

# FAITH TALK

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Faith United Church of Christ

August 2017

Tripoli, Iowa

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## Sacred Space

Lord make me an instrument of your peace  
Where there is hatred,  
Let me sow love;  
Where there is injury, pardon;  
Where there is error, truth;  
Where there is doubt, faith;  
Where there is despair, hope;  
Where there is darkness, light;  
And where there is sadness, Joy.

O Divine Master grant that I may not so much seek  
to be consoled as to console;  
To be understood, as to understand;  
To be loved, as to love.  
For it is in giving that we receive,  
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

*-prayer by an anonymous Norman, c. 1915  
called "The Peace Prayer of St. Francis"  
(found on a St. Francis Holy Card during World War I)*

Faith United Church of Christ  
Council Meeting Minutes  
July 3, 2017

Members In Attendance: Holly Johnson, President; Steve Hill, Vice-P; Rich Milius, Melvin Ohlendorf, Keith Stahlhut, Larry Struck, Dean Shinstine (Trustees); Lisa Chapin, Marlene Snelling, Mary Ann Meyer, Roger Goudschaal (Elders); Barb Hill, Treasurer

Members Absent: Brian Bunce, Pastor Marilyn Sargent

Opening Prayer: Holly Johnson

Meeting called to order at 6:33 pm

Additions to Agenda: Old Business – Investments Update  
New Business – Church Float

Minutes of June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017: MSC

Treasurer's Report: Had to borrow \$4200 . . . lengthy discussion followed on how to address the problem with no real solutions.

We received a gift of appreciated stock and a discussion followed on what to do with it. Steve Hill suggested that we put the money in savings and withdraw it incrementally and council agreed.

Motion to approve Treasurer's Report. MSC

Trustee's Report: Parking Lot discussion; will move the dumpster further to the west and pour a concrete slab to sit the dumpster on. We had to pay \$190 to dig out tree roots for the sewer line problem.

Elder's Report: Need to discuss membership list in the future. Fish fry plans are going well; there will be NO expenses involved in this project.

Liaison's Report: (Holly Johnson) The Endowment/Memorial Committee met with Dane Johnston to discuss their investments.

Pastor's Report: None

Old Business: Discussion involving Sabbatical Leave preparation.

(Investment Update from Holly Johnson - we were given a handout )

\*\* Four Investment Accounts with Johnston Financial Services

Les Bock Endowment . . . these are dollars for Pastor's Benefits and \$3000 has been spent thus far.

General Endowment . . . . . it represents 43% of our earnings.

Buchholz Endowment . . . . . 48% of earnings.

Memorial Fund . . . . . 9% of earnings

Lengthy discussion followed about what to do with these separate endowments and their earning potential as we are not satisfied with what has been earned thus far. Dane Johnston will meet with us at a later time to discuss our options.

New Business: Tripoli Days Float . . . . Roger Goudschaal and small group will sing some Gospel music as Elvis.

Discussion on whether or not to spray for weeds.

Adjourn: MSC

Respectfully submitted, Roger Goudschaal, Secretary

MSC = Motion, seconded, carried

\*These minutes have not yet been approved by the church council.

## Choir Practice



Choir practice will be starting the first week of September (September 6<sup>th</sup>). Please join us for fun and music! We still plan to sing the third Sunday of the month. Everyone is welcome!

## School Supplies

Once again, we are going to collect school supplies for the students and families in need. There will be a box for donations in the Narthex and in Fellowship Hall. Bring what you can. Your help and donations are very much appreciated. There are usually lists in Target and WalMart for various schools in the area. If you have questions, please talk to Beth Goudschaal.

## Helping Hands Clothing Closet

Helping Hands Clothing Closet would like to help any family in need of clothing as they get their children ready for the start of school. We also have an abundance of baby clothes at the time. It is the time for us to start inventory reduction of summer clothes as our storage is very limited to keep out of season clothes.

Our hours are: Tuesday 9-11 am; Wednesday 6:30 to 7:30 pm, First Saturday of month 9 to 11 am.



Happy Anniversary to Leland and Wilma Timmerman as they celebrate their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

Many thanks for the cards, visits and phone calls I received for my 99<sup>th</sup> birthday. It truly was a magical day and one that I will remember for a long time. Thank you again for your thoughtfulness. God Bless.  
Marjorie Axon

**THANK YOU**

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Rada Cutlery fundraiser. We raised \$1,224.00 toward the new parking lot. The online ordering site will be open for one year. You can order online and we will get the 40% credit. All items ordered online will be shipped directly to you. The website for online ordering is: [www.helpourfundraiser.com](http://www.helpourfundraiser.com). Sign in with Internet Ordering #507190, password – faithwomen (all lower case).

A Big Thank You to everyone who so generously donated to the Fish Fry. We made a profit of \$3,010.00. Thank you to the people who donated the fish; thank you to everyone who donated pies, cheesecakes, rolls and bread for the “Silent Auction”; thank you to the guys that fried and breaded the fish; thank you to the people who helped in the kitchen and dining room; and thank you to the people who came and enjoyed the meal and everyone who so graciously gave a cash donation. Finally, a big thank you to the “Event Committee” who donated all the other food and made this a great event. There were no expenses to be paid. **A Great Faith Family We Are!**

The Event Committee

The **FAITH UCC WOMEN OF FAITH** bring to the church the opportunity to support **HIS HANDS FOOD PANTRY** in Oran through donations.

Each month the items collected are blessed during our 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday worship before delivery to the food pantry. For the month of August, His Hands Food Pantry has requested donations of

**Condiments such as ketchup, mustard, may, pickles**

Thank you for your support of this important Mission Project of the church.

*From HIS HANDS FOOD PANTRY IN ORAN...*

Totals for June

Families served: 71  
 Individuals Served: 198  
 Total pounds distributed: 6,217

**Scripture Readings for August**

These readings are based upon the Revised Common Lectionary (RCL) for Year A. The United Church of Christ participates in the Consultation on Common Texts, which has designed the RCL. For more information on the Lectionary, go to [www.commontexts.org](http://www.commontexts.org)

	<b>August 6</b>	<b>August 13</b>	<b>August 20</b>	<b>August 27</b>
Hebrew Scriptures	Genesis 32:22-31	Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28	Genesis 45:1-15	Exodus 1:8-2:10
Psalm	Psalm 17:1-7, 15	Psalm 105: 1-6, 16-22, 45b	Psalm 133	Psalm 124
Epistle	Romans 9:1-5	Romans 10:5-15	Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32	Romans 12:1-8
Gospel	Matthew 14:13-21	Matthew 14:22-33	Matthew 15: 21-28	Matthew 16:13-20

## TNR BIBLE STUDY

It has been a long-standing tradition for Faith United Church of Christ to offer a monthly Bible study to the residents of Tripoli Nursing and Rehab. Currently those studies are held at 10:30 am on the third Thursday of each month. We are looking for someone to assist in continuing this tradition. Or perhaps several folks could be set up on a rotation schedule. The Bible study lasts approximately 30 minutes and the topics can include conversation based upon a Bible passage or perhaps an article or story read and discussed. Devotions and commentary from the Upper Room or similar publications are also a possibility. Additionally it is nice to add a hymn or two either sung to the piano or a musical CD. Interested? Please contact the office at [faithucc@gmail.com](mailto:faithucc@gmail.com) We will also be available for helping volunteers find resources. Continuing to reach out to the residents of the home is an important ministry of our congregation. Please prayerfully consider how you might help insure it continues.



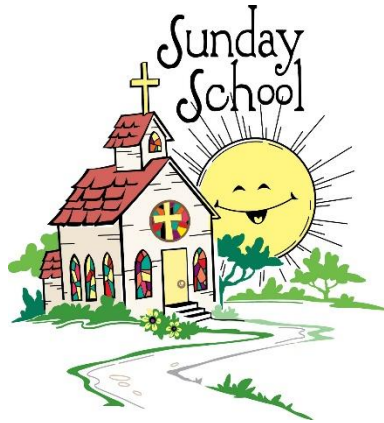
## Raffle Donations Needed

We are looking for donations of items for the raffle which will be held during the Fall Dinner on September 17<sup>th</sup>. Please bring your raffle items to the church office by September 1<sup>st</sup>. Thank you for your support.

Fall Raffle Committee

## LifeServe Blood Drive

The Blood Drive is scheduled for Tuesday, August 22 from 3 - 6 pm.



## Sunday School – Start Sunday, Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>

We will be having Bible School during Sunday School again this year. The first day of Sunday School (VBS) will be Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>. We will extend hours during the VBS from 8:30 am to 9:50 am. Following is the registration form to be filled out and returned by September 3<sup>rd</sup> to the church office. Thank you.



## Registration Form (One Per Child)

Child's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Child's gender: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's age: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Last school grade completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of parent(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Street address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Home telephone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/caregiver's cellphone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Home email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home church: \_\_\_\_\_

Crew number or name (for church use only): \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies or other medical conditions: \_\_\_\_\_



In case of emergency, contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to child: \_\_\_\_\_

## ***LET US PRAY...***

If you would like to add a name to our monthly prayer list, please contact the church office at 319.882.3585 or email [faithuccchurch@gmail.com](mailto:faithuccchurch@gmail.com). The names will typically remain on our prayer list for three months, however we recognize that there are situations and concerns that continue for a longer period of time. If you would like your prayer request to be extended, please notify the office at 319.882.3585 or Pat Warner at 319.882.3162.

We pray for healing and well-being for these beloved children of God...

Logan Liddle  
Scott Hyde  
Sue Sinnwell (Dolores Schmidt's daughter & Barb Hill's sister)  
Di Arthur (receiving treatment)  
Ada Blessing  
Roger Goudschaal  
Richard Buhr (receiving rehab at TNR)  
Jeff Tolleson (Brother of Beth Goudschaal)  
Colby Niebert (Fiancé of Samantha Lynch)  
Larry, Phyllis and Joann (Roger Goudschall's cousins)

We extend our sympathy and prayers to the family of Linda Becker.

We extend our sympathy and prayers to the family of Donna Halvorson  
(Trevor Johnson's great grandmother)

We extend our sympathy and prayers to the family of Les Biermann

We extend our sympathy and prayers to the family of Terry Roberts.

We hold in prayer those in residence...

<i>Bartels</i> (Waverly)	Lorraine Hastings	Betty Holm	
<i>Mallard Point</i> (Cedar Falls)	Mardell Kirchhoff		
<i>Tripoli Nursing &amp; Rehab</i> (Tripoli)	Betty Hills	Orlyn Milius	Jean Bentley
<i>Whispering Willows</i> (Fredericksburg)	Bernice Ambrose		
<i>Cobblestone Court</i> (Sumner)	Garnetta Snyder		

We also pray for all of God's children who are living in a world of chaos and anger and hunger and fear. We pray for those who call out to God and those who feel unworthy to lift their eyes to the One who loves them unconditionally. We pray for those who may be sitting at the desk next to us or living down the street or waking up in a community on the other side of the globe.

*God of love and  
grace and promise,  
hear our prayers...*

We pray for members and friends of the church actively serving in the Military:

Brandon Burrows	Matthew Coulthard	Kaitlin Westendorf	Ethan Henry
Adam Ohlendorf	Shane Buchholz	Tyler Schultz	



## AUGUST SCHEDULE

HEAD USHERS: Larry Struck &  
Melvin Ohlendorf

### Ushers:

6 Tripoli Community Worship  
13 Church Council  
20 Jay & Jean Ranard  
27 Dean & Brenda Shinstine

### Greeters:

6 Tripoli Community Worship  
13 Bob & Donna Sassman  
20 Marian Meyer & June Buhr  
27 Sandy Martin

### Liturgists:

6 Tripoli Community Worship  
13 Larry Struck  
20 Susan Cline  
27 Wilma Timmerman

### Fellowship Time Servers:

6 Tripoli Community Worship  
13 Karen Bolte & Wilma Timmerman  
20 Bob & Donna Sassman  
27 Mary Ann Meyer

In the coming months would you like to  
volunteer for one of these tasks? Contact  
the church office, 319.882.358

## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

August 1	Jay Ranard
August 2	Tracey Quigley
August 3	Shawntelle Moore Roger Owens Ashley Penrod Marshall Dillon
August 7	Greg Sowers
August 8	Carol Brandt Logan Liddle Betty Roder
August 9	Tyler Reeves
August 10	Hannah Buchholz
August 11	Tad Chapin
August 12	Jacob Martin
August 14	DiAnn Arthur Mick Axon
August 16	Chad Buchholz
August 17	Levi Lenox
August 20	Mardell Kirchhoff
August 21	Leland Timmerman
August 22	Alyssa Foelske
August 28	Larry Rosol
August 29	Justine Liddle Jolyn Schwarze Aria Blessing
August 30	Betty Holm
August 31	Arianna Johnson