

# 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  
Mardell Kirchhoff  
Janice Vorthmann  
(MaryAnn Meyer's friend)  
Cameron Richards  
(Brenda & Kevin Sievers'  
son-in-law)

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

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

We hold in prayer our members in home...

Bernice Ambrose  
Jean Bentley  
Richard Buhr  
Betty Holm  
Betty Hills  
Mardell Kirchhoff  
Orlyn Milius  
Betty Roder  
Garnetta Snyder

With her family and friends, we mourn the passing of Marjorie Axon. We give thanks to God for the 100 years of light she brought to so many lives.

*You are my hiding place and my shield; I hope in your word.*

~ Psalm 119:114

These words recently greeted me as a scripture passage of the day. While there are endless affirmations and encouragements throughout the Bible, these words particularly touched me.

*You are my hiding place and my shield; I hope in your word.*

Three words scooped me in.....

Hiding  
Shield  
Hope

Sometimes I long to HIDE in the shelter of God's arms and escape the chaos of the world.

Often I am able to stand tall behind the SHIELD (the truth) of God.

Always I try live boldly within the HOPE found in God's promises.

How about you? Do you ever feel like you're hiding? Or holding up the Divine shield of protection? Or standing in the light of hope?

Well, that's kinda where I've been living lately. Somewhere in the midst of hiding...shield raising...and clinging feverishly to hope.

And then today, God whispered in my ear, "I've got this. It's all going to be ok."

I met with Marge Axon's family to plan her service. We talked about scriptures...and poetry...and music. Could we sing or have played "Whispering Hope?" That song was special to Marge. Her daughter Norma played it at a recital the year before she died. "Of course!" I replied while at the same time wondering where I could find the music. But it only took a phone call to June Buhr, the music has been found and will be shared at Marge's funeral. Today as I read the words...well...read them. You'll understand.

Soft as the voice of an angel, breathing a lesson unheard,  
Hope with a gentle persuasion, whispers her comforting word;  
Wait till the darkness is over, wait till the tempest is done.  
Hope for the sunshine tomorrow, after the shower is gone.  
Whispering Hope, Oh how welcome thy voice!  
Making my heart in its sorrow rejoice.

In courage and truth and hope,  
Pastor Marilyn

## 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 August, the food pantry has requested donations of

**Condiments:** *ketchup, mustard, pickles, etc.*

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

### Mobile Food Pantry

On the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month, Faith UCC hosts the Tripoli area Mobile Food Pantry (MFP). The next Mobile Food Pantry will be on **Thursday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> in Fellowship Hall**. Set up is from 4 pm to 5 pm. Distribution is from 5 pm to 6 pm.

### Needed: School Supplies

It's almost back-to-school time and once again Faith UCC will be assisting our school teachers and children by purchasing needed supplies. The list showing requested items for each grade (pre-school thru sixth) is in a marked folder in the Fellowship Hall on the east wall table. Baskets for your donations will be located throughout the church. If you have any questions, please contact Beth Goudschaal or the office.



### Blood Drive

The next Blood Drive will be held on August 21 from 3-6 pm.

## THANK YOU

Thank you so much for the beautiful flower arrangement given to us on our 55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.  
Our Blessings to all of you.  
Jerry and Marlene Snelling



### Cedar Valley Friends of the Family

Cedar Valley Friends of the Family operates a volunteer-run Fostering for Hope program. When a victim of domestic violence needs to find a safe place to stay, and cannot take their pet, we help them find a volunteer willing to take their pet on a temporary basis. You will get a full report of the pet's personality and needs, and can volunteer to take the pet if it is a good fit for your family. For more information go to <https://www.fofia.org/get-involved>

# COUNCIL MINUTES

July 2, 2018

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

Opening Prayer: Pastor Marilyn Sargent

Meeting called to order at 6:32 pm

Additions to Agenda:

Membership List and July/August Worship location

Minutes of June 4, 2018:

Motion to approve June minutes MSC

Treasurer's Report:

Motion to approve Treasurer's Report MSC

Trustee's Report:

Patio at the parsonage is completed. Plumbing and Heating Shop in Sumner will be working on our air conditioner. Will review the planter in the east side of the Narthex to address the current plants. Need to paint the window frames at the parsonage.

Elder's Report:

Further discussion on giving. Fall Dinner has been set for September 15th from 5 - 7 pm. We will be doing a fish fry and selling tickets in advance. Membership list has been double checked and giving from 2015 to present has also been reviewed. Photo directory will be updated this year and will form a committee to schedule photo times.

Liaison's Report:

FEC is working on Vacation Bible School. St. Paul UMC in La Porte City will be donating decorations.

Pastor's Report:

Letter on giving will be sent out. Red dots will be in each letter as a reminder to give to the church.

Old Business:

Edward Jones presentation from June was discussed. We will contact Dane Johnson to explain our current investments. Projector project was reviewed and the current committee that is working on the finalizing the quotes and will present council with final proposal.

New Business:

Due to the A/C not working in the sanctuary and being moved to Fellowship Hall. It has been suggested we hold the summer services in Fellowship Hall. It was an intimate setting and will also help save air conditioning cost in the sanctuary.

Adjourn: MSC. Meeting closed with The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Brian Bunce, Recorder

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

## Things to Do

### Women of Faith

**Women of Faith** will meet on Tuesday, August 14 at 6:45 pm. Please plan to join the group as we make plans for the coming year. Everyone is welcome to join us for an evening of fun, faith and fellowship.



### Back to School

Tripoli students return to school on Thursday, August 23. Faith UCC would like to send them and all area students off on their new year with a Blessing of the Backpacks. We invite all students and teachers to join us in worship on August 19.

### Summer Worship

Worship will continue in the Fellowship Hall during the month of August. There is something special about sitting in the midst of folks. It is great to feel connected not only with those sitting across the table from you but even folks a table or two away.

Come try it – we think you'll like it!



### A New Directory is Coming!

Faith UCC and Lifetouch will be producing a new photo directory this fall. The photo session dates for the new Faith UCC directory are September 5-8. You can sign up three ways –

Monday through Friday you can go online to schedule your Lifetouch photo session. The link is: <https://booknow-lifetouch.appointment-plus.com/ydrblxb4/> You can also go to our website, [www.faithucctripoli.org](http://www.faithucctripoli.org) or our Facebook page to directly click on the link. Once you are on the Lifetouch page you will find easy-to-follow directions for scheduling. There is also an option to create a login and password. This step is not necessary unless you might want to return to the site to update any session information.

– or –

Beginning Sunday morning August 12, you can talk with one of our Photo Committee members to schedule your appointment in person.

– or –

If neither of those two options work for you, stop in the office on Tuesdays or Thursdays between 9 am – 3 pm and Barb Rich will help you schedule your appointment.

Each household receives one 8x10 photo at no cost. There will be an on-site opportunity to purchase additional photos. Bring a non-perishable food item to your photo session and receive a coupon for \$5 off your Lifetouch photography order!

If you have other family members with whom you would like to be photographed, please sign up each household in consecutive time slots.

Look in Fellowship Hall and the Narthex for brochures and other information pages.

**AUGUST VOLUNTEERS**

HEAD USHERS: Mel Ohlendorf & Larry Struck

Ushers:

- 5 Community Worship
- 12 Bob & Donna Sassman
- 19 Kenny & Darlys Buhrow
- 26

Greeters:

- 5 Community Worship
- 12 Bob & Donna Sassman
- 19 Roger & Beth Goudschaal
- 26 Sandra Snyder

Liturgists:

- 5 Community Worship
- 12 Don Bunce
- 19 Larry Struck
- 26 Karen Milius

Fellowship Time Servers:

- 5 Community Worship
- 12 Dean & Brenda Shinstine,  
Ken & Juanita Mohlis
- 19 Kaye Osborn
- 26 Don & Vernetta Bunce

**AUGUST BIRTHDAYS**

- 1 Jean Ranard
- 2 Tracey Quigley
- 3 Shawntelle Moore  
Roger Owens  
Ashley Penrod  
Marshall Dillon
- 7 Greg Sowers
- 8 Carol Brandt  
Logan Liddle  
Betty Roder
- 9 Tyler Reeves
- 10 Hannah Buchholz  
Scott Behn
- 11 Tad Chapin
- 12 Jacob Martin
- 14 Mick Axon
- 16 Chad Buchholz
- 20 Mardell Kirchhoff
- 21 Leland Timmerman
- 22 Alyssa Foelske
- 29 Justine Liddle  
Jolyn Schwarze  
Aria Blessing
- 30 Betty Holm

**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 Rathe