

Faith Talk

Faith United Church of Christ

July 2024

Tripoli, IA

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

Carol Kammeyer	Dean Shinstine
Nadine Schnurstein	Vernetta Bunce
Kenny Buhrow	Keith Stahlhut
Mary Ann Meyer	Jolene Bunce
Dean Boris	Sheryl Johnson
Paula Bruns	
Lilia Acero Andrade	
Kesler Schulmeister	

We hold in prayer our members in home...

Darlene Bahlmann	Velda Lynch
Orlyn Milius	
Verlyn & Phyllis Buls	

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
Kaitlyn Kime	Chazten Wells

With her family and friends we mourn the death Jean Bentley, lifetime member of Faith UCC. Jean's earthly journey ended on July 11, but we rejoice in her new life in God's heavenly realm.

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



Did You Know...

There is much happening at Faith UCC this summer!!!

Did you know...

Each Tuesday morning in person at the church or via Zoom, several gather to discuss a book of the group's choosing. The current book is, "Life is Messy" by Matthew Kelly. Kelly writes, "This book is about putting our lives back together, and allowing ourselves to be put back together, when life doesn't turn out as we expected it to."

Did you know...

Bonnie Travers is leading a 9-week Bible Study using the book, "The Story: The Bible as One Continuing Story of God and His People." The group meets each Tuesday afternoon at 2:00 pm to read, watch a short video, and discuss.

Did you know...

Beginning July 8 at 6:30 pm, Brenda Sievers will be leading a group for writers and writer-wannabes. This group will be a sharing & supportive group open to all no matter what your level of writing skills. It will be the perfect spot for area story tellers, writers, and poets, to share their writing (if they want) and to discuss the writings of others. The group will meet at 6:30 pm on the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month.

Did you know...

Brenda and I have been talking with Faith UCC members about sharing their skills. The first to step up is Brenda herself! On Saturday, July 13 at 10:00 am, Brenda will be teaching us how to make gnocchi. If you are not familiar with gnocchi, think of a small dumpling often accompanied by compound butter or a favorite sauce. Yum! If interested, please contact Brenda or the church office.

Did you know...

While we don't have times and dates set yet, Roger Goudschaal has agreed to teach how he makes his chili and fajitas. The "Drop-A-Stitch" ladies will teach us how to crochet or knit. We are also hoping to have some of our outstanding bakers show us the secrets of making their wonderful pies, cakes, and cookies. A "how-to-paint" class is also in the plans.

And now you know!

Happy Summer!

Pastor Marilyn

Faith United Church of Christ
Council Meeting Minutes
June 3rd, 2024

Members in Attendance: Jerry Lahmann, Vicki Oleson, Kathy Westendorf, Eli Bahrenfuse, Bonnie Travers, Brenda Shinstine, and Dave Kirchhoff

Members in Attendance via Zoom: None.

Also in Attendance: Pastor Marilyn and Barb Hill

Absent Members: Traci Bahrenfuse, Conrad Marsh, Kara Marsh, Dean Shinstine

Opening Prayer

Meeting called to order by Jerry Lahmann

Approval of the May 6th Minutes: Motion to approve by Dave Kirchhoff, seconded by Bonnie Travers

Treasurer Report: Barb Hill will be moving the funds donated to the Franzen family out of the offerings line and into the other line because they are designated funds that were not part of the budget. The Utilities are now on the nights and weekends plan and they are down this month. We are waiting to see if the Day Camp changes things very much.

The Memorial Committee will be covering the bill for the 5 trees that were planted around the property, as well as putting \$500 towards Barb Rich's new computer. The Trustees will be putting together a list of all electronics in the Church along with their ages to try and get ahead of replacing them before it's too late. Brenda Shinstine motioned to approve, seconded by Kathy Westendorf.

Trustee Report: The Connector roof had sprung a leak recently. Imperial Roofing came right away to temporarily fix the leak. We have now been put on their list to get the Ed Building and Connector roof repaired. The trees Keith had wanted to plant for Trevor have been planted and the bill is now with the Memorial Committee. Guidelines were discussed for what temp the A/C should be set to in the Church. During service it will be set to 73, and during non-service times it will be set to 78. The property insurance will be going up, we do not know by how much yet. The lawnmowing sign-up sheet is downstairs and ready for people to sign. Work is continuing on the front landscaping and will also be going around the new A/C to make it easier for mowing.

Elder Report: They have been talking about working to replace Beth. Barb Rich has offered to update a directory with current contact information for the Elders to start contacting members.

Liaison Report: The Memorial Committee has met and it is going very well. \$9,273 has been put into a memorial CD that matures November of this year. The Les Bock CD is over \$10,000. The Endowment CD is a 42-month term and will mature October of 2027. The committee is actively looking for ideas for spending Memorial money from Pastor and the Council. They have talked about possibly using Memorial money for a children's bell choir.

Pastor's Report: We received a notice about Tripoli Days and entering a float. Looking to see if there would be any interest. Pastor met with Brenda Sievers about leading a writing class. This also sparked discussion about possibly starting a Community Learning Program for the community to learn from our members that have special talents (knitting, cooking, writing, painting). They also talked about having a volunteer fair to gather people in one place that would like to volunteer but are not sure who needs help.

Old Business: None.

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New Business: Grace Lutheran will not be hosting a Tripoli Days Luncheon. Marlene and Karen have offered to prepare food if the Council will be willing to serve it.

The Cemetery needs to put up signs to remove Memorial Day flowers and vases by a certain date to make upkeep easier and keep the cemetery cleaner.

Eli has been thanked for planting the Memorial trees.

The By Law Committee has met once and has made it about half way through the By Laws. They will be trying to meet again in June to finish.

Motion to adjourn by Dave, seconded by Eli.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted:

Eli Bahrenfuse

These minutes have not yet been approved by Council

Guest Musician

On Sunday, July 7, we welcome Breven Biermann to worship. Breven will be gifting us with his beautiful voice and guitar during the service. Many of you have experienced the talents of Breven through school concerts, the Variety Show, and the VFW and know how wonderful he is. We are pleased he will be with us on Sunday!



In the news...

Congratulations to **Erica Newbrough** who was initiated into the Bremer County chapter of the Iowa Master Gardeners. As you may know, Erica is the granddaughter of the late Master Gardner Gar Snyder and daughter of Master Gardner Stacey Snyder. Gar was also one of the founding members of the Bremer County chapter. Three generations of Master Gardeners is a wonderful achievement! Thank you for your dedication to sustaining the land and the beauty of Bremer County!

Congratulation to **Katlyn Marquis** who achieved recognition for her hard work at Hawkeye Community College and was placed on the Spring 2024 Dean’s List!



Congratulations to **Marshall Dillon** for his recognition as a member of the Fifth/Sixth Grade Sumner-Fredericksburg Honor Choir and participating in the Sumner-Fredericksburg Math Bee!

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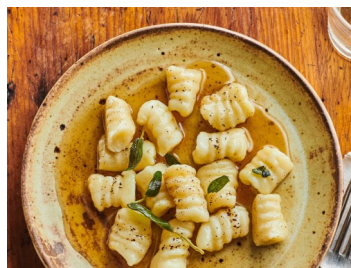


Thank you to Kaitlin Westendorf (Owner of Westy’s Painting) and Mike Westendorf for cleaning and painting the wall at the Faith United Church of Christ Cemetery. It looks great!

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Cooking Class

Is gnocchi a favorite food item? Did you ever wish you knew how to make it? Brenda Sievers can teach you! Join Brenda on Sat. July 13 at 10 am in the Fellowship Hall kitchen for a gnocchi making class! To assure there is enough product, let Brenda or the office know if you are planning to attend.



Tripoli Days are Here Again!

Faith United Church of Christ will be serving lunch after the Tripoli Days Parade on Saturday, August 3. The menu will be: Beef Burgers and Pork Loin Sandwiches with potato salad, beans and assorted pies and desserts.

Members will be contacted to help and donate food items. Any monetary donations will be accepted to help with the cost of the meat and advertising. Please contact Marlene Snelling or Karen Milius with any questions.

On Sunday, August 4, Faith UCC will be hosting the community worship at 9:00 am. We hope you will invite other folks in the community to join us on Saturday and Sunday!



Summer Wednesday Lunches

This summer the Faith UCC Day Camp is hosting Wednesday Lunches for children in the community (ages 1-18) to join the Day Camp children for lunch. Lunch will be served from 11-11:30. The menu for July is:

- Wednesday July 10th: Sponsors are D & R Kirchhoff
Loaded Nachos
- Wednesday July 17th: Bahrenfuse family
Beef Goulash
- Wednesday July 24th: J & L Dettmer
Cheeseburger, bun

No meal on Wednesday, July 31

All meals will be served with vegetables, fruit, and milk



<u>July Birthdays</u>	
July 1	Connor Piehl David Konopa
July 5	Rick Foelske Karen Milius
July 7	Kayla Milius
July 8	Juanita Mohlis Aleta Reeves Adam Reeves
July 10	Kevin Sievers
July 12	Ruth Quigley
July 13	Debra Johnson
July 17	Linda Heinemann Reick Bailey Quigley Casey Rosol
July 18	Max Ambrose Mary Chapin
July 20	Spencer Holm Susan Lohmann
July 21	Pastor Marilyn
July 22	Theresa Drewis
July 23	Phyllis Buls Everette Funk Clark Snelling
July 25	Nicolaus Moore
July 26	Barb Hill Isabel Marquis Billy Bunce
July 30	Lianne Franzen

<u>July Anniversaries</u>	
July 8	Wendy & Jon Hawes
July 10	Jerry & Karla Hyde
July 14	Jerry & Marlene Snelling Leland & Wilma Timmerman
July 18	Dave & Ruth Kirchhoff

<u>Faith United Church of Christ Finances</u>			
<u>General Fund 2024</u>			
	<u>June</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Offerings	\$ 7,002.20		
Expenses	\$15,830.11	\$17,347.84	(\$1,517.73)
<u>Year-to-date 2024</u>			
Offerings	\$67,971.43		
Expenses	\$90,259.88	\$82,403.21	\$ 7,856.67
<u>Cemetery Operations Fund 2024</u>			
<u>May 2024</u>			
Portfolio Value		\$64,049.31	
Checking Account Balance		2,143.59	
Savings Account Balance		<u>650.75</u>	
TOTAL		\$67,672.65	

Worship by the numbers...**June 2024**

	<u>In-person Attendance</u>	<u>Online Viewing</u>	<u>General Offering</u>
June 2	47	27	\$1,841.00
June 9	55	24	\$1,600.00
June 16	60	27	\$1,722.00
June 23	35	26	\$1,471.00
June 30	50	34	<u>\$1,981.00</u>
	TOTAL		\$8,715.00

Church Council/Terms

President	Jerry Lahmann
Vice President	Eli Bahrenfuse
Recorder	Traci Bahrenfuse

Elders

Vicki Olesen (Head Elder)	2nd term expires Jan. 2026
Traci Bahrenfuse	1st term expires Jan. 2026
Kara Marsh	2nd term expires Jan. 2027
Bonnie Travers	1st term expires Jan. 2025
Kathy Westendorf	1st term expires Jan. 2025

Trustees

Dave Kirchhoff (Head Trustee)	1st term expires Jan. 2026
Eli Bahrenfuse	2nd term expires Jan. 2025
Jerry Lahmann	2nd term expires Jan. 2025
Conrad Marsh	2nd term expires Jan. 2026
Brenda Shinstine	1st term expires Jan. 2025
Dean Shinstine	1st term expires Jan. 2026

Faith UCC Staff

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 Sara Goudschaal Dawn Holm Mary Jo Rathe