

# FAITH TALK

Faith United Church of Christ

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Tripoli, Iowa

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

Logan Liddle  
Beth Goudschaal  
Janice Vorthmann  
Bill Kuker  
Cameron Ladage  
Cameron Richards  
Judy Spragle

We pray for members and friends of the church serving in the military...

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

We hold in prayer our members at home...

Bernice Ambrose  
Marjorie Axon  
Jean Bentley  
Richard Buhr  
Betty Holm  
Betty Hills  
Mardell Kirchoff  
Orlyn Milius  
Betty Roder  
Garnetta Snyder

I belong to a Facebook group, “Things They Didn’t Teach Us in Seminary.” The topics range from the lighthearted observations and reactions in ministry as well as helping each other move through the challenges ministers and their families frequently experience. The group is helpful to many because in truth, no one can completely prepare you for ministry.

In fact, the more I traverse through ministry, the more I recognize the many things I wasn’t taught in seminary. After all, even the most extensive educational opportunities cannot prepare a student for every variance that floats by. These past couple of weeks have found me reflecting upon the many who have helped me to learn those non-seminary taught lessons. Certainly my family has been instrumental in my learning (thanks, Mom!). But there are many others who have shared their wisdom with me.


There is my home church minister who helped God get my attention (thanks, Pastor Sue). The professors from whom I learned key life lessons in and out of the classroom (thank you Marvin and Glenn and Ann and Bill). Colleagues who continue to provide wise counsel (thank you Terri and Corey and Timoth and Laura). And then there was my “official” seminary mentor who continues in an unofficial capacity. Konni, your words of wisdom and actions of justice and compassion continue to lead me through ministry’s highs and lows.

Of course there are the folks I have worshipped with through the years as a lay person, a student pastor, and an ordained minister. (Faith UCC folks – that means YOU!)

At this point you may be thinking this sounds like one of those long, drawn-out Academy Awards acceptance speech where the winner thanks everyone from their director to their agent to their hairdresser. But I think sometimes we need to take the time to say “thank you” to the people who make a difference in our lives. Too often we take relationships for granted and assume folks know they are special to us.

So here’s your task for the next four weeks (longer if you can, but we’ll start small). Think about those special people in your life. The ones who have guided you along life’s path. The ones who have really made a difference in your life. Maybe they live with you, maybe they live near you, maybe they live across the country. During the next four weeks I encourage you to talk with them, call them, write them, let them know that your life is better because they have been a part of it.

I guarantee you they will feel better. And I’m pretty certain you will feel better, too!

 Pastor Marilyn

**Congratulations**

**Tripoli Honor Roll**

We celebrate with the following Faith UCC students who made the Tripoli High School Honor Roll in the final months of the 2017-2018 school year!

- Justin Dahlstrom – 4<sup>th</sup> quarter & 2<sup>nd</sup> semester
- Lori Dahlstom – 4<sup>th</sup> quarter & 2<sup>nd</sup> semester
- Madeline Freiberg – 4<sup>th</sup> quarter & 2<sup>nd</sup> semester
- Kristian Heidemann – 4<sup>th</sup> quarter & 2<sup>nd</sup> semester
- Sophia Hyde – 4<sup>th</sup> quarter & 2<sup>nd</sup> semester
- Hunter Johnson – 4<sup>th</sup> quarter & 2<sup>nd</sup> semester
- Maguire Johnson – 4<sup>th</sup> quarter & 2<sup>nd</sup> semester
- Zachary Johnson – 4<sup>th</sup> quarter & 2<sup>nd</sup> semester
- Emma Martin – 4<sup>th</sup> quarter & 2<sup>nd</sup> semester
- Kiley Morey – 4<sup>th</sup> quarter & 2<sup>nd</sup> semester
- Katlyn Marquis – 4<sup>th</sup> quarter & 2<sup>nd</sup> semester
- Autumn Piehl – 4<sup>th</sup> quarter
- Katelynn Piehl – 4<sup>th</sup> quarter & 2<sup>nd</sup> semester
- Connor Quigley – 4<sup>th</sup> quarter & 2<sup>nd</sup> semester
- Tyler Reeves – 4<sup>th</sup> quarter & 2<sup>nd</sup> semester



**Blood Drive**

At the LifeServe Blood Drive on June 20, 12 donors gave blood and saved 36 lives. Way to Go!! Next Blood Bank is scheduled for Tuesday, August 21 from 3-6 pm.

***CONGRATULATIONS to the MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF FAITH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST!***

The revenue raised from the Brunch, Silent Auction, and Live Auction, was \$4,161! While we still have a balance of more than \$4,000 on our Operating Loan at American Savings Bank, your generosity helped reduce the balance.

If you were unable to attend the fundraiser and would like to assist the church, please bring your contribution on Sunday morning, drop it off in the office, or mail to:

Faith UCC  
PO Box 14  
Tripoli, IA 50676

## OUTREACH

The **WOMEN OF FAITH** bring to the church the monthly opportunity to support **HIS HANDS FOOD PANTRY** in Oran through monthly donations of food and household items. For the month of July, the food pantry has requested donations of

***Paper Products: Napkins, toilet paper, baggies, tin foil, etc.***

Items may be placed in one of the baskets located throughout the building.

During the month of June, His Hands served 103 families (295 persons); and distributed 7959 pounds of goods. Distribution at His Hands Food Pantry is on Tuesday evening 5-8 and Friday morning 9-noon. Would you like to volunteer? Contact Roger Burgart at 563.920.8522.

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### **Helping Hands Clothing Closet**

Helping Hands served 173 client in the month of May. Volunteers served 58 hours to help clients with clothing needs. Located at 2028 Viking Ave in Sumner, the Clothing Closet provides free gently used clothing to low-income and homeless families and individuals. Hours are Tuesdays 9-11 am; Wednesdays 6:30-7:30 pm; and the first Saturday of each month 9-11 am.

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### **Mobile Food Pantry**

On the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month, Faith UCC hosts the Tripoli area Mobile Food Pantry (MFP). Each month food insecure households are assisted by what they receive as they walk past the tables set up in our Ed Wing lobby.

The next Mobile Food Patry will be on **Thursday, July 26<sup>th</sup>**. Set up is from 4 pm to 5 pm. Distribution is from 5 pm to 6 pm.

## THANK YOU



Thank you - thank you - thank you to all of you who so kindly donated a 'Silent Auction' Item, also to all of you who donated a Pie, Breads, Rolls, and Almond Rolls to the 'Live Auction'.... A BIG thank you to everyone who got the highest bid and gave the Generous Donation of cash for the item you purchased. Thank you to the people who helped and served in the kitchen for the Brunch.

**THANK YOU**  
**TOM BOECKMANN.....**  
you put the **FUN** and **EXCITEMENT** into the morning.

*Generosity*  
changes everything

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### **A Note of Gratitude...**

"I was overwhelmed by the number of cards presented to me on my 100<sup>th</sup> birthday from my Faith friends. Thank you so much for remembering me and for making this day so very special. God bless all of you."

~ Marge Axon

# COUNCIL MINUTES

June 4, 2018

Members In Attendance: Steve Hill, Rich Milius, Melvin Ohlendorf, Keith Stahlhut, Larry Struck, Tracy Buchholz, Mary Ann Meyer, Brian Bunce, Roger Goudschaal, Juanita Mohlis, Barb Hill, Pastor Marilyn Sargent, and Mike Johnson. Members Absent: Marlene Snelling and Lisa Chapin

Opening Prayer: Pastor Marilyn Sargent

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm

Special Presentation: Mike Johnson gave a presentation on how Edward Jones can manage our church investments. Further discussion will be in July.

Minutes of May 7, 2018:

Correction: New Business fish dry is to be fish fry. MSC.

Treasurer's Report:

Motion to purchase advertisement space in the Tripoli High School year book for 2019 at a cost of \$30. MSC.

Motion to approve Treasurer's Report. MSC.

Trustee's Report:

Iowa Wall Systems will be reviewing the Sanctuary and submitting a quote for repair and update costs.

Patio at the parsonage will be installed in June. Spencer Snelling will be completing the work.

Elder's Report:

Met to review what we can do to get members fired up and want to give more to support the church. Discussion on living and fundraisers.

Liaison's Report:

Memorial Committee: As an addition to the liaison's report from April 2, 2018, Church Council Minutes, the Memorial Committee has the following ideas for the future memorial fund donations.

- Completing the west side parking lot with asphalt
- Doing repairs to Sanctuary
- New carpeting for Sanctuary
- Student chairs for the Educational building Sunday School rooms

The committee members just wanted to keep the Council informed of the ideas for future memorial gifts.

FEC is meeting June 18<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm to work on Vacation Bible School.

Pastor's Report:

Website is update and looking well! Looking to update the Microsoft Publisher software for the newsletter. 9 new families have signed up with the Mobile Food Pantry.

Old Business:

Reviewed DB Acoustics quote on the projector system. We are working to set up a meeting with second company to review quote.

New Business:

No new business was brought before the council.

Adjourn: MSC.

Respectfully submitted, Brian Bunce, Recorder

Minutes not approved by Council  
MSC = Motion, seconded and carried

SACRED SPACE

*What might God's world look like and sound like if we each offered this prayer to the Divine One on a daily basis?  
Are you willing to begin?*

**Prayer for Unity**

God of all creation  
who called every being into life  
who is mindful of humankind in all its diversity  
who embodies us with dignity,  
granting different gifts and talents to shape life in this world  
we ask for your Spirit to unite us  
where we face lack of understanding and disunity  
in our churches, in our communities, in our countries.  
And in silence we lay before you the burdens of our hearts.

(Silence)

We ask for your Spirit to unite us  
in the face of the conflicts, hatred and violation of life  
experienced in so many regions of the earth  
and in silence we bring to you the pain of the victims.

(Silence)

We ask for your Spirit to unite us  
wherever fear prevents us from caring for our neighbor,  
from meeting people of different ethnicities, cultures  
and faith communities with respect  
and in silence we bring to you the brokenness of human relationships.

(Silence)

God of all creation,  
in Christ we are reconciled,  
and so we ask for your uniting Spirit  
to help us to overcome all our divisions  
that we may live in peace.

~ posted on the Monthly Prayers page of  
the Christian Aid website.  
<http://www.christianaid.org.uk/>

## Things to Do

### Invitation...

On Saturday, July 7 the Women of Faith will be hosting a First Saturday gathering in Fellowship Hall, 8 am to noon.

This is your final opportunity this summer to gather together with friends from the church and the wider community. There will be coffee, cookies, and always interesting conversations! Sometimes a card game or a board game is brought out. You are invited to come and join the fun!

There is no agenda – just a time for togetherness in a world where we sometimes need to be reminded to slow down, take some time for ourselves and reconnect with others face-to-face! We hope you will join us!



### Let's Get Fit!

Our numbers have varied and we've battled the gnats some mornings but the walks have continued! Join us when you can – it's a great way to begin the day! Join us on Mondays and Fridays at 7:30 am. Wednesdays at 7:30 pm. We walk, we talk, we laugh, and we get in shape! Come join us at the church and let's get moving!

### Sunday Morning Bible Study

Are you interested in spending summer Sunday mornings learning more about how to encounter our God within the pages of the Bible? Would you like to spend time reflecting upon our God who saves a people and is faithful to those people and to the creation in which they live? If so, you are invited to join Pastor Marilyn and others on Sunday mornings at 7:45 in the Adult Ed room (lower level of the Ed Wing). We are reading "Knowing God" from the Kerygma program. Interest has been good so we will be placing another order for books on Tuesday, July 10. Please call or email the church Monday, July 9 if you would like to join the class. There is no cost to students for the book.

### Summer Worship

When the ushers arrived at church last Sunday morning it was discovered that the air conditioning in the sanctuary was not operating. Rather than struggle through an 80 degree service, the decision was made to move the worship gathering to the air conditioned Fellowship Hall. And it was wonderful!

There was something special about sitting in the midst of folks. It was great to feel connected not only with those sitting across the table from you but even folks a table or two away.

Following worship, numerous folks commented on how much they enjoyed worshipping in that format. So (you knew something was coming didn't you?), we are going to move worship to Fellowship Hall during July and August. Come try it – we think you'll like it!



### Save the Date!

Faith UCC and Lifetouch will be producing a new photo directory this fall. Photos will be taken September 5-9. Look for additional information in the coming weeks.

**JUNE VOLUNTEERS**

HEAD USHERS: Tracy Buchholz & Rich Milius

Ushers:

- 1 Church Council
- 8
- 15
- 22 Dean & Brenda Shinstine
- 29 Michael & Kathy Westendorf

Greeters:

- 1 Dolores Schmidt
- 8 Tamara Rosol
- 15 Marian Meyer & Delores Meier
- 22 Barb Sowers
- 29 Steve & Barb Hill

Liturgists:

- 1 Larry Struck
- 8 Karen Milius
- 15 Susan Cline
- 22
- 29 Michael Westendorf

Fellowship Time Servers:

- 1 Ken & Darlys Buhrow
- 8 Ken & Juanita Mohlis, Judy Buhr
- 15 Jerry and Marlene Snelling
- 22 Tamara Rosol
- 29 Mary Chapin

**JULY BIRTHDAYS**

- July 1 Conner Piehl
- July 3 Katie Olsen
- July 5 Rick Foelske  
Lloyd Martin  
Karen Milius
- July 7 Kayla Milius
- July 8 Juanita Mohlis  
Aleta Reeves  
Adam Reeves
- July 10 Kevin Sievers
- July 12 Ruth Quigley
- July 13 Debra Johnson
- July 15 Nathan Blume
- July 17 Linda Heinemann  
Bailey Quigley  
Casey Rosol
- July 18 Max Ambrose  
Mary Chapin
- July 19 Michele Lahmann
- July 20 Spencer Holm  
Susan Lohmann
- July 21 Pastor Marilyn
- July 22 Theresa Drewis
- July 23 Phyllis Buls  
Everette Funk  
Clark Snelling
- July 25 Nicolaus Moore
- July 26 Barb Hill  
Isabel Marquis
- July 28 Larry Brown  
Andrew Lee
- July 30 Lianne Franzen

**Faith UCC Council**

- President Roger Goudschaal
- Vice-president Steve Hill
- Recorder Brian Bunce

Elders

- Marlene Snelling (Chair)
- Brian Bunce
- Lisa Chapin
- Roger Goudschaal
- Mary Ann Meyer
- Juanita Mohlis

Trustees

- Rich Milius (Chair)
- Tracy Buchholz
- Steve Hill
- Melvin Ohlendorf
- Keith Stahlhut
- Larry Struck

**Staff**

- Pastor Rev. Marilyn Sargent
- Administrative Assistant Barb Rich
- Financial Secretary Roger Goudschaal
- Treasurer Barb Hill
- Inside Custodians Kenny & Darlys Buhrow
- Director of Music Elizabeth Goudschaal
- Musicians June Buhr  
Phoebe Drape  
Dawn Holm  
Mary Jo Rothe