



**Focus on Faith**  
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### Prayer for July 4th

*The following lines are from a long prayer, "That America Fulfil the Promise of Its Founding," by Rabbi Mordecai Kaplan. Though written in 1945, it rings true yet today.*

O God, who is Liberator and Redeemer, Lawgiver and Judge, ...

May America remain loyal to the principles of the Declaration of Independence, and extend their application to ever-widening areas of life.

Keep out of our life all manner of oppression, persecution, and unjust discrimination; save us from religious, racial and class conflicts; may our country be a haven of refuge to the victims of injustice and misrule.

Instruct us in the art of living together, of reconciling differences of opinion and averting clashes of interest, of helping one another to achieve a harmonious and abundant life ...

That the Star-Spangled Banner, the symbol of our American democracy, may ever wave o'er the land of the free and the home of the brave.  
~Amen



### Introducing Becky David



Becky is the owner and coach of Black Pearl Coaching and Consulting in Moline, IL which was founded in 2013.

She has provided transformational opportunities for hundreds of leaders from a wide range of industries.

Becky is a highly sought after presenter, trainer, and coach.

She will lead our worship service on August 6th.

### Introducing Mariah Marlin-Warfield



These days you'll find Mariah Marlin-Warfield working with the Step In program at Lutheran Services in Iowa, helping kids and families who are experiencing crisis. Most recently, Mariah served as the pastor of Church of

Peace UCC in Rock Island. She is especially passionate about ministry that builds a bridge between the church and those affected by the criminal legal system.

After earning a Bachelor of Arts degree from Sarah Lawrence College in 2002, Mariah attended Chicago Theological Seminary where she met and married her husband, Chris, and received a Master of Divinity degree in 2007. Chris serves as the pastor of First Congregational UCC in DeWitt. She and Chris live in Davenport with their dachshund, Hildegard. Mariah enjoys drinking coffee, playing music, and making lists—in that order.

Mariah will lead our worship service on August 20th.



*In what land and at what age did Moses die?*

- A. The land of Israel; 100 years old
- B. The land of Canaan; 70 years old
- C. The land of Moab; 120 years old
- D. The land of Judah; 102 years old

*Answer: (See Deuteronomy 34:5, 7.)*



## 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!

## General Synod Service Project

We collected \$250 for this project and have applied for a \$250 UCC kits matching grant. Pastor Heidi received a "congratulatory" message from our Conference Deacon, Rev. Bob Molsberry, Iowa City — *"Congratulations to you and Faith for your award of \$250 from the National UCC for your work in assembling 35 Period Kits for Church World Service. That is a worthy cause, and a great outreach for your congregation. Your work is noticed and appreciated."* We received the \$250 on June 11th.



Pastor Heidi plans to purchase the supplies for the kits and will take them with her to the General Synod on June 29th! She will be at General Synod in Indianapolis from June 29th through July 4th.

## Birdies for Charity

Chip in to support Faith UCC by donating through Birdies for Charity!

The 2023 Birdies for Charity program has officially kicked-off and you can donate today online at [Birdies For Charity > Make a Donation](#) or send in a form. Forms are on the table in Fellowship Hall. Our bird# is 2307.



Once again, participating charities are guaranteed a 5% bonus on their collected pledges.

The John Deere Classic is July 5—July 9. **All pledges are due by July 7th.**

## Summer Solace



The best remedy for those who are afraid, lonely or unhappy is to go outside, somewhere where they can be quite alone with the heavens, nature and God. Because only then does one feel that all is as it should be and that God wishes to see people happy, amidst the simple beauty of nature. As long as this exists, and it certainly always will, I know that then there will always be comfort for every sorrow, whatever the circumstances may be. And I firmly believe that nature brings solace in all troubles.

—Anne Frank, *Diary of a Young Girl*

## School Supplies for EICC Student Success Store

We continue our outreach mission for the EICC Student Success store this month by collecting school supplies which includes paper, pencils, notebooks, and backpacks.

Plans are to Bless these supplies on Sunday, July 30th.



# FROM THE COUNCIL



## Church Council Highlights – June 11, 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 July 9, 2023**

## 2023 Council Meetings

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

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

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

August Newsletter article deadline is July 23.

August Newsletter will be mailed by July 26.

## Share-A-Meal

We are next scheduled to serve  
**Monday, July 31, 2023.**



## Treasurer's Report May 2023

PLEDGE ACCOUNT	MO.PLEDGE	MAY	GIVEN YTD
General Fund	\$ 6,370.00	\$ 5,272.50	\$ 34,303.13
OCWM	\$ 100.00	\$ 110.00	\$ 540.00
Maintenance Reserve	\$ 198.00	\$ 288.00	\$ 1,416.75
Non-Pledge Gen Fund	\$ -	\$ 1,271.00	\$ 3,346.44
<b>Total Giving</b>	<b>\$ 6,668.00</b>	<b>\$ 6,941.50</b>	<b>\$ 39,606.32</b>
GENERAL FUND	MO BUDGET		TOTAL YTD
Pledged & NP Giving	\$ 6,370.00	\$ 6,543.50	\$ 37,649.57
Misc Gen Fund Giving	\$ -	\$ 37.09	\$ 569.48
Transfers In	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,663.05
Shared Space Inc	\$ -	\$ 1,311.68	\$ 7,241.01
<b>Total Gen Fund Inc</b>	<b>\$ 6,370.00</b>	<b>\$ 7,892.27</b>	<b>\$ 51,123.11</b>
Pastor Expense	\$ 7,055.08	\$ 6,238.53	\$ 33,545.74
Employee Expense	\$ 908.58	\$ 903.62	\$ 4,527.09
Church Ministry Exp	\$ 362.50	\$ 368.78	\$ 602.11
Office Expense	\$ 437.08	\$ 557.90	\$ 2,050.32
Property Expense	\$ 1,839.42	\$ 1,431.26	\$ 10,363.42
<b>Total Gen Fun Exp</b>	<b>\$ 10,602.67</b>	<b>\$ 9,500.09</b>	<b>\$ 51,088.68</b>
<b>Net General Fund</b>	<b>\$ (4,232.67)</b>	<b>\$ (1,607.82)</b>	<b>\$ 34.43</b>
Submitted by Martha Watters			

Warm Greetings!



It's once again summer - my favorite time of the year! I have a few property updates to tell you about. If you remember, the lights in the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall, actually the whole building, have been flickering. Gary Hoker got Mid-American Energy to finally come out and change the connectors in the transformer out back. It seems to have done the trick. Let us know if you notice any more flickering.

Also, the huge pine tree in front of the parsonage has been slowly dying. We have several bids to take it down that range from \$1,700-\$2,050. Council will be making a decision soon and have that tree removed before Pastor Heidi and David end up with a tree in their bedroom! Extra donations to the Maintenance Fund would be very much appreciated.

We just had a Painting Party Fundraiser and raised \$195 for Churches United "Thanksgiving in July" to benefit the food pantry at Friendly House. We are taking donations now through Oct 1st for the Attic Shop.

I hope you all have something fun planned during the summer. This time goes by so quickly. Have a great month!

Your Council President,  
Cheryl Leamer

**WOMEN'S GROUP**  
Will not meet in  
JULY



## 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
- 30 James Sullivan
- 29 Bonnie Rae
- 31 Shylynn Fox



# PRAYER list

## We Pray For

*Spirit of Fire, kindle in our hearts a flame of love for all your children for friend and foe, and kindred all. Teach us to love each other; without malice, without jealousy, without envy, without fear of any under the sun. Bless us during this Sabbatical time. Grant your Spirit to direct us, your power to sustain us, your wisdom to guide us, your vision to light us, your ear to hear us. The guarding of Christ surrounds us, each step of our journey, to aid us and enfold us, each day and night. Amen.*

### Our Faith First Family

Bob Cobb  
Deb Sullivan  
Blake Padavich  
Karen Risler  
Rev. Barb Koenig  
Sharon Perreault  
David Hulme and family

### Our Homebound

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

### Our Family and Friends

Wren  
Taryn Menning  
Megan  
Judy Cummings  
Aaron Wellendorf  
Lisa  
Gregory Minnich  
Collette Erickson  
Jeannine  
Scott  
Terry Showens  
Don Erickson  
Dinah Lohmeier  
Jean Mumm  
Riley Bernnuer  
Nick

### Our World

Kenya, Tanzania

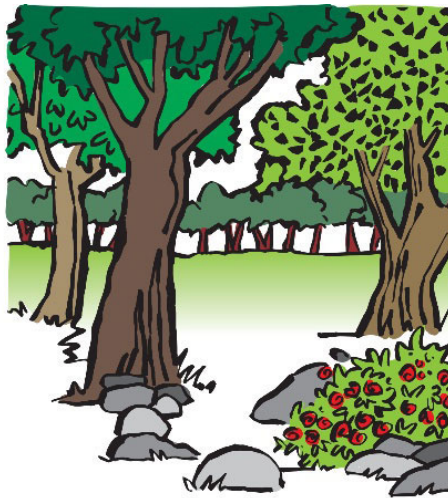
*Our deepest condolences go to David, Pastor Heidi, Jarrod and Karsten Hulme on the death of David's mother, Judy Prideg, on Thursday, June 22nd.*

*Our deepest condolences go to the family of Marlene Long who passed away on Friday, June 16<sup>th</sup>.*

**Please Contact the office if you or someone you know is in need of a pastoral visit  
563-391-5726 Please note the hospitals no longer notify us.**

## Sabbatical Travel Itinerary

**Please Pray for  
Pastor Heidi  
and her family.  
She will keep all  
of us in her  
daily prayers.**



## Pastor Heidi's SABBATICAL

07/20 - 07/30	Montana - Jarod	Hulmes
08/10 - 08/17	Visit friends in Elko, NV	Heidi
08/25 - 08/27	Family Reunion in Harrington, NE	Hulmes
09/05	Return to office	Heidi
09/10/2023	Return to Worship Reception Following	ALL

## Puzzle!

Fill in the blanks with the correct words. Then transfer the letters to the numbered boxes below to complete Psalm 107:1, NIV.

Shape that symbolizes love

31 15 7 18 5

Part of a stove used for baking

12 3 24 39

Color made by red and yellow

28 42 7 8 27 37

A present

1 32 20 11

Clothing a girl wears

19 22 43 44 33

Something you open to go into a room

40 29 17 47

Opposite of soft (sound)

34 17 41 30

To take a long walk

14 2 9 38

A high body temperature

45 50 49 48 42

Items used to build or fix things

13 35 21 16 26

Edge of the sea

10 23 46 51 4

Home for a bee

6 25 36 4

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	
	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	23	24	25	26	27	28	
29	30	31	32	33	34	35	
36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43
44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51

Answers: Next Month

# July 2023

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat



1

2

10:00 a.m.  
Worship

3

Troop 828  
Meeting  
6:30-8 p.m.

4



5

6



7

8

9

10:00 a.m.  
Worship

11:30 a.m.  
Council Meeting

10

Troop 828  
Meeting  
6:30-8 p.m.

11

12

13

14



15

16

10:00 a.m.  
Worship

Newsletter  
Articles Due

17

Troop 828  
Meeting  
6:30-8 p.m.

18



19

20

5:30 p.m.  
Basket Class

21

22

23

10:00 a.m.  
Worship

24

Troop 828  
Meeting  
6:30-8 p.m.

25

26

Mail Newsletter

27

28

29



30

10:00 a.m.  
Worship  
Bless Backpacks

31

5:15 pm  
Share-A-Meal  
6:30-8 p.m.  
Troop 828  
Meeting

