

Faith Talk

Faith United Church of Christ

November 2021

Tripoli, Iowa

Prayer of Thanksgiving

We sing a song of thanksgiving today,
dear God, one and many.

We pause in the midst of all that is unholy,
unthinkable, and undeniable,
to look within,
and offer our gratitude
for a day that has dawned anew,
and for the breath that gives us life.

We rejoice
that we have voice and head and heart
so that we can love one another,
love You,
and love all of your people.

We celebrate the abundance in our lives,
and that we can share it with the world.
In jubilation and grace,
we offer ourselves and all that we are and have
to be your justice and peace
in the midst of all that is unholy, unthinkable, and undeniable.
In the name of Jesus we pray, Amen.

~ written by Rev. Karla Miller,
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We pray for the healing and well-being of these beloved children of God...

Carol & Larry Kammeyer
Nadine Schnurstein
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
Darlene Bahlmann
Verlyn & Phyllis Buls
Virgil Ducker
Velda Lynch
Orlyn Milius
Marty Smalley

As the family of Amy Bergmann deeply mourns her unexpected death, we join with them and the community in grief and in gratitude for her life on earth and her eternal life now with God.



Outreach Ministries

The final **Tripoli Mobile Food Pantry** was held on Thursday, October 21. Our 8 volunteers served 8 households, including 2 new households. While the Tripoli Mobile Food Pantry has ceased, area residents can visit the Waverly Mobile Food Pantry held between 4:30 and 6:30 pm on the 2nd Tuesday of each month or the Shell Rock Mobile Food Pantry held between 4-5:30 pm, also on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. Additionally, residents of Denver, Fairbank, Frederika, Maynard, Oran, Randalia, Readlyn, Sumner, Tripoli, and Westgate can visit His Hands Food Pantry in Oran. (See times and contact info below.) Those needing assistance from the Northeast Iowa Food Bank sponsored pantries are eligible to receive food from one mobile food pantry and one food pantry each month.

In September, **His Hands Food Pantry** in Oran served 55 households (560 individuals) and distributed 5,370 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: September was a very busy month for Helping Hands Clothing Closet with 205 client visits. Our volunteers gave 64 hours of their time. As always, we can use donations of blankets, bedding, new underwear and socks, winter coats and boots. Thank you for all donations and thank you to our terrific volunteers.

Need help with your heating bill or your water bill? Contact the Karen Henry of the **Northeast Iowa Community Action Corporation** at 563.387.4924 or email at khenry@neicac.org. Look for additional information on the north bulletin board in the narthex.

I believe God's love will find a way to heal our wounded world,
and I believe somehow that hatred and poverty will end.
For I believe in the persistent love of God.

I believe that God is loving and healing through our tears
and I believe God can make us whole again.
For I believe in the great healing love of God.

I believe that God has made me who I am.
And I believe that God rejoices when we are able to live honest lives.
For I believe in the creative love of God.

I believe it's not too late for us to learn to live to love.
And I believe God's love can teach us to forgive and start anew.
For I believe in the forgiving love of God.

~ Tim McGinley

**Faith United Church of Christ Brunch
Sunday November 28, 2021**

Following the Worship Service

Menu:

Pancakes - French Toast

Ham - Rinderwurst - Sausage Links

Fruit – Orange Juice - Coffee

(Free will Offering)



***This will be a Sunday you will not want to miss!
This will be the First Sunday of Advent and Hanging of the Greens Sunday!***

Women of Faith are sponsoring a “Variety of Baskets” Silent Auction.

The Baskets will be on display in the Fellowship Hall on
Sunday November 14th, 21st, 28th

On Sunday November 28th the Auction will close following the
Brunch and Basket winners will be announced.

*(If you would like to make a Basket for the Auction
please contact Karen Milius or Marlene Snelling)*

There will be someone in the Narthex to give you
a Bidding number starting on November 14th



Inviting All Women of the Church!

All Women of Faith are invited to a
Christmas Party on Wednesday,
December 8th at 6:30 pm in
Fellowship Hall. We will have a light
meal, an optional \$15.00 gift
exchange, and Barb’s fun games.
We will also take an offering for a
local organization.

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!

Hanging of the Greens

Sunday, November 29, is the first Sunday of Advent and we are returning to our tradition of the Hanging of the Greens during worship. Whether in person or online, we hope you will join us as we explore the meaning behind many of our Christmas traditions including the colors of the season, the Christmas tree, and poinsettias. (See below if you would like to purchase a poinsettia for our chancel.) The Hanging of the Greens is a delightful way to begin this beautiful season!



If you would like to purchase a poinsettia plant for the chancel, please contact the church office – 319.882.3585 or faithuccchurch@gmail.com by **December 1**. Additionally, you may use the “Office Mailbox” located in the connector. The standard potted plants will be \$10.70 each. If you are purchasing a plant in memory or honor of someone, or for a special occasion please note that with your order.

Faith United Church of Christ
Council Meeting Minutes
October 4, 2021

Members in Attendance: Roger Goudschaal, Lisa Chapin, Beth Goudschaal, Kara Marsh, Vicki Oleson, Keith Stahlhut, Eli Bahrenfuse, Steve Hill.

Council Members Absent: Jerry Lahmann, Ashley Penrod, and Dean Shinstine.

Also Present: Pastor Marilyn

The meeting was opened with a reading by Pastor Marilyn. The meeting was called to order by Roger Goudschaal.

Additions to the Agenda: Trustees ~ custodian, Elders ~ Sunday School

Approval of the Minutes: Motion by Steve Hill to approve the minutes of the August 2, 2021, regular meeting, seconded by Lisa Chapin, motion carried. Motion by Lisa Chapin to approve the minutes of the August 8, 2021, Special Congregational Meeting, seconded by Kara Marsh, motion carried. Motion by Steve Hill to approve the minutes of the September 7, 2021, with corrections, seconded by Beth Goudschaal, motion carried.

Treasurer Report: Motion by Beth Goudschaal to approve the August report as stated, seconded by Eli Bahrenfuse, motion carried. Motion by Beth Goudschaal to approve the September report as stated, seconded by Steve Hill, motion carried.

Trustee Report: The inside custodian position is available again. A call will be made to previous applicants for the position to see if they are still interested. Someone will follow up with Brain Bunce on the NEST fire alarm system.

Elder Report: An updated Head Usher list was passed out. Kara Marsh reported the middle school Sunday School students are working on a few community projects to serve the Ronald McDonald House, the Tripoli community, and a tie dye blanket. Kara will provide the information needed for these projects.

Liaison Report: Nothing to report.

Pastor's Report: Thursday, October 21st will be the last Mobile Food Pantry at Faith United Church of Christ. Ann Reynolds contacted the church about helping sponsor Season 2 of the Chosen. After some discussion it was decided that Faith Church will not help sponsor but if a member of the church would like to they could do so. Something will be added to Faith Chat about this opportunity.

Old Business: Once a bill has been received for the bell tower repairs a report will be typed. Discussion on the wasps in the bell tower and the fellowship hall. It was noticed that the louvers on the bell tower could be painted. The new equipment for the sound system is being installed. Training is available for those wanting to learn how to run the system.

New Business: Nothing to report.

Motion to adjourn by Vicki Oleson, seconded by Kara Marsh, motion carried.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Chapin

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1 Erica Newbrough
Amy Price
5 Morgan Peters
7 Cody Buchholz
8 Vernetta Bunce
Lonny Moore
Jayden Stahlhut
9 Joe Lohmann
10 Rob Rathbone
11 Stacey Snyder
12 Jerry Lahmann
13 Keith Stahlhut
14 Amanda Johnston
15 Kara Marsh
19 Karla Hyde
Lisa Timmerman
21 Wilma Timmerman
22 Marilyn Coulthard
Brenda Shinstine
24 Sandy Martin
28 Mike Johnson
29 Melissa Bass

Happy
Birthday!

Isaiah 12

You will say in that day:

I will give thanks to you, O LORD,
for though you were angry with me,
your anger turned away,
and you comforted me.

Surely God is my salvation;

I will trust, and will not be afraid,
for the LORD GOD is my strength and my might;
God has become my salvation.

With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

And you will say in that day:

Give thanks to the LORD,
call on God's name;
make known God's deeds among the nations;
proclaim that God's name is exalted.

Sing praises to the LORD, for God has done gloriously;
let this be known in all the earth.

Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal Zion,
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

Thanks Be to God!