

# Faith Talk

Faith United Church of Christ

July 2022

Tripoli, Iowa

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

Sara Blessing  
Glenyce Bolte  
Darlys Buhrow  
Lisa Chapin  
Melvin Ohlendorf  
Nadine Schnurstein  
Dean Boris (Mary Ann's son-in-law)  
Adam Moeller (Kathy & Mike's son)  
Glenn Miller (Pastor's professor)

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...

Darlene Bahlmann  
Jean Bentley  
Glenyce Bolte  
Verlyn & Phyllis Buls  
Velda Lynch  
Orlyn Milius

We pray for the families and communities where lives and sense of safety have been shattered.

We continue to hold in prayer the people of Ukraine and all those who are assisting them by providing shelter, food, transportation, and updated information.

We hold in prayer the family of Marty Smalley as they mourn her passing.

We hold in prayer the family of Virgil Ducker as they mourn his passing.

While it is a statistic we long to ignore, the truth is that with the increasing numbers of mass shootings in the United States the past 20 years, the number of violent attacks on church meetings and worship services has also been increasing. Some, like the killing of nine people attending a Bible study at Charleston's Emmanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church have been racially motivated. Some, like the shooting that killed Dr. George Tiller while he was worshipping at the Reformation Lutheran Church in Wichita, are in protest of a differing ideology. And the recent murder by gunshot of two persons preparing to go into a church service at the Cornerstone Church in Ames was due to the end of a romantic relationship.

In the aftermath of those and many displays of violence in our country, survivors and community members often voice the words, "we never thought it would happen here." That is an honest statement many would make should violence come into their town...their school...their church. But the reality is, violence can occur anywhere. Just like our students learn how to protect themselves, the Faith UCC Church Council wants to be certain church members and friends are educated on how to respond should an unexpected situation arise during a worship service or a meeting in the church building or surrounding area.

Kip Ladage, Coordinator of the Bremer County Emergency Management, has been invited to be a part of worship on Sunday, July 24, to instruct us how to respond to an active threat and how to provide basic medical care ("Stop the Bleed") until medical personnel can assist. Availability permitting, Kip will also be joined by members of Emergency Management and/or area law enforcement.

I sincerely hope you will come to church on the 24<sup>th</sup> to learn more about preparing for an event we hope you will never be called upon to use but may be essential to your wellbeing and the wellbeing of others. Persons of every age will be able to learn something from Kip and his team.

We will begin the morning with "regular" Sunday morning elements before moving into Kip's presentation and demonstration followed by the opportunity to ask him questions. We will conclude our Sunday morning time together in song and in prayer.

I know it can feel like an unsettling world and something like this might bring it too close for comfort. But pretending it's not a possibility is not the answer. Education is the answer. I pray that you will join us.

*Pastor Marilyn*

A nugget of wisdom from Conrad Marsh,  
our Faith UCC President:

With all the noise that is going on in the World, trust that God will find the best way to speak to you when He needs to!

## Christmas in July

The Waverly-Shell Rock Area United Way is hosting “Christmas in July”. They are collecting personal care products for those in need throughout Bremer/Butler County. Examples include (full size, new, unopened products)

Shampoo	Body wash	Conditioner
Lotion	Hand soap	Toothpaste
Razor	Tampons	Shaving cream
Toothbrush	Deodorant	Feminine pads



Collection boxes will be in the Narthex and in the Connector.  
Please drop off your items by August 1.

## Tripoli Days

Faith UCC will be serving lunch after the Tripoli Days Parade on August 6<sup>th</sup>. We will be serving beef burgers and pork loin sandwiches with potato salad, beans, and assorted pies. Any monetary donations will be accepted to help with the cost of the meat and advertising. Contact Marlene Snelling or Karen Milius for any questions. Watch the Faith Chat for any updates.

We also have a **Float Committee** for the 2022 Tripoli Days Parade! (YAYYY!!!) The committee has put their creative minds together and developed a plan – and they could use your help! The float will include a Papier-mâché object and for that they need newspaper. A newspaper donation box has been placed in the connector so you can drop yours off any time. If you would like to be involved in the creation of the float, please contact one of the committee members – Kathy Westendorf, Bonnie Travers, or Brenda Shinstine. It will be fun!

## THANK YOU!

As many of you know, Dolores Schmidt is a talented craftsperson – knitter, crocheter, quilter, and ceramicist. Recently Dolores donated to Faith UCC several ceramic pieces. One is Jesus with two children and the others are individual children of various ages and ethnicities. The pieces will be placed in the Ed Wing for our Sunday School children to enjoy. We thank Dolores for her continued generosity to the mission and spiritual life of Faith UCC!

The LifeServe Blood Bank was held on June 22<sup>nd</sup> at Faith UCC. There were 14 donations that saved 51 lives. Mark your calendar – the next blood drive is scheduled for August 24<sup>th</sup>.



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Faith United Church of Christ  
Congregational Meeting  
June 5, 2022

The meeting was called to order by Conrad Marsh.

Council members present: Keith Stahlhut, Bonnie Travers, Kathy Westendorf, Eli Bahrenfuse, Lisa Chapin, Beth Goudschaal, Vicki Oleson, Conrad Marsh, and Kara Marsh. Council member absent: Brenda Shinstine.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the Ed Wing boiler expansion tank bladder. The boilers have continued to leak water even after the pressure relief valve was replaced. The plumber found that the bladder in the expansion tank had broken. Because the tank is sealed, the bladder cannot be replaced. While tanks with replaceable bladders are available, they are very expensive. The cost for another sealed tank is \$2,728.10. There are adequate funds in the Improvement Fund to cover the cost of the proposed replacement tank.

Floor was opened for questions, there were none.

Motion to approve the tank replacement at the cost of \$2,728.10 by Steve Hill, seconded by Beth Goudschaal. Discussion, none. By show of hands the motion passed.

Motion to adjourn by Eli Bahrenfuse, seconded by Tamara Rosol. The motion to adjourn was carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lisa Chapin

Faith United Church of Christ  
Council Meeting Minutes  
June 6, 2022

Members in Attendance: Lisa Chapin, Beth Goudschaal, Kathy Westendorf, Vicki Oleson, Conrad Marsh, Keith Stahlhut, Bonnie Travers, Brenda Shinstine, Jerry Lahmann, Eli Bahrenfuse.

Council Member Absent: Kara Marsh

Also in Attendance: Pastor Marilyn

Opening Prayer: Pastor Marilyn.

The meeting was called to order by Conrad Marsh.

Approval of the minutes: Motion by Keith Stahlhut to approve the minutes of the May 2, 2022 council meeting, seconded by Beth Goudschaal, motion carried.

Treasurer Report: Motion by Beth Goudschaal to approve the report as stated, seconded by Kathy Westendorf motion carried.

Trustee Report: Looking into August sometime to have Dave Kirchhoff remove the ash trees. Tuckpointing is scheduled for the end of summer. Discussion about trimming or removing the shrubs around the church and in the planter on the front of the church.

Elder Report: Lisa had a conversation with the Communion ladies. It was decided by the Communion Committee they would like the communion cups left in the pews and the council to help pick up the cups after communion. The by-law committee has met.

Liaison Report: None

Pastor's Report: Active shooter was discussed. Pastor Marilyn will follow up with Kip Ladage concerning active shooter training at church. There was discussion concerning the restrooms in the Ed Wing lobby. The tables that were used for the Food Pantry need to be moved out of the lobby. United Way is having a Holiday Shoppe again. Information will be posted concerning this.

Old Business: Discussion about the ash tree removal. Conrad will contact Steve Hill to have Ryan Smith to do the boiler work.

New Business: A lunch for Tripoli Days was discussed. A committee is in place for the lunch. It is time to set off bombs for the wasps again. The Development Committee has been meeting. The July council meeting will be held on Monday, July 11.

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn by Jerry Lahmann, seconded by Brenda Shinstine, motion carried.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted:  
Lisa Chapin

**JULY BIRTHDAYS**

1	Connor Piehl David Konopa
5	Rich Foelske Karen Milius
7	Kayla Milius
8	Juanita Mohlis Aleta Reeves Adam Reeves
10	Kevin Sievers
12	Ruth Quigley
13	Debra Johnson
17	Linda Heinemann Reick Bailey Quigley Casey Rosol
18	Max Ambrose Mary Chapin
19	Michele Lahmann
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 Billy Thornton
30	Lianne Franzen

**JULY ANNIVERSARIES**

8	Jon & Wendy Hawes
10	Jerry & Karla Hyde
14	Jerry & Marlene Snelling Leland & Wilma Timmerman
18	Dave & Ruth Kirchhoff

**Faith United Church of Christ Finances****General Fund 2022**

	<u>June</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Income	\$7,119.70	\$58,137.72
Expenses	\$15,410.37	\$77,259.55

**Cemetery Operations Fund 2022**

<u>May</u>	
Portfolio Value	\$62,294.61
Checking Account Balance	209.40
Savings Account Balance	4,640.78
<b>TOTAL CEMETERY FUND</b>	<b>\$67,144.79</b>

**Faith UCC Council**

President	Conrad Marsh
Vice President	Eli Bahrenfuse
Recorder	Lisa Chapin

**Elders**

Lisa Chapin (Chair)  
Beth Goudschaal  
Kara Marsh  
Vicki Oleson  
Bonnie Travers  
Kathy Westendorf

**Trustees**

Jerry Lahmann (Chair)  
Conrad Marsh  
Eli Bahrenfuse  
Brenda Shinstine  
Keith Stahlhut

**Faith UCC Staff**

Pastor	Rev. Marilyn Sargent
Admin Assistant	Barb Rich
Financial Secretary	Roger Goudschaal
Treasurer	Barb Hill
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