

# Faith Talk

Faith United Church of Christ

November 2025

Tripoli,

## Connect with us!

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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
Cheryl Dahlstrom	Megan Anderson
Doretta Brandhorst	Gerald Liddle
Shirley Brown	Roger Davis

We hold in prayer our members in home...

JoAnn Steward  
Verlyn & Phyllis Buls Marlys Ryan

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

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  
Orlyn Milius on his passing. We give thanks  
for Orlyn's new eternal home with God.

## Thanksgiving Prayer

Dear Lord,

Today we give thanks

For our many blessings,

As we pray for those in need,

We give thanks

For our family and friends

As we pray for those who are lonely.

We give thanks for our freedoms

AS we pray for those who are oppressed.

We give thanks for our good health

As we pray for those who are ill.

We give thanks for our comfort and prosperity

As we share our blessings with others.

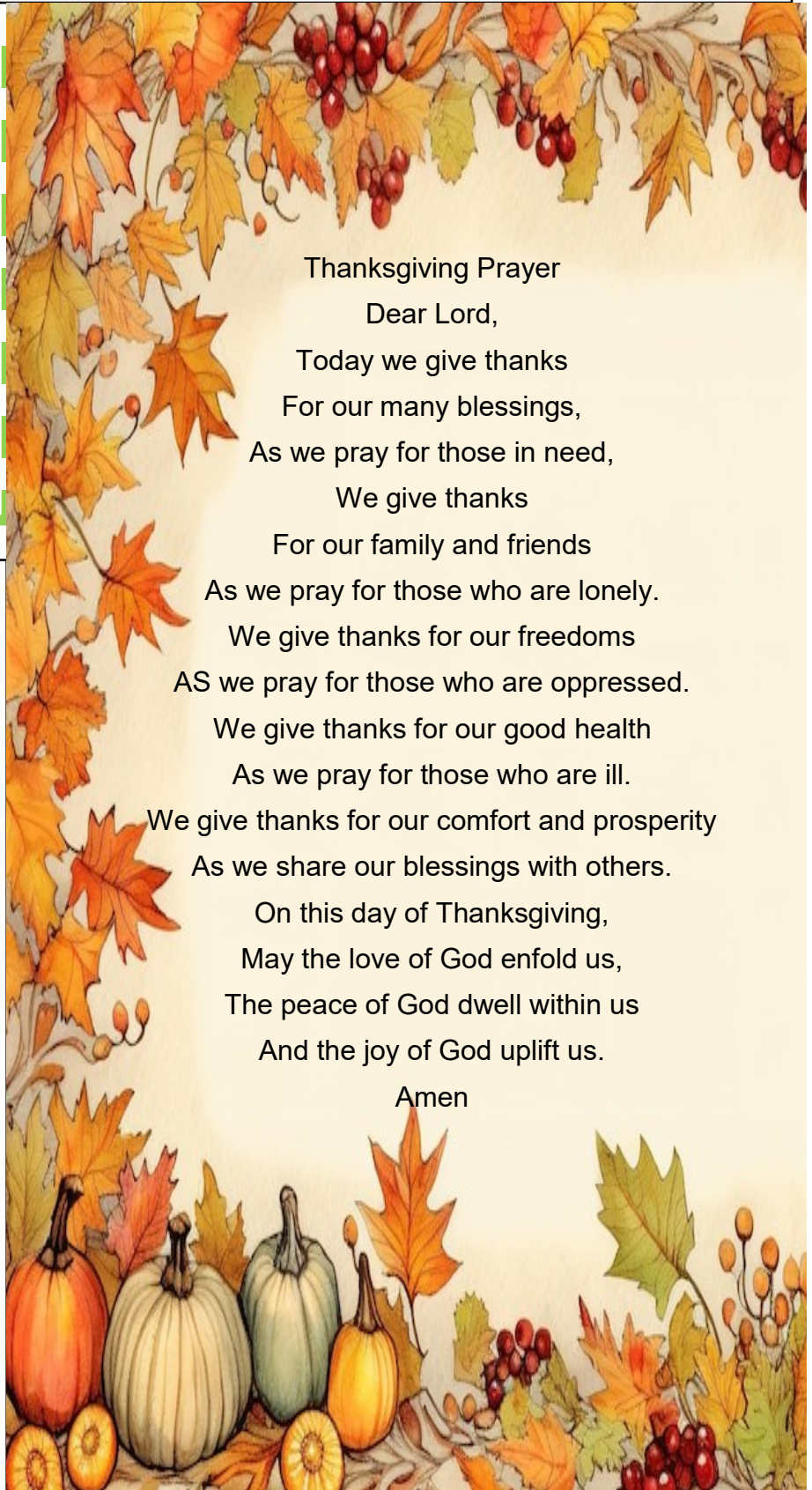
On this day of Thanksgiving,

May the love of God enfold us,

The peace of God dwell within us

And the joy of God uplift us.

Amen



Faith United Church of Christ  
Council Meeting Minutes  
October 6, 2025

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

Members in Attendance via Zoom: None.

Also in Attendance: Barb Hill

Absent Members: Kara Marsh, Conrad Marsh and Jay Ranard

Opening Prayer

Meeting called to order by Dave Kirchhoff

Approval of September 1st Minutes: Motion to approve by Brenda Shinstine. Seconded by Vicki Oleson

Treasurer Report: Motion to approve by Bonnie Travers. Seconded by Dean Shinstine.

Trustee Report:

Treasurer replacement interested contacts are Ellen Decker and Renee Reeves. Discussion on when the replacement needs to start and train. Barb to write up a job description to share with these interested candidates.

Tree removal at the cemetery – Casey Rosol to clean the remaining trees up. Dave, Mike, Dean, Brenda, Ruth, Kathy, Steve, Barb, Eli, Everett, Jennifer and Marshall helped. Jerry and Marilyn brought out subs for all the helpers. Thanks to all for their hard work.

Replacement needed for the window in the garage. Quote \$580 for both windows replaced. Ridgeview Lumber sent the quote out of Harmony, MN. Will be purchased through the parsonage funds.

More information needed before committing to purchase of Church 360 for financials.

Trash is being taken out Sunday night at the church, two cans allowed. One can for the parsonage and one for the church.

Copier in the office is rented, we are paying \$157/mo and a new copier will be \$135/mo. With more copies covered every month and they will train people on the new machine with warranty. Also parts availability is better for the new copier. There is a one-time documentation fee of \$125 to start the new contract. Motion to approve by Vicki Oleson. Seconded by Traci Bahrenfuse.

Balance at the bank \$31,865, should we take some money and move it to gain interest. High interest money market would be the best option.

Summer Day camp requested to come to the next meeting to discuss year end financials.

Elder Report: Confirmation has started. Brad Braley will be leading the class along with a few parents helping out.

Some changes will be made in Sunday School, new curriculum and bells for the youth.

By-laws will need to be reviewed/updated.

Women of Faith fundraiser November 16<sup>th</sup>

November 23<sup>rd</sup> – singing service featuring Roger and the Choir.

November 30<sup>th</sup> first Sunday in Advent –confirming if we will be doing hanging of the greens.

Sharon McLavey training with Barb Rich to cover her with any absences.

Looking into Amazon Prime to see if it would be worth purchasing to receive free shipping and other benefits.

Steve looking into the computer and printer in the Ed wing for printing for Sunday School activities when the church office is locked.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

Congregational meeting all in favor to continue speaking with St John Church on sharing a Pastor. Reached out to Kendi Miller, she will be coming up in December to our council meeting to invite St John's UCC committee to have a meeting all together to further discuss.

Trunk or Treat – October 18<sup>th</sup> Motion for Sharon to be present for the trunk or treat and passing out treats if we are allowed to still signup by Vicki Oleson. Seconded by Mike Westendorf.

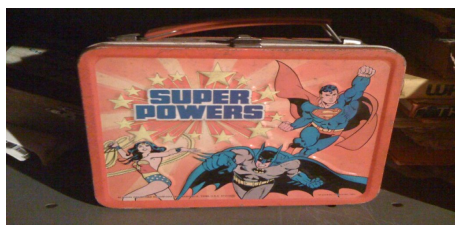
October 11<sup>th</sup> – Iowa Conference UCC Annual Meeting – Faith UCC was invited but no one was available to attend.

Motion to adjourn by Traci Bahrenfuse Seconded by Kathy Westendorf.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted:

Traci Bahrenfuse



### Lunch Box Contributions

The Lunch Box Fund raised \$10.00! Thanks to everyone who has contributed. Feel free to contribute.

Thanks, Beth Goudschaal

### Coffee Fellowship Servers

- November 2 Don & Vernetta Bunce
- November 9 Jerry & Marlene Snelling
- November 16 Lunch Auction
- November 23 Leland & Wilma Timmerman
- November 30 Tamara Rosol

**Thank you for serving!**



### Sunday Supply Pastor Schedule

- November 9 Rev. David Feltman
- November 16 Rev. Brad Bradley
- November 23 Roger Goudschaal
- November 30 Rev. Cathy Young
- December 7 Rev. David Feltman (Communion)

## ~Coming Events~

### **Silent Auction November 16<sup>th</sup>**

Get your bidding number....there are some great  
"Silent Auction Items"      Something for Everyone

Come and join the Fun!

Bidding will be November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, & 16<sup>th</sup>



'Best Of All' ..... Enjoy a Hot Beef Dinner on the 16<sup>th</sup>



*Hot Beef Sandwich with Mashed Potatoes and Gravy  
Relishes Dessert Beverage  
(Lunch will be free will offering)*

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### ***'Women of Faith'***



**Wednesday December 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
will be the 'Women of Faith' Christmas Party

The Evening will begin at 5:00 p.m. with a Light Evening Meal followed by

Games of Fun \$15.00 Gift Exchange Offering for a Home Mission

All Women of Faith are invited to the party

<u>November Birthday's</u>	
November 1	Erica Newbrough Amy Price
November 5	Morgan Peters
November 7	Cody Buchholz
November 8	Vernetta Bunce Jayden Stahlhut Lonnie Moore
November 9	Joe Lohmann
November 10	Rob Rathbone
November 11	Stacey Snyder
November 12	Jerry Lahmann
November 13	Keith Stahlhut Linden Irene Price
November 15	Kara Marsh
November 19	Karla Hyde Lisa Timmerman
November 21	Wilma Timmerman
November 22	Marilyn Coulthard Brenda Shinstine
November 24	Sandy Marin
November 28	Mike Johnson

<u>November Anniversaries</u>	
November 12	Ashley & Jordan Penrod
November 23	Nate & Lesley Milius

## Faith United Church of Christ Finances

### General Fund 2025

	<u>October</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Offerings	\$ 6,966.25		
Expenses	\$ 5,745.86	\$11,921.17	\$6,175.31

### Year-to-date 2025

Offerings	\$100,155.63
Expenses	\$ 82,348.09

### Cemetery Operations Fund 2025

#### September 2025

Portfolio Value	\$58,120.90
Checking Account Balance	1,578.14
Savings Account Balance	<u>105.46</u>
TOTAL	\$59,804.50

### Worship by the numbers...

#### September 2025

	<u>In-person Attendance</u>	<u>Online Viewing</u>	<u>General Offering</u>
Oct. 5	56	32	\$ 1,385.25
Oct. 12	56	32	\$2,197.00
Oct. 19	71	30	\$2,440.00
Oct. 26	39	32	\$1,367.00

### Church Council/Terms

President	Dave Kirchhoff
Vice President	Vicki Oleson
Recorder	Traci Bahrenfuse

#### Elders

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 McLavey	2nd term expires Jan.31, 2027*
Bonnie Travers (Head Elder)	2nd term expires Jan. 31, 2028
Kathy Westendorf	2nd term expires Jan. 31, 2028

#### Trustees

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	2nd term expires Jan. 31, 2028
Dean Shinstine	1st term expires Jan. 31, 2026

### Faith UCC Staff

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