

# FAITH TALK

Faith United Church of Christ

August 2019

Tripoli, Iowa

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

Logan Liddle  
Marty Smalley  
Lloyd Martin  
Karen Bolte  
Tony Muether (Phyllis & Nadine's cousin)  
Jim Volrath (Roger Goudschaal's cousin)  
Denise Timmerman (Wilma & Leland's daughter-in-law)  
Jackie Brummett (Susie & Dave's daughter)  
Mark Goodenbour (Mel & Verdeen's son-in-law)  
Steph (Ashley Ollendieck's friend)  
Beverly Shinstine (Dean & Brenda's sister-in-law)

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  
Gar Snyder

## *"I Have a Dream..."*

Even if they haven't read or listened to it in its entirety, most people in this country know of Martin Luther King Jr.'s iconic "I Have A Dream" speech. While participating in the 1963 March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom, King stood in front of the Lincoln Memorial and recalled the president's signing of the Emancipation Proclamation 100 years earlier, calling it "a joyous daybreak to the end the long night" of the of enslaved – but pointing out that the freedom declared in that proclamation was still not fully evident throughout the country.

Nearing the end of his speech, it is written that King began improvising in his heart-felt attempt to deliver a powerful, encouraging message. He proclaimed to the more than 250,000 people gathered, "Go back to Mississippi; go back to Alabama; go back to South Carolina; go back to Georgia; go back to Louisiana; go back to the slums and ghettos of our Northern cities, knowing that somehow this situation can and will be changed."

It was at that moment that gospel singer Mahalia Jackson sitting near her dear friend cried out to him, "Tell them about the dream, Martin! Tell them about the dream!"

And he did. He told them about his dream for equality and freedom and justice for all of God's children. His dream for that day when all of God's children, black and white, "Jews and Gentiles, Protestants and Catholics, will be able to join hands and sing in the words of the old Negro spiritual: 'Free at last! Free at last! Thank God Almighty, we are free at last!'"

Martin Luther King Jr. was able to articulate his dream to others. It inspired those gathered in August 1963 and in August 2019, it continues to inspire many of us still.

What is your dream? Can you formulate it in your heart and articulate it for others?

On a recent Sunday morning, Faith UCC worshippers were invited to reflect on their dream and write it on a rock. The rocks were placed in the front of the sanctuary, allowing us to reflect on those dreams and what they might mean to God's world. This past Sunday we honored each dream rock and returned them to their dream originators.

Let us not surrender those dreams just because they have been removed from our sanctuary. Those rocks with words of peace and justice and healing and unity depict not only individual dreams. Those hopes and prayers and visions help to define who we are and whose we are as children of God. Those dreams follow the words of Jesus who called for us to take care of one another, love one another, feed, clothe, visit, and hydrate one another. Those dreams define us. Those dreams sustain us through even the darkest times. We cannot surrender our dreams for a better world for all of God's children.

What is your dream?

With love and hope from your resident dreamer,  
*Pastor Marilyn*

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: such as ketchup, mustard, mayo etc.**

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

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**MAKING A DIFFERENCE**

**His Hands Food Pantry – June**

Pounds Distributed: 8,590  
Individuals Served 271  
Families Served 96

**Faith UCC Mobile Food Pantry – July**

Households Served 40  
Individuals in Households 104  
Volunteers 18

**WAVERLY HEALTH CENTER**

*Become a Certified  
“Consumer Wellness Advocate”*

*Thursday, August 15*

*8 am – 4:30 pm – Tendrils Rooftop Garden*

Gain the knowledge and skills needed to help prevent illness, injury and disability, and to promote lifelong well-being at a community or corporate level.

Presenter: Amanda Ramthun,  
CWC, CHES –  
WHC Community Health Specialist

Cost is \$39 per person (includes participant guide and lunch)  
Register at 319.483.1361 or online at [www.surveymonkey.com/r/WHCCWA](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WHCCWA)

For further information on the course objectives, see the flyer on the north Narthex bulletin board.

**NAMI**

**(National Alliance on Mental Illness)  
Family-to-Family Education Program**

A free 12-week Class for Family Members, Partners, and Significant Others who have Adult Relatives with Mental Illness.

**September 5 to November 21, 2019  
First Congregational Church  
608 West 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Waterloo  
Every Thursday 6-8:30 pm**

To register, contact NAMI Black Hawk County by August 15 at 319.235.5263 or [namibh@questoffice.net](mailto:namibh@questoffice.net)

*For further information, see the flyer on the north Narthex bulletin board.*

**WAVERLY HEALTH CENTER**

*“Danger of the Digital Age: Poor Posture, Pain and Prolonged Pooping”*

*Tuesday, August 20*

*6-7 pm – Tendrils Rooftop Garden*

This presentation will cover the effects of poor posture on our bodies and how to correct these issues.

Presenter: Dr. Colin DeFord,  
of the Nashua Clinic

The Faith UCC **“Good Samaritan” fund** (Pastor’s discretionary fund distributed to those in need) is funded by direct donations. It is currently in need of replenishment. If you are able to assist in rebuilding the fund, please mail or drop off a check to the office (PO Box 14, Tripoli) or place it in the offering plate on Sunday morning. Thank you for helping Faith UCC make a difference!

Council Minutes

Faith United Church of Christ  
Council Meeting Minutes  
July 1, 2019

Members In Attendance: Steve Hill, Keith Stahlhut, Trevor Johnson, Brian Bunce, Roger Goudschaal, Juanita Mohlis, Rich Milius, Dean Shinstine, Lisa Chapin, Marlene Snelling, and Tracy Buchholz

Also In Attendance: Barb Hill, and Pastor Marilyn Sargent

Member(s) Absent: Ashley Penrod

Opening Prayer: Pastor Marilyn Sargent

Meeting called to order at 6:35 pm

Minutes of June 3, 2019:

Motion to approve – Tracy Buchholz; 2<sup>nd</sup> Steve Hill. Motion Carried

Treasurer's Report:

Motion to approve Treasurer's Report by Brian Bunce, 2<sup>nd</sup> Marlene Snelling. Motion Carried

Trustee's Report:

Dehumidifier is set up in Fellowship Hall.

Painting Committee is working on collecting quotes for repairs.

Elder's Report:

August 3<sup>rd</sup> we will be hosting Tripoli Days luncheon in Fellowship Hall. There will be a food and help sign-up sheet. August 4<sup>th</sup> we will be having community service at 10 am.

Liaison's Report:

No new business.

Pastor's Report:

Thank you the church for the opportunity to attend General Synod 32 in Milwaukee. She will be sharing this experience during upcoming worship services.

Barb Rich's knee surgery went well and she is healing.

Old Business:

Motion to purchase 6 Nest smoke and carbon dioxide detectors by Steve Hill and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dean Shinstine. Motion Carried

New Business:

There was discussion on creating a three person Advisory Committee to oversee the investments of the church, which would meet quarterly to review investments and manage accounts. At this time Council has decided to not create this new committee.

Microwave in the kitchen has a broken door and the cost to repair is expensive, we will look at purchasing a new one.

Adjourn:

Motion by Marlene Snelling, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lisa Chapin. Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,  
Brian Bunce, Recorder

These minutes have not yet been approved by Council.

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### Birthday Celebrations

**Betty Roder** will be celebrating her 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday on August 8<sup>th</sup>. Her family is inviting Betty's friends to participate in a card shower for her. You can send your birthday wishes to her at:

Hillcrest Home  
Assisted Living #114  
915 W First Street  
Sumner, IA 50674




Another very special birthday on August 8<sup>th</sup> is the 9<sup>th</sup> birthday of **Logan Liddle!** To help Logan celebrate his special day, mail your greetings to:

2652 – 200<sup>th</sup> Street  
Tripoli 50676



Speaking of birthdays, thank you all for your kindness as I celebrated my birthday. You helped to make this monumental year something special!

 *Pastor Marilyn*

- \* **TRIPOLI DAYS!!!**  
This year Faith UCC will host the **Community Meal** (8/3) and **Community Worship** (8/4). Invite your friends and neighbors!

The meal will be served following the parade until 1 pm. Pulled Pork or Grilled Chicken Patty on a bun. Potato Salad, Chips, Baked Beans, assorted drinks, and beverage

Worship on Sunday will be at 10:00 am. Pastor Marilyn and Pastor Dennis from Grace Lutheran Church will lead worship and serve communion.

- \* Pastor Marilyn will be away on Sunday, August 11. Amanda Bunce will lead worship.
- \* **SAVE THE DATE** – Faith UCC Fall Dinner – Fish Fry – Saturday, September 21  
Watch for more details in the coming weeks!
- \* Faith UCC will be hosting the next **LifeServe Blood Drive** on Wednesday, August 28, 2:30-5:30 pm. (note time change)



Dear Parents –

Fall is right around the corner and it is time for the 2019 – 2020 Sunday School year to start! We hope everyone has had a great summer!

**Classes will begin on Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup> and will go from 8:30 – 9:50 AM.** This will be our vacation bible school program and will run for the first 5 weeks of Sunday School. The Bible School celebration will be held on Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup> during our 10:00 worship service. Please plan on joining us for the fun!!

**There will be a blessing for all staff & students on Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup> for the upcoming year. Please join us for worship at 10:00.**

The theme for our VBS program this year is *Roar! Life is Wild . . . God is Good!* This epic African adventure engages the whole herd. At Roar, kids explore God’s goodness and celebrate a ferocious faith that powers them through this wild life!!

After completing our 5-week Bible School program, we will return to our normal class time of 9:00 – 9:50 AM for Sunday School. Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, will be our first Sunday with classes beginning at 9:00 AM.

Please complete the Registration Form (next page) for your child/children and send with them on Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup> or mail it to the church office at PO Box 14, Tripoli, IA 50676. See you on the 8th!!!



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# Registration Form

(One Per Child)

Child's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Child's gender: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's age: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Last school grade completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of parent(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Street address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Home telephone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/caregiver's cellphone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Home email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home church: \_\_\_\_\_

Crew number or name (for church use only): \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies or other medical conditions: \_\_\_\_\_



In case of emergency, contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to child: \_\_\_\_\_

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**AUGUST VOLUNTEERS**

HEAD USHERS: Rich Milius &amp; Ashley Penrod

**Ushers:**

4 Community Volunteers  
 11 Ed & Carol Brandt  
 18 ***AN OPPORTUNITY FOR YOU!***  
 25 Brad Bunce

**Greeters:**

4 Community Volunteers  
 11 Judy Buhr  
 18 Mike & Kathy Westendorf  
 25 Marian Meyer

**Liturgists:**

4 Pastor Marilyn & Pastor Dennis  
 11 ***AN OPPORTUNITY FOR YOU!***  
 18 Roger Goudschaal  
 25 Scott Behn

**Fellowship**

4 Juanita Mohlis, Jean Ranard, Marlene Snelling,  
 Joan Struck  
 11 Tamara Rosol & Donna Sassman  
 18 Don & Vernetta Bunce  
 25 Tracy Buchholz & Teresa Drewis

**AUGUST BIRTHDAYS**

1 Jean Ranard  
 2 Tracey Quigley  
 3 Shawntelle Moore  
 Ashley Penrod  
 Marshall Dillon  
 8 Carol Brandt  
 Logan Liddle  
 Betty Roder  
 9 Tyler Reeves  
 10 Hannah Buchholz  
 Scott Behn  
 11 Tad Chapin  
 12 Jacob Martin  
 13 Mick Axon  
 16 Chad Buchholz  
 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  
 Juanita Mohlis  
 Dean Shinstine

**Trustees**

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

**Staff**

Pastor Rev. Marilyn Sargent  
[rev.msargent@gmail.com](mailto:rev.msargent@gmail.com)  
 Barb Rich  
 Administrative Assistant  
 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