

# 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...

Janice Vorthmann  
Cameron Richards  
Krystal Liebau  
Jamee Benson  
Stacy Nuss

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

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

We hold in prayer our members in home...

Jean Bentley  
Richard Buhr  
Betty Holm  
Betty Hills  
Orlyn Milius  
Betty Roder  
Garnetta Snyder

We hold in prayer the families mourning the passing of:

Mardell Kirchhoff  
Denis Ducker  
Eldon Meier  
Bernice Ambrose  
Robert Tollefson  
(Beth Goudschaal's dad)  
Chuck Steege  
(Sue Schwarze's brother)  
Dar Sowers  
(Barb Sowers' mom)

Although I enjoy singing or listening to all of the verses of the beautiful hymn, "How Great Thou Art," it is this final verse that stirs me deep in my soul.

*When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation  
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration  
And there proclaim: my God, how great Thou art!*

For the members and friends of Faith United Church of Christ, the past few weeks have found us holding tight to our faith as we have said our earthly goodbyes to beloved family members and friends. It is in these times of overwhelming loss that we are thankful for the promise of eternal life and we might even find ourselves on our knees proclaiming, "My God, how great Thou art!"

Next month the names of these dear ones and all who have passed from our lives during the past year will be remembered on All Saints Sunday, November 4. You will have the opportunity to write down the name(s) of ones who have died. These names will be individually read during worship.

This is a solemn and yet celebratory service where we honor our grief but rejoice in the time we shared with those who have died. We will gather not only to mourn over how different our lives are without them but to give thanks to God for how full life was when they were in our midst.

This year, I invite you if you would like to bring a framed photograph of your loved one whose name we will read. The many photographs will be gathered together to remind us that our connectivity continues throughout eternity.

As we prepare our hearts for this day, I invite you to reflect upon those who have helped to guide you through your days and are now resting in the sweet, peaceful, gentleness of God's heavenly realm. Spend some time remembering what you learned from them...how they made you laugh...how they made you feel loved...how they changed your life. In gratitude, take a moment to give thanks to God for placing them on your life path by proclaiming, "My God, how great Thou art!"

~ Pastor Marilyn

# OUTREACH AND THINGS TO DO

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 October, the food pantry has requested donations of

*Hygiene Products: Shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, toothpaste, etc.*

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

**Women of Faith** will meet on Tuesday, October 9th at 6:45 pm. MaryAnn Meyer will teach us how to make the German Star Christmas decorations. Everyone is welcome to join us!

## 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, October 25th**. Set up is from 4 pm to 5 pm. Distribution is from 5 pm to 6 pm.

NE Iowa Association of the UCC  
Fall Meeting ~ Sunday, October 28  
Faith United Church of Christ

The churches of the NE Iowa Association of the UCC have been invited here to Faith on **Sunday, October 28** for the annual Fall Meeting. Registration begins at 2:30 pm. Worship and program begin at 3:00. All are invited to attend!

The program this year will be various churches sharing their successful outreach and mission projects. This is a great opportunity for each congregation to depart with a few new ideas in their toolbox.

Following the program, our Women of Faith will be serving a meal – and you KNOW that will be yummy!

If you are able to attend, please contact the office at 882.3585 or [faithuccchurch@gmail.com](mailto:faithuccchurch@gmail.com). Please also consider volunteering to greet those arriving with our warm Faith UCC welcome! We will need at least 6 people to serve as greeters.

It will be a great day! Hope you are able to join us!



Congratulations to Bailey Kirchhoff and Tanner Klein on their wedding, September 15, 2018.  
Congratulations, Mr. and Mrs. Klein!

Congratulations to Whitney Figanbaum and Nathan Kremer on their wedding, September 22, 2018.  
Congratulations Mr. and Mrs. Kremer!



## Council Minutes

Faith United Church of Christ  
Council Meeting Minutes\*  
September 4, 2018

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

Members Absent: Steve Hill, Rich Milius

Opening Prayer: Pastor Marilyn Sargent

Meeting called to order at 6:33 pm

Additions to Agenda:

Minutes of August 6, 2018:  
Motion to approve – MSC

Treasurer's Report:  
Motion to approve – MSC

Trustee's Report:  
Iowa Wall looked at the walls in the Sanctuary. There is nothing structurally wrong with the walls just cosmetic. Need to have the cracks filled in and painted over. Two shrubs at the parsonage need to be trimmed.  
There was discussion on the curb by the north entrance was removed during the road construction. Questions over why that was removed.

Elder's Report:  
Sunday School is starting September 9<sup>th</sup>. Photo directory is in the process. Fish Fry will be September 15<sup>th</sup>.

Liaison's Report:  
Cemetery Committee rebalanced stocks that the perpetual care fund are in.

Pastor's Report:  
September 19<sup>th</sup> Confirmation will begin.  
September 29<sup>th</sup> His Hands Food Pantry fundraiser meal and auction.  
October 28<sup>th</sup> Northeast Association will have their fall meeting at Faith. 2:30 pm registration and meeting starting at 3 pm.  
Membership letter has been received well with members and there has been an increase in giving.

Old Business:  
Committee is working on the projector project and are finalizing quotes.

New Business:  
No new business was brought before the council.

Adjourn: MSC

Meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Brian Bunce, Recorder

MSC = Motion, seconded and carried  
\*These minutes have not yet been approved by the Council

### Fall Raffle

Thanks to everyone who donated items for the Fall Raffle and to everyone who purchased raffle tickets. We couldn't do this without you!

Here are the winners:

Quilt quilted by Faith UCC Quilters, <i>Darlys Bubrow</i>	Wooden handmade basket, <i>Catie Ott</i>
Handmade willow wooden bench, <i>Luann Happel</i>	Welcome pumpkin, <i>Lisa Chapin</i>
Ceramic bird bath, <i>Matt Salmon</i>	Snap lock dish set, <i>Brian Milius</i>
Wreath, <i>Charlotte Dunlay</i>	Measuring cup & utensils, <i>Carol Peters</i>
Black/white comforter, <i>Bonnie Travers</i>	Blue towel set, <i>McCoy Ollendiek</i>
Fall pumpkin/Caseys gift card, <i>Sandra Snyder</i>	Decorative solar light, <i>Scott Chapin</i>
Wicker set, <i>Olivia Sheffler</i>	Pumpkin/Dollar Tree gift card, <i>Rachel Moeller</i>
Welcome Autumn, <i>Brian Bunce</i>	Orange mum, <i>MaryAnn Meyer</i>
Crock pot, <i>Mark Goodenbour</i>	Peace angel, <i>Sue Schwarze</i>
Cozy throw/Dollar Tree gift card, <i>Marilyn Labmann</i>	Be Strong plaque, <i>Donna Sassman</i>
Yellow mum, <i>Mila Ollendiek</i>	LED solar light, <i>Barb Hill</i>
Aluminum pumpkin, <i>Pastor Marilyn</i>	Bowl filled with goodies, <i>Liz Sheffler</i>
White towels, <i>Lowell Biermann</i>	Perpetual calendar, <i>Marian Meyer</i>
Cardinal mug/Caseys gift card, <i>Marlys Biermann</i>	Coloring book/pencils, <i>Marcella Biermann</i>

Thanks again to all who participated!  
Fall Raffle Committee

### Fall Fish Fry

#### A "BIG" Thank You to..... 'Kevin Buhrow'

Who so graciously arranged all the details of frying the fish for our Fall Fish Fry.  
Made a phone call to Kevin and he stepped in and got all the supplies, the oil, the batter, etc.

**So very much appreciated –Kevin. Thank you!**

and..... thank you to his 'CREW' he had helping him-good job guys!

Also, thank you to the Ticket Sellers/the Host and Hostess/the Serving Line/the Dining Room Help/ the Dessert Servers/the Salad Servers/the Beverage servers/those helping with the Dishes and Kitchen Help/those who donated the Desserts, those making the Salads/ those who did the Decorating and Setting up the Tables/those Cleaning up after the Meal/The Dishwasher guys/the Donation for the Advertising expenses/Everyone who donated food items for the Meal/the Donations for the Raffle Prizes/those taking care of the Raffle/ those who gave Monetary Donations.

Thank you to the person who Donated the Printing of our pre-sale tickets and for redoing the Advertisement Board displayed outside.

Our Appreciation and Thank You to Everyone!  
"The Group from 'Faith Family' that organized this event"  
Many Helping Hands make for a Loving Faith Family.

## OCTOBER VOLUNTEERS

HEAD USHERS: Larry Struck & Juanita Mohlis

### Ushers:

7 Church Council  
14 Kenny & Darlys Buhrow  
21  
28 Melvin & Verdeen Ohlendorf

### Greeters:

7 Kaye Osborn  
14 Verdeen & Melvin Ohlendorf  
21 Marlys Biermann  
28 Kenny & Darlys Buhrow

### Liturgists:

7 Beth Goudschall  
14  
21 Lisa Chapin  
28 Larry Struck

### Fellowship Time Servers:

7  
14 Don & Vernetta Bunce  
21 Bonnie Travers  
28 Kenny & Darlys Buhrow

## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

2 Gary Snyder  
4 Miranda Quigley  
8 Shyann Quigley  
9 Nate Milius  
11 Todd Holm  
Duane Ryherd  
Trevor Stahlhut  
Cameron Ladage  
12 Barb Sowers  
14 Sharon Funk  
17 Betty Hills  
Brianna Quigley  
18 Hunter Johnson  
19 Tim Drewis  
Roger Goudschaal  
Patric Benson  
20 Rhonda Thompson  
Kiley Morey  
21 Branigan Bunce  
Betty Schwartz  
22 JoAnn Steward  
29 David Lohmann  
30 Susan Brown  
31 Ellen Kalkbrenner

## Faith UCC

### Council

President Roger Goudschaal  
Vice-president Hill Steve  
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  
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Treasurer Barb Hill  
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Musicians June Buhr  
Phoebe Drape  
Dawn Holm  
Mary Jo Rathe