

# 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 50<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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

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**Auction & Dinner for a Cause**

The 9<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup>.

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; 2<sup>nd</sup> Tracy Buchholz. Motion Carried

Minutes of Congregational Meeting December 9, 2018:

Motion to approve – Marlene Snelling; 2<sup>nd</sup> Brian Bunce. Motion Carried

Treasurer's Report:

Question on projector payment - 1<sup>st</sup> half has been paid and the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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, 2<sup>nd</sup> Juanita Mohlis. Motion Carried

Elder's Report:

All the Christmas Services were very nice and beautiful.

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

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 2<sup>nd</sup> term. Melvin Ohlendorf has not been able to locate a replacement also. We will inform the congregation Sunday January 13<sup>th</sup> of the two open positions.

New Business:

None

Adjourn: Motion by Marlene Snelling, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup> 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 &amp; 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

**Trustees**

Rich Milius (Chair)  
 Tracy Buchholz  
 Steve Hill  
 Trevor Johnson  
 Keith Stahlhut

**Staff**

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