to General Synod at the end of June.

Please watch for more details—and if you have questions—contact Pastor Heidi!



# June 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				<b>1</b> 5:30 p.m. Women's Group Mo Brady's	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Sophie Pepper Graduation Celebration 1 to 4 p.m.
<b>4</b> 10:00 a.m. Faith/FCC Worship  <i>Sabbatical send off            reception following            worship</i>	<b>5</b> <i>Pastor Heidi            Sabbatical            begins!</i>  6:00-8:30 pm Troop 828/1828	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b> 10:00 a.m. Faith/FCC Worship  11:30 a.m. Council Meeting	<b>12</b>  6:00-8:30 pm Troop 828/1828	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 	<b>15</b>  Basket Class 5:30 p.m.	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 
<b>18</b> 10:00 a.m. Faith/FCC Worship  Newsletter articles due	<b>19</b>  6:00-8:30 pm Troop 828/1828	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b>  10:00 a.m. Faith/FCC Worship	<b>26</b>  6:00-8:30 pm Troop 828/1828	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>  Mail Newsletter	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>  5:15 p.m. Share-A-Meal	