



Faith

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sunday Worship
10:00 AM

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Church Office Hours

10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Maundy Thursday Worship Service April 1, 2021

This Year's Maundy Thursday Service will be posted on our church YouTube page by 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 1. An email with a link will be sent out ahead of time. Please have your bread or crackers and juice or water ready for the celebration of Holy Communion.

As in previous years, we will continue to accept donations to the Almoner's Fund as a part of our Maundy Thursday tradition. Your offering can be sent to the church office with "Almoner Fund" written in the memo line.

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VOICE OF FAITH

Building and In-Person Gathering Policies Update

The Vestry met on March 8, and, balancing many different factors (ie. the strong desire to return to in-person services, increasing numbers of people receiving the vaccine, the fact that not everyone is able to get the vaccine yet, etc.), the Vestry decided to begin moving in the direction of opening the church back up to in-person gatherings in stages.

The first stage will be to begin allowing for small group gatherings (no more than 15 people) beginning Wednesday, March 24. Small groups would include such gatherings as youth CE classes, the adult forum, centering prayer, committee meetings, etc. In each case, the groups will decide if and when they are ready to begin meeting in-person. Also, such health and safety protocols as the wearing of face coverings, social distancing, and others will still be in effect.

The second stage will be to open the church back up to in-person worship services at a later date while adhering to the protocols of our "Safe Building Plan." Protocols include the wearing of face coverings, social distancing, a limit on the number of people in the sanctuary, etc. The Vestry will decide on moving to this next stage at the April 12 meeting. Later stages will include a continued easing of certain safety protocols and attendance limits based on data and experience.

The general consensus among Vestry members was that while we are moving in the right direction with increasing numbers of people now receiving the vaccine, we also do not want to unnecessarily rush into decisions while a substantial number of people have yet to have the opportunity to get vaccinated. Easter, of course, is a Sunday when we especially all long to be together, and that did weigh heavily on the Vestry's decision-making process. However, considering that for now any gatherings in the sanctuary would still require a limit on the number of people who could attend in order to allow for social distancing, the Vestry decided that it would be best if we stick it out just a little longer.

As you can imagine, these are not easy decisions. Many different factors, realities, possibilities, and wishes must be weighed, along with a good amount of praying. The good news is that we are beginning to re-open to in-person small group gatherings. We are moving in the right direction, and the Vestry eagerly awaits next month when we hopefully will be in a position to move to stage two and the beginning of in-person Sunday services. Until then, please keep your Vestry in your prayers as they make these decisions, look for small group announcements, stay in touch, and get your vaccine when you can.

- Vestry President Mark Odell and Pastor Ryan Downing

MONTHLY MUSINGS FROM PASTOR RYAN

"For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord." - Romans 8:38-39

How do we keep it all together?

That's been an often asked question these past twelve months for many families, businesses, and churches like our own.

First, as we all know, it hasn't been easy. Social distancing. Social isolating. Quarantining. These are all phrases and practices that we all soon hope we'll never have to deal with again.

Still, as a church at least, we've made things work as best we can with masks, Zoom and YouTube, old-fashioned letters, gifts left at doorsteps, prayers, helping hands, and understanding hearts and minds. However, there has always been something else holding us together, something that doesn't ask for a lot of attention, and oftentimes, as a result, doesn't receive a lot of attention, and that is the intractable love of God.

In some of the most beautiful words in scripture, the Apostle Paul reminds us that no matter the circumstance, no matter the hindrance, no matter the ways that any of us might be separated from those who we love most dearly, nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. This is this undying love that we can always fall back on in times of unease, disruption, and even struggle.

We will have one more Easter Sunday in which we will be gathering both virtually and in spirit. Needless to say, we would all prefer to be together in-person for this day of hope and joy. However, in faith, as we have been throughout this pandemic, we will still be held together by God's love.

While no one would have ever wished for these past twelve months to unfold the way they have, and while I do not subscribe to the notion that everything happens for a reason, I am convinced that there are lessons to be learned from this pandemic—many, many lessons. In particular, however, when it comes to our faith lives, I'll submit that one important lesson for me has been this reminder that we have been gifted with the Holy Spirit so that we might have the courage to consider the wellbeing of others, to comfort us in times of unease, and to hold us together in times of separation.

Soon, assuming the public health situation continues to move in a positive direction, our Vestry will move our church to stage two of our re-opening plan which will include the start of in-person Sunday services (at first with attendance limits, mask requirements, and other protocols). Like all of you, I can't wait!

I can't wait to pray, reflect, sing, laugh, serve, and just be with all of you in-person. I also can't wait to mourn, lament, and remember together in-person what and who we have lost over these past many months.

Yet, I also don't want to lose hold of the truth that what has made the waiting possible over these many months has been my faith in God's all-pervasive, all-encompassing, and all-connecting love. If I have learned anything from these past twelve months, it is that I am now all the more sure *that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor pandemics, nor quarantines, nor changes in routines and habits, nor delayed visits, nor worshipping virtually, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

COVID19 Vaccine Information websites

HyVee website: [Vaccine Consent | Hy-Vee Pharmacy \(hy-vee.com\)](https://www.hy-vee.com/pharmacy/vaccine-consent)

The State and the Iowa Department of Public Health

<https://vaccinate.iowa.gov/> Trinity Muscatine Public Health has partnered with Senior Resources to bring direct assistance to those 65+ in locating and scheduling an appointment for their vaccine. You may call Senior Resources at 563-263-7292 and receive assistance with registering for an upcoming vaccine clinic in the area. Every person MATTERS and we will not stop until EVERY person who wants a vaccine has received it! Trinity Muscatine Public Health.

NEWS FROM IN & AROUND THE U.C.C.

Lucio Perez leaves sanctuary of Massachusetts church after 3 ½ years

"Oh happy day! Oh happy day! This is what it looks like when love wins!"

Those were the first words of the Rev. Vicki Kemper as Lucio Perez walked out the front porch of [First Congregational Church](#) on March 13. The Guatemalan immigrant had been living in sanctuary at the Amherst, Mass., United Church of Christ congregation for 3 ½ years. The father of four is now free to return home to his family in Springfield, legally protected by a stay of deportation. [To continue reading go to [Lucio Perez leaves sanctuary of Massachusetts church after 3 ½ years - United Church of Christ \(ucc.org\)](#)]

Christian nationalism — an oxymoron — is nonetheless powerful, panelists warn Christian nationalism is false. It is dangerous. And it has more influence in U.S. systems of power than many people realize. Those were some of the key points made by panelists from three faith backgrounds in a March 18 webinar. [First Congregational Church](#), United Church of Christ, Williamstown, Mass., hosted "Christian Nationalism: How it Harms Us All." The UCC's [Southern New England Conference](#) and the Massachusetts-based [4 Freedoms Coalition](#) also sponsored it. A video recording is [available now on Vimeo](#). [To continue reading go to [Christian nationalism - an oxymoron - is nonetheless powerful, panelists warn - United Church of Christ \(ucc.org\)](#)]

Small-Group Gathering - Centering Prayer

The sanctuary will be open for our weekly centering/silent prayer session every Wednesday at 4:15 p.m. In order to ensure safe social distancing, the number of people allowed in the sanctuary will be no more than 15 (see link for sign-up below). Face coverings will be required. A supply of face masks will be available upon entrance. Anyone in attendance will be expected to stay at least six feet away from others. Please enter and exit through the front (west) door. If anyone is experiencing the following symptoms, please stay home: cough or fever, loss of taste or smell. If anyone who attends a small group gathering/class later tests positive for COVID19, please contact and inform the church immediately so we can let other attendees know and assess the situation. The centering prayer session will also continue to be live-streamed on the church's Facebook page.

Please review the available slots below at the link and click on the button to sign up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0E4CABA929ABFA7-centering>. You can also call the church office to sign up.

Tuesday Noon Bible Study Join Pastor Ryan and others as we make our way through the Book of Genesis on Tuesdays at noon!**Spring Adult Forum Book Read** The Fourth Gospel: Tales of a Jewish Mystic by John Shelby Spong. The Adult Forum meets every Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom.**The Weekly Church Event Calendar**Tuesday

Noon - Bible Study with Pastor Ryan, Zoom
link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86528611562>.

Wednesday

4:15 p.m. - Centering Prayer on the [Facebook page](#)
6:00 p. m. - Christian Education Class at the church, no meal.
7:00 p. m. - Adult Forum Class on zoom

Thursday

9:00 a.m. - Coffee hour, zoom link:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88232955057>

Sunday

10:00 a.m. - Sunday morning worship on [Facebook page](#) & [YouTube](#)
10:45 a.m. - Sunday Morning Adult Forum Class on zoom (next meeting April 18th)

CHURCH CALENDAR**Our New Website is Now Live!**

Thanks to Sue Muntz for designing and building our new website.

<https://www.faithuccmuscatine.com/>

VESTRY MINUTES FROM MONDAY, MARCH 8, 2021

Attending: Mark Butterworth, Bill Creasey, John Elshoff, Deb Hagy, Sue Johannsen, Julie Kundel, Jon Merritt, Mark Odell, Melissa Schumaker, Tim Stelzner, Scott Warren, Rich Carroll, and Pastor Ryan. **Absent:** Alice Ganzley

Trustees' Report: Scott Warren reported on the leaking roof in the hallway outside the Vestry room. Tim called Kerry Keller. Keller to prepare a proposal, same for solar installation.

Pastor's Report:

- It's been a year since the health and safety protocols were created.
- The white privilege curriculum study ended, with more future activities to follow.
- The Lent in a Bag was welcomed by members. Thanks to Lisa, Pat, and Beth.
- Plan confirmation strategy for 2021-2022. Pastor expects 9-12 students next year.
- The new website will go live on March 12th with a new design and new materials. Sue Muntz did all the design work. Big THANKS to Sue Muntz.
- After reflection Pastor thinks everyone eligible has been vaccinated or will be soon.

Unfinished Business:

- Capital Improvement Planning Committee: Tim Stelzner, Sue Johannsen, Jon Merritt. Next steps for carpets, solar, restrooms. Sue and her committee of Cindy Rada and Mark Odell will meet with Chase Oldfield & Scott Carver to share a vision and obtain bids.
- Parsonage flooring – a bad batch
- Parsonage Tax Issue – Deacons met and decided to move forward with paying the increases but file with the Dept of Revenue for additional guidance. The assessors' classification procedures provided at the state level do not match our situation and do not match the Iowa Administrative Code. Rich will send a form to the Dept of Revenue with questions and request guidance. The Assessor said this increase will last for a couple more years which amounts to less than \$2000. There is no cost to contesting at a county level. Vestry members will review the information. No one objected to the plan.

New Business

- Vestry Vice-President? Scott Warren accepted the VP position.
- Purchase an electrostatic sprayer (\$500-600).
- Review building usage/COVID policies: Recommendations from CDC includes small family gatherings, distancing, masking, and handwashing. Local infection data was shared. The avg. for the past 22 days is under 10. Our knowledge and experience lead us and influence our choices.
- Pastor's recommendation is to reconvene the building safety committee to review and possibly amend our safe building plan (BSP). Ushers, communion, limits on people, Pastor recommends moving toward in-person worship in May and follow the BSP. John Elshoff suggested learning how many congregants have been vaccinated. Perhaps an anonymous survey could be conducted. CDC policy does not include children who will not be vaccinated for some time. MCSD reopened successfully. To attend, congregants would register before Sunday service.
- Bill said that if service was open at Easter, then Pastor would not be fully vaccinated. Parishioners would not be accustomed to registering for attending the service. If someone tries to enter and is not registered, there will be hard feelings.
- Julie Kundel made a motion to resume gatherings after spring break, March 24. Bill Creasey second. Limited access to teachers and students. Motion carried.
- Mark made a motion to review in-person gatherings at the April Vestry meeting. Bill Creasey second. Motion carried.
- Congregational Life Grant Requests, John Elshoff verbally revised his grant request. The grant will be used to pay his living expenses for a weeklong visit to the Reservation to teach Yoga. Tim Stelzner made a motion to accept all requests as a package. Second by Julie Kundel. The motion carried.
- Maundy Thursday Service will be on April 1st. With a special offering for the Muscatine Almoner's Fund.

Next Meeting April 12, 2021, at 6:30 p.m.

General Fund for 2021 - End of February

Giving to Date	 \$35,723
Expenses to Date	 \$27,030
Total Budget	 \$190,886

FAITH UNITED CHURCH COMMUNITY

SUMMER IS COMING: And that means Vacation Bible School.

Our theme this summer will be the Rocky Railway. Here are some things to start saving for crafts and supplies. There will be a box at the church to drop things into or you can call me and I'll come to get things from you. Beth Elshoff



- **Empty spools of thread** (for smokestacks and train wheels)
- **Small boxes** to use for train cars (tea bag, aspirin, Mac and cheese, rice, Girl Scout cookie, sandwich bag, Velveeta cheese ones would be perfect, checkbook boxes, TP paper towel tubes, Kleenex boxes of they aren't too big) Please leave all the flaps on if possible - Or save the flaps and we'll tape back together. (If in doubt about size - drop it in and I'll recycle if it's too big.)
- **Clean paint sticks or yardsticks** for train tracks
- **Large Pringle cans** (for tanker cars) with lids.
- Or any other plastic container about that size)
- frozen juice containers with lids??

Ways to Continue Supporting the Work of the Church

The church is more than just a building. We the people are the church, and we will continue to find ways to be a community that shares in the love of Christ together. Our options are:

- Drop off your envelopes to the locked mailbox by the front door, in Box 3307
- Send in the mail to 3307 Mulberry, Muscatine Iowa 52761.
- Talk with your bank to set up a direct payment to the church.
- Use our website link for the church's PayPal, transfer charges apply.

Congregational Care Report

The church has two wheelchairs and three walkers that are available for church members if a need would arise. These are basically for Sunday morning worshipers, but they are also available for loan for members who may be needing one of them for doctor's visits or short-term use. If interested, please contact Pat Mundell or the church office. The equipment will be checked out to you and they do need to be returned after use.



Be a Liturgist! Would you like to be a part of the worship service? There are opportunities available. Call the office or signup online [Here.](#)

Spring is here! Would you like to volunteer some of your time to the church for an outside spring cleanup? If this sounds like fun, please call John Jones and give him a hand! John's phone number is 563-264-8062. he would be delighted to hear from you! Many hands make lighter the work.



Daily Devotions "These Days"

We have received the new *These Days* Daily Devotions for Living by Faith booklets for April, May, and June. Stop by the church and pick one up! Office hours are 10 am - 4 pm. Just ring the bell when you get to the church, and Lisa will get you a copy.

MCSA Sponsors for April 2021

- April 4 - Larry & Marcy Clausen in memory of our parents
- April 4 - Bev & Eric Knoernschild in honor of Marcia Carmichael's birthday
- April 11 - Paul and Pat Burnette in honor of the 7th anniversary of Andy's heart transplant
- April 18 - Twyla Woodward in memory of Garry
- April 18 - Janet & Jim Sichterman in honor of the children
- April 25 - Kim Warren in honor of Scott's birthday
- April 25 - Donna Reed in honor of family



THANK YOU NOTES TO OUR MEMBERS & FRIENDS

- Thank you Sue Muntz for creating a welcoming website for the **Faith United Church**.
- A BIG thanks to all the adults who provided the students of Faith a little Easter Joy by filling and delivering an Easter egg to them. **Beth Elshoff**.
- "Thank you for the cards, phone calls and prayers shared with our family at the passing of our brother-in-law and uncle, Walter Endsley. We truly appreciate all of the words of sympathy and support." **Larry, Marcy, and Lane Clausen**
- I wanted to thank each one of your church members, for such generous donations. The gifts came to great use for our clients. Laurette Whisler, Adult Day Director at **Senior Resources**.
- "Thank you all for thinking of us at this time. We will miss Paul. Sincerely **John and Diane Littrel**.
- We appreciate the gift card and we will share it among all of us, to use for meals and supplies for the firefighters at the **Muscatine Fire Dept.**
- Dear Friends, We would like to take a moment to thank you for your donation of \$1,300.00 to Shelter room #5. MCSA provides housing, basic health care, educational, and support services for those in need in Muscatine County. We are pleased to accept your contribution, Sincerely, Jennifer Leirness, Resource Development Officer, **MCSA**.
- The Muscatine Edward H. Bitzer American Legion Post 27 wishes to thank you for your recent \$100.00 donation. This money will be deposited in our account and eventually used for new projects that we will do in the future. Again thank you for thinking of the American Legion and our Veterans. Sincerely, Terry Franklin, Finance Officer, **American Legion Post 27**.
- Many thanks to all the Faith members who sent birthday cards. I had such fun reading and re-reading them and hearing what many of you have been doing. The 1st day of spring was filled with sunshine so made it even more special. Thanks to you all! **Sheryl Lindley**.
- We are so grateful for our Church and Faith family. Thank you so much for all the Birthday cards and greetings Dan got in Feb. Thank you for the delightful Valentine treats from the youth. Thank you to the staff for the "Lent in a Bag". Most of all, we thank Pastor Ryan for keeping us all connect in the past year. We look forward to the time when we can all be together in person again. **Dan and Alice Huss**.

DO YOU REMEMBER?

The Congregational Church was located on the corner of Third and Chestnut. What a beautiful church it was! Remember that long center aisle that every bride wanted to walk down? The choir walked up all those steps to be in front of the congregation. Look at all those organ pipes, and look behind the pipes—our beautiful rose window!!



From the collection of Musser Public Library

Congregational Life Grants Awarded for Spring 2021

The Vestry has approved the following Grants for this coming year:

- The Card Ministry – Linda Hardin and Card Sharks
- New Yard Banner – ONA Team
- Cheyenne River Lakota Reservation YMCA Outreach – John Elshoff
- Substance Abuse Recovery Fund – Deb Hagy and Pastor Ryan
- Diversity Center Household Stability Fund – Kim Warren and Pastor Ryan
- Church Office Computer Equipment

FAITH UNITED MEMBERS & FRIENDS

BIRTHDAY CARD
APRIL SHOWER

1 - Marcia Carmichael
4786 McMurry Ave. Apt. 344
Fort Collins CO 80525

22- Gary Diercks
2450 Snug Harbor Lane
Muscatine IA 52761

29 - Cynthia Maeglin
3352 Spinning Wheel Ct.
Muscatine IA 52761

Anniversaries

4-6 Bob & Karren Sharar
4-8 Matt & LeeAnn Weggen
4-11 Duane & Marilyn Wilson
4-20 Abe & Kristin Ales
4-28 Don & Shelley Frost
4-28 Matthew & Elise Mundell

Faith Family & Friends
Contact Information
If you have changed your
contact information, please
let the office know. secretary@faithuccmuscatine.com

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

4-1 Marcia Carmichael
4-1 Cassie Hendrix
4-1 Cindy Rada
4-2 Kimberly Tooman
4-2 Mike Johannsen
4-5 Charles Holland
4-5 Randal Cooper
4-6 Alli Youngbauer
4-7 Matthew Mundell
4-7 Katherine Pierson (Noble)
4-7 Karren Sharar
4-10 Jim Burr
4-10 Katie Hanssen
4-11 Jeff Noble
4-12 Dave Wangberg
4-14 Jerry Kleindolph
4-16 Pollianna Adams
4-17 Alexandra Sichterman
4-22 Gary Diercks
4-23 Scott Warren
4-24 Alice Ganzley
4-24 Leslie Soule
4-27 Abe Ales
4-27 Janet Lewis
4-29 Ryan Castle
4-29 Cynthia Maeglin

Keep In Prayer

All of the Caregivers
Grace Duggleby
Marletta Warren
Kathy Harris
Becky McCaw
Sandra Roth
Lane Clausen
Arnott family,
Carol Schlagenhauser
Margaret Heerd
Kelly Ingstad
Alan Arkema
Bob Sharar,
Neal Kleindolph
Bernard Roth
Mike Crahan
Shirley Johnson
Curtis Muntz
Tory Hunt
Bob Harrison
Murry Estabrook
Judi Jones
Barb Noble
Robert Meyer
Paul Elshoff
Jane McNeely
Cheryl Mann
Margie Kundel

Easter Lily Alternative
Giving Collection for March

Bag of Blessings \$335.00
Food Pantry \$230.00
Domestic Abuse Shelter \$125.00
MCSA \$170.00
Loaves & Fishes \$ 25.00
Almoner Fund \$120.00
Total of outreach gifts: \$1,005.00

Blessings for these gifts:

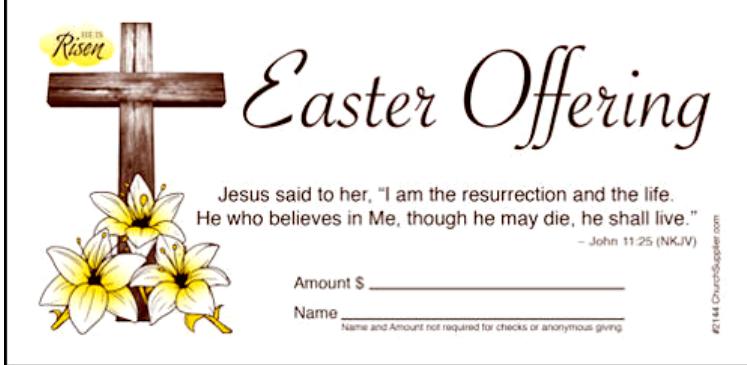
Sylvia Trumbull in memory of loved ones
Jim & Janet Sichterman in celebration of our family near and far
Donna Reed in loving memory of Maurie
Beth & John Elshoff in celebration of the children of Faith
William & Kay Creasey in celebration of the ministry and staff of Faith UCC
Steve & Cindy Rada in celebration of our many blessings
Ben & Sharon Hanssen in celebration of Easter
Twyla Woodward in appreciation of the work done at the Pantry & Shelters
Mike & Sue Johannsen in memory of our parents
Sue & John Muir in celebration of our many blessings
Gary & Sheryl Lindley in memory of Gary's sister pam Nienhueseer
Larry, Marcy, and Lane Clausen in memory of our parents and grandparents

Easter Blessings

*May Christ's glory and
the promise of this joyous
time of year, bring peace
and happiness to you and
those you hold most dear.*



Thank you for your support in our local missions.



Almoner Fund of Muscatine

We will be collecting for a special offering that will help with our local Almoner Fund at United Way of Muscatine. Please write your checks to Faith UCC and in the memo include Almoner Fund. Thank you.

Easter Eggs A BIG thanks to all the adults who provided the students of Faith a little Easter Joy by filling and delivering an Easter egg to them. Beth Elshoff.



Friendship Circle This group is for any woman who is a member or friend of our congregation. Meetings are held monthly on the first Thursday of the month in the morning at the church. There is usually a short program with devotions, a meeting, and a light snack. If you would like to volunteer to lead this ministry, please contact Pastor Ryan.

MCSA Adopt a Room Support - Room # 5

For a \$25.00 donation you can sponsor a room for someone at the local shelter. You may pick a Sunday of your choice. See Lisa in the Church office for available Sundays in 2020 or check out this weblink to the list of choices on the "Signup Genius" [Website](#).

Please write the check out to Faith UCC, and in the memo you may add MCSA donation.

Thank you for helping with this Outreach fund while honoring someone you love, celebrate, or for in memory of. We will include your name and your reason to honor a special person or event in the weekly update on the Sunday of your choice.



**65 OR OLDER AND
NEED HELP GETTING
VACCINATED?**



CALL SENIOR RESOURCES

- For information
- To get on waiting list for appointments
- To get assistance with online scheduling
- Resources for homebound individuals
- Senior Resources is working closely with Public Health and local pharmacies

CALL 211

- GET ASSISTANCE WITH ONLINE SCHEDULING
- STATE OF IOWA HOTLINE

KNOW...
WE WILL NOT STOP UNTIL EVERYONE WHO
WANTS A VACCINE GETS ONE! EVERY PERSON
IN MUSCATINE COUNTY MATTERS!

**SENIOR
RESOURCES**

The State and the Iowa Department of Public Health have launched Vaccinate Iowa

[\(https://vaccinate.iowa.gov/\)](https://vaccinate.iowa.gov/)

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Please visit bit.ly/3kKzdXp to apply to volunteer.

After your application is received, you will be contacted to arrange a phone interview.

*Volunteers must be at least 16 years of age (under 18 will need to be accompanied by an adult)

*Volunteers must undergo a background check

Please contact Nichole at United Way of Muscatine with questions:
563-263-5963 or nichole@unitedwaymuscatine.org



Community Baby Shower

April 2021

Please help low income families give their babies a bright start... Schedule your Baby Shower today to collect new baby items such as diapers, baby wipes, formula and thermometers.

The United Way Baby Shower will benefit:
Community Diaper Bank
LSI HOPES Program
Muscatine Center for Social Action
Muscatine Community YMCA Family Services
The Salvation Army of Muscatine County
Trinity Public Health

Items Needed:

Lightweight baby blankets	Infant Tylenol
Diapers	Pedialyte
Baby Wash	Baby Thermometers
Baby Shampoo	Baby Wipes
Baby Oil	Onesies-Assorted Sizes
Baby Lotion	Formula
Car Seats (infant through toddler)	Bottles

For more information on how to host a "Baby Shower" item drive, contact Nichole at 563-263-5963 or nichole@unitedwaymuscatine.org.

Items can be dropped off at the United Way office at 208 W. 2nd Street (Pearl Plaza Building) Suite 201



Faith United Church of Christ Open and Affirming Statement

We the members of Faith United Church of Christ declare ourselves to be an open and affirming church.

We affirm all people are individuals of sacred worth created in the image of God.

We embrace and celebrate the diversity of the human family and God's unconditional love for ALL, including but not limited to people of all ages, races, ethnicities, cultures, genders, gender identities, sexual orientations, socio-economic conditions, physical, mental and emotional abilities, faith backgrounds, nationalities, marital status, languages, and education levels.

We invite and encourage all persons into full participation by sharing in the life and leadership, ministry and fellowship, worship, sacraments, responsibilities and blessings of membership in our Faith community.

We welcome all to journey together in faith toward greater understanding, compassion and mutual respect.

We believe that in meeting each other in Christian love, God's spirit frees us all to give, to grow, to be ourselves, because, "**No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, YOU ARE WELCOME HERE.**"

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