

Faith Talk

Faith United Church of Christ

September 2021

Tripoli, Iowa

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

Phoebe Drape
Carol & Larry Kammeyer
Sandy Ladage
Nadine Schnurstein
Brenda Shinstine
Barb Rich
Edna (Dean Shinstine's mother)
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

We mourn with Edward and Carol Brandt and all the family of Scott Brandt as they grieve his passing.



Nothing worth doing is completed in our lifetime;

Therefore, we are saved by *hope*.

Nothing true or beautiful or good makes complete sense in any immediate context of history;

Therefore, we are saved by *faith*.

Nothing we do, however virtuous, can be accomplished alone;

Therefore, we are saved by *love*.

No virtuous act is quite as virtuous from the standpoint of our friend or foe as from our own;

Therefore, we are saved by the final form of love which is *forgiveness*.

~Reinhold Niebuhr

Outreach Ministries

Beginning in September, the Tripoli Mobile Food Pantry at Faith United Church of Christ will be held on the **THIRD** Thursday of each month. Distribution will still be 5-6 pm. Clients will continue to pull into the back parking lot and enter the Ed Wing when instructed to do so. With the steep decline in monthly households assisted, we are grateful to the staff of the Northeast Iowa Food Bank for their willingness to find a solution that will allow us to serve the clients who continue to be assisted by this monthly food distribution.

In July, **His Hands Food Pantry** in Oran served 53 households (154 individuals) and distributed 6,211 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.

Community Events

Cedar Valley Hospice will be hosting their annual **Release & Remember** on Sunday, September 12 at the Riverloop Amphitheatre, 225 Commercial Street, Waterloo. Food, family fun & live music by Never The Less from 1-3 pm. The remembrance program and butterfly release of 1,000 butterflies begins at 2:30. For more information or to dedicate a butterfly for a \$25 donation contact Cedar Valley Hospice at www.cvhospice.org or call 319.272.2002 or 800.626.2360 during regular business hours.

Church Life

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!

FAITH ~ HOPE ~ LOVE

Faith...makes all things possible.

Hope...makes all things work.

Love...makes all things beautiful.

All women of Faith United Church of Christ are invited to a gathering on **Sunday, October 17, 2021**, following worship. We will be discussing new ways for all to be involved in the spiritual life of Faith.

It will be fun and exciting and something new...all ideas are welcome!

(This will NOT be an "Oh, no...another meeting to attend every month!" 😊)

"Everything is possible when we believe"

Mark 9:23

Faith United Church of Christ
Council Meeting Minutes
August 2, 2021

Members in Attendance: Lisa Chapin, Beth Goudschaal, Kara Marsh, Keith Stahlhut, Eli Bahrenfuse, Jerry Lahmann, Steve Hill, Conrad Marsh, Roger Goudschaal. Council Members Absent: Ashley Penrod, Dean Shinstine, and Vicki Oleson.

Also Present: Pastor Marilyn and Barb Hill.

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

Agenda Additions: Trustee ~ air conditioning, Liaison ~ Cemetery, Treasurer ~ bank signatures.

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve the minutes of the July 5, 2021 by Steve Hill, seconded by Keith Stahlhut, motion carried.

Treasurer Report: Motion by Beth Goudschaal to include the Faith United Church of Christ investments in the Financial Statements, seconded by Jerry Lahmann, motion carried.. Motion by Jerry Lahmann to approve the report as stated, seconded by Eli Bahrenfuse, motion carried.

Trustee Report: Discussion on leaving the door open to the small room under the narthex.

Elder Report: A meeting was held with the Education Team, which consists of Traci Bahrenfuse, Helen Milius, Kayla Milius, and Bonnie Travers. Sunday school will start on Sunday, September 12 at 9:00 am. Kara Marsch has volunteered to be a part of the Team and explore ideas for out middle and high school students. The Education Team is looking for some volunteers to help with Sunday school. A basket will set out in the narthex for school supplies and Sunday school supplies.

Liaison Report: Roger Goudschaal reported that a tree has been removed from the cemetery. There is still some clean up to do and this will be taken care of. There was discussion on trimming the evergreen trees. Contact was made with the Extension Office and trimming of the trees is not recommended at this time of year.

Pastors Report: Pastor Marilyn will be on vacation for three weeks. Pulpit supply is in place. Rev. Jim Reid will do pastoral care if needed. If a need should arise, contact the church office or Roger Goudschaal. Barb Rich will be out of the office for a month. August 15 will be "Blessing of the Backpacks."

Old Business: Bell Tower, will be included with the New Business.

New Business: Sunday, August 8 will be a congregational meeting discussing the Bell Tower. Seedorff Masonary will do the work on the Bell Tower. American Savings Bank will loan Faith church the money but suggested the loan be left open ended to include the cost of the tuck pointing. The bank is also needed collateral for this loan. There was discussion on the CDs at American Savings Bank and needing two signatures to withdraw funds and to renew the CD's. Motion by Lisa Chapin to have the signatures of the Faith UCC president or Vice President and one member of the Memorial and Endowment Committee to withdraw funds and to renew the CD's, seconded by Beth Goudschaal, motion carried. Also discussion on talking with Mike Johnson to see if any money can be used as a down payment from Edward Jones. The Custodian position and the Committees/Liaison positions were tabled until the September meeting. The council meeting for September will be held on Tuesday, September 9. COVID-19 and Delta Variant was discussed. The numbers of cases will be watched and church will adjust as needed.

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Motion to adjourn by Beth Goudschaal, seconded by Lisa Chapin, 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.

Faith United Church of Christ
Special Congregational Meeting to Discuss Bell Tower Repairs
August 8, 2021

The special congregational meeting was called to order by President Roger Goudschaal. The purpose of this meeting was to present information on the bell tower repairs. The quote for the repairs by Seedorf Masonry, Inc. was estimated at \$67,353.00. The American Savings Bank agreed to loan us the money at 4.5% with the pledge of using the church's CDs as collateral. They also suggested an open-ended loan so we could add the tuckpointing repairs later next year. The memorial and endowment CDs are valued at \$66,386.00.

The Ed Buchholz endowment is valued at \$47,544.04. 30% was given to the church to be invested income securities with the income to be used for capital expenditures only. The initial bequeath was \$30,000.00. The investment increase is \$17,544.04.

Questions were asked about the interior of the bell tower and whether or not this was included in the bid. The conclusion was that it was not, since SMI is a masonry company to repair the outside bricks. The company still needs to check with the city to get approval to use part of Hwy 93 for the equipment needed to make the repairs.

Questions were also raised about how many other bids we had received. President Goudschaal explained that we had talked to one other company, who said this was too big of a project for them. It was suggested to get another bid from a company out of Waukon.

Larry Struck suggested we use the \$17,544.04 from the Ed Buchholz endowment as a down payment. It was the discussed whether or not it would be legal to do that. President Goudschaal will contact a lawyer for clarification.

LaVera Buchholz made a motion to move forward with the project with consideration of the interior. Kristi Ladage seconded the motion. With a show of hands the motion was carried. Kara Marsh made a motion to use the investment increase, pending the legality of using it. Jay Ranard seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Jay Ranard moved to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted by Beth Goudschaal

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SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Lisa Chapin
- Orlyn Milius
- 3 Peyton Benson
- 4 RJ Ott
- 5 Vern Bolte
- 8 Travis Buhrow
- 9 Brad Bunce
- JenniferDillon
- 12 Wendy Hawes
- 15 Cheyanne Moore
- 16 Rich Milius
- Adelaide Lang
- 17 Jan Heidemann
- 19 Roger Buchholz
- Bonnie Travers
- 22 Justin Dillon
- 24 Randy Rinkenburger
- 27 Sue Schwarze
- 28 Delores Meier

**Happy
Birthday!**

Faith UCC 2021 Financial Update Through 7/24

	<u>August</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



We are excited to welcome **Renee Reeves** to our church staff! Renee accepted the position of inside custodian and began with us on Monday, August 15.