

FAITH TALK

Faith United Church of Christ

July 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
Roy Porter (Velda Lynch's son-in-law)
Denise Timmerman (Wilma & Leland's daughter-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
Betty Roder
Garnetta Snyder

We mourn with Vern and Karen Bolte on the passing of Vern's brother David. With them we also give thanks for Dave's eternal life in God's Heavenly Realm.



General Synod 32 is now in the books.

It was an exhilarating time of worship and praise and the work of the church. There were workshops and the gathering of information from a variety of booths. There was the re-connecting of long-time friends and the meeting of new folks. Walks of exploration. Wonderful local restaurants enjoyed. Caught a glimpse of "The Fonz" statue.

Delegates and visitors prayed together. Laughed together. Cried together. Overwhelmingly agreed and respectfully disagreed.

The staff of the Wisconsin Center was welcoming and gracious and helpful. While chatting with one fellow he mentioned he was so enthusiastic about our group that he purchased a couple of t-shirts from the UCC Resource Store. These shirts not only expressed the togetherness and social justice of the UCC but described his beliefs as well. He told me he has recently been church shopping and because of his experience with the UCC General Synod folks, he plans to put on his list a visit to a local UCC congregation.

One of the workers assigned to cleaning the restrooms on the third floor was heard to declare to another worker, "These UCC folks can come back any time. They are so tidy!"

I wish I could have taken each one of you with me to experience all that is General Synod. Although I attempted to keep you updated via photos and resolution posts and the occasional live worship video, the experience is so much greater.

The delegates worked faithfully on a variety of 23 resolutions including:

- Resolution regarding the use of plastic foam (i.e. styrofoam®)
- Resolution on support for the energy innovation and carbon dividend Act of 2019
- Resolution calling on the United States to pull "back from the brink" and prevent nuclear war
- Jesus said, "follow me." A resolution encouraging conversation within and among local churches on what it means to follow Jesus with the intent of learning from one another and encouraging one another in faithful witness and extravagant welcome.

If you would like to read more about these resolutions and the others discussed and voted upon in Milwaukee, I encourage you to visit <https://www.synod2019.org/en/uccsynod2019/Resolutions>

Thank you again, church, for providing me with the opportunity to attend General Synod. I look forward to continuing to bring you more of the insight and spiritual growth I discovered during my stay in Milwaukee!

Blessings,

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 July, the food pantry has requested donations of

Paper Products: Paper towels, toilet paper, tissues, aluminum foil, baggies, etc..

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

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Space Odyssey - A Blast Into Exploration

The above is the theme for this year's Children's Grief Camp for children ages 5-12 who are grieving the death of a loved one. Hosted by Cedar Valley Hospice, the Day Camp is free of charge and open to any child in the area regardless of their affiliation with Cedar Valley Hospice.

Held on Tuesday, July 30, 10 am – 3 pm, the camp will provide children with the opportunity to share their story with other children their age; learn about grief with themed activities; and remember their loved ones. To register by July 12, call Heather P. at 319.272.2002.

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MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Life Serve Blood Drive:

Registered	18 donors
First-Time Donors	2
Eligible to donate	16
Products collected	21
LIVES SAVED	63!!!!!!

Helping Hands Clothing Closet

June: 143 client visits
Volunteers gave 46+ hours of time

His Hands Food Pantry

Pounds Distributed:	7,922
Individuals Served	239
Families Served	94

Faith UCC Mobile Food Pantry – June

Households Served	32
Individuals in Households	95
Volunteers	12

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**WAVERLY HEALTH CENTER
PRESENTATION**

“Eat Well, Move Better, Feel More”

Tuesday, July 16, 6-7 pm, Tendrils Rooftop Garden

Presenter: Amanda Ramthun, CWC, CHES

WHC Community Health Specialist

There are many factors that can affect your health. Some factors, such as genetics, cannot be changed, while others such as lifestyle and surroundings can. Learn how you can make the healthy choice easier!

**WAVELRY HEALTH CENTER
VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

Gift Garden Clerk: Work as a clerk in the Auxiliary's gift shop on a regular or substitute basis.

Patient Escort: Greet and escort patients, families and visitors throughout the hospital. Requires walking much of the shift and ability to push a wheelchair. This position has lots of contact with the public.

Patient Ambassador: Visit with patients and give information about services available to them during their stay.

Treat Trolley: Sell beverages and snacks from the Treat Trolley to staff, patients and visitors.

Special Events Committees: Help plan and implement Auxiliary special events. Each committee will meet for approximately 2 months prior to the event. Includes Fall Food Fair, Spring Luncheon and Employee Appreciation Coffee.

Prayer Request Line: Praying for individuals who request prayer. This may be done from anywhere.

To volunteer

www.WaverlyHealthCenter.org/volunteer

Call (319) 483-4076

Email MPitt@Waverlyhealthcenter.org

Council Minutes

Faith United Church of Christ
Council Meeting Minutes
June 3, 2019

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

Also In Attendance: Barb Hill, and Pastor Marilyn Sargent

Members Absent: Marlene Snelling and Tracy Buchholz

Opening Devotion: Roger Goudschaal

Meeting called to order at 6:31 pm

Minutes of May 6, 2019:

Motion – Rich Milius; 2nd Brian Bunce. Motion Carried

Treasurer's Report:

Motion to approve Treasurer's Report by Lisa Chapin, 2nd Trevor Johnson. Motion Carried

Trustee's Report:

Dehumidifier will be set up in Fellowship Hall.

Painting Committee will be Kathy Westendorf, Joan Struck, and Marlene Snelling

Elder's Report:

No business to bring forward.

Liaison's Report:

Events Committee will have an Ice Cream Social June 16th following worship. Will have a drawing for Father's Day.

FEC Committee after coffee hour will have a work night for Vacation Bible School setup. Have enough teachers and are needing more helpers.

Memorial Committee will meet June 4th at 6:30 pm..

Pastor's Report:

Have some people who are interested in joining the church and working with them.

Met with Grace Lutheran Church new minister.

Barb Rich is recovering from knee surgery. 1 – 2 months for recovery and we have office coverage.

June 21 – 25 is General Synod.

Monday morning will be volunteering to serve breakfast at the school.

Looking forward to 2019 – 2020 school year to continue with the reading program at the elementary.

38 households were at the May Northeast Iowa Food Bank and there were 8 new families.

Old Business:

We have two options for smoke and carbon dioxide detectors. Looking at purchasing 6 units for the property. Option 1 – Is sold by Ring \$35 per detector and \$199 base station. This option also has \$10 a month fee for monitoring. If there is a detection the company will call the fire department.

Option 2 – Is sold by Nest \$119 for 1 or \$612 for 6 units. This option does not have the monitoring feature and would rely on members to be notified from the device if there is detection.

Council has a few questions on network connection and will be reviewed and discussed in July.

New Business:

No business to bring forward.

Adjourn:

Motion by Steve Hill, 2nd by Lisa Chapin. Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,
Brian Bunce, Recorder

These minutes have not yet been approved by Council.



As we move into the coming weeks, some reminders:

- Worship begins at 9 am through Labor Day
- During the months of June, July, and August communion will be served by intinction on the first Sunday of each month.
- Following her surgery, Barb Rich will continue to be out of the office for healing. 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!
- Speaking of Tripoli Days...anyone want get together a group to build a Faith UCC float for the parade?



Justine Liddle was recently awarded the Lloyd Pleggenkuhle Memorial Scholarship and the Ruth Manuta Memorial Scholarship from Upper Iowa University Fayette. Justine, we celebrate with you on this and all your many accomplishments!

JULY VOLUNTEERS

HEAD USHERS: Lisa Chapin and Marlene Snelling

Ushers:

- 7 Church Council
14 ***AN OPPORTUNITY FOR YOU!!!***
21 Ken & Juanita Mohlis
28 Kenny & Darlys Buhrow

Greeters:

- 7 Dolores Schmidt
14 Roger & Beth Goudschaal
21 Melvin & Verdeen Ohlendorf
28 Delores Meier

Liturgists:

- 7 Karen Milius
14 Beth Goudschaal
21 Bonnie Travers
28 Susan Cline

Fellowship Time Servers:

- 7 Karen Milius
14 Jerry & Marlene Snelling
21 Larry & Joan Struck
and Melvin & Verdeen Ohlendorf
28 Kenny & Darlys Buhrow

JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Conner Piehl
5 Rick Foelske
Lloyd Martin
Karen Milius
7 Kayla Milius
8 Juanita Mohlis
Aleta Reeves
Adam Reeves
10 Kevin Sievers
12 Ruth Quigley
17 Linda Heinemann
Bailey Quigley
Casey Rosol
18 Max Ambrose
Mary Chapin
20 Spencer Holm
Susan Lohmann
21 Pastor Marilyn
22 Theresa Drewis
23 Phyllis Buls
Everette Funk
Clark Snelling
25 Nicolaus Moore
26 Barb Hill
Isabel Marquis
28 Andrew Lee
30 Lianne Franzen

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

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