

FAITH TALK

Faith United Church of Christ

February 2019

Tripoli, Iowa

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

Logan Liddle
Garnetta Snyder
Don Hill (Steve Hill's brother)
Nora Ann Beck (Marlys
Biermann's gr. niece)
Glennis Smith (Karen Milius'
Mom)
Judy Garner (Karen Milius'
Sister)
Adam Moeller (son of Kathy
Westendorf and Gary Moeller)
Stacy Nuss
T T Schmidt

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

If you have attended a Faith UCC worship service during the past three weeks, you have experienced our long-awaited screen and projector! The first week Steve Hill adapted a PowerPoint presentation from our 50th anniversary and we were able to watch that prior to worship.

The next week the entire worship service was displayed – hymns, prayers, scripture readings, responses – and other than a couple of misprints, all went well. Last week the screen was used during our worship/annual meeting.

The comments have been good to hear as folks express their thoughts on this new element of our worship time. One recurring comment is how loud the congregation now sounds during the singing of hymns and the reading of liturgy. So true! The sound is carrying up and out instead of getting buried at our feet. Others have also commented that it is nice to be able to read without adjusting or putting on their glasses (I also echo that advantage!).

Steve Hill, Barb Rich, and I are working hard to become experts at the new software and all it can do. In early March we will have a dedication Sunday and celebrate with the many families who donated memorial funds toward this project.

In the coming months we will be exploring various ways to bring about new worship opportunities. Pictures, music, videos – the ideas keep flowing! And we want to hear your ideas, too! Talk to me, call the office, chat with a Council member. What might we do to bring new energy and understanding to your worship experience?

At some point in the future, we plan to reduce the number of bulletins we print by at least half. Perhaps 75%. During the coming weeks as you enter the sanctuary for worship, I ask you to please think about whether you need to reach out your hand to take that weekly bulletin. Knowing that many folks take home the Faith Chat each week, we will continue to print a number of those. I am also aware that many folks enjoy reading read the back of the bulletin each week so we are having conversations about how to continue to provide that opportunity for all. Again, your input is much needed as we move forward.

In case you were not aware, when this project was completed it also included hearing assistance devices for those with or without hearing aids. Please see an usher if you would like to use one of these devices.

Change isn't always the easiest, but I think this one will ultimately be one of the best recent-years change to occur at Faith UCC. If you haven't checked it out – please do! I think you'll agree it's a good thing!

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 February, the food pantry has requested donations of

Paper Products: Paper towels, napkins, tissues, foil, baggies

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

Women of Faith
The Women of Faith will meet on February 13 at 6:45 pm for the regular meeting. All women of the church are invited to join this group.

Faith Soup Luncheon

Mark your calendar! – Sunday, February 3, following the worship service, there will be a soup luncheon. Menu will be cheese soup, chicken noodle soup, chili, relishes, homemade rolls, desserts and beverages. A free will offering will be collected. Luncheon is sponsored by the Women of Faith and all proceeds will go toward improvements of the church.

Outreach Opportunity at Tripoli Schools

Do you have 30-60 minutes a week you are able to donate to our community’s precious population group – our students? Brannon Burroughs, Outreach Counselor for Tripoli Schools, is starting a reading program where adult volunteers listen to students read on a weekly basis. Students will be able to receive immediate feedback as well as the opportunity to develop a supportive relationship with an adult. If you are interested, contact the office or you may contact Brannon directly at burroughsb@tripoli.k12.ia.us

Area Volunteer Opportunity

Trinkets & Togs is in need of volunteers to assist with various tasks: sorting and processing donated goods, hanging clothing, stocking shelves, and assisting customers. Volunteers are needed for 4-6 hours per week. Times are available from 10 am to 6 pm on weekdays and 10 am to 5 pm on Saturdays. Interested? Call 319.260.2237

Auction & Dinner for a Cause

The 9th Annual RFK (Royal Family Kids) Gala will be held on February 23 at Sumner Legion Hall. The Silent Auction will be from 4:30 to 7:00 pm and will be open to the public. Dinner will be served at 5 pm and reservations will be required. The Live Auction will start at 7pm and will be open to the public. Question, donations, reservations – please call Kasey at 563-578-3411.

Friendship Tea

A Friendship Tea will be hosted by St. John’s Lutheran WELCA of Sumner on February 13 at 1:30. The program will be given by Erin Birkicht representing Retrieving Freedom, an organization that trains service dogs for veterans, individuals with autism, and individuals with type one diabetes. Refreshments served following the program. RSVP to 563-578-8564 by February 6th.

Council Minutes

Faith United Church of Christ
Council Meeting Minutes
January 7, 2018

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

Members Absent: Lisa Chapin

Opening Prayer: Pastor Marilyn Sargent

Meeting called to order at 6:41 pm

Minutes of December 3, 2018:

Motion to approve – Melvin Ohlendorf; 2nd Tracy Buchholz. Motion Carried

Minutes of Congregational Meeting December 9, 2018:

Motion to approve – Marlene Snelling; 2nd Brian Bunce. Motion Carried

Treasurer's Report:

Question on projector payment - 1st half has been paid and the 2nd half due when installation is completed. Sunday School has a line item that has been split into mission expenses and other.

Motion to approve Treasurer's Report by Brian Bunce, 2nd by Mary Ann Meyer. Motion Carried

Trustee's Report:

Discussion on 2019 budget.

Motion by Mary Ann Meyer to approve the 2019 Budget at \$141,175.80, 2nd Juanita Mohlis. Motion Carried

Elder's Report:

All the Christmas Services were very nice and beautiful.

Lent will begin March 6th, Maundy Thursday April 18th, Good Friday April 19th, Vigil Saturday April 20th, and Easter April 21st.

February 18th new carpet will be installed in Fellowship Hall. Carpet will be delivered this week. Workday is January 12th at 8:30 am to clean chairs and kitchen.

Liaison's Report:

Roger Goudschaal will be meeting with Dane Johnston about Cemetery Committee finances.

Pastor's Report:

Sunday we will use the new projector and have a dedication service at a later date.

Roger Goudschaal has year end financial reports. There will be an insert added with the reports to encourage member to increase donation level for 2019. The reverse side will have the 10% tithing break down for income.

Old Business:

Projector Update - Projector is being installed and will be completed this week.

Mary Ann Meyer wishes to not run for a 2nd term. Melvin Ohlendorf has not been able to locate a replacement also.

We will inform the congregation Sunday January 13th of the two open positions.

New Business:

None

Adjourn: Motion by Marlene Snelling, 2nd by Melvin Ohlendorf. Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,
Brian Bunce, Recorder

These minutes have not yet been approved by Council.



Theodore William Reeves, son of Adam & Renee Reeves was baptized on January 6, 2019. His Godparents are Jeff Mehmen and Cara Rice.



Wartburg Choir Ensemble

This year the Wartburg Choir, an 80-voice internationally acclaimed choir, will be traveling to California over Easter weekend – allowing them the opportunity to share their music amid the celebration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. As you can imagine, the costs of flying to California are expensive and the plane ticket is entirely each student’s financial responsibility. To help offset these costs, the Choir is looking to fund raise in various ways. One way is to sing at church services throughout the Cedar Valley. Faith UCC has invited a small group ensemble from the choir to sing during our Sunday morning worship on February 24. In return, we will gather a free-will offering to be given to the choir for their trip. We hope you will join us on the 24th and give generously to these talented students.



Quilters Needed!

It has been a long-standing tradition that the Fall Dinner Raffle includes a hand-stitched quilt by the Faith UCC Quilters. Through the years the number of quilters has declined. Without new members, there will not be a quilt produced for this year’s raffle. If you have ever quilted or if you have always wanted to learn how, now is your chance! Please contact Dolores Schmidt at 882.3246 with questions or to volunteer your time!

FEBRUARY VOLUNTEERS

HEAD USHERS: Keith Stahlhut & Steve Hill

Ushers:

3 Church Council
 10
 17 Mary Ann Meyer
 24 Dean & Brenda Shinstine

Greeters:

3 Ed & Carol Brandt
 10 Judy Buhr, Vernetta Bunce
 17 Dave & Ruth Kirchhoff
 24 Brad & Kim Bunce

Liturgists:

3 Larry Struck
 10 Karen Milius
 17 Lisa Chapin
 24 Tracy Buchholz

Fellowship Time Servers:

3 Soup Lunch
 10 Scott & JoEllen Behn
 17 Juanita & Ken Mohlis, Mary Ann Meyer,
 Dean & Brenda Shinstine
 24 Theresa Drewis

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Feb. 2 Tim Quigley
 Feb. 5 Theodore Oburra-
 Ladage
 Feb. 6 Marty Smalley
 Feb. 7 Cheryl Dahlstrom
 Feb. 9 Steve Hill
 Marlene Snelling
 Feb. 10 Jay Ranard
 Feb. 11 Sandi Snyder
 Feb. 12 Carol Kammeyer
 Asher Milius
 Feb. 14 Bailey Klein
 Feb. 15 Mason Penrod
 Feb. 16 Spencer Snelling
 Feb. 18 Kailey Heidemann
 Jodi Heinemann
 Feb. 19 Bob Kerr
 Feb. 20 Darlys Buhrow
 Feb. 24 Kristi Ladage
 Alexander Johnson
 Feb. 28 Joyce Kammeyer

Faith UCC**Council**

President Roger Goudschaal
 Vice-president Steve Hill
 Recorder Brian Bunce

Elders

Marlene Snelling (Chair)
 Brian Bunce
 Lisa Chapin
 Roger Goudschaal
 Juanita Mohlis
 Dean Shinstine

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