

Faith Talk

Faith United Church of Christ

October 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
Jim Anderson
Tad Chapin
Cheryl Dahlstrom
Keith Stahlhut
Morgan Smith
Shirley Brown
Mary Jo Rathe
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
Derrick Buchholz

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.

"GOD OF AUTUMN, AS WE EMBRACE
THE AUTUMN CHILL AND MISTY
MORNINGS SHROUDED IN FOG, WE
ASK YOU TO FILL OUR HEARTS WITH
JOY. HELP US TO NAVIGATE THIS
TRANSITION INTO SHORTER, COOLER
DAYS WITH JOYFUL AND THANKFUL
HEARTS. MAY JOY RADIATE FROM US
IN THE SAME WAY THAT THE
BRILLIANT COLORS OF THE LEAVES
RADIATE FROM THE TREES. AMEN."



PRAY FOR EVERYTHING

Faith United Church of Christ
Council Meeting Minutes
September 9th, 2026

Members in Attendance: Dave Kirchhoff, Kathy Westendorf, Dean Shinstine, Brenda Shinstine, Patti Mehmen, Bonnie Travers, Jay Ranard, Dan Groskurth, Sharon McLavey.

Members Absent: Jennifer Dillon, Kara Marsh, Mike Westendorf.

Also in Attendance: Ellen Kalkbrenner, Brian Bunce.

Opening Prayer: Bonnie Travers.

Meeting Called to Order: Dave Kirchhoff.

Additions to the Agenda: Brian Bunce present to talk about Google App. Motion by Jay Ranard to move ahead to gradually phase Media Shout to Google workspace with Google slides. Seconded by Dan Groskurth, motion carried. Motion by Patti Mehmen to begin transfers of church documents from personal Gmail accounts to Faith UCC business account on Google workspace. Seconded by Brenda Shinstine, motion carried.

Approval of Minutes. Motion to approve August minutes by Jay Ranard, seconded by Bonnie Travers, motion carried.

Treasurer Report: August Prelim Financials Balance Sheet: Income/Expense, Check Registry. Payroll taxes due for Summer Camp, new account set up to track transfers and payments. Motion to approve transfer of \$10,000.00 for purchase of a new CD by Jay Ranard and seconded by Sharon McLavey, motion carried. Current CD has gained \$199.00 in 6 months. General Fund balance as of 08/31/2026 is \$29,407.38. Motion to approve Treasurer Report by Brenda Shinstine and seconded by Bonnie Travers, motion carried.

Trustee Report: Painting in Parsonage is being done by Kathy Westendorf, project almost complete. Thanks to everyone who has helped clean the parsonage. Dave Kirchhoff and Tanner Klein completed the tree trimming on grounds. Landscaping project on South Side of Church between sidewalk and street was seeded by Eli Bahrenfuse, Brian Milius, and Dave Kirchhoff. The Basement wall has been drilled into to see behind the wall for any water leaks and/or damage. Project to be done by Eric Holthaus Construction, to begin sometime January-March 2027. Estimate to be given prior to job. Church needs a new laptop for balcony. Dave and Ruth Kirchhoff have loaned their laptop to the church until one can be purchased.

Elder Report: Balance in Praise hour offering is \$279.00. Donation to be given to FCA (Fellowship for Christian Athletes) after payment to the general fund for electricity used during Praise hour services. Motion by Bonnie Travers to set up a separate fund for Praise Hour offerings, seconded by Sharon McClavey. Motion carried. Bibles were made available during Praise Hour for anyone wanting to take one, bibles were purchased and donated by Sharon McClavey. Thank you, Sharon, for your generous donation. Working to create a plan to fulfill Faith Education Committee. This committee is needed to help plan and support Sunday School, Vacation Bible School and Day Camp. We are still in need of Sunday school teachers and substitutes. Blessing of back packs will be done during 10 am service on Sunday, September 13, 2026, by Pastor Feltman. Faith UCC to participate in Trunk or Treat on Saturday, October 17th, 2026, from 4 to 6 pm at the Fire Station.

Liaison Report: A letter is being drafted to be sent to members educating them on Endowments and Memorials. Two profiles have been submitted to St. Johns Segal by the Search Committee. Search committee to meet with St. John's members to discuss finalizing what each church is seeking specifically in a shared pastor. Roger Goudschaal will be holding Bible Study in the sanctuary on Sunday mornings from 9:15 am to 9:45 am. Starting date to be announced. Topic: The Chosen.

Old Business: Renewal of the church cell phone plan will not be done at this time. Will change voice message in Church office to add an emergency phone number to call if needed.

Next Meeting: Monday, October 5th, 2026

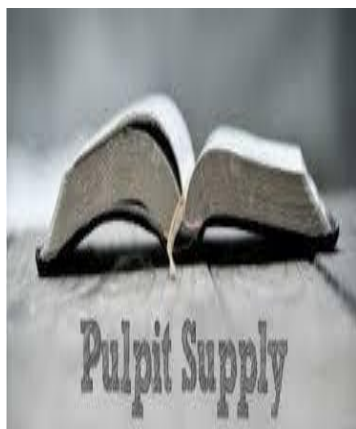
Motion to adjourn by: Dean Shinstine and seconded by Kathy Westendorf

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted:

Patti Mehmen

Minutes not approved by Council



Pulpit Supply

Oct. 4	Rev. David Feltman (Communion)
Oct. 11	Rev. Gary Catterson
Oct. 18	Rev. Brad Braley
Oct. 25	Rev. David Feltman
Nov. 1	Rev. Gary Catterson (Communion)
Nov. 8	Rev. David Feltman
Nov. 15	Rev. Brad Braley
Nov. 22	Rev. Tom Wiles
Nov. 29	Rev. Cathy Young



Lunch Box Contributions

The Lunch Box Fund raised \$40.00 this month. Thanks to everyone Who contributed. The school is very appreciative for this help.

Thanks, Beth G.

November 1st Reminders

November 1st is the day that Daylight Savings Time ends.

November 1st is All Saints Day. We will recognize the Saints from the previous year.

Community Praise Hour

The next Community Praise Hour will be held on October 18 at 6:30 pm here at Faith UCC Church.

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Coming Soon!

Hot Beef Luncheon Sunday October 25, 2026

Hot Beef-Mashed Potatoes-Gravy

Salads

Desserts

Beverages

Luncheon to follow the Worship Service

Free Will Offering

Sponsored by the

'Women of Faith'

October Birthdays

Oct. 2	Gary Snyder
Oct. 9	Nathan Milius
Oct. 11	Duane Ryherd
	Cameron Ladage
Oct. 12	Barb Sowers
Oct. 14	Sharon Funk
Oct. 19	Tim Drewis
	Roger Goudschaal
Oct. 21	Branigan Bunce Smith
Oct. 22	JoAnn Steward
	Carolyn Stanbrough
Oct. 29	David Lohmann
Oct. 31	Ellen Kalkbrenner

October Anniversary

Oct. 1	Kevin & Laurie Buhrow
Oct. 4	Max & Carol Ambrose
Oct. 10	Brian & Trevor Bunce
	Brad & Kim Bunce
Oct. 12	Don & Vernetta Bunce
Oct. 14	Rich & Karen Milius
Oct. 17	Robert & Joyce Kammeyer
Oct. 28	Shawn & Sara Marquis

Faith UCC Council

President	Dave Kirchhoff
Vice President	Mike Westendorf
Recorder	Patti Mehman

Elders

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

Trustee

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

*Head Elder or Trustee

Faith United Church of Christ Finances

General Fund 2026

	<u>September</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Income	\$6,754.00	\$10,280.00	-\$3,526.00
Expenses	\$11,114.17	\$13,808.42	\$2,694.25

Year-to-date 2026

Offerings	\$84,158.85
Expenses	\$74,955.64

Cemetery Operations Fund -August 2026

Portfolio Value	\$61,868.11
Checking Account Balance	162.45
Savings Account Balance	<u>3,059.16</u>
TOTAL CEMETERY FUND	\$65,089.72

Worship by attendance - 2026

	<u>In-person Attendance</u>	<u>Online Viewing</u>	<u>Offering</u>
Sept.. 6	39	38	\$2,177.00
Sept. 13	46	34	\$ 779.00
Sept. 20	50	57	\$2,522.00
Sept. 27	51	31	<u>\$1,076.00</u>
		Total	\$6,754.00

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