

FAITH TALK

Faith United Church of Christ

September 2017

Tripoli, Iowa

Note From Our President

As the seasons change, we prepare for the coming celebrations of our faith journey. It seems that fall turns to winter in the blink of an eye and we are preparing for thankful feasts, Advent and Christmas. Let's take this time to savor the harvest! Green fields will soon dry and we will experience the annual ritual of bringing in the crops. In many ways, we are in the midst of a current harvest within our church. The years we have spent learning within the sanctuary and building relationships through our efforts in the community are brought forth to celebrate and harvested in the services these last two months. The opportunities to learn from each seed planted and to give back to the organizations who are enriching our congregation have been plentiful! Just as farmers learn new things with every growing season, may we learn through this season of growth and enrichment for our church and look for ways to continue to use these lessons in our daily lives and as a congregation. When we pair our learning with that of our soon-to-return pastor, great things are in store for the future!

Gratitude and blessings to all,
Holly Johnson

Faith United Church of Christ
Council Meeting Minutes
August 7, 2017

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

Members Absent: Pastor Marilyn Sargent

Opening Prayer: Holly Johnson

Meeting called to order at 6:33

Additions to Agenda: New Business – Temperature in Sanctuary

Minutes of July 3rd, 2017: MSC

Treasurer's Report:

Received check from State of Iowa for \$ 350.00
(Great Iowa Refund PayPal Account)

VISA bill has Pastor Marilyn's Synod expenses (it included a \$ 39.00 fee for going over credit limit). Barb will check into raising the credit limit and getting the fee waived. Treasurer's Report: MSC.

Trustee's Report:

The city took one of the diseased trees near down. Parsonage lawn was sprayed for weeds.

Steve Hill recharged the air conditioning.

Elder's Report:

The Elders will have a special meeting to update the membership list.

All-church Fall Dinner will be September 17.

We will try to have a “Trunk Treasure Silent Auction” to raise money for the parking lot fund.

August 13 worship service will have communion by intinction with Pastor Selberg.

Vacation Bible School will begin September 10 when youth Sunday School begins.

Liaison's Report: None

Pastor's Report: None

Old Business:

Sabbatical Review all appears to be going well
It was suggested to include church attendance in the bulletin.
(We will let Pastor Marilyn discuss this with Barb Rich)

Parking Lot Review (Rich Milius) the edge of the parking lot was sprayed with “Roundup” and will be filled in with gravel.

Parking lot “lines” will be marked. The dumpster, which cost \$ 40.00 @ month to empty, has been moved and will be sold as we will switch to “cans” at a fee of \$ 11.00 per can. MSC.

Financial Update for parking lot fund. . . . \$ 3,780.00 . . .received a \$ 5,000.00 donation from church member and the Women's Fellowship will also contribute some funds.

Projector/Screen Fund update Rich Milius received an updated proposal of \$ 17,500 which leaves us about \$ 4,000 short. It is the consensus of the council that we will probably need at least \$ 20,000 in this fund to complete this project in a satisfactory manner. It will cost approximately \$ 1200 to install a “4-person” audio system for the hearing-impaired.

Investment Update from Holly Johnson Dane Johnston said they needed the minutes from our annual meeting in January to proceed regarding Holly's ability to speak for these funds.

Special Meeting Minutes (parking lot information). MSC

Fish Fry Fund-raiser Review by Marlene Snelling. . . .the fish fry was a “huge success”; we raised \$ 925 from the pie auction; \$ 975 for meal tickets; total raised \$ 3010.00 (note: all expenses were donated by members)

Motion to sell dumpster for \$ 500: MSC

New Business:

Ushers need to check new thermostat in narthex and sanctuary since they are not programmable and turn them back down or up when worship service is over.

Adjourn: MSC

Respectfully submitted, Roger Goudschaal, Secretary

MSC – Motion, seconded, carried

These minutes have not yet been approved by the Church Council



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

TNR Family Garage/Bake Sale

The TNR Family Garage/Bake Sale will be held Friday, September 8th from 8 am to 6 pm and Saturday, September 9th from 7 am to 1 pm. Sale will be held at 604 3rd St. SW, Tripoli. A free will donation will be collected for items.

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 this time. The Clothing Closet is switching over to cold weather clothing on Saturday, September 23rd. With many willing hands, this usually only takes a few hours. Please come if you are able to help. We plan to start around 8:00 am, but come when you can and leave when you must. Thank you.

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 Bob & Donna Sassman as they celebrate their 65th wedding anniversary. Congratulations!

Happy Anniversary to Keith & Pat Selberg as they celebrate their 63rd wedding anniversary. Congratulations!

Congratulations to Brenda and Dean Shinstine as they celebrate their 27th anniversary.

Thank you to the ladies of the church for serving the lunch and all the prayers and beautiful cards we received.

Les Biermann Family



Reminder!!

Church Services start at 10:00 am on Sunday, September 3rd.

RADA FUNDRAISER

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. Sign in with Internet Ordering #507129, password – faithwomen (all lower case).

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 3rd Sunday worship before delivery to the food pantry.

For the month of September, His Hands Food Pantry has requested donations of

Baking products such as flour, sugar, oil, PAM

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

From HIS HANDS FOOD PANTRY IN ORAN...

Totals for July

Families served: 74
 Individuals Served: 186
 Total pounds distributed: 4,925

From Helping Hands Clothing Closet in Buck Creek.....

Totals for August

Clients: 209
 Volunteer hours: 42 hours

Scripture Readings for September

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

	Sept. 3	Sept. 10	Sept. 17	Sept. 24
Hebrew Scriptures	Exodus 3:1-15	Exodus 12:1-14	Exodus 14:19-31	Exodus 16:2-15
Psalm	Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26	Psalm 149	Psalm 114	Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45
Epistle	Romans 12:9-21	Romans 13:8-14	Romans 14:1-12	Philippians 1:21-30
Gospel	Matthew 16:21-28	Matthew 18:15-20	Matthew 18:21-35	Matthew 20:1-6
Alternate Hebrew Scripture	Jeremiah 15:15-21	Ezekiel 33:7-11	Genesis 50:15-21	Jonah 3:10-4:11
Alternate Psalm	Psalm 26:1-8	Psalm 119:33-40	Psalm 103:1-7, 8-13	Psalm 145:1-8

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 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.

LifeServe Blood Drive

The Blood Drive was held on Tuesday, August 22 from 3 - 6 pm. The results of the blood drive are: 19 registered, 19 donated and 22 pints collected. This will help save up to 66 lives. Thank you to everyone who donated to this cause. Next blood drive is Wednesday, December 20 from 3 to 6 pm.



Attention Parents:

The 2017 Bible School program will begin on Sunday, September 10th. We will be extending our time together during this 5 week program - beginning at 8:30 and ending at 9:50. Please complete the enclosed registration form and return it to the church office or send it with your child on September 10th.

The theme for our VBS program this year is *Maker Fun Factory! Created by God – Built for a Purpose!* This adventure will help kids deepen their faith by discovering that God made each of us! We will teach kids about the solid foundation of Jesus' love, a love that gives our lives incredible purpose!! It will be a great adventure with God!!

See you on September 10th!!

Thank you!!

JoEllen Snelling 319.240.3208

Helen Milius 319.239.8893

Theresa Drewis 319.415.9617



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: _____

FAITH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST FALL MEAL

Sunday, September 17, 2017

Serving: 3:30 to 6:30 pm

Menu:

Brats/Sauerkraut on a Bun, Pulled Pork on a Bun, German Potato Salad, Regular Potato Salad,
Salad Bar, Apple, Pecan, or Pumpkin Pie with Ice Cream, Drink

Adults \$9.00 Children 10 and under \$5.00 Pre School and under Free

Food Donation signup sheet is on the bulletin board in the Narthex
Raffle Tickets Available

FAITH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST "THEME TRUNK" SILENT AUCTION

SPONSORED BY THE WOMEN OF FAITH

SUNDAY – OCTOBER 1ST, 8TH, 15TH, 22ND, 29TH

The bidding and the trunks will be on display through the month of October

All Bids will close at 11:30 am on October 29th

Proceeds will go toward the debt of the Parking Lot

If anyone would like to fill a "Theme" Trunk please contact Karen Milius, Mary Ann Meyer or Marlene Snelling
by September 25th. You may "Theme" your trunk whatever you would like.

His Hands Food Pantry - 7th Annual Benefit Auction
Saturday, September 30, 2017

Sumner American Legion

113 East 1st St., Sumner

Meal & Silent Auction 5 – 7 pm

(Free Will Offering Accepted)

Live Auction 7:15 pm

POOR FARM SUNDAY FUNDAY

1951 LARABEE AVE., WAVERLY

SEPTEMBER 10, 2017

3 TO 7 PM

Building tours, Ice cream social, quilt displays, kid events

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. 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)
Ada Blessing
Roger Goudschaal
Richard Buhr (receiving rehab at TNR)
Jeff Tolleson (Brother of Beth Goudschaal)
Colby Niebert (Fiancé of Samantha Lynch)
Phyllis (Roger Goudschaal's cousins)

We extend our sympathy and prayers to the family of Lorraine Hastings.

We extend our sympathy and prayers to the family of DiAnna Arthur on her passing.

We hold in prayer those in residence...

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

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	

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...*

SEPTEMBER SCHEDULE

HEAD USHERS: Lisa Chapin &
Marlene Snelling

Ushers:

3 Church Council
10 Joyce Kammeyer, Pat Warner
17 Bob & Donna Sassman
24 Mel & Verdeen Ohlendorf

Greeters:

3 Roger & Beth Goudschaal
10 Jerry & Marlene Snelling
17 Leland & Wilma Timmerman
24 Kenny & Darlys Buhrow

Liturgists:

3 Roger Goudschaal
10 Holly Johnson
17 Mike Westendorf
24 Barb Hill

Fellowship Time Servers:

3 Kaye Osborn
10 Karen Milius
17 Fall Dinner
24 Jerry & Marlene Snelling

In the coming months would you like to
volunteer for one of these tasks? Contact
the church office, 319.882.3585.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Sept. 2 Lisa Chapin
Orlyn Milius
Sept. 3 Peyton Benson
Sept. 4 R. J. Ott
Sept. 5 Vern Bolte
Sept. 6 June Meyer
Jean Osborn
Twyla Osborn
Sept. 8 Travis Buhrow
Sept. 9 Brad Bunce
Jennifer Dillon
Sept. 10 Sara Hoppenworth
Sept. 12 Wendy Hankner
Sept. 15 Cheyanne Moore
Sept. 16 Rich Milius
Hanna Holtz
Garnetta Snyder
Adelade Lang
Sept. 17 Jan Heidemann
Aaron Huck
Sept. 18 Donald Johnson
Sept. 19 Roger Buchholz
Sept. 20 Amy Drewis
Sept. 22 Justin Dillon
Sept. 23 Lexus Carpenter
Dick Sprague
Ella Hill
Sept. 24 Tyler Beyer
Tim Meyer
Randy Rinkenburger
Sept. 25 Calista Beyer
Sept. 27 Sue Schwarze
Sept. 28 Delores Meier
Sept. 29 Shawn Hyde
Sept. 30 Florine Kirchhoff