



Sunday Worship  
10:00 AM

Faith United  
Church of Christ  
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Church Office Hours  
10 a.m. — 4 p.m.  
Monday - Friday

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#### We Need You!

Volunteer for Worship Service! Be a Liturgist, Usher, or Greeter, or share Altar Flowers on Sunday.

There are many opportunities available. Call the office or sign up on the Board in the hall, across from the office.

#### ONA

Open & Affirming Committee Meeting  
August 4th at 6 p.m.  
Meeting on the first Thursday of the month on zoom.

#### Search & Call Committee Update

There was no meeting in July, they will meet again August 15<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. on zoom.

AUGUST 2022

# VOICE OF FAITH



## From Generation-to-Generation VBS

47 kids and 52 adults celebrated the week of July 10-14th at Zion Lutheran Church in the *From generation-to-generation* Vacation Bible School celebration. Kids from Faith, First Christian, Trinity Episcopal, First Presbyterian, Grace Lutheran, Zion Lutheran, and Shepherd of the Cross enjoyed stories, skits, songs, crafts, outdoor play, and other activities that centered on God's promises to Abraham and Sarah, Joseph, David and Mary, mother of Jesus. The week ended with a cookout and family night outside at Grace Lutheran Church, with generations sharing in the fun.

Thanks to helpers from Faith - Julie Kundel, Sharron Weggen, John Elshoff, Addison Weggen, Claire Schumaker, McKenna Schumaker, Lauren Plemmons, Chiara Wilson, and Erin Plemmons (who volunteered then was not needed).

Thanks to the kids who attended - Hunter Weggen, Skyler Plemmons, Cason Ales, and Stella Warren.

Also, thanks to Harmony Guild and Nancy Wangberg who donated money for our meal night; to Alice Ganzley for the sign, we put in the front yard; and to all who donated all the fabric and things we needed for crafts. It takes a village!



## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL WRAP UP &amp; CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



## Coming This FALL - Youth Christian Education Classes

## New for fall will be a YOUTH Fellowship group

We invite everyone in seventh through twelfth grade to join.

This group will work on service projects and will spend time in fellowship with each other. It will meet one time a month, the time is to be determined by those who can attend. Leaders will be Kim Warren and LeeAnn Weggen with help from Allison Castle. They are hoping to get a member of the congregation to make or provide a meal for them for the one time each month that they meet. If interested - please contact Kim Warren or Beth Elshoff.

## The Rally Day Kickoff for Fall is Wednesday, September 7th

We will start the Fall classes off on Wednesday, Sept. 7th. There will be pizza and we will be making a craft to share with the congregation for Faith Formation Sunday. Then we will start practicing a song or playing the Krystal bells so we can perform on Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>. We invite everyone in the 3<sup>rd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> grade to join us for our Wednesday night CE sessions.

## Faith Formation Sunday is September 11th

We will be giving four Bibles to our third graders along with others who are to be presented with a Deep Blue Bible. The youth singers or ringers will also perform, more details in the September VOF newsletter.

## The Youth will begin their classes Wednesday, Sept. 14th

Celebrate Wonder is a Sunday school curriculum that engages children's natural sense of curiosity to help them understand God's love. It creates a safe environment for kids to ask big questions, helping them explore the Bible in ways that feed their imagination and encourage creativity. - Cokesbury



## Pulpit Supply for the Month of August

**August 7 Rev. Barbara Muhs Hebrews 11: 1-3, 8 – 16**

It is hard to follow where God is leading. We look for signs that God is on a journey with us, and we are not alone. Then something positive happens to us and we see or feel a strong presence of God. It is at those moments that we are reminded how important our faith is and that we are in the presence of God, Almighty.

**August 14 Rev. Linda Hunsaker Isaiah 5:1-7**

Today's reading highlights the unexpected truth of lives of faith: Destruction happens. Division happens. Faith does not always yield happy endings. Even though we discover that faith does not yield a predictable or "happily ever after" ending. But it does require perseverance, as we move forward with God -- we realize that when destruction or division happens -- life can come from death. Hope arises in the miracle that life goes on anyway. New life emerges. Resurrection calls us to start again every time death comes to call.

**August 21 Rev. Marcy Heil Isaiah 58:9-14**

One of the 10 commandments reminds us to "remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy". The legalists of Jesus' time were quick to chastise him when he healed on the Sabbath. Do we honor the Sabbath day or is it another day of the week for us? How do we put the "holy" back in our Sabbath?

**August 28 Rev. Barbara Muhs Luke 14: 1, 7 - 14**

It is not about manners at the table as much as it is about WHO is at our table? So today we overlook the manners and see the ones that are around us. Yes, we are creatures of habit & like to sit with the same people. Today try and sit with by someone new. Even in the pew!

### Open and Affirming Committee

- The Open and Affirming Committee met in July to review ONA Sunday on June 26. Congregants were able to taste the rainbow as Skittles and rainbow-colored cookies were shared.
- The ONA members would like to write and submit an article about being an Open and Affirming church for the weekly publication, Discover Muscatine.
- Ann Emerick and Tim Stelzner volunteered to be part of the permanent sign committee.
- The Bleeding Heartland blog prints articles written by local historian, Dan Clark, about Muscatine in the 1800's. Faith United's church bell is mentioned in the article, "The 'd—d Yankee'", June 25, 2022,

<https://www.bleedingheartland.com/2022/06/25/the-d-d-yankee-church/>

Rising 70 feet above the ground, the spire of the Congregational Church beckoned to eastern pilgrims from out of a panoramic drawing, published in 1855 in Ballou's Pictorial, a Boston weekly, showing Muscatine viewed from the Mississippi River. Today the site of the 1852 church is a sunken parking lot. The site of the Clarks' home is the garage for the Clark House apartments. The 1848 bell the Congregationalists brought from Massachusetts is at Faith United Church of Christ on Mulberry Avenue.

Submitted by Sue Johannsen

**Take the Quiz, <https://openandaffirming.org/about/history/>**

Which word does the ONA Coalition recommend describing a church's ONA commitment?

- a. An Open and Affirming Statement
- b. An Open and Affirming Declaration
- c. An Open and Affirming Policy
- d. An Open and Affirming Covenant
- e. An Open and Affirming Amendment to By-Laws
- f. All of the above



Answer is d. to the quiz

## VESTRY SUMMARY FOR JULY

**Vestry members** – Mark Butterworth, Allison Castle, Tom Emerick, Deb Hagy, Lisa Shea, Frantz Silberger, Dave Wangberg, Scott Warren, and Richard Carroll.

**Not in attendance:** Julie Kundel, Mike Morgan, Melissa Schumaker, and Tim Stelzner,

### Reports:

**Treasurer** – At 57% in pledges for the year, expenses, activities are routine.

**Deacons'** - Support worship, stewardship meeting on hold until fall.

**Elders'** - Employee Handbook for employees has been sent to the office.

### **Trustees'**

- Scott & Dave looked at the parsonage deck.
- Dave did maintenance on the air conditioners; filters, parts, & repairs
- Dave installed the whiteboards for the Sunday school rooms
- Dave purchased and replaced the parking lot posts lamps with LED.
- Fire extinguisher inspection done on June 22.

### Unfinished Business

- Scott is working on rewiring the front door lighting
- Stairway flooring upgrade - Scott will be meeting with them.
- Sunday school rooms needing some paint.
- Gas pipe needs inspected and coated.
- LED lights installation downstairs in progress.
- Take all the old bulbs to Transfer Recycle station in one trip.
- Dead tree in parking lot median nearest the street needed taken down. 5 trees total to be taken down. Suggested to contact A Notch Above for bid. Frantz's scout troop could help with removal. Goal to have work done in the fall.

### New Business

#### 1. Action Items:

- Chris Lary is requesting that Joy's father live with them. Parsonage upgrade to handicap accessible ramp and handles. Rental agreement updated. - Reviewed by legal initially.
- Bid for the Parsonage deck repairs, John Loos \$1,300.00. Scott to contact to get started.
- Bid for church outside windows by Clear Image \$300.00. Scott will contact for clarity.
- Sign task force to investigate & propose new permanent signage for front lawn of church.
  - (a) 3 At Large volunteers: Jeff Hanssen, need two volunteers.
  - (b) 2 Vestry volunteers:
  - (c) 2 ONA volunteers: Ann Emerick and Tim Stelzner

- Sue Johannsen asked to be the delegate for the UCC annual meeting, approved.
- Scott suggested recognizing people who have stepped up in Ryan's absence.
- Look at brick around bell, may need to be tuck pointed

#### 2. Updates:

- ONA update, Deb Hagy - reached out to the pastor of Shephard of Cross to put something in Discovery Muscatine for ONA and banner.
- Search and Call/ Pulpit supply update - no significant updates.
- A report from Tom Emerick for Refugee Aid, check from RISE was sent. Fund has been established at Community Foundation.
- A memorial service for Bernard Roth is scheduled on Saturday, July 30 @ Faith. The Roth's memorial gift of a bench has been delivered and John Jones will design the space.
- Lisa Shea will arrange flowers for Sundays.

#### 3. Quick Items:

- Aug 7th - Communion 2 servers needed: Lisa Shea & Tom Emerick
  - Chris Lary has back issues and was on light duty July 12-20th, time off July 25-30.
- The basement has been reserved by a private party member for Sept 11<sup>th</sup>.

**No August meeting.** The next meeting is on Sept 12th, at 6:30 p.m. on zoom.

### **General Fund for 2022 - End of June**

Giving, Contingency to Date	 \$83,768
Expenses to Date	 \$64,316
Total Budget	 \$195,617

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**Harmony Guild Rummage Sale**

August 19th (9-5) &amp; 20th (9-noon)

Note the date change!After July 31<sup>st</sup> you may start to bring items and put them into the basement.Wanted Silver Cord Volunteers

Able-bodied teens who will help move garage sale items from upstairs to downstairs in exchange for silver cord hours. Needed Friday, August 5th - anytime from 10-4 for how many hours you can work. Contact the church office or Beth Elshoff at 563-607-2533 if you are interested.

Also Wanted: If you would like to help price, sort, or set up or put away items, please contact Marcy Clausen or Sue Muir.

**Friendship Circle**

The first meeting for this fall is on Thursday, September 1<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 a.m. at the Church. Co-hosts are Sylvia Trumbull and Pat Mundell. Friendship Circle is for any woman who is a member or friend of the church. All are welcome to join.

**Green Team at Faith United**

The Green Team met in July and learned that most of the supplies were purchased to change the interior lighting to LEDs. A team of volunteers will remove fluorescent and incandescent lights and replace them with LEDs over the next few months.

**Reasons to Use LED's**

- LEDs save money
- LEDs last longer
- LEDs are durable
- LEDs are more efficient and save money
- LEDs reduce maintenance costs, and disposal fees
- LEDs help the environment
- LEDs reduces our carbon footprint.
- LEDs are mercury free with no hazardous materials.
- LEDs provide higher quality lighting.
- LEDs lack a filament or a glass enclosure so they are more resistant to vibrations and other impacts.



- Submitted by Sue Johannsen

**Music for this Fall!**

The Faith UCC Vocal Choir and Bell Choir are open to all. Both will be starting back up again this fall and would love to welcome you. For more information, please contact John Jones or Connie Miller.

**Undie & Sweatpants Drive in August**

The Local Outreach Committee will again collect undies and sweatpants for the elementary schools this fall. You can either write a check to Faith UCC with "Undie Sunday" in the memo, or you may purchase items of your choice and drop them off at the church Monday - Friday from 10 am to 4 pm, or on Sunday morning. Sizes of undies or sweatpants would be size 4 - 12 years. We will also purchase adult male socks for high schoolers. As always, thanks for your support. We will collect these items during the month of August.

- Outreach Committee.

**Food Pantry Drive for August**

For August we will be collecting low in sugar, whole grain rich cereals, the adult variety, and not the sugary kids' kind.

Everyone needs a good start to their day!

Here are examples of some to check out:

Cheerios, Chex, Kix, Fiber One, Total, Wheaties, Special K, Crisp Oats, Bran Flakes, Grape Nuts, Great Grains, Life cereal.

Whole Grain-Rich

## FAITH UNITED MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

AUGUST BIRTHDAY  
CARD SHOWER

Faith United  
Card Shower  
for Members  
and Friends  
over 75

August 9  
Judi Jones  
2806 Kaitlyn  
Muscatine IA 52761

August 29  
Joyce Nichols  
846 Leroy Street  
Muscatine IA 52761

## AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 – Mike & Sue Johannsen
- 2 – Jim & Carla Reynolds
- 6 – Jeff & Barb Noble
- 12 – Scott & Jessica Ingstad
- 14 – Scott & Kim Warren
- 16 – Tom & Cindi Kautz
- 18 – Robert & Kathy Hiyane Brown
- 18 – Charles & Sharon Holland
- 19 – Mike & Nancy Harrison
- 20 – Steve & Julie Kundel
- 22 – Dan & Alice Huss
- 24 - Tony & Tierney Hoefer
- 27 – Brian & Pat Mundell
- 31 – Clay & Corrine Welsch

## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 1 – Andrew Matkovich
- 3 – Sierra Frost
- 4 – Mark Hagy
- 4 – Cara Rada
- 5 – Brian Metcalf
- 5 – Dayton Sell
- 9 – Judi Jones
- 11 – Bill Creasey
- 14 – Barbara Noble
- 15 – Jim Sichterman
- 20 – Beth Elshoff
- 22 - Addison Weggen
- 24 – Denise Rohlena
- 29 – Joyce Nichols

## Please Keep in Your Prayers

To all who are sick or with injuries, and to all of their caregivers. Margaret Heerd, Kelly Ingstad, Keith & Nancy Stych, Sandra Roth, Myung Sharar, Phil Carver, Carla Roozing, Chad Morgan, Cory Tomlin, Audrey Beckey, Chuck Warren, Melanie Kraklow, Linda Hardin, Tim Stelzner, Frank Kelly and April & Alex Barnhart.

## Congratulations

- John and Judi Jones are first time Great Grandparents to Ender Oaks Hinkamper born June 28, 2022 at 6 lbs. 14 oz, and 19.5 inches. His parents are Ian and Kaylee Jones Hinkamper of Quincy, IL. Enders grandfather is Jason Jones!
- Jon and Judy Merritt are Great Grandparents to David Wyatt Switzer, born July 8, 2022. His parents are Zana and David Switzer of Bettendorf IA.

## Sincere Condolences

- Sympathy to the family of Jim Burr who was a member of the church, Jim passed away on Wednesday, June 29th at the age of 65. His sisters are Pat Mundell, Nancy Wangberg, and Barb Muhs. Please keep them in your prayers along with their families.
- Sympathy to Tory Hunt and Ashley Scott on the death of their grandmother, Beverly Hunt, who passed away on June 25th.
- Sympathy to Paul Ales and his family on the death of his father, Dan Ales on Wednesday, July 6th in Cedar Rapids. Cards can be sent to Paul and his family at 618 Hagerman Drive, Muscatine, IA 52761.
- Sympathy to the family of Richard Duggleby who was a member of the church. Richard passed away on Wednesday, July 13, 2022, at the University of Wisconsin Hospitals and Clinics-Madison. Please keep his daughter Leslie Soule, and the family in your prayers. Cards of condolences may be sent to Leslie & her family at 2638 Canterbury Road, Muscatine IA 52761.

**Altar Committee August** - Linda Hardin

**Holy Communion** - Sunday, August 7

## CHURCH GRATITUDE

### Thank you from.....Our Members & Friends

- Thank you for all of the birthday wishes. I even get a free Maidrite thanks to Dee!! Love, Connie Miller.
- Dear Faith Family, There are no words that can express the love that was shared by so many from our Faith Family after the death of our brother Jim. So many stood in line at the visitation, joined us for the Celebration of Life Service, sent cards, memorials, food, and many hugs. And the love still continues with phone calls and visits and other acts of kindness. He was a friend to so many. He will be missed and especially by his sisters. Pat, Nancy and Barb.
- Dear Friends at Faith, thank you for your donation to the United Church of Christ to support disaster relief in Ukraine of \$1,052.50, it was received June 3rd. Through your gift, families that have been displaced and are in need of shelter & basic necessities will receive spiritual support and physical resources to rebuild their lives. Thank you for spreading God's hope, peace, and love through your financial assistance. Rev. J. Dorhauer, Cleveland OH.

### Thank you to ..... You are the Church!

- Thank you to our Guest Worship leader Rev. Linda for the sermon and communion on July 3rd. Thank you to Erin Plemmons for volunteering to be the liturgist. Thank you to Beth Elshoff and Alice Ganzley for preparing the communion. Thank you to Melissa Schumaker and Deb Hagy for the help serving the communion. Thanks to Tom Emerick and John Elshoff for ushering and greeting everyone and running the tech for the service.
- Thank you to our Guest Worship leader Rev. Marcy for the sermon on July 10th. Thank you to Tim Stelzner for being the liturgist, Tom Emerick and Lisa Shea for ushering and greeting the congregation and for running the tech for the service.
- Thank you to our Guest Worship leader Rev. Barb for the sermon on July 17th. Thank you to Tom Emerick for being the liturgist, Tim Stelzner and Lisa Shea for ushering and greeting the congregation and for running the tech for the service.
- Thank you to our Guest Worship leader Rev. Linda for the sermon on July 24th. Thank you to Tom Emerick and Mark Butterworth for volunteering to be the worship team.
- Thank you to our Guest Worship leader Rev. Marcy for the sermon on July 31st. Thank you to Julie Emerick-Kundel for volunteering to be the liturgist and usher.
- Thank you Sandra Roth and Family for the new Tree Cast Iron Garden Bench at Faith, a welcomed memorial gift in memory of Bernard Roth, who was a member of the church.
- Thank you to John Jones and Mike Morgan for assembling and landscaping the area by the front door for the new memorial bench that was gifted from the Roth family.
- Thank you to Rev. Barbara Muhs for officiating the Celebration of Life for Bernard Roth on July 31st, along with Soloist John Jones, and accompanist Judy Wilson. Also Pat Mundell, Beth Elshoff, Sheryl Lindley, and Sue Muir for helping to service the luncheon.

### Congregational Life Grant Due August 31st!

- Congregational Life Grants from the Endowment Fund may be used for this purposes:
- For the people and programs of Faith United Church of Christ of Muscatine, Iowa, including Education, Faith Formation, Fellowship, Scholarships or Grants for members of Faith.
- For outreach to the community in support of both local & wider-church benevolence, spiritual, and mission interests.
- For capital improvements (i.e. buildings and grounds) of Faith United of Muscatine, Iowa.

The Faith UCC Vestry will consider all grant requests and determine eligibility and the amount to be provided. Grant requests must be submitted to the church office by Aug 31.

### MCSA Room # 5 Sponsors for August

- Aug. 7 - Virginia Cooper in memory of my parents
- Aug. 14 – Scott & Kim Warren in celebration of our anniversary
- Aug. 14 - Sylvia Trumbull in memory of my husband
- Aug. 21- Warren Family in honor of all the teachers
- Aug. 28 - Larry, Marcy & Lane Clausen in appreciation of teachers & the support staff



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## VOF AUGUST 2022



## Faith United Church Office Notes

- When we receive the Upper Room Booklets, I will let everyone know that contacted me that they want them, and will add it to the weekly update when the booklets arrive. They are now saying 4 more weeks.
- If you have any updates for your family with addresses and phone numbers please let me know, we will also be thinking of college students soon, and will need updates on your student addresses in the family.
- The office is open from 10 am until 4 pm Monday - Friday for dropping off rummage sale items, I will be unlocking the back side door so you can take them to the basement starting Monday, August 1st.

Thank you, from the church office, Lisa Allen

## Bernard Roth Memorial Bench

### Tree Cast Iron Garden Bench

Next time you are at the church you will see a new bench out by the front door, this is the memorial gift from Sandra Roth and Family, in memory of Bernard Roth.



## 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."**

- adopted April 7, 2019

## 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. To help maintain all that we do, your monetary offerings to the church are welcome.

**Our options for giving currently are:**

- Drop off your envelopes to the locked mailbox 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.