



Faith
UNITED CHURCH of CHRIST

Sunday Worship
10:00 AM

Faith United Church of Christ

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10am—4pm

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**Church Sanctuary
Furnace**

Here is just a little update on the furnace in the church. The trustees called in Kelly Heating and Cooling, they have diagnosed the problem and have new parts on order. Unfortunately, it is going to be another 3 weeks before the part is built and shipped to Muscatine for installation. Continue to dress warm for services on Sunday. - *Scott Warren, Vestry President.*

**Daylight Saving Time
Starts. Mar 13th**

Don't be late to Worship!

When local standard time is about to reach Sunday, March 13, 2022, 2am clocks are turned forward 1 hour to Sunday, March 13, 2022, 3am local daylight time instead. Sunrise and sunset will be about 1 hour later on Mar 13, 2022 than the day before.

MARCH 2022

VOICE OF FAITH



OUR
VESTRY

Faith United Church Vestry 2022

President: Scott Warren
Vice President: Deb Hagy
Vestry Secretary: Allison Castle

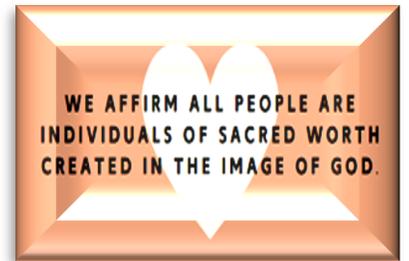
Elders: Julie Kundel, Bill Creasey,
Deb Hagy, and Melissa Schumaker

Deacons: Allison Castle, Tom Emerick,
Mark Butterworth, and Tim Stelzner

Trustees: Mike Morgan, Dave Wangberg,
and Scott Warren

Pulpit Supply will provide a Lenten series

- March 2 Tom Emerick for our Ash Wednesday service
- March 6 Rev. Barb Muhs
- March 13 Rev. Marcy Heil
- March 20 Rev. Linda Hunsaker
- March 27 Rev. Marcy Heil



**Love Remains - Special offering
The collection will be on March 27th.**

One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) special mission offering of the United Church of Christ involves you in disaster, refugee/immigration, and development ministries throughout the world. When a disaster strikes or people are displaced or made refugees by violence or extreme poverty, you are part of the immediate response and of the long-term recovery. Through OGHS you engage in holistic development programs including health care, education, agriculture, food sustainability, micro-financing and women's empowerment.

Because the UCC relates in mutual partnership to churches and organizations through Global Ministries and worldwide response & recovery networks, your contributions to One Great Hour of Sharing put you in the right place at the right time for the relief, accompaniment and recovery of the most vulnerable. You meet immediate needs and you address the underlying causes that create those needs in the first place.



**OFFERING DATE:
MARCH 27, 2022**

MEET OUR GUEST PULPIT SUPPLY PASTORS

Please meet Rev. Marcy Heil

I was born and raised in the southern Illinois town of O'Fallon. I attended the University of Illinois after high school and then got married and worked for the Veterans Administration and the United States Postal Service. My two sons were born in 1985 and 1986. I was divorced in 1991 and "single-parented" my sons through church, school, Boy Scouts, soccer, baseball, band, choir, and anything they wanted to take on. In 1998, I felt the call of God to ministry and after discerning the call, attended Eden Theological Seminary in St. Louis, MO. I was ordained in the United of Christ on October 14, 2001 at my home congregation of Trinity UCC in Belleville, IL. After ordination, I served a church in Mendon, IL (right outside of Quincy for 7 years), then accepted a call to two yoked congregations in Cochrane and Alma, WI (about an hour north of La Crosse for 7 years). I then felt a call to chaplaincy and was accepted into an internship and residency in Clinical Pastoral Education at Gundersen Health System in La Crosse, WI. After finishing my CPE, I accepted a position in Donaldson, IN as a Chaplain in an 82-bed nursing home and also worked as an as needed hospital chaplain position. I am now pursuing Board Certification as a chaplain in the Association of Professional Chaplains as I work as Lead Chaplain at Genesis Health System in Davenport. I recently joined Faith UCC in Davenport as a new member. While I love my calling, I also love visiting with my children, my 3 grandchildren, watching the Green Bay Packers, St. Louis Cardinals, sewing, crafting, and researching my genealogy.

Please meet Rev. Barb Muhs

Having been Baptized, Confirmed and Ordained at Faith United Church of Christ. Many of you are not strangers. As a music educator I taught music in both a very rural setting of Missouri (Plato), and the Inner City of St. Louis. In my ministry I served 12 and a half years at Zion U.C.C. in Lowden, Ia. and 10 years at Salem Church of Lincoln in Lincoln, Iowa. Salem was a joint U.C.C. / Presbyterian congregation where I learned the value of both denominations. While in Lowden I was introduced to the seven Muhs brothers and ended up with the seventh one. Yes, it was a hard decision to make! Jon has recently retired from farming. In his retirement he enjoys helping a few of the other farmers in the area. Since December 2020, I have been substitute teaching for the Calamus/Wheatland school district. In our spare time we enjoy attending local school events, flower beds and being with friends and family. I do look forward to my time at Faith, getting to know more of you as you continue on your journey of faithfulness to the church and to our God.

Please meet Rev. Linda Hunsaker

Greetings! I am a born and raised Iowa girl from West Des Moines, where I grew up the only girl in a family of 3 very, older brothers (they are 15, 16 and 20 years older). I am a third generation Disciple of Christ member who grew up going to church camp and being very active at my home church West Des Moines (DOC) Christian Church where I loved to sing and play bells. I attended Culver-Stockton College (a Disciple college) and graduated in 1993. I knew in high school that I had a calling from God to be minister in a church, so I began seminary in the fall of 1993 (after my home in WDM was flooded). I attended Christian Theological Seminary but transferred halfway through my M. Div. to Eden Seminary when I got married to my college sweetheart Ryan. We were married in 1998 and I finished seminary in 2001. (Yes, Marcy and I graduated and how we became best friends). In the Disciples tradition, students can serve churches before ordination and I was the associate pastor of First Christian in Quincy, IL when I started at Eden and then was called to Ursa Christian Church the following year. During my 12 years of ministry in Ursa, Ryan and I were foster parents to 10 children, with the last one we adopted, Jaz. We had our first-born Hannah. We hosted an international college student, Evans Matua, from Kenya, Africa. I was an adjunct religion professor at Culver-Stockton College. I was called to the church in Davenport 9 years ago, and we live in Bettendorf where my girls, Hannah (17) and Jaz (15) are in 11 and 9 grades. My girls keep us busy with band, choir, show choir and dance. We have two kitties and a sheltie named Heidi. I love to crochet, work on genealogy, scrapbook, journal and color - and garden, watch softball games of the girls, and take Heidi to the dog park. Peace & Blessings.

Vestry Minutes from Monday, February 14, 2022

Attending – Scott Warren, Allison Castle, Julie Kundel, Tim Stelzner, Richard Carroll, Mark Butterworth, Melissa Schumaker, Mike Morgan, Deb Hagy, Tom Emerick, Dave Wangberg, and Bill Creasey.

Guest: Mark Odell, Search and Call update: One formal meeting of the long term search and call, met with conference minister, a fair amount of work on church profile- hope to wrap it up at next search and call meeting on Feb 21st, pulpit supply was put together by Sue Johannsen for 2 months and maybe more, could take up to 18 months to find a new minister, the conference may not be much help with finding an interim.

Treasurer – Rich Carroll's Budget report end of month total \$81,758.98, Vote to move surplus \$5,269 into contingency fund, adding line item for search committee expenses to budget and planning ahead for new pastor moving expenses. Motion passed.

Deacons - nothing to report – Julie Kundel

Elders - personnel manual to be reviewed for March meeting – Melissa Schumaker.

Trustees - Sanctuary furnace, quotes for heat exchanger Kelly \$2500-2800, Regan - double the cost of Kelly. About a month to wait for the repair. Rich said we could pay for cost with Wendell Day Fund. This could go to the Endowment Committee (would need a congregational meeting to approve spending). A motion to use Wendell Day fund was passed.

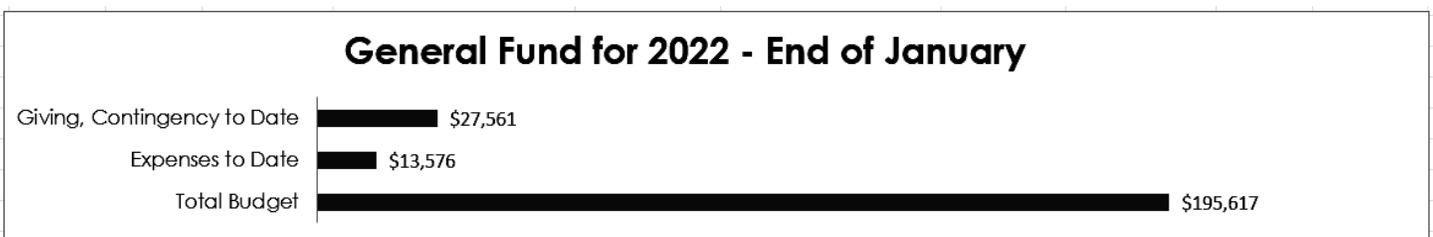
Unfinished Business

- Stairwell Project - Funds approved at Annual meeting \$7,800. Scott to follow up with Jon Merritt.

New Business

- Deacon, Elder, and Trustee Assignments. Need each group to designate a "Team lead." Provide updates from the group before Vestry meeting, speak to items at Vestry meeting. Scott thinks a rotation would be good so someone with experience would be good to have in each role. The motion passed. Groups to meet before March meeting and designate a team lead to report to Scott for monthly Vestry meeting.
- Approve Pulpit Supply list, motion passed.
- Using \$10,000 in Student Loan Fund designated to Pastor Ryan to establish and fund an HSA account for Office Administrator (would need congregational approval). Will proceed after communication and advice from John Beckey about insurance options, on hold for now.
- Building/Public Health Policies Review (Nursery, congregational singing, masks, food, etc.). No policy changes for now. Scott suggests tabling this until April.
- Technology Group – Currently Tim Stelzner and Pat Mundell run the live stream on Sundays. Need 2 more to form a team, everyone would need to be familiar with how to live stream. There are written instructions. Tom is willing to learn, Jan is willing to help. send Scott suggestions of who else can help run the live stream. Set up a time for Tim Stelzner to meet and teach.
- ONA update, Deb Hagy - regarding sign out front, we want to keep the banner, speaks to who we are as a church, will address torn banner, we have seen consistency with attendance and giving, 94% voted in favor, Deb, Allison, and Tom have heard good feedback in the community. ONA committee would like to put something in the newsletter every month to be more transparent. Future discussion - banner/more permanent structure.
- Guest Worship Leader Compensation: Flat rate of \$150/Sunday with mileage reimbursement (\$0.585 / mile) OR Flat rate of \$200/Sunday. Scott recommended \$200. Motion passed.
- Report from Tom Emerick Re. Afghan Refugee Aid - in discussion with 2 organizations, several churches are involved, would need a house completely furnished, 3-5 families.
- March 2nd, Ash Wednesday, 6PM service. Tom Emerick to lead worship. the motion passed.
- Confirmation Sunday, Sunday, May 15th, recommended by Confirmation Teacher Kim Warren.
- March 6th Communion Servers. Julie Kundel, Tom Emerick, and Scott if needed volunteered.
- Request from Caleen Pagel to record Tai Chi class in the church, the motion passed.
- Next Vestry Meeting – spring break; several people are traveling. Agreed on changing the meeting to Tuesday, March 22nd.
- Request from Lisa/Office: Please add the office email secretary@faithuccmuscatine.com to committee correspondences, meetings, and minutes, and needs to be added to the calendar.
- Congregational Life committee nomination tabled for next month.
- Emergency pastoral care coverage offered by: Jon Merritt, Rev. Susan Bantz, chaplain at Lutheran Living, and Rev. Pam Saturnia at First Presbyterian Church. Barb Muhs is available for funerals.

Next Meeting on Tuesday, March 22, 2022, at 6:30 p.m.



Faith United Events

Weekly Church Calendar

Wednesdays

4:15 p. m. - Centering Prayer
 6:00 p. m. - Youth Christian Education Class
 7:00 p. m. - Adult Forum Class on zoom

Sundays

10:00 a. m. – Sunday morning worship
 11:15 a. m. - Confirmation class at church
 11:15 a. m. - Adult Forum on zoom

Ash Wednesday March 2

Join us for Ash Wednesday Service at 6pm on March 2, 2022 . Our worship leader will be Tom Emerick.

Wednesday Adult Forum

Michael Johannsen, leader

On Wednesday evenings from 7-8:00, the Wednesday Adult Forum group meets via Zoom to discuss books. The current book is *The Sermon on the Mount: A Beginner's Guide to the Kingdom of Heaven*, by Amy Jill Levine. Her deep knowledge of ancient texts guides our understanding. Her straightforward examples help readers relate to the Biblical text of the Beatitudes and the Lord's Prayer.

In the near future we will finish this book and begin another book by Amy Jill Levine called *Difficult Words of Jesus*. This book examines the most difficult teaching of Jesus. Jesus provided his disciples with teaching for how to follow Torah, God's word. He told them parables to help them discern questions of ethics and of human nature, and he offered them beatitudes for comfort and encouragement. But sometimes Jesus spoke words that followers then and now have found difficult.

In *The Difficult Words of Jesus*, Amy Jill Levine shows how these difficult teachings might have sounded to the people who first heard them, how they have been understood over time, and how we might interpret them in the context of the Gospel of love and reconciliation.

If you want a book, call the church

Friendship Circle

The Friendship Circle group will meet Thursday, March 3rd at 10 a.m. at the Muscatine's Family Style Restaurant (1903 Park Avenue). Everyone will be able to order what they desire and will pay for their own meal. Sheryl Lindley and Linda Hardin are hosting the meeting. All ladies of the church are welcome to attend.

Harmony Guild

"Love Meeting"

Harmony Guild will hold it's regular quarterly business meeting / Senior Resources Love Meeting, Monday, March 7th at 6:30 pm at the church. Hostesses for the evening are Cindy Rada and Marcy Clausen. All women of the church are welcome and encouraged to attend for an evening of fellowship. A list of items we will be collecting in February and early March for Senior Resources Adult Day program.

Please consider bringing an item to donate:

- Children's and/or Adult coloring books
- Crayons or Colored Pencils
- Craft paints or Paintable crafts
- Chocolate and strawberry powdered milk
- Decaffeinated coffee
- Dish soap or Baby or adult wipes
- Sugar free candy
- AA and AAA batteries
- 100 calorie packs of cookies / crackers
- Small containers of fruit

Christian Education Youth

March 2nd, we will meet at the church @ 6 pm. Please join us for the Ash Wednesday service. The older class will attend the service with Julie and Tom. The younger class will do a Lenten plant project in the classroom and then join the congregation for ashes and putting our plants on the ladder. There will be class on March 9th, then NO CLASS on the 16th for spring break. - Beth Elshoff

Open and Affirming/ONA

Committee: Allison Castle, Ann and Tom Emerick, Deb Hagy, Tim Stelzner, Sue and Mike Johannsen, Mary and Frantz Silberger.

Members of the Open and Affirming committee spoke to the school board in February about censoring books. Deb Hagy offered real life perspectives on the needs of youth. The book in question, *All Boys Aren't Blue*, was reviewed and will remain in the high school library.

The rainbow banner outside the church needs to be replaced. The committee wants to replace the banner in a more durable way. Plans will be taken to the Vestry this spring. Designs for a more permanent replacement are in the beginning design stages.

The Rev. Ellis Arnold, Associate Conference Minister, sent praise and blessing to the committee for our work.

FAITH UNITED CHURCH

Faith UCC Annual Meeting on January 30, 2022

The meeting was both in person and on Zoom. The 38 members present met the required number of 24 for quorum.

Pastoral Transition Updates from Outgoing Vestry

President Mark Odell offered a report on transition in seeking a new pastor to the Vestry. The Search and Call committee was named. Faith UCC is receiving help from the Iowa Conference with Rev. Sarah Rentzel-Jones. The Profile preparation continues with a goal of completion in March. Sue Johannsen connected with three pastors for pulpit supply.

Election of Vestry and Committee Members: Tom Emerick, Dave Wangberg, Allison Castle, Mike Morgan. Motion to elect of officers and committee members as printed on page 3 of the Annual Meeting booklet. Motion carried.

Proposal to use \$7800 from the Endowment Fund to pay for new flooring in the Stairwells. Tim Stelzner explained that improving the stairs is a safety issue and will be a hard surface material. It was also pointed out that replacing carpet in other part of the church may be needed but is on hold. Julie Kundel made a motion to pay \$7800 for the flooring from the Endowment Fund. Second by Scott Warren. **Motion carried.**

Proposed Constitutional Amendment Regarding Congregational Life Grant Fund

Bill Creasey explained that to clarify assets and income, a proposal was drafted. Jan Collinson asked about why limit the amount, create another committee for approval and why change the procedure. Bill said the amount would be better calculated, the committee is a screening measure, and the original intent is why the change is proposed. Bill Creasey made a motion to approve. Second by Tim Stelzner. **Motion carried.**

With regard to distributions from the Endowment Fund:

The present B. Article X Section 11 B. Distribution of Income and Principle is repealed and replace with the following:

B. Distributions from the Endowment Fund:

Income and principal from the Endowment Fund may be distributed annually and other such times as deemed necessary and/or feasible as follows:

1. Congregational Life Grant Fund

a. A Congregational Life Grant Fund shall be established and accounted for as a separate fund of the church. The Life Grant Fund can accept contributions designated for the Life Grant Fund to fund or further the purpose of Life Grants approved by the Vestry.

b. On or before February 1st of each year, the Endowment Committee will deposit into the Life Grant Fund a sum determined as follows: In 2022 the amount shall be \$10,000 plus any Life Grants approved by the Vestry in 2021 but not expended. Each subsequent year on February 1st, the Endowment Committee will pay an amount into the fund needed to bring the balance to \$10,000 or 1.25% of the total value of the Endowment Fund on February 1st whichever is less, plus unused but approved funds from the prior year and any contributions that have not been utilized. Distributions from the Life Grant shall be considered first from funds deposited from the Endowment Fund and then other contributions to the fund.

c. Congregational Life Grants are intended for the following 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 UCC.
- For outreach to the community in support of Faith UCC's benevolence, spiritual, and mission interests.

d. Individuals, Committees, and church affiliated groups may submit an official request form to use a portion of the Congregational Life Grant Fund.

e. A Congregational Life Grant Committee of three volunteers consisting of a member of the Vestry, a member of the Endowment Committee, and a member of the congregation shall review all requests for Congregational Life Grants to consider eligibility and recommend to the Vestry approval or denial of the request in full or in part. The Congregational Life Grant Committee can return requests to the applicant for clarification and revision. Members of the Congregational Life Grant Committee shall have no pending or anticipated Life Grants requests submitted by them or family members in the year they serve.

f. Every March and September the Vestry will receive and review Congregational Life Grant Fund requests from the Congressional Life Grant Committee. The Vestry will consider all grant requests received, review eligibility, determine the amount to be provided or disapprove the Grant request. The Vestry will also consider Congregational Life Grant Fund requests outside of the above dates if they are emergency in nature. If a Life Grant is only partially funded by the Vestry, the applicant can seek individual contributions from other sources to the Congregational Life Grant Fund to fully fund their application.

2. Capital Improvements, Building and Grounds, and Other Expenditures

For any other spending of Endowment funds, the Endowment Committee shall make recommendations to the Vestry concerning any expenditures of the accumulated income or principal. The Vestry shall consider such recommendation and approve, disapprove, or modify them for action at the next duly called meeting of the congregation. The congregation may also approve, disapprove, or modify such recommendations. A vote of two-thirds of the communicant members present at the meeting shall be required to approve any spending of the principal or to approve the spending of income or principal for the general operation of the church. A simple majority of the communicant members at the meeting is required for approval or modification of the recommendation for the spending of income for purposes other than the operation of the church.

Other Business: Sharon Hanssen shared concerns for our church about the number of people in attendance. She added that the rainbow sign in front prompts her friends and other members to comment. Some say they won't come back to church until the sign is gone. She asked consideration of the number of people who left the church compared to those who are new to the church.

FAITH UNITED MEMBER AND FRIENDS

March Birthdays

- 2 -Adam Muntz
- 2 - Caleen Pagel
- 2 - Tristian Schneider
- 4- Easton Botkin
- 4 - Nathan Mundell
- 4 - Mary Trueg
- 4 - Duane Wilson
- 6 - Michael Hartman
- 6 - Rebecca Koebrick
- 7 - Sue Johannsen
- 9 - Tierney Hoefler
- 11 - Jan Collinson
- 11 - Sarah Hagerty
- 14 - Andrew Kundel
- 16 - Brenden Schumaker
- 17 - Hayes Hubner
- 18 - Susan Muir
- 20 - Sheryl Lindley
- 22 - Tim Stelzner
- 23 - Bev Knoernschild
- 23 - Nathan Sharar
- 24 - Darla Hays
- 24 - Kathy Trosen
- 27 -Janet Sichterman
- 28 - Ronald Hart
- 30 - Jeff Bohling
- 31 - Piper Brant

March Anniversaries

- 10 - Jack & Annette Hovland
- 14 - Steve & Deb Hueser
- 20 - Donald & Shirley Johnson

March Birthday Card Shower

- 20 - Sheryl Lindley - 1966 Hale St., Muscatine, IA 52761
- 24 - Darla Hays - 4825 Grist Mill Circle, Newport Richey, FL 34655
- 28 - Ronald Hart - Simpson Memorial Home, 1000 N. Miller St., West Liberty, IA 52776

Do You Have an Unused Sewing Machine in Your Closet?

If anyone has a 'gently used' sewing machine that could go to a good home, please contact Pat Mundell or Tom Emerick. We are working with World Relief in the Quad Cities and some of the Afghan women have sewing skills, but need machines.

Thank you Notes

Thank you to:
Mike and Sue Johannsen, Sheryl Lindley and Pat Mundell for their help keeping our church nice and clean!

Thank you to:
Jan Collinson for your time and care while Volunteering to help in the office in the mornings with office needs.

Thank you to:
Pat Mundell and Beth Elshoff for working in the afternoons for Church needs.

All while I was home recovering from surgery and doing my work remotely.

Thank you to everyone that sent cards, flowers, and gift cards, you are all a true blessing.

*Lisa Allen
Faith Office*

Please Keep in Your Prayers

To all who are sick or with injuries, and all their caregivers. Lane Clausen, Margaret Heerd, Kelly Ingstad, Robert Meyer, Keith & Nancy Stych, Sandra Roth, Myung Sharar, Cory Tomlin, Carla Roozing, Chad Morgan, Phil Carver, and Tim Stelzner. Please email or call the office if you wish to send a card and need an address.

Sincere Condolences

Sympathy to Steve and Cindy Rada and family on the death of Steve's sister, Paulette Johnson, who passed away on January 29th. Cards can be sent to The Rada's at 2480 Hummingbird Lane, Muscatine, IA 52761.

MCSA Sponsors for March 2022

03/06/2022

Jim & Kathy Trosen in honor of Lisa Allen's ministry to Faith UCC
Mark and Mary Odell celebrating loved ones



03/13/2022

Available for Sponsorship on this Sunday, please sign up for \$25.00 donation.

03/20/2022

Available for Sponsorship on this Sunday, please sign up for \$25.00 donation.

03/27/2022

Bev & Eric Knoernschild celebrating Marcia Carmichael's birthday

Faith United Church Community - You Are The Church!

Thank You Notes of Gratitude and Blessings

- The VFW Post 1565 Auxiliary would like to thank the congregation for your thoughtful gift. It will go toward our Memorial Day Luncheon we prepare for our Veterans.
- Muscatine Iowa E.H. Bitzer American Legion Post 27 members wish to thank you for your thoughtful donation of \$150. The money will be targeted to one of our veteran's projects. Our members will select the proper use of this generous donation at our next meeting in February. Please extend our thanks to your congregation.
- We are pleased to accept your MCSA contribution of \$1300 and will use it toward shelter sponsorship and providing educational and vocational services for those in need in Muscatine County. Your support encourages us to empower people to work out of poverty.
- We would like to take a moment to thank you for your donation of \$120 to the Muscatine Food Pantry. We are pleased to accept your contribution and will use it toward food for those in need in Muscatine County. Your support also encourages us in our efforts to empower people to work out of poverty. - *MCSA Food Pantry*
- Thank you for your donation of \$140 to the MCSA Domestic Violence Shelter. We will use it toward sheltering a providing support for women and children who find themselves in domestic violence situations. Your contribution will assist in enabling them to start a new life free of violence. - *MCSA Domestic Violence Shelter*
- Thank you for your donation of \$2,000 to the Diversity Center Household Stability Fund. We truly appreciate your generosity & thank you for your investment in the community.
- Thank you for the collection of \$735.00 for Neighbors in Need - *Kendy Miller, ACM.*
- Thanks for the birthday cards for both of us. Our church family means a lot to us. We enjoyed the serious and humorous cards, plus a cup of tea. - *Ben and Sharon Hanssen.*
- Thank you to our communion servers in February Mark Odell and Tim Stelzner.
- Thank you to our guest Pastor Barbara Muhs on February 13th.
- Thank you to our guest Pastor Linda Hunsaker on February 20th.
- Thank you to our guest Pastor Marcy Heil on February 27th.
- Thank you to Robert Danner for being our guest accompanist, Feb 13, 20, & 27th.
- Thank you to our Live-stream attendants Pat Mundell & Tim Stelzner.
- Thank you to our Liturgists Tim Stelzner, Julie Kundel, and Tom Emerick.
- Thank you to our Ushers/Greeters: Mark Odell, Schumaker family, Linda Hardin, Lisa Shea.
- Thank you to Mark Odell, Sue Johannsen, and Pat Mundell for organizing Pastor Ryan's Farewell reception on Sunday, February 6th after the worship hour.
- Thank you to our Bell Choir for your performance during the February worship service in honor of Pastor Ryan's last Sunday as our minister. He enjoyed it very much!
- Thank you to everyone that donated to the Tools and Blankets Special offering, we collected a total of \$525.00 on Sunday, January 9, 2022.
- Thank you to everyone that donated to the Funding Future Leaders on Sunday, February 6th, 2022, we collected a total of \$215.00.
- Thank you to Beth Elshoff and the teachers for your Christian Education support.
- Thank you to Kim Warren for guidance with our confirmation class for the remaining year.
- Thank you to Sue Johannsen for all the work done to organize the pulpit supple team.
- Thank you to Mark Odell, Janet Sichterman, and the Search and Call committee for all the work being done to insure our future spiritual grow within the congregation.

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

Harmony Guild - Will meet tomorrow! February 26th!

Harmony Guild will host its "Come in from the Cold" Brunch on Saturday, February 26th, beginning at 9:30 a.m. The brunch is open to ALL ladies and friends of Faith United. Attendees are asked to sign-up, bring a donation and a dish to share. We will be holding our collection of "white"/ church supplies. The topic of sharing for the brunch will be "What I like about living in Iowa." Consider joining us for a morning of good food and friendship. Hope to see you there!



Please consider bringing one or more items to donate:

- facial tissue (Kleenex)
- liquid hand soap
- hand sanitizer
- paper towels
- stamps
- #10 white envelopes
- 8 1/2 x 11 white copy paper
- 13-gallon tall kitchen trash bags.

Volunteer for Worship Service! Be a Liturgist! Ushers and Greeters Needed!

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

Daily Devotions "These Days" and "Upper Room"

Stop by the church and pick up one of the booklets! Office hours are 10 am - 4 pm.

MCSA Support A Room in 2022



For a \$25.00 donation you can sponsor a room for someone at the local shelter. You may pick a Sunday of your choice. Talk to Lisa in the Church office for available Sundays in 2022. 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.

To sign up
for **2022**
Go [Here](#).

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 by the front door, in Box 3307 with a Faith UCC sign on the box used by the church. (push it to the back of the box after opening with the front handle). If there is mail going out clipped to the front, just slip yours over the mail into the back of the box and we will retrieve it.
- 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.

Thank you for your generosity.



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VOF Newsletter

