

# FAITH TALK

Faith United Church of Christ

June 2019

Tripoli, Iowa

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

Logan Liddle  
Adam Moeller (son of Kathy Westendorf and Gary Moeller)  
Tony Muether (Phyllis & Nadine's cousin)  
Jim Volrath (Roger Goudschaal's cousin)  
Barb Rich

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

Shane Buchholz  
Brandon Burrows  
Matthew Coulthard  
Keenan Gienau  
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

With Bob Kerr's family we mourn his passing from this life and with them we also celebrate with joy the earthly time we shared together and his continuing life in God's heavenly realm!!

Held every two years, the General Synod of the United Church of Christ is the national decision-making body for our denomination, responsible for giving general direction to the evangelistic, missionary, and justice programs of the UCC.

Delegates and visitors will gather June 21-25 in Milwaukee for General Synod 32 (GS32). There they will experience workshops, plenary sessions, worship, youth activities, special banquets, and luncheons. Delegates will conduct the business of the denomination and set priorities for our ministries.

GS32 worship leaders are Rev. Kaji Spellman Douša (if you are a frequent reader of the Stillspeaking Daily Devotional you might recognize her name); Rev. Traci Blackmon (Associate General Minister, Justice & Local Church Ministries of The United Church of Christ); Rev. Sharon Lee Mei-Shem MacArthur; and Rev. Dr. Amy Butler.

Saturday's keynote speaker is Matthew Desmond, author of the book "Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City." The book takes readers into the poorest neighborhoods of Milwaukee to tell the story of eight families financially on the edge. I have been reading it in preparation for GS and find it to be a powerful read that opens my mind to a better understanding of what too many of our country's population face each day.

On Saturday afternoon GS32 delegates and visitors will have the opportunity to attend workshops on a variety of congregational opportunities and/or concerns as well as community social justice ministry ideas. Or if an attendees desire is to be more actively involved, there will be many service project opportunities offered throughout the city.

General Synod is also encouraging attendees to bring new undergarments and socks for adults, teens, and children of all genders. I would love to fill up an extra suitcase (or two) to take with me. There will be a basket in the narthex and one in the connector should you like to donate one or more items on the list (they ask that donations be limited to these specific clothing items.)

I will be posting daily updates on Facebook and on Sunday, June 30, will present a summary of my photos and experiences. If you would like to learn more about General Synod, visit

<https://www.synod2019.org/en/uccsynod2019/Home/>

*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 June, the food pantry has requested donations of

*Hygiene Products: Shampoo, toothpaste, soap, etc.*

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

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**Donation Reminder**

All General Synod 32 attendees are encouraged to bring new undergarments and socks for adults, teens, and children of all genders (please stick to these specific clothing items.) Pastor Marilyn hopes to take with her a suitcase (or two!) filled with these items. If you can provide an item(s), please place your donation (unwrapped) in a collection basket located in the narthex or the connector.

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**Happy 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary to  
Jerry and Marilyn Lahmann (June 8)**

**and**

**Happy 55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary to  
Richard & June Buhr (June 28)**



**ICE CREAM!!! ICE CREAM!!!**

The Faith UCC Event Committee invites you to a sweet celebration following worship on Sunday, June 16. They will be serving ice cream with toppings, bars, and cake.

**Volunteer Opportunities**

Enjoy spending time with horses? The ASPIRE Therapeutic Riding Program, 8100 Kimball Ave in Waterloo, is looking for groups of volunteers to come out to the farm and help with cleaning, grooming, and miscellaneous work at the farm. Staff will work alongside volunteers and show them what needs to be done. Volunteers welcome during the week or on weekends. Volunteers typically work a 2-3 hour shift. 319.296.0964 or [marilyn@aspiretrp.org](mailto:marilyn@aspiretrp.org)

Is it dogs that steal your heart? The Cedar Bend Humane Society, 1116 W Airline Hwy in Waterloo, is in need of dedicated dog walkers. Volunteer dog walkers provide shelter dogs with needed exercise and interaction while they wait to be adopted into permanent homes. If interested, please visit <https://www.cedarbendhumane.org/> and complete a volunteer application.

**Anyone interested in creating a Faith UCC float for the Tripoli Day's Parade?**

## Council Minutes

Faith United Church of Christ  
Council Meeting Minutes  
May 6, 2019

Members In Attendance: Steve Hill, Keith Stahlhut, Trevor Johnson, Tracy Buchholz, Brian Bunce, Roger Goudschaal, Juanita Mohlis, Marlene Snelling, and Ashley Penrod. Also In Attendance: Barb Hill, and Pastor Marilyn Sargent

Members Absent: Rich Milius, Dean Shinstine, and Lisa Chapin

Opening Prayer: Pastor Marilyn Sargent

Meeting called to order at 6:31 pm

Minutes of March 4, 2019:

Motion – Marlene Snelling; 2<sup>nd</sup> Trevor Johnson. Motion Carried

Treasurer's Report:

April we had a Sunday bring in little over \$3,000. Motion to approve Treasurer's Report by Tracy Buchholz, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ashley Penrod. Motion Carried

Trustee's Report:

Keith Stahlhut will work on painting the kitchen door.

Ashley Penrod and Pastor Marilyn Sargent will look into getting some sign prices for locations in the building.

Property Committee will create a formal committee to review paint and repairs needed to the sanctuary. David Kirchhoff to be added to Property Committee as a member.

Brian Bunce and Trevor Johnson will look into Smoke and Carbon Dioxide detectors.

Elder's Report:

Confirmation was May 5<sup>th</sup> and went very well.

Thank you to Pastor Marilyn Sargent for a wonderful Holy Week.

Graduation we will honor Austin Kingsbury.

June 2<sup>nd</sup> we will start worship at 9 am.

Liaison's Report:

Thank you to Hospitality Committee for the Easter Breakfast.

Rich Milius and Roger Goudschaal alone with their grandchildren worked and picked up sticks in the cemetery.

Memorial Committee met with Dane Johnson to review accounts.

Pastor's Report:

Pastor Marilyn Sargent will be on vacation May 26 and August 11<sup>th</sup>. She will be attending General Synod June 20-26. Roger Goudschaal will fill the pulpit on May 26, Amanda Bunce will be our supply pastor for June 23 and August 11.

Confirmation had a good group of students and mentors.

Grace Church is contacting local churches and inviting the community to join their Vacation Bible School this summer.

Old Business:

Sanctuary Painting was covered in the Trustee's Report.

New Business:

Approved rental of Fellowship Hall for May 5<sup>th</sup>. Motion – Steve Hill; 2<sup>nd</sup> Juanita Mohlis. Motion Carried

Adjourn:

Motion by Steve Hill, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ashley Penrod. Motion Carried

The meeting ended with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Brian Bunce, Recorder

These minutes have not yet been approved by Council.

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***As we move into the coming weeks, some reminders:***

- Worship at 9 am begins on Sunday, June 2
- Sunday, June 9 is Pentecost Sunday. Feel the Spirit – wear red! Or yellow! Or orange! Or all three!
- During the months of June, July, and August communion will be served by intinction on the first Sunday of each month.
- Barb Rich will be having surgery on Monday, June 3. During the coming weeks every effort will be made to continue to have the office staffed on Tuesday and Thursday from 9 am to 3 pm but there may be times this is not possible. A sign will be posted if that occurs but you may want to consider calling before making the trip to church.
- This year is Faith UCC's turn to host the Community Meal (8/3) and Community Worship (8/4) during Tripoli Days. Invite your friends and neighbors!

## JUNE VOLUNTEERS

HEAD USHERS: Juanita Mohlis & Ashley Penrod

### Ushers:

2 Church Council  
9 ***AN OPPORTUNITY FOR YOU!!!***  
16 Dean & Brenda Shinstine  
23 Jay & Jean Ranard  
30

### Greeters:

2 Sandi Snyder  
9 Pat Warner  
16 Mary Chapin  
23 Sandy Martin  
30 Kaye Osborn

### Liturgists:

2 Beth Goudschaal  
9 ***AN OPPORTUNITY FOR YOU!!!***  
16 Don Bunce  
23 ***AN OPPORTUNITY FOR YOU!!!***  
30 JoEllen Snelling-Behn

### Fellowship Time Servers:

2 Jerry & Marilyn Lahmann  
9 ***AN OPPORTUNITY FOR YOU!!!***  
16 Events Committee  
23 Bonnie Travers  
30 Scott & JoEllen Behn

## JUNE BIRTHDAYS

1 Marilyn Lahmann  
Helen Milius  
3 Jean Bentley  
8 Meagan Newbrough  
10 McKinna Benson  
Tamara Rosol  
11 Karen Buchholz  
12 Joan Struck  
13 Richard Buhr  
Austin Newbrough  
14 Marlys Biermann  
Justin Hoppenworth  
Dave Kirchhoff  
15 Sara Blessing  
Pat Warner  
Zachary Johnson  
18 Angie Buchholz  
Lori Dahlstrom  
19 Brenda Sievers  
21 Corey Rosol  
23 Kennedy Drewis  
Whitney Kremer  
25 Jerry Snelling  
26 Juanita Nuss  
28 Grant Goudschaal  
29 June Buhr

## 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  
Ashley Penrod

### Staff

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Phoebe Drape  
Dawn Holm  
Mary Jo Rathe