

Faith Talk

Faith United Church of Christ

May 2025

Tripoli, IA

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

Carol Kammeyer	Dean Shinstine
Nadine Schnurstein	Keith Stahlhut
Mary Ann Meyer	Shirley Brown
Brad Buchholz	

We hold in prayer our members in home...

Darlene Bahlmann	JoAnn Steward
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

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

We mourn with Dave & Ruth Kirchoff and Family on the passing of Ruth's father, Tom Benson. We give thanks for Tom's new eternal home with God.



A Mother's Day Prayer

Lord, today, we pray for mothers everywhere.

Bless moms who are expecting a baby. Calm their fears and keep their new little life safe. Bless mothers who have babies and toddlers and are in a busy season of bottles, sippy cups, and endless laundry. Give strength to moms of little ones. They need it, Lord.

Bless mothers who have busy school-aged children. Gift them with an extra measure of wisdom to answer questions, model maturity, and mold young hearts.

Bless mothers who parent teens. Allow them the grace to let go when needed and the courage to provide firm boundaries when required.

Bless mothers of adult children that they would savor the joy of friendship with their child.

Bless single mothers with the strength to fulfill many roles. Provide them with supportive people in their lives.

Bless moms who are married that they would care for their children by making their husbands a priority.

Bless grandmothers who have the double blessing of being both mother and grandmother.

May they spoil their grandkids with abandon.

We pray peace for mothers who have lost a child and for women who are grieving because of infertility.

Give us eyes to see women around us who struggle to mother well. Help us be the hands and feet of Jesus to them.

Thank you for our mothers. They gave us life and for that gift we are forever grateful.

We pray for mothers everywhere.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

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Faith United Church of Christ
Council Meeting Minutes
April 7th, 2025

Members in Attendance: Kathy Westendorf, Brenda Shinstine, Traci Bahrenfuse, Conrad Marsh, Dean Shinstine, Vicki Oleson, Sharon McLavey, Dave Kirchhoff, Jay Ranard, Mike Westendorf, Bonnie Travers and Kara Marsh

Members in Attendance via Zoom: None.

Also in Attendance: Barb Hill

Absent Members: None.

Opening Prayer

Meeting called to order by Dave Kirchhoff

Approval of March 3rd Minutes: Motion to approve by Brenda Shinstine. Seconded by Bonnie Travers.

Treasurer Report: Motion to approve by Dean Shinstine. Seconded by Jay Ranard.

Trustee Report: Property Insurance billed this quarter for \$2,771.75.

Plan to clean the parsonage on Saturday at 8am. All are welcome. Leave a list of to dos in the parsonage to get everything completed as timely.

Notebook will be left in the parsonage for what has been done/cleaned and what is needed.

Renting the parsonage out for extra income. Need to focus on cleaning it up and getting it ready. Need to also confirm who would be responsible for the repairs and main contact.

Dave contacted Corey to look at the bat issue at the parsonage, will get it scheduled approx. \$500.

Waiting on a quote for the basement walls.

Handicap signs are up in the back parking lot.

Dane Johnston Financials will look into options for us and waiting on feedback.

Elder Report: Looking to recruit sacrament servers – Lisa Timmerman agreed to step up and fill this need.

We are looking for more volunteers as well.

Nursing home services are restarting. Willow Winds will start 4/22 at 2:15pm and every fourth Tuesday following, and TNH will start 5/20 at 6:30pm, and every third Tuesday following.

We are needing two full time and two back up funeral ushers. Please let someone on the council know if interested.

Graduation Service will be May 18th. We have three graduates this year, will be celebrating with breakfast and a gift.

Working on getting updated member contact list to ensure everyone is receiving the newsletter and important church information.

Still working on finishing the feedback for the survey and calling the remaining members to complete this.

Summer Day Camp meeting in the next coming weeks to confirm full staff and prepared for the upcoming summer.

Liaison Report: Memorial Committee purchased the new communion set for the church – came from the Jeff Sassman Memorial.

Old Business: Barb Rich out of office April 10th.

Council retreat with a mediator needed. Jay Ranard and Vicki Oleson to work together to get it started and scheduled for August or September.

Continued

New Business: Dean and Brenda asked to rent the fellowship hall April 12th from 11am-5pm. Motion to approve Kara Marsh. Seconded by Vicki Oleson.

Kristi Ladage requested to rent fellowship hall on May 10 from 1pm-4pm. Motion to approve by Kara Marsh. Seconded by Dean Shonestine.

AA Meetings have been held Sunday evening at 7pm-8pm in Fellowship Hall. Hosted by James Stewart, doors will be open at 6:45pm and close at 8:15pm. Motion to approve to continue hosting by Bonnie Travers. Seconded by Jay Ranard.

Church service moved up in the summer – June- August moved to 9am due to no Sunday School. Motion to approve Dean Shonestine. Seconded by Sharon McLavey.

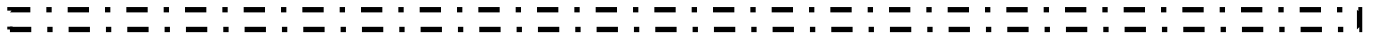
Big thanks to Women of Faith Silent Auction! It was a huge success and brought in about \$870 for the meal and around \$4,000 for the items.

Motion to adjourn by Dave Kirchhoff. Seconded by Traci Bahrenfuse.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted:
Traci Bahrenfuse

Minutes not approved by Council at this time.



Faith UCC Summer Day Camp

Open for children PK-5th grade

Starting May 27th

Hours: Monday–Friday

7:00 am to 5:30 pm

Contact: Church Office (319.882.3585)

Church Cell Phone (319.327.4441)

Lunch Box Contributions

The Lunch Box Fund raised \$75.00! Thanks to everyone who has contributed. We will start again this month. Feel free to contribute.

Thanks, Beth Goudschaal



Thank you!

Thank you to everyone that helped make Easter Sunrise Breakfast a success!
Thank you to all the food donations, the monetary donations, and the extra help on Saturday and Sunday mornings. As the saying goes, it takes
“Many Hands to Make Light Work” and I appreciate each of you!!

Kathy Westendorf, Hospitality Committee

Thank you to all the folks who so generously donated yarn for our prayer shawl ministry.

The Drop-A-Stitch Group,
Dolores Schmidt, Delores Meier, Marion Meyer, Sandy Martin



Thank you to Marilyn & Jerry Lahman and Mary Chapin for the new garden flags to decorate the flower garden and all the work you have done on the garden. The spring flowers are blooming and add so much beauty to our church.

Worship at TNR and Willow Winds

Thank you to Bonnie Travers, Roger and Beth Goudschaal and the Choir for bringing worship services to TNR on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm. Also Bonnie, Roger and Beth will be doing a worship service at Willow Winds in Denver on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 2:15 pm.

Thank you for continuing this ministry . You will bring much joy to some special people.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Faith UCC is in need of four to five volunteers to serve as ushers for funerals. There is a very complete list of the funeral duties, so this would be an easy way to volunteer at Faith. Thank you for considering this much needed volunteer opportunity.



Lawn Mowing

The sign up sheet for lawn mowing can be found in the Fellowship Hall. Let's work together to keep the grounds of Faith UCC looking beautiful this summer. A riding lawn mower is in the garage of the parsonage for you to use.

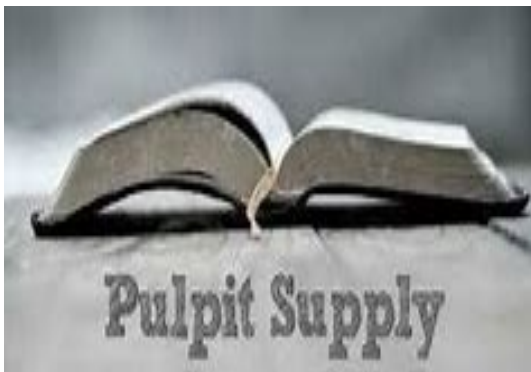
Coffee Fellowship Servers

- May 4 Alfred Gloede & Connie
 - May 11 Ashley Penrod
 - May 18 Don & Vernetta Bunce
 - May 25 Marian Meyer & Delores Meier,
Sandy Martin
- Thank you for serving!*



Summer Worship Times

Worship Service will begin at 9:00 am beginning the first Sunday after Memorial Day (June 1st), until the first Sunday after Labor Day (September 7th).



Sunday Supply Pastor Schedule

- May 4 Rev. Amy Wiles with communion
- May 11 Bonnie Travers
- May 18 Rev. Brad Braley
- May 25 Rev. Gary Catterson
- June 1 Kendy Miller
- June 8 Rev. Cathy Young
- June 15 Rev. Brad Braley
- June 22 Rev. Gary Catterson
- June 29 Bonnie Smith-Davis

<u>May Birthdays</u>	
May 1	Joel Martin
May 2	Linda Anderson
May 3	Bob Sassman Nadine Schnurstein
May 4	Jeremy Nelson Larry Struck Justin Dahlstrom
May 7	Karson Liddle
May 8	Carol Hahn
May 12	Kim Bunce Dawn Dahlsstrom Kathy Snelling Leanne Buchholz
May 14	Jamie Buchholz
May 15	Ruth Kirchhoff Reed Osborn Linda Schumacher
May 16	Emrie Bahrenfuse
May 17	Don Bunce
May 18	Verlyn Buls
May 19	Samantha Johnson Anthony Marquis
May 22	Kevin Buhrow
May 27	Shawn Buchholz Everette Bahrenfuse
May 28	Doretta Brandhorst Monica Franzen
May 30	Edward Brandt Donna Funk

Faith United Church of Christ Finances			
General Fund 2025			
	<u>April</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Offerings	\$11,758.50		
Expenses	\$ 4,954.95	\$12,169.17	\$7,214.22
Year-to-date 2025			
Offerings	\$42,956.45		
Expenses	\$37,521.33		
Cemetery Operations Fund 2025			
<u>March 2025</u>			
Portfolio Value		\$65,801.09	
Checking Account Balance		39.14	
Savings Account Balance		<u>1,353.72</u>	
TOTAL		\$67,193.95	

<u>May Anniversaries</u>	
May 17	Brian & Helen Milius Glen & Sandy Ladage
May 30	Daniel & Amy Price

Worship by the numbers...			
April 2025			
	<u>In-person Attendance</u>	<u>Online Viewing</u>	<u>General Offering</u>
April 6	51	28	\$2,707.00
April 13	73	37	\$1,590.00
April 20			
6:00 am	50	18	\$ 487.00
April 20			
10:00 am	85	46	\$2,005.00
April 27	60	17	\$3,265.00

<u>Church Council/Terms</u>	
President	Dave Kirchhoff
Vice President	Vicki Oleson
Recorder	Traci Bahrenfuse
<u>Elders</u>	
Vicki Oleson	2nd term expires Jan. 31, 2026
Traci Bahrenfuse	1st term expires Jan. 31, 2026
Kara Marsh	2nd term expires Jan.31, 2027
Sharon McClavey	2nd term expires Jan.31, 2027*
Bonnie Travers (Head Elder)	1st term expires Jan. 31, 2025
Kathy Westendorf	1st term expires Jan. 31, 2025
<u>Trustees</u>	
Dave Kirchhoff	1st term expires Jan. 31, 2026
Mike Westendorf (Head Trustee)	1st term expires Jan. 31, 2028
Jay Ranard	1st term expires Jan.31, 2028
Conrad Marsh	2nd term expires Jan. 31, 2026
Brenda Shinstine	1st term expires Jan. 31, 2025
Dean Shinstine	1st term expires Jan. 31, 2026

<u>Faith UCC Staff</u>	
Admin. Assistant	Barb Rich
Financial Secretary	Roger Goudschaal
Treasurer	Barb Hill
Custodian	Samantha Rossum
Director of Music	Beth Goudschaal
Musicians	June Buhr Phoebe Drape Sara Goudschaal Dawn Holm Mary Jo Rathe