

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...

Phoebe Drape
Roger Goudschaal
Carol & Larry Kammeyer
Sandy Ladage
Nadine Schnurstein
Barb Rich
Cam (Brenda & Kevin Sievers' son-in-law)
Dean (Mary Ann Myers' son-in-law)

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

Brandon Burrows
Matthew Coulthard
Keenan Gienau
Kristian Heidemann
Austin Kingsbury
Chazten Wells
Kaitlin Westendorf

We hold in prayer our members in home...

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



With the pandemic and all the ways it impacted the life of the church, Sunday School was one of the most affected. Without the ability to safely meet in person, it was challenging to find ways to bring God's message to our youngest ones. Recently Head Elder Lisa Chapin and I met with Traci Bahrenfuse, Helen Milius, Kayla Milius, and Bonnie Travers to share ideas on the return of Sunday School. Here are the plans that emerged from that meeting...

Changes are coming and we need your help. You do not have to commit to a full year of teaching, but rather volunteer for what works for you.

- Sunday School will be from 9:00-9:50
- The planning will be prepared by the Educational Team but leaders are welcome to add their own ideas if they would like.
- There will be two groups divided by age.
- Each morning will begin with a prayer and song.
- Each class will then go to their separate area for a story/video and an activity/craft project
- The morning will end together to share what was learned and a prayer.
- Snacks will be available.

Volunteers are needed to:

- Lead the beginning and ending together time
- Oversee the class and assist the children
- Read the story
- Assist with the activity/project

I am grateful for the ideas and energy of this group as well as their commitment to the children of our congregation and community. In addition to these plans, Kara Marsh has volunteered to also be a part of the Team and explore ideas to provide a program for our middle and high school students.

Going forward the team will keep you informed on how to sign up to volunteer. Find your niche!

~ Pastor Marilyn

Outreach Ministries

At the June **Tripoli Mobile Food Pantry** eight households (17 individuals) were served. Clients are now able to enter into the Ed Wing from the back parking lot, two households at a time to select their food. If you or someone you know meets The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) Eligibility Guidelines below, the Tripoli Mobile Food Pantry invites you to visit on the 4th Thursday of each month, 5-6 pm. You may receive monthly food from one Mobile Food Pantry AND one permanent Food Pantry. Questions? Call the church office at 319.882.3585 or the Northeast Iowa Food Bank at 319.235.0507.

TEFAP Income Eligibility Guidelines				
The table shows eligible gross income guidelines (before taxes) per family size. If the household income is at or below the income listed for the number of people in the household, they are eligible.	Number People in Household	Yearly	Monthly	Weekly
	1	\$ 23,606	\$ 1,968	\$ 454
	2	\$ 31,894	\$ 2,658	\$ 614
	3	\$ 40,182	\$ 3,349	\$ 773
	4	\$ 48,470	\$ 4,040	\$ 933
	5	\$ 56,785	\$ 4,730	\$ 1,092
	6	\$ 65,046	\$ 5,421	\$ 1,251
	7	\$ 73,334	\$ 6,112	\$ 1,411
	8	\$ 81,622	\$ 6,802	\$ 1,570
	For Each additional HH Member add:	\$ 8,288	\$ 691	\$ 160

In May, **His Hands Food Pantry** in Oran served 53 households (145 individuals) and distributed 5,474 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:

July was the busiest month we have had in well over a year at Helping Hands Clothing Closet. We were able to assist 200 clients with their clothing needs and several were new clients. Anyone in need of some assistance with their clothing needs is welcome at the clothing closet. We also have several new volunteers and are always happy to have more. Thank you to our volunteers who gave 41 hours of their time. Also thank you for the many wonderful donations.

LifeServe Blood Drive

The next blood drive at Faith UCC will be held on August 18 from 2:30 – 5:30 pm. Reservations are required. To reserve your spot or to receive answers to any safety concerns you may have, text LIFESERVE to 999-777; call 800-287-4903; or visit www.lifeservebloodcenter.org. You can now fill out your donor history questionnaire the day of your donation from the comfort of wherever you are on your phone, tablet, or computer. Visit www.lifeservebloodcenter.org/quickpass

Church Life

Healing Together...

Losing a spouse is one of the most difficult life-journeys to travel. Faith United Church of Christ and Grace Lutheran Church are seeking to help in the healing process through a monthly gathering of widows and widowers in the Tripoli area. The group will provide a welcoming, safe place where recent or long-time widowers and widows can support one another through fellowship and conversation at an area restaurant, event or any place the group decides will be most beneficial to all. The activities and goals will be decided upon by the group. If you or someone you know would be interested, please contact Pastor Marilyn at Faith (319.882.3585 or rev.msargent@gmail.com) or the church office of Grace (319.882.35679 or tripolilutherans@gmail.com) As the group begins to take shape, look for more information to follow in the future.



Faith UCC is taking applications for the interior custodial position. If interested, please phone the church office at 882.3585, email faithuccchurch@gmail.com, or call Church President Roger Goudschaal at 319.415.4735.

BELL CHOIR

Our bells would like to be played again!

If you are interested in playing a bell or two, please call the office at 882.3585 or email faithuccchurch@gmail.com. Everyone is welcome and it is very easy to learn.

It would be great to get the Bell choir going again!



Children are a gift from God!
Psalm 127:3b



Congratulations to Whitney and Nate Kremer on the birth of their daughter, Tenley Rae, born on July 27!

*Eager-to-spoil-her Grandparents are JoEllen & Scott Behn
and
Great Grandparents Marlene & Jerry Snelling*

Faith United Church of Christ
Council Meeting Minutes
July 5, 2021

Members in Attendance: Dean Shinstine, Beth Goudschaal, Vicki Oleson, Lisa Chapin, Keith Stahlhut, Jerry Lahmann, Eli Bahrenfuse, Steve Hill, Roger Goudschaal. Council Members Absent: Tracy Buchholz and Ashley Penrod.
Also in Attendance: Pastor Marilyn and Barb Hill.

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 by Roger Goudschaal and opened with a prayer by Pastor Marilyn.

Additions to the Agenda: Head Ushers and Committees.

Correction to the June 7, 2021 minutes: Eli Bahrenfuse will fill the remaining term of Dan Groskurth and Jerry Lahmann will fill the position of Trevor Bunce.

Minutes of the June 7, 2021 meeting: Motion by Dean Shinstine to approve the minutes of the June 7 council meeting, seconded by Keith Stahlhut, motion carried.

Treasurer Report: The checking account balance is good. Motion by Beth Goudschaal to approve the report as stated, seconded by Keith Stahlhut, motion carried.

Trustee Report: The air conditioning for the church sanctuary is having issues. The air compressor in one of the air conditioners is not working. Discussion on replacing the air conditioners. Steve Hill will talk to Marshall Anderson.

Elder Report: A Head Usher list was passed out along with duties of the head ushers. Leave the light above the large arch off for now due to a glare while recording the Sunday worship.

Liaison Report: The Cemetery Funds is doing good. Steve Hill reported that Sim Sound is waiting for a part to arrive for the new live stream system. Alfred Gloede made a table for the new system. Steve Hill also reported that training will be available for the live stream system.

Pastor Report: There will be a Sunday School meeting on July 19. Visited the Tripoli Nursing Home, did a Bible Study. TNH is not quite ready for the Thursday evening worships. Continuing with the United Church of Christ and the Faith United Church of Christ sermon series. Did a couple funeral services and catching up with folks. Faith Chat is available on Sundays. General Synod will start July 11 at 4 pm, via live stream in the church sanctuary.

Old Business: Some measuring still needs to be done for the bell tower. The Cemetery Committee will look at the trees at the cemetery.

New Business: Motion to approve the resignation of Tracy Buchholz, was made by Steve Hill, seconded by Dean Shinstine, motion carried. Motion by Lisa Chapin, seconded by Beth Goudschaal to appoint Steve Hill as Vice President, motion carried. The Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, July 11. Each church in Tripoli will hold their own Tripoli Days worship. Motion by Steve Hill, seconded by Beth Goudschaal not to have a luncheon at Faith Church following the Tripoli Days Parade. Motion by Steve Hill, with regret, to approve the resignation of Kaitlin Westendorf as inside custodian, seconded by Jerry Lahmann.

Committee discussion was tabled until the August meeting.

Motion to Adjourn by Keith Stahlhut, seconded by Jerry Lahmann, motion carried. The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Chapin

Note: These minutes have not yet been approved by the Council.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

1 Jean Ranard
 3 Shawntelle Moore
 Ashley Penrod
 Marshall Dillon
 8 Carol Brandt
 9 Tyler Reeves
 10 Hannah Buchholz
 Scott Behn
 11 Tad Chapin
 12 Jacob Martin
 14 Mick Axon
 16 Chad Buchholz
 21 Leland Timmerman
 22 Alyssa Foelske
 29 Justine Liddle
 Aria Blessing

Happy
Birthday!

Faith UCC 2021 Financial Update Through 7/24

	<u>July</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Income	\$ 7,688.95	\$63,811.20
Expenses	<u>10,031.33</u>	<u>77,733.23</u>
Variance	\$-2,342.38	\$-13,922.03

Giving Statements

If you would like to receive a Faith UCC 2021 6-month giving statement, please contact the office at 882.3585 or Roger Goudschaal at 319.415.4735

Pastor Marilyn Vacation

Pastor Marilyn will be on vacation August 16-September 6. Rev. Keith Selberg (former Faith UCC minister) will lead worship on Sunday, August 22 and Sunday, September 5. Rev. Jim Reid (retired UCC minister) will lead worship on Sunday, August 29. If you have a pastoral need during that time, please contact the church office at 882.3585 or Church President Roger Goudschaal at 319.415.4735.

Quilters Update

In the June newsletter, we listed the names of those who had been a part of the rich history of quilters at Faith United Church of Christ. Although names were researched as much as possible, after so many years of quilting at Faith UCC it was almost a given that there would be a name omission. And there was! 😊
 Thank you to Pat Warner for adding Emma Warner to the list!