

# Faith Talk

Faith United Church of Christ

July 2026

Tripoli, Iowa

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

Nadine Schnurstein  
Mary Ann Meyer  
Carol Kammeyer  
Gary Snyder  
Gerald Liddle  
Jim Anderson  
Tad Chapin  
Cheryl Dahlstrom  
Keith Stahlhut  
Morgan Smith  
Shirley Brown  
McKinna Benson  
Paula Black  
Alicia Guzman

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

Brandon Burrows  
Matthew Coulthard  
Kristian Heidemann  
Colton Henry  
Charlen Wells  
Alyssa Jones

We hold in prayer our members in home...

Phyllis Buls  
JoAnn Steward  
Marlys Ryan  
Verdeen Ohlendorf  
Leland & Wilma Timmerman  
Dolores Schmidt

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

We extend our sympathies to Sandy Martin and family on the passing of Sandy's daughter-in-law, Kathy Martin.

## *Summer Of Our Lives*

*Stop and smell the Roses,  
Summers sweet perfume.  
A place to view the Daffodils,  
Gods nature all in bloom.  
Sit beneath a willow tree,  
Sheltered from the Sun.  
A wish on every bough,  
Where all our dreams begun.  
Listen for all the sounds,  
As summer plays its tune.  
An orchestra of Angels,  
Flowers all in bloom.  
Birds singing in the tree tops,  
In perfect harmony.  
All creatures great and small,  
Gods greatest symphony.  
Be amazed by all Gods beauty,  
Make each precious moment last.  
A moment to capture and treasure,  
A golden memory for your past.  
Stop and smell the Roses,  
Life's summers sweet perfume.  
Take time to view the Daffodils,  
For its over all too soon.*

*By John Read 16 Mar 2013.*

Council Meeting Minutes  
Faith United Church of Christ  
May 11, 2026

Members in attendance: Dave Kirchhoff, Mike Westendorf, Kathy Westendorf, Dean Shinistine, Brenda Shinstine, Jay Renard, Dan Groskurth, and Bonnie Travers.

Absent members: Kara Marsh, Jennifer Dillon, Patti Mehman, and Sharon McLavey.

Opening Prayer: Bonnie Travers

Meeting called to order by: Dave Kirchhoff

Motion to approve April's minutes by Mike; 2<sup>nd</sup> Jay.

**Treasurer Report:** The report was prepared by Ellen Kalkbrenner and presented to the council by Jay Renard. For Confirmation Sunday, Rev. Braley will be paid \$200 for the service and \$200 for confirmation. Replacing the narthex air conditioner will cost \$4,485.47. Donations already committed for the project total \$2,380, leaving a remaining balance of about \$2,100. The Women of Faith offered to cover that balance. The treasurer was approved to transfer funds from the Parsonage Rent account as needed to cover expenses. Motion to approve Dean; 2<sup>nd</sup> Kathy.

The council thanked the Women of Faith for their donation toward the narthex air conditioning and for organizing the successful meal and silent auction held on May 3. The council also thanked everyone who helped, including Justin Leonard from Fredericka Locker, for assisting with the meat and participating in the activities. Women of Faith, your efforts are greatly appreciated.

**Trustee Report:** Mike Westendorf and Dave Kirchhoff repaired the paving stones near the back door of the education building. The basement walls are still being evaluated to determine the best repair approach. The parsonage will need professional extermination, and pricing is being investigated. Required procedures must be completed before cleaning and repairs can begin. The council will also review pricing for a rental manager when the parsonage is ready to be rented again. The lawn-mowing calendar is continuing to fill up.

**Elders Report:** On Mother's Day, carnations with tags made by the Sunday School were given to the mothers, and cake was served during fellowship. A graduation breakfast was held on May 17 for graduates Kayla Milius and Derrick Buchholz. Congratulations to the graduates. Confirmation will be celebrated on May 31, when eight young adults will affirm their baptism. This will be a special day for them and for their families and friends at Faith UCC. Congratulations to the confirmands.

The council also thanked Pastor Brad Braley, Kara Marsh, and Jen Dillon for teaching the confirmation classes.

**Liaison Report:** The Memorial Committee is discussing easier ways to access funds, including the possibility of opening a money market account.

The search committee liaison shared concerns that the committee needs more direction from the council in developing the church profile. The council will discuss with liaison Jen Dillon how best to support the committee. St. John Siegel is also preparing its profile, as both profiles should be submitted at the same time. The process is extensive.

**Old Business:** None.

**New Business:** Justine Liddle would like to organize a Vacation Bible School. The council will speak with Justine about how to best support the effort and how to raise the funds needed. Motion to approve Kathy 2<sup>nd</sup> Brenda.

The council is looking to reestablish the Faith Education Committee. This committee would support the Sunday School program and its teachers. The council is seeking 3-4 people, along with a council liaison, to serve on the committee. Anyone interested is encouraged to contact the council.

The council is also considering hosting a youth evening this summer. The idea is to gather young people from the community at the church on Sunday evenings for Christian praise music, use of the screen, and fun activities. Anyone willing to help organize this youth-centered event should contact Dave.

The council discussed Church 360 access and approved full access for Treasurer Ellen Kalkbrenner, who will be working on reports and system audits. Motion by Brenda; 2<sup>nd</sup> Jay

The next council meeting will be Monday, June 1, at 6:30 PM. Elders and Trustees will meet at 6:00 PM.

Motion to adjourn Dean; 2<sup>nd</sup> Mike.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Bonnie Traver

\* These minutes have not yet been approved by the Council.



*Women of Faith  
Meeting after Worship  
Sunday July 19, 2026*

**All Women are invited!**

We will be detailing the August 8<sup>th</sup> Luncheon plans.  
*(Pick up your Coffee and Treat and join us)*



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The Women of Faith will be serving the  
'Tripoli Days Luncheon' on Saturday August 8<sup>th</sup>.  
We will be serving a Hot Beef Sandwich Plate, Salads and Dessert.  
Watch for flyers and sign up sheets on the Bulletin Board.  
A lot of helping hands and donations are always appreciated.  
Thank you.

*We will NOT be having a Fall Dinner.*



# **P** COMMUNITY *raise* **HOUR**



**Come join us on Sundays for an uplifting night of praise and worship! Enjoy Christian songs, a short message, and time spent growing in faith together. Everyone is welcome! We do kindly ask that 10 and under are accompanied by an adult.**



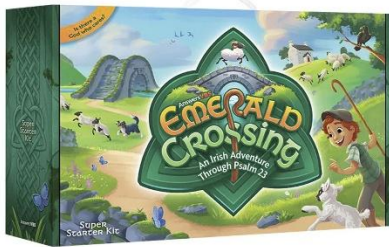
## **DATES:**

<b>June 28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>6:30 - 7:10 p</b>
<b>July 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>6:30 - 7:10 p</b>
<b>July 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>6:30 - 7:10 p</b>
<b>August 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>6:30 - 7:10 p</b>
<b>August 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>5:30 - 7:30 p</b>

**\*Follow our Facebook page for more dates to follow and details**

*Everyone is welcome*  
**Hosted by Faith UCC Church**  
**408 S Main St, Tripoli**

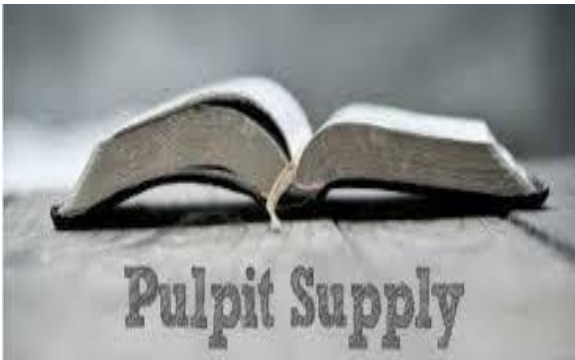




### Vacation Bible School

Bible School will be held Sunday, July 12 to Thursday, July 16<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm. Students ages 3 through 6<sup>th</sup> grade are welcome to join. We also need volunteers from 7<sup>th</sup> grade and older. There is no charge to attend. Student should bring a sack supper and drink each night. A snack will be provided. Walk-ins are welcome!

Contact Justine Liddle (319.939.1499) with questions.



July 5	Rev. Amy Wiles (Communion)
July 12	Rev. David Feltman
July 19	Rev. Tom Wiles
July 26	Rev. Gary Catterson
August 2	Rev. David Feltman (Communion)
August 9	Rev. Brad Braley
August 16	Rev. Amy Wiles
August 23	Rev. Gary Catterson
August 30	Rev. Tom Wiles

### Coffee Fellowship Servers

July 5	Karen Milius
July 12	Jerry & Marilyn Lahmann
July 19	Elders
July 26	

**Thank you for serving!**



### **Lunch Box Contributions**

The Lunch Box Fund raised \$40.00. Thanks to everyone who has contributed. **The school is VERY appreciative for this help.**

Thanks, Beth Goudschaal



**July BIRTHDAYS**

July 1	Connor Piehl Dave Konopa
July 5	Rich Foelske Karen Milius
July 7	Kayla Milius
July 8	Juanita Mohlis Aleta Reeves Adam Reeves
July 10	Kevin Sievers
July 12	Ruth Quigley
July 17	Linda Heinemann Reick Bailey Qigley Casey Rosol
July 20	Spencer Holm Susan Lohmann
July 21	Theresa Buchholz
July 23	Phyllis Buls Clark Snelling
July 25	Nicolaus Moore
July 26	Barb Hill Isabel Marquis Billy Bunce
July 30	Lianne Franzen

**July ANNIVERSARIES**

8	John & Wendy Hawes
10	Jerry & Karla Hyde
14	Jerry & Marlene Snelling
14	Leland & Wilma Timmerman
18	Dave & Ruth Kirchhoff

**Faith United Church of Christ Finances****General Fund 2026**

	<u>June</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Income	\$10,860.00	\$12,058.00	-\$1,198.00
Expenses	\$13,219.88	\$14,908.44	\$1,688.56

**Year-to-date 2026**

Offerings	\$72,348.98
Expenses	\$67,261.28

**Cemetery Operations Fund - May 2026**

Portfolio Value	\$64,370.99
Checking Account Balance	401.70
Savings Account Balance	<u>1,057.52</u>
<b>TOTAL CEMETERY FUND</b>	<b>\$65,830.21</b>

**Faith UCC Council**

President	Dave Kirchhoff
Vice President	Mike Westendorf
Recorder	Patti Mehman

**Elders**

Sharon McLavey *	2 <sup>nd</sup> term expires 1-31-27
Kara Marsh	2 <sup>nd</sup> term expires 1-31-27
Bonnie Travers	2 <sup>nd</sup> term expires 1-31-28
Kathy Westendorf	2 <sup>nd</sup> term expires 1-31-28
Patti Mehmen	1 <sup>st</sup> term expires 1-31-29
Jen Dillon	1 <sup>st</sup> term expires 1-31-29

**Trustee**

Mike Westendorf	1 <sup>st</sup> term expires 1-31-28
Jay Ranard	1 <sup>st</sup> term expires 1-31-28
Brenda Shinstine	2 <sup>nd</sup> term expires 1-31-28
Dean Shinstine*	1 <sup>st</sup> term expires 1-31-29
Dan Goskurth	1 <sup>st</sup> term expires 1-31-29
Dave Kirchhoff	2 <sup>nd</sup> term expires 1-31-29

\*Head Elder or Trustee

**Worship by attendance - June 2026**

	<u>In-person Attendance</u>	<u>Online Viewing</u>	<u>Offering</u>
June 1	40	43	\$1,647.00
June 14	76	23	\$3,308.00
June 21	50	16	\$4,564.00
June 28	40	15	\$1,341.00

**Faith UCC Staff**

Admin Assistant	Barb Rich
Financial Secretary	Roger Goudschaal
Treasurer	Ellen Kalkbrenner
Custodian	Samantha Rossum
Director of Music	Beth Goudschaal
Musicians	June Buhr Phoebe Drape Dawn Holm Sara Blessing Mary Jo Rathe