

Faith Talk

Faith United Church of Christ

October 2022

Tripoli, IA

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

Glenyce Bolte
Lisa Chapin
Melvin Ohlendorf
Nadine Schnurstein
Betty Schwartz
Dean Boris (Mary Ann's son-in-law
Adam Moeller (Kathy & Mike's son)
Scott Selberg (Pastor Keith & Pat's son)

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

Brandon Burrows
Matthew Coulthard
Keenan Gienau
Kristian Heidemann
Kolton Henry
Alyssa Jones
Austin Kingsbury
Kaitlyn Time
Chazten Wells

We pray for our members in home...

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

We pray for the families and the areas impacted by Hurricane Fiona and Hurricane Ian. We also hold in prayer all those who live without a sense of safety and wellbeing.



Autumn Months

O God of Creation, you have blessed us with the changing of the seasons.

As we welcome the autumn months, may the earlier setting of the sun remind us to take time to rest.

May the brilliant colors of the leaves remind us of the wonder of your creation.

May the steam of our breath in the cool air remind us that it is you who give us the breath of life.

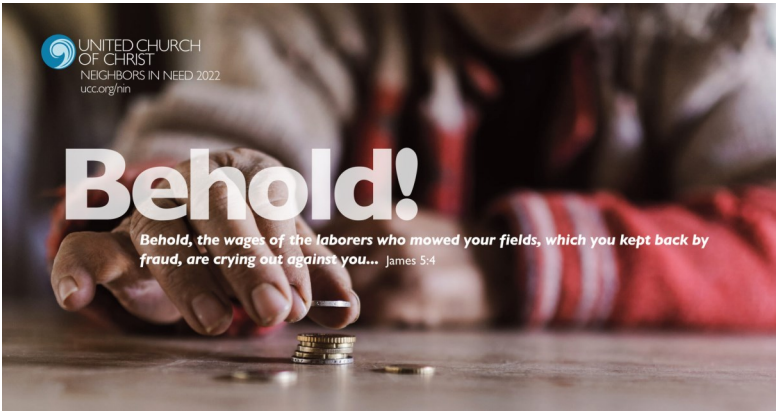
May the harvest from the fields remind us of the abundance we have been given and bounty we are to share with others.

May the dying of summer's spirit remind us of your great promise that death is temporary and life is eternal.

We praise you for your goodness forever and ever.

~ Author Unknown





Neighbors in Need is the UCC’s annual offering to support ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States, justice and advocacy efforts, and direct service projects funded by the UCC’s Justice and Witness Ministries. This year our Neighbors in Need offering will be received on Sunday, October 16. Envelopes are available in the sanctuary or you may indicate “NIN” on your check.

NE IOWA COMMUNITY ACTION

Heating assistance is available for the disabled and elderly. Application may be completed starting October 1, 2022, to April 30, 2023. For information call 319.352.4532 or information on the bulletin board in Narthex.

RAISING AWARENESS FOR SUICIDE PREVENTION

Alive & Running Iowa and Black Hawk/Grundy Mental Health presents “My Ascension Documentary” on October 22 at 2:00 at the Gallagher Bluedorn Auditorium in Cedar Falls. This film is to raise awareness for suicide prevention. The film is free of charge and after the film it is encouraged to stay for Q&A with Emma Benot. Some quotes after viewing the film: “I will be better able to help a friend who is experiencing suicidal thoughts”, “I have more empathy for people who experience mental health issues” and “I am more likely to ask for help if I am struggling.” The flyer with more information is on the bulletin board in the Narthex.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Sunday School will sing on October 16 at the worship service. They will sing the 3rd Sunday of each month. Their voices add much to our worship service!



Pet Blessing

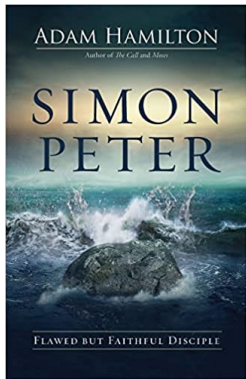


All are invited to participate in the Pet Blessing on Sunday, October 9th at 1 pm. Join us in the back parking lot with your furry/winged/finned/scaled member(s) of your family. All animals must be leashed or caged. Our Middle School/High School Youth group will also be collecting food for the local animal shelter. If your pet is uncomfortable with crowds, we hope you will bring a photo. For those unable to have a pet, stuffed animals are also welcomed! Hope to see you on the 9th!

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

Share your talents with the less fortunate people.
Because at some point you might be the one that is less fortunate.

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Adult Sunday School

Let us begin anew! Beginning Sunday, October 16 at 9:00, Adult Education will once again be offered in the large classroom of the basement of the education building. We will journey together toward a greater understanding of the great disciple Simon Peter. During our study Adam Hamilton invites us to consider the person of the man Jesus called “The Rock” on which he would build his church. We will look at the person of Simon Peter from several different perspectives, beginning with “The Call of the Fisherman”.

I have your 3-ring binders ready and waiting if you are a past member of our group and hopefully you can find your book (there are several books here with the binders). If you are interested in joining our class, please just let me know and we will get you a book and binder. This class is open to all who might be interested. Remember.....9:00 am, Sunday morning in the large Sunday School classroom.....I'll have the coffee on. Hope to see you then.

~Roger Goudschaal

Noon Lunch and Mystery Bag Silent Auction Sunday October 30, 2022

“Mystery Bag Silent Auction”

Mystery bags will have \$50.00 plus much more in each Bag
Bags will be labeled Adults (Woman or Man) or Children (Age).

This will be ALOT of Fun!!!!

***Silent Auction Bidding Dates will be:
October 16th , 23th , and 30th***

Winners will be announced at the Noon Lunch on October 30th

If you would like to bring a Mystery Bag please contact

~Karen Milius or Marlene Snelling~

(By October 9th)

All proceeds will go to the Church General Fund

*“Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not people.”
Ephesians 6: 7*



Faith United Church of Christ
Council Meeting Minutes
September 12, 2022

Members in Attendance: Beth Goudschaal, Kathy Westendorf, Jerry Lahmann, Conrad Marsh, Keith Stahlhut, Bonnie Travers, Brenda Shinstine, Kara Marsh via FaceTime.

Council Members Absent: Vicki Oleson, Lisa Chapin, Eli Bahrenfuse

Also in Attendance: Pastor Marilyn, Barb Hill

Opening Prayer: Pastor Marilyn

The meeting was called to order by Conrad Marsh.

Approval of the Minutes: Motion by Kathy Westendorf to approve the minutes of the August 1, 2022 council meeting, seconded by Keith Stahlhut, motion carried.

Treasurer Report: \$10,000 needed to pay bills. We are averaging \$1,500 per week. We may need to borrow money. Motion by Bonnie Travers to approve the report, seconded by Brenda Shinstine, motion carried.

Trustee Report: The new bladder has been installed. The shrubs around the church need to be pulled out. Conrad will talk with Eli about this.

Pastor Report: The council has budgeted money for dental expenses for Pastor Marilyn that went unused in past years. Pastor Marilyn asked about using that money for unexpected dental costs this year. It was suggested that we should look into some kind of dental insurance. Per the By-laws, a Head Usher is to help count the loose offering after worship service with the Financial Secretary. Confirmation was discussed, there will bring the two 7th graders and two 8th graders. There is a family that wants to join the church and the possibility of another family joining. On Sunday, October 9th at 1pm, we will have a "Blessing of Pets" in the back parking lot. The first Sunday of Advent is November 27. We will need people on Saturday, November 26th to help put up the Christmas tree. Christmas Day is on a Sunday, Pastor talked about having an informal gathering in Fellowship Hall.

Liaison Report: None

Old Business: By-laws meeting moved to October.

New Business: Conrad called the tuckpointing company. They hope to do it mid-October, depending on the weather.

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn by Kathy Westendorf, seconded by Keith Stahlhut, motion carried.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted:
Beth Goudschaal

These minutes have not yet been approved by Council.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Oct. 2 Gary Snyder
 Oct. 9 Nathan Milius
 Oct. 11 Todd Holm
 Duane Ryherd
 Trevor Stahlhut
 Cameron Ladage
 Oct. 12 Barb Sowers
 Oct. 14 Sharon Funk
 Oct. 17 Brianna Quigley
 Oct. 18 Hunter Johnson
 Oct. 19 Tim Drewis
 Roger Goudschaal
 Patric Benson
 Oct. 21 Branigan Bunce
 Betty Schwartz
 Oct. 22 JoAnn Steward
 Carolyn Stanbrough
 Oct. 29 David Lohmann

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

Oct. 1 Kevin & Laurie Buhrow
 Oct. 4 Max & Carol Ambrose
 Oct. 10 Brian & Trevor Bunce
 Oct. 12 Don & Vernetta Bunce
 Oct. 14 Rich & Karen Milius
 Oct. 17 Robert & Joyce Kammeyer
 Oct. 28 Shawn & Sara Marquis

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

Faith United of Christ Finances

General Fund 2022

	<u>September</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Income	\$8,651.70	\$85,423.12
Expenses	\$18,335.24	\$120,953.69

NOTE: The income does not include the \$5,000 operating loan nor the \$3,701.04 Building Improvement money transferred from savings to pay for the repairs to the boilers and boiler expansion tank.

Cemetery Operations Fund 2022

<u>August</u>	
Portfolio Value	\$62,808.44
Checking Account Balance	15.16
Savings Account Balance	<u>2,041.36</u>
TOTAL CEMETERY FUND	\$64,864.96

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