

# Faith Talk

Faith United Church of Christ

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Tripoli, Iowa

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

Carol & Larry Kammeyer  
Glen Ladage  
Dolores Schmidt  
Nadine Schnurstein  
Gar Snyder  
Keith Stahlhut  
Bonnie Travers  
Cam (Brenda & Kevin Sievers' son-in-law)

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

Brandon Burrows  
Matthew Coulthard  
Keenan Gienau  
Kristian Heidemann  
Ethan Henry  
Austin Kingsbury  
Kaitlin Westendorf

We hold in prayer our members in home...

Jean Bentley  
Verlyn & Phyllis Buls  
Velda Lynch  
Orlyn Milius  
Marty Smalley

We pray for Tracy Buchholz and family as they mourn the passing of Tracy's father, Vernon.

Lord, in your mercy hear our prayers...

*"For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."  
~ Matthew 18:20 (NRSV)*

Many of you know that every two years the members and friends of the United Church of Christ denomination gather in a selected city for General Synod (GS). The GS is the representative body of the UCC and is composed of delegates chosen by the Conferences, from among the members of its Local Churches, the 52 members of the United Church of Christ Board, and 40 delegates, four each, from the Historically Underrepresented Groups. There are also Associate Delegates who have voice with no vote.

Matters of concern to members of the UCC may be presented in the form of Formal Motions (Proposed Pronouncements, Proposals for Action, Bylaw Amendments, and Resolutions) for consideration by the GS. These formal motions are assigned to various committees of delegates for discussion, edits, approval or disapproval and then presented to the voting body. There are also timed floor debates where non-delegates are given time to speak for or against the motion on the floor. These plenaries are important to the lifework of the UCC. As these various votes are taken, it is important to remember that through our polity calling for the autonomy of the local church, each vote speaks "to" the local congregation, association, and conference not "for" them.

This year is a GS year. However, due to the COVID-19 pandemic there will be no mass gathering of Synod delegates. All will be done via an online platform. While like everything else that has been canceled, postponed, or restructured these past 16 months, the concept of how to make GS happen has been challenging. However, our leadership has been hard at work during these long months and while there will undoubtedly be bumps (think Faith UCC Sunday morning worship especially during the first few months!), the work of the church will continue.

One of the exciting pieces of this online GS is that it opens up the opportunity for so many more UCC members and friends to be in attendance to observe not only the working plenaries but also the worship services and guest speakers that are always a part of GS.

General Synod 33 will be held July 11-18, 2021. I have registered as a visitor and that registration allows me to invite others to participate in the online forum. We will have the daily activities projected on the large screen in the sanctuary and invite you to come and be a part of as much as you would like. Next month's newsletter will include the 7-day schedule of activities.

While you will not be able to experience the many vendor booths in Exhibition Hall, wander around the Pilgrim Press tables of books and UCC apparel, jewelry, and gifts, or sample the local cuisine, by participating in some or all of the viewing opportunities you will be able to experience a deeper sense of what it means to be a member of the United Church of Christ denomination.

~ Pastor Marilyn

**Outreach Ministries**

The May **Tripoli Mobile Food Pantry** will be held on June 24, 2021. Distribution will be from the parking lot between 5-6 pm. Questions? Call the church office at 319.882.3585.

In April, **His Hands Food Pantry** in Oran served 43 households (108 individuals) and distributed 5,704 pounds of product. His Hands serves residents of Denver, Fairbank, Frederika, Maynard, Oran, Randalia, Readlyn, Sumner, Tripoli, and Westgate. Tuesday nights, 5-8 pm. Friday mornings, 9-noon. If you have questions or an immediate need, contact Pantry directors, Roger at 563.920.8522, or Mary at 563.920.3857.

We received the following from the **Helping Hands Clothing Closet** located at 2028 Viking Avenue in Sumner: Helping Hands Clothing Closet had 91 client visits during April and our volunteers gave 49 hours of their time. We have all heard the phrase “It takes a Village.” At the clothing closet it takes a whole community to keep it running. Our fabulous volunteers come from all over the surrounding area. We receive donations of new and gently used clothing, shoes and bedding from the entire community and we have had monetary donations from many of the area churches and other groups to help with our ongoing expenses.

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**LifeServe Blood Drive**

**The blood drive will be held on June 16 from 2 – 5 pm . Reservations are required.** To reserve your spot or to receive answers to any safety concerns you may have, Text LIFESERVE to 999-777; or call 800-287-4903; or visit [lifeservebloodcenter.org](http://lifeservebloodcenter.org)





Thank You,  
Faith UCC  
Quilters!!!

This photo from our 2009 directory shows just a few of the many Faith UCC quilters who through the years have given of their time and talents in stitching beautiful quilts for others, as well as a quilt for the annual Fall Dinner Raffle. With the money raised the quilters have purchased much for the church and the parsonage. While no one is certain exactly when the quilting group began, we do know it was several decades ago. In April, the two remaining quilters – Dolores Schmidt and Margaret Schwake – completed their final quilt.

Through the years, Wednesday mornings were not only a time to gather and complete a task. Those quilting days were also a time of friendship, laughter, coffee & treats, and catching up on the latest news around town. We hold sweet memories of the following women who through the years were a part of the Faith United Church of Christ quilters...

Lavonna Bolte  
Elizabeth Buhr  
Mary Chapin  
Edna Drewis  
Helen Ducker  
Mildred Jenkins  
Norma Kappmeyer  
Luella Kelsey  
Doris Milius  
Ella Milius  
Dolores Schmidt  
Elenora Schmidt  
Bernita Schwartz  
Margaret Schwake  
Marty Smalley  
Bertha Weidler

Recognizing that creating a list of names often results in an omission, if you know a name of a quilter not included please notify the office and we will add them in July's newsletter.

Faith United Church of Christ  
Council Meeting Minutes  
May 3, 2021

Members In Attendance via Zoom: Vicki Oleson, Roger Goudschaal, Beth Goudschaal, Steve Hill, Eli Bahrenfuse, and Lisa Chapin.

Also In Attendance via Zoom: Barb Hill and Pastor Marilyn.

Council Members Absent: Keith Stahlhut, Tracy Buchholz, Dean Shinstine, and Ashley Penrod.

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm and opened with a prayer by Roger Goudschaal.

Additions to the Agenda:

Summer church worship time. Under the Trustee Report, safety deposit box procedure.

Minutes of the of April 5, 2021:

Correction under the Trustee Report: should read Roger Goudschaal contacted Kevin Holm instead of Tracy Buchholz. Motion to approve the minutes of the April 5, 2021 meeting by Steve Hill, seconded by Beth Goudschaal, motion approved.

Treasurer Report:

Motion to approve the report as stated by Vicki Oleson, seconded by Beth Goudschaal, motion approved.

Trustee Report:

The Ed Buchholz CD is doing good. Did not have to borrow from the Les Bock CD due to the PPP loan. Roger Goudschaal asked why when getting into the safety deposit box it required two people, this is a United Church of Christ procedure and also for security reasons. The estimated cost to repair the Ed Wing roof, repairs to the bell tower and live stream video will be discussed at the Congregational Meeting on May 16, 2021.

Elder Report:

Cody Buchholz, Isabelle Marquis and Kayla Milius were confirmed on Sunday, May 2, 2021. Graduation will be in May with six members graduating.

Liaison Report:

A member asked about donating to the Preputial Care Fund at Faith Cemetery. Johnson Financial is in charge of the cemetery fund.

Pastor's Report:

A prayer service was held for Conrad Marsh's father. A graveside service was held for Larry Smalley. Worship service time for the summer will stay at 10 am. The Annual Meeting was discussed, possibly be held at the end of June.

Old Business:

Still two members short for church council.

New Business:

A Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, May 16 following worship service. The council meeting for June will be held in person and also via Zoom.

Adjourn:

Motion to adjourn by Beth Goudschaal, seconded by Steve Hill, motion carried.

The meeting was closed with a prayer reading by Vicki Oleson.

Respectfully submitted: Lisa Chapin

Faith United Church of Christ  
Congregational Meeting  
May 16, 2021

The meeting was called to order by Roger Goudschaal at 10:57 am. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss repairs to the building and purchase of livestream video equipment.

Steve Hill spoke on the video equipment. This is an update to the existing equipment that is used currently. Steve contacted Sim Sound who had installed the video equipment in 2019. The updated system will allow the pastor to be in the pulpit. The money to pay for the update had been donated. The cost of the update is \$8,049. Keith Stahlhut made a motion to move forward with the update, seconded by Tamara Rosol. By a show of hands, the motion carried.

Roger Goudschaal spoke on the repairs to the church. KARR Tuckpointing had noticed when they had done previous work on the building there were other repairs that should be done. The proposed cost of the project is \$11,620. KARR Tuckpointing would advise of any additional cost. Roger also stated that once on KARR Tuckpointing schedule it would be one year before the work would begin. KARR Tuckpointing also noticed there are bricks sticking out around the bell tower.

The project would consist of:

- Power washing split face brick masonry and smooth face stone trim to remove surface dirt and expose defective joints
- Tuckpoint damaged mortar joints
- Replace ten defective brick units
- Install flexible caulk in all the still and waterable joints
- Patch two square feet of damaged smooth face stone trim

Discussion:

Would it be better to wait and get an estimate of what the tuckpointing and the bell tower repair would cost and then do the repair to both? Roger stated that KARR does not do the type of repair that is needed for the bell tower and that work needs to be completed by a masonry company. Also asked why there is snow buildup on the stone trim. Are the gutters doing what they are supposed to or do they need cleaned out and gutter shield added to help keep them clean. Would another estimate be obtained for the project?

Motion to contact KARR Tuckpointing to get added to the schedule by Jerry Lahmann, seconded by Ashley Penrod. By a show of hands, the motion carried.

At this time the bell tower was discussed. It was noticed that brick appear to be pulling away from the structure of the tower. There are two iron anchors that hold the east side and the west side of the tower together, this is where the brick is pulling away. Rich Milius will contact Seedorff Masonry to look at the bell tower.

Motion by Wilma Timmerman to adjourn, seconded by Vicki Oleson, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lisa Chapin

**JUNE BIRTHDAYS**

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

**Happy**  
**Birthday!**

**Faith UCC 2021 Financial Update**

	<u>May</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Income	\$7,255.20	\$47,159.55
Expenses	12,380.32	53,954.99