

Faith Talk

Faith United Church of Christ

June 2025

Tripoli, IA

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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

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	Charthen Wells
Matthew Coulthard	Colton Henry
Kristian Heidemann	Alyssa Jones
Kaitlyn Kime	

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

We mourn with the family and friends of Brad Buchholz and give thanks for Brad's new eternal home with God.

*God took the strength of a mountain.
The majesty of a tree.
The warmth of a summer sun.
The calm of a quiet sea.
The generous soul of nature.
The comforting arm of night.
The wisdom of the ages.
The power of the eagles flight.
The joy of morning in spring.
The faith of a mustard seed.
The patience of eternity.
The depth of a family need.
Then God combined these qualities.
And then there was nothing more to add.
He knew his masterpiece was complete
And so, he called it—**DAD***

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Faith United Church of Christ
Council Meeting Minutes
May 5th, 2025

Members in Attendance: Kathy Westendorf, Traci Bahrenfuse, Vicki Oleson, Sharon McLavey, Dave Kirchhoff, Jay Ranard, Mike Westendorf and Bonnie Travers

Members in Attendance via Zoom: None.

Also in Attendance: None.

Absent Members: Kara Marsh, Conrad Marsh, Brenda Shinstine, and Dean Shinstine

Opening Prayer

Meeting called to order by Dave Kirchhoff

Update from Dane Johnston: Matched the account type and moved the investments. Mix of bonds and stocks. This account is considered transactional. We would have to do an exchange to make any changes. Internal changes are free but external changes do have fees approx. 4-5.5%. We have stayed in kind transfers to avoid those additional fees. Current interest rate is 4.1% net. 80% stocks and 20% bonds currently. Question was asked if someone could donate stock to the church. You can do an in kind transfer from brokerage account to another brokerage account. The church wouldn't have to own anything, it could transfer from the Buchholz account and then it would be an immediate sale. If we want to start receiving donate stocks, we may want to consider opening another brokerage account on top of the Buchholz account and it wouldn't have to be an immediate sale. There is a \$50 sell fee. Motion to open an additional brokerage account for stock/bonds to welcome donations through the church with Dane Johnson Financials by Jay Ranard. Seconded by Mike Westendorf.

Approval of April 7th Minutes: Motion to approve by Jay Ranard. Seconded by Vicki Oleson.

Treasurer Report: Barb Hill was absent.

Trustee Report:

Church basement repair update is that we still do not have a quote. Waiting on MidWest Foundation to get another rep to quote.

Parsonage repairs/rental – some rooms painted; carpet installed \$1548.00. Ruth will be ordering blinds for \$472.88 motion to approve by Kathy Westendorf. Seconded by Bonnie Travers.

Inquires about renting the parsonage. Property committee estimated rent would be \$1100-\$1200/month.

No issues with moving from renters to a pastor with insurance. Will need lease agreement and confirm contract with potential renters. Motion to approve renting out the parsonage by Mike Westendorf. Seconded by Sharon McLavey.

Handicap signs are up.

Wasp problem in sanctuary – will start spraying.

Trustees Journal purchase – working on purchasing a leatherback journal to keep notes and to have an updated book on file.

Elder Report:

Still need Funeral Ushers

Sacrament Servers – Lisa Timmerman agreed. Kendy Miller is preaching on June 1st and will start and complete sacramental servants training after service. Anyone interested please let anyone on the Council know.

Senior Graduation Sunday May 18th: invites sent. Gifts purchased. Breakfast pizza and fruit will be served for breakfast that Sunday.

Communication is key: working on confirming all individuals receive the newsletter either via snail mail or email. It is also posted on our website.

AA meetings on Sunday nights – Bonnie opens doors and stays during the meeting. Wondering if she could leave and just open and lock doors. Approved by Council.

Writers Club – Brenda Sievers leads this. Council approved to allow twice monthly meetings at the Church.

Old Business:

Still working on Bylaws. Working on compiling the survey results.

Lay pastors are authorized by the Iowa Conference Committee on Authorization Ministry (CCAM).

New Business:

Mental Health Meeting – Bonnie is interested in leading/hosting something at the Church for mental health not just for the church but the entire community. Bonnie reached out to Jackie Preston who would charge .39 cents a mile and \$40/hr to speak, available on Wednesdays. Would want to promote and make flyers for the community. Motion to approve this meeting and costs by Traci Bahrenfuse. Seconded by Vicki Oleson.

St. John United Church of Christ – two officers reached out to look at sharing a Pastor. Faith UCC not at that point yet to move forward with this decision.

Motion to adjourn by Traci Bahrenfuse. Seconded by Sharon McLavey.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted:

Traci Bahrenfuse

*Minutes have not been approved by Council



Grace Lutheran Church will be offering the EWALU program day camp at Grace Church again this year. All area children ages K—5th grade are invited. The camp is scheduled Monday, June 16 through Thursday, June 19 from 8:45 am to 4:30 pm The fee is \$55 per camper or \$80 per family. Call Grace Church for more information, or call Rachel Page at 319-464-2862.

Lunch Box Contributions

The Lunch Box Fund raised \$48.00! Thanks to everyone who has contributed. We will start again this month. Feel free to contribute.

Thanks, Beth Goudschaal



Happenings at Faith UCC

Greeting from the Council,

Some of you may be receiving the Faith Talk newsletter for the first time, or for the first time in a long time. The Council and Barb Rich are reviewing the contact information for all members of Faith United Church of Christ, and would like to connect with each and every member. To help us do that, if your contact information has changed, or if you just want to make sure we have your current contact information, please email us at faithuccchurch@gmail.com or call either 319-882-3585 or 319-327-4441 or message us on Facebook (Faith UCC). To let us know how you'd like to receive communication from the church and we will update your contact information. We are the Faith UCC community, and want to stay connected!

Faith Church to host "Brain Health Awareness Night"

Jackie Preston, MA will be speaking on the language and stigma related to mental health and suicide. Jackie was a Certified Prevention Specialist and the Provider of Services Coordinator at Pathways. Jackie has over 30 years of work experience related to substance abuse and mental issues. Jackie has taught at UNI and worked for a large healthcare system. Jackie is also a survivor of suicide loss.

This event will happen on Wednesday, June 19th at 6:30 pm in Fellowship Hall. You will not want to miss this information and the discussion shared at this event. Mark your calendar, invite a friend or family member. Everyone will take something away from this event. Call Bonnie at 702.203.9567 if you would like more information.

Women of Faith

There will be a meeting of the Women of Faith following worship on Sunday, June 8th. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall. All women of the church are invited to attend.



Summer Day Camp

Summer Day Camp will be happening at Faith starting May 27th from 7:30 am to 5:30 pm. The Summer Camp is looking for donation of gift cards to local grocery stores or money to help offset the cost of meals for the Summer Camp program. The school is not offering the summer food program, so this will add extra expense for the camp. Thank you for all you do to support the summer camp.

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

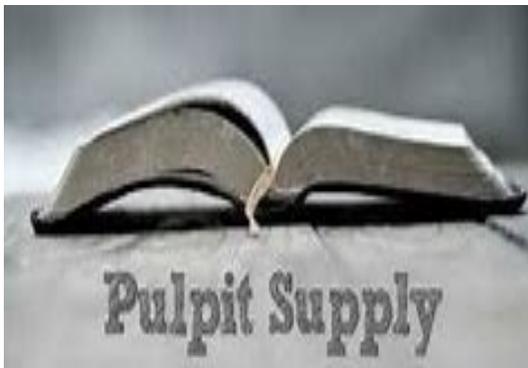
- June 1 Bonnie Travers
- June 8 Jerry & Marlene Lahmann
- June 15 Marlys Biermann
- June 22 Jerry & Marlene Snelling
- June 29 Dean & Brenda Shinstine
Steve & Barb Hill

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

- June 1 Rev. Kendy Miller (Communion)
- June 8 Rev. Cathy Young
- June 15 Bonnie Travers
- June 22 Rev. Gary Catterson
- June 29 Rev. Brad Braley (Communion)
- July 6
- July 13 Mike Westendorf
- July 20
- July 27 Rev. Brad Braley

<u>June Birthdays</u>	
June 1	Marilyn Lahmann Helen Milius
June 8	Caleb Marsh Megan Newbrough
June 10	McKinna Benson Tamara Rosol
June 11	Karen Buchholz
June 12	Joan Struck
June 13	Austin Newbrough
June 14	Marlys Biermann Justin Hoppenworth Dave Kirchhoff
June 15	Sara Blessing Pat Warner
June 16	Zachary Johnson
June 18	Angie Buchholz Lori Dahlstrom
June 19	Brenda Sievers
June 21	Corey Rosol
June 23	Kennedy Drewis
June 25	Jerry Snelling
June 26	Juanita Nuss
June 28	Grant Goudshcaal
June 29	June Buhr

Faith United Church of Christ Finances			
<u>General Fund 2025</u>			
	<u>May</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Offerings	\$11,184.70		
Expenses	\$ 6,355.06	\$8,088.60	\$1,733.54
<u>Year-to-date 2025</u>			
Offerings	\$54,386.15		
Expenses	\$43,989.03		
<u>Cemetery Operations Fund 2025</u>			
<u>April 2025</u>			
Portfolio Value		\$61,180.62	
Checking Account Balance		1,039.14	
Savings Account Balance		<u>353.72</u>	
TOTAL		\$62,573.74	

<u>June Anniversaries</u>	
June 3	Roger & Darlene Buchholz
June 8	Gerald & Marilyn Lahmann
June 14	Patti & Troy Mehmen
June 17	Steve & Dawn Dahlstrom
June 20	Duane & Sandra Ryherd

Worship by the numbers...			
May 2025			
	<u>In-person</u>	<u>Online</u>	<u>General</u>
	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Viewing</u>	<u>Offering</u>
May 4	69	25	\$2,833.00
May 11	68	29	\$1,754.00
May 18	104	39	\$2,512.00
May 25	62	36	\$4,085.00

<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