

Faith Talk

Faith United Church of Christ

April 2023

Tripoli, IA

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

Lisa Chapin	Velda Lynch
Mary Ann Meyer	Melvin Ohlendorf
Nadine Schnurstein	Tom Benson
Leian Kammeyer	Scott Selberg
Dean Boris	Deborah Harkess
Carol Lynch	

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

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

We hold in prayer our members in home...

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

We pray for the victims and families of Covenant School in Nashville. We also give thanks to God for the brave officers who responded quickly and efficiently and brought this attack to an end.

We continue to pray for all families and communities in this country and around the world where lives and sense of safety have been shattered.

Holy Week

Holy is the week . . .

Holy, consecrated, belonging to God . . .

We move from hosannas to horror

with the predictable ease

of those who know not what they do.

Our hosannas sung,

our palms waved,

let us go with passion into this week.

It is a time to curse fig trees that do not yield fruit.

It is a time to cleanse our temples of any blasphemy.

It is a time to greet Jesus as the Lord's Anointed One,

to lavishly break our alabaster

and pour perfume out for him

without counting the cost.

It is a time for preparation . . .

The time to give thanks and break bread is upon us.

The time to give thanks and drink of the cup is imminent.

Eat, drink, remember:

On this night of nights, each one must ask,

As we dip our bread in the wine,

"Is it I?"

And on that darkest of days, each of us must stand

beneath the tree

and watch the dying

if we are to be there

when the stone is rolled away.

The only road to Easter morning

is through the unrelenting shadows of that Friday.

Only then will the alleluias be sung;

Only then will the dancing begin.

~ Ann Weems



Palm Sunday Service (4/2) — we will remember Jesus’ humble entry into Jerusalem and the triumphant “Hosanna!” shouts of the people. Following communion, our service will conclude with the reading of the Passion of Christ.

Holy Wednesday (4/5) — we will gather in the sanctuary at 6:30 pm for our final journey with the parables of Jesus – The Parable of the Widow and the Judge. (Please note time change)

Maundy Thursday (4/6) — we will gather at 7:00 pm in the sanctuary to remember the last meal that Jesus shared with his disciples.

Good Friday (4/7) — from 9 am– 4 pm in Fellowship Hall, you are invited to walk the Stations of the Cross, a meditative time for reflecting upon Jesus’ final hours from his prayers at Gethsemane to his placement in the rock hewn tomb. A booklet of scripture and prayer will be provided to guide you through the Stations.

On Friday evening we will gather in the sanctuary at 7:00 pm for worship.

Easter Morning (4/9) — we hope you will join us as we rejoice in the risen Christ at our 6:30 am service and the 10:00 am service.

We hope you will also join us for the annual **Easter Breakfast** following the 6:30 service.



On Saturday, April 1, grab your rake, pruners, shovel, and/or gloves, and join with the Property Committee in a Clean the Church Grounds day! The work will begin at 9, but you are welcome whenever you have some time to help! Drinks and goodies will be provided!

Faith United Church of Christ
Council Meeting Minutes
March 6, 2023

Members in Attendance: Beth Goudschaal, Vicki Oleson, Eli Bahrenfuse, Jerry Lahmann, Traci Bahrenfuse, Dave Kirchhoff, Kathy Westendorf

Also in Attendance via Zoom: Brenda Shinstine, Bonnie Travers, Dean Shinstine

Also in Attendance: Pastor Marilyn and Barb Hill.

Absent Members: Conrad and Kara Marsh

Opening Prayer: Pastor Marilyn.

Approval of the February 6th minutes: Motion by Jerry Lahmann to approve the minutes as stated, seconded by Beth Goudschaal, motion carried.

Treasurer Report: Dave Kirchhoff motion to approve as stated, seconded by Beth Goudschaal

Trustee Report: Batteries in exit signs, smoke alarms and nests in the sanctuary and basement were replaced. The nests are equipped with carbon monoxide detection. Currently the alarms are linked to Dave Kirchhoff, Brian Bunce, Steve Hill, and Pastor Marilyn's phones.

ERC – Employee Retention Credit, this plan is in addition to the PPP during Covid-19. We cannot receive the ERC for the quarters we received the PPP. Dan Woods is looking into the paperwork to confirm if we can apply, deadline is July to submit.

Alliant Energy – Energy Edge evaluation and assessment of the property was completed. There was a breakdown received of energy usage and peaks. If the Church can cut usage by 40% during the week, we have the potential to cut the weekend costs by 50%.

Louvers still need painted on the stemple. Money designated for this, will most likely be completed by the property committee and volunteers.

Elder Report: Acolyte training was completed with the youth helpers. Easter breakfast was discussed plans and menu to follow. Discussed concerns with Lenten services being held in the Sanctuary.

Liaison Report: Discussed new ideas for the events committee to get new faces/members in our congregation.

Pastor's Report: Handed out new/updated bylaws. Discussed current list of members with keys to confirm if all are accounted for. Pastor Marilyn will be out of the office April 10th - April 19th

Old Business: Currently looking for volunteers for the Auditing Committee.

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New Business: Child Care Assessment was completed. The Ed Wing would need costly upgrades to become a fully State and DHS certified program. We do have an option for temporary childcare during the summer months. We would need to support a staff to lead the program. Completing a survey/poll with residents in Tripoli to confirm there is still a demand for childcare. Also, could have the option of short-term Holiday childcare as well.

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn by Jerry Lahmann, seconded by Traci Bahrenfuse, motion carried.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted:
Traci Bahrenfuse

These minutes have not yet been approved by Church Council



Tripoli High School &
Community Blood Drive

Tripoli High School & Community Blood Drive will be held on Tuesday, April 18 from 1:00 pm to 5:30 pm in the Tripoli High School Gymnasium. To schedule call 800.287.4903 | text LIFESERVE

NE Association Spring Meeting

The NE Association of the United Church of Christ Iowa Conference will hold its Spring Meeting on Saturday, April 29, at St. Paul United Church of Christ in Denver from 1-3 pm. The guest speaker will be Rev. Dr. Jan Rippentrop-Schnell, Assistant Professor of Liturgics at Wartburg Seminary in Dubuque. The business portion of the meeting will include a discussion of the bylaws, the election of new Committee on Ministry members, and new Association board members. Questions? Contact Dixie Laube at 612.812.7942 or dixie.laube@gmail.com.

thank you

Thank you to Tamara Rosol for the two new Palm Sunday banners. Tamara gave the banners in memory of her loved ones. We thank her for adding to the beauty of our Sanctuary.



<u>April Birthdays</u>	
April 3	Vicki Oleson
April 4	Kaye Osborn Tracy Buchholz
April 5	Brian Bunce
April 7	Kimberly Milius
April 9	Catie Ott
April 12	Dean Shinstine Danny Dillon
April 13	Katelyn Piehl
April 14	Susan Cline
April 16	Phyllis Schnurstein
April 18	Austin Foelske
April 19	Sandra Ryherd Charlotte Johnson
April 20	Steve Dahlstrom
April 26	Melvin Ohlendorf

<u>Faith United of Christ Finances</u>		
<u>General Fund 2023</u>		
	<u>March</u>	<u>Year To Date</u>
Income	\$15,672.31	\$34,507.48
Expenses	\$13,356.21	\$38,653.50
<u>3/31 Loan Balances</u>		
Operating	\$3,540.75	
Tuckpointing	\$4,815.57	
<u>Cemetery Operations Fund 2023</u>		
<u>February</u>		
Portfolio Value		\$64,210.46
Checking Account Balance		138.35
Savings Account Balance		<u>1,042.16</u>
TOTAL CEMETERY FUND		\$65,391.17

<u>April Anniversaries</u>	
April 5	Kenny & Darlys Buhrow
April 10	Scott & Lisa Chapin
April 22	Ed & Carol Brandt

<u>Faith UCC Staff</u>	
Pastor	Rev. Marilyn Sargent
Admin. Assistant	Barb Rich
Financial Secretary	Roger Goudschaal
Treasurer	Barb Hill
Custodian	Lisa Chapin
Director of Music	Beth Goudschaal
Musicians	June Buhr Phoebe Drape Dawn Holm Mary Jo Rathe

<u>Church Council</u>	
President	Jerry Lahmann
Vice President	Eli Bahrenfuse
Recorder	Traci Bahrenfuse
<u>Elders</u>	
	Beth Goudschaal (Head Elder)
	Traci Bahrenfuse
	Kara Marsh
	Vicki Oleson
	Bonnie Travers
	Kathy Westendorf
<u>Trustees</u>	
	Conrad Marsh (Head Trustee)
	Eli Bahrenfuse
	Dave Kirchhoff
	Jerry Lahmann
	Brenda Shinstine
	Dean Shinstine

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