



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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## THURSDAY, JULY 4<sup>TH</sup>

## MUSCATINE PARADE!

Join us for the Muscatine Community Parade on July 4th! Faith will proudly participate this year, and we are now accepting candy donations.

Everyone is invited to join us before 4 p.m. downtown to walk or ride together and represent our congregation in the parade!



# VOICE OF FAITH

## LIVE LAUGH GOLF BAG BUILDING RAFFLE



The Golfers Prayer

*"May the ball lay in green pastures not in still waters."*

Tim Stelzner will be offering up some golf necessities for a day out Golfing! If you want to try your hand at it, you can win a \$90-day pass for two with the use of a golf cart for the day at the Muscatine Municipal Golf Course! The whole golf package includes: Lisa Shea's one-of-a-kind reusable golf bag, \$50.00 Dicks Sporting Goods Gift Certificate, a Microfiber towel, 2-pack Emergency Ponchos, a Spring-Assisted Divot tool, Wilson Feel Plus soft synthetic leather Gloves, Pride Professional Tee System, Srixon Star Tour 3-piece ball set, a box set of True Feel Golf Balls, Hunter Proline A Grade 15 set of Golf Balls, TaylorMade Golf umbrella, Golf Club Brush, Sun Screen lotion, and three books; *Ben Hogan's Five Lessons*, *The Complete Golf Manual*, and a joke book *The Golfer's Excuse Handbook!*  
**This Golf Bag is valued at \$400.00!**

Raffle tickets are \$5 apiece and a wingspan (30 tickets) is \$100. The Raffle event runs from July 1st through July 28!

Raffle Drawing will be on July 28<sup>th</sup> after the worship hour, with our town hall meeting and potluck.

## So do not wait to help with the Building Improvement Fund towards our 5 top priorities here at Faith!

- ADA Compliance - front doors equipped with a 'push-to-open' button - hands-free opening!
- ADA Compliance - in downstairs restrooms: handicap assessable and gender neutral
- Technology Upgrade - for our Sanctuary & Fellowship Hall to improve sound, visuals, and livestreaming
- Updated Flooring - To remove the worn carpet for a more modern and hygienic option
- Pew chairs - to help transform our sanctuary space into a multipurpose space for more opportunities in worship, fellowship, and community use

We know these are big goals with big prices attached. We would like to engage the congregation on this list by hosting a couple of 'town hall' sessions throughout the summer.

We invite you to stay after worship on Sunday, July 28th at our town hall. In the meantime, please feel free to discuss this list with any members of our Vestry.

We will also welcome you to our monthly potluck on this day, bring a dish to share with others. We hope to see you there!

COMMUNITY EVENTS

**WINE & CHEESUS @ WINE NUTZ/PROOF SOCIAL**

Wednesday, July 17th at 6:30 p.m.

Pastor warmly invites all to join her at Wine Nutz/Proof Social for a night of Pub Theology! Pub Theology is centered around individuals bringing questions or topics to the table to be discussed and to receive a diverse perspective from the Pastor and one another. This is not a space for fixed answers, nor is this a space for condemnation, judgment, or hatred. This is a safe space to be compassionately curious and open to the Divine and how God manifests differently in all of our experiences. At this location you do not have to be twenty-one, there are non-alcoholic options available, AND you can order amazing pizza from Wine Nutz, anything on the menu from Skinny's BBQ, and even places like Boonies will take your order and deliver it to you! All are welcome, we will meet inside!



**END OF LIFE EVENT WEDNESDAY, JULY 24<sup>TH</sup> AT 6 PM.**

Thinking about death isn't something anyone wants to do. However, as an unavoidable human experience, it is in planning for the inevitable that we not only live well but die well. All are welcome to join us at Faith on Wednesday, July 24<sup>th</sup> for an End-of-Life Workshop at 6 pm. We will discuss things such as funeral plans, power of attorney, estate planning, wills, and more. Hospice personnel and an attorney will join us to guide/answer questions. Planning ahead is a gift to your loved ones who will survive you and will want to honor you. In making these decisions, they won't have to guess what your last wishes were, they will have peace of mind in the instructions you've left behind.



**ON JUNE 23<sup>RD</sup> THE QUIRE OF EASTERN IOWA JOINED US TO WORSHIP ON OPEN AND AFFIRMING SUNDAY**

Thank you Faith for being a congregation that practices what they preach and makes ALL feel at home, loved, and open to the experience of God. **Here is a reaction to the worship service by Quire member, Kat Sung:**



"Today the Quire sang during service at Faith United Church of Christ in Muscatine. I must admit that I wasn't sure I was going to participate until this morning when I found myself getting ready and making the hour and fifteen-minute drive. Currently, my spirituality tells me that God is the magic spark that makes us alive - separating us from inanimate objects. God is the Fibonacci spiral and other sacred geometry that can be found repeatedly in nature. God is the perfect conditions aligning to make life on earth possible; the laws of physics reality. Everything beyond that is simply interpretation and fabrication of the human mind to categorize, explain, or postulate. Nothing that isolates, enslaves, dehumanizes, regulates, or murders the bodies and souls of others is God. That is all human-made. But somehow those lines are blurred in many churches. When entering a new environment, those of privilege worry about things such as disliking the space or people who occupy it. But those of us who are marginalized, whether in one or multiple ways, have to worry about whether or not the space is safe, physically or otherwise. Even spaces that appear to be inclusive or affirming, aren't really, especially not to all intersectional identities. I write all of this to say that I was absolutely BLOWN AWAY by Faith UCC's service today. The words spoken to me in tears at certain points. Not out of sadness, but because it was a space that was truly open and affirming. They were friendly, sure. But more than that, they wanted to hear our voices, our stories. They were willing to listen to experiences outside of their own to learn from and to do better. Below is a poem read during the service that especially spoke to me and made me feel more at home than I have in any other church.

**God is queer**

- as in strange, surprising, titillating, non-conforming to norms that destroy;
- as in breaking open new possibilities through flesh entangled, and brave acts of collective courage;
- as in troubling certainties, resisting assimilation, and persisting through struggle together;
- as in interdependence, chosen family, and reaching out to isolated kin; as in always becoming;
- as in less "this or that" and more "multilayered, multidimensional, and complex."
- as in intimately experienced, and beyond definition;
- as in the love between strangers and sheets, the love that lasts for lifetimes, the love that begets love;
- as in resists white supremacy, and all its deadening lies, rigid definitions, and desire to control and confine;
- as in loyal to love, lovers, and beloveds, even when it's all on the line;
- as in hurtful when spit from the mouth of hate, but sometimes still also a lighthouse, a history of holy uprising, and a coming home from within.

- *enfleshed* Rev. M Barclay

If you made it this far, and have been looking for a church that is serious about prioritizing belonging and inclusion, I highly recommend you look into Faith UCC."



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS

PRESCHOOL VBS

July 1st and July 15th at 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. at the Discovery Park

JUNE WAS THE MONTH OF CHRISTIAN DAY CAMP!

Pastor Paris joined ELCA, UMC, Baptist, and non-denominational partners in planning vacation bible school for PreK through Middle School students.



The Elementary camp kicked off the summer with 104 campers who represented even more denominations! This camp at Saulsbury Park was overflowing with the love and joy of God! Pre-K had their first minicamp at Discovery Park the following week with 28 campers.

Middle School camp just concluded with 32 campers at Saulsbury! This effort between ecumenical partners to provide a Christian camp at just \$10 per campers has been a true gift to this community and a shining example of what it means to be Church Together! Thank you, Faith UCC, for sponsoring these camps and being a huge part of making this possible!



FIRST AID SKILLS TRAINING at FAITH

Join us at Faith for a special opportunity to become a prepared community member! Learn essential skills such as CPR, using an AED medical device, and performing First Aid in our upcoming class.

Date: Saturday, August 17th  
Time: 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM  
Training Cost: \$35 per person  
Location: Faith United Church of Christ



Please register early to secure your spot by phone, email the office, or on the signup sheet.

OUR COMMUNITY OUTREACH

**CONGREGATIONAL LIFE GRANTS**

A grant to get funding for office supplies that would promote (evangelize) our congregation at public events was approved by the vestry on June 10.



The first event was a booth at Iowa City Pride Festival on June 15th, and other events in the future include but are not limited to local Muscatine events like on the 4th of July, pub theology, community resource sharing events like MCSA, and churchwide events (both ELCA and UCC). Members are welcome to share these items around town at events to spread the word that we are here, and all are welcome. Thank you to Sue Muntz for your wonderful designs and products made just for us at Faith.

**ELEMENTARY SCHOOL READING MENTORS NEEDED!**

Faith will host an Information Luncheon on August 12<sup>th</sup> @ noon. If you have 30-45 minutes per week, you can read with small groups of children K-3<sup>rd</sup> grade. The United Way welcomes your help to bring our community up in literacy! Please Sign up!

**HARMONY GUILD CHURCH-WIDE RUMMAGE SALE**

The sale at Faith is on Friday & Saturday, August 9th and 10th. This will run from 9 am - 6 pm on Friday and 8 am - Noon on Saturday, downstairs. Items may be dropped downstairs beginning Monday, July 29th. Volunteers to help with set up/organizing, pricing, and selling during the week before the sale would be greatly appreciated! Please contact Marcy Clausen or Sue Muir for coordinating. The money raised from the sale is used to support a wide range of church and community projects throughout the year. All are welcome to come and check out the sale!

**MCSA ROOM # 5 SHELTER SPONSORS**

- July 7 – Pat Mundell in appreciation for all Lisa Allen does for our Church Family.
- July 7 - Jan Collinson & Rich Carroll in honor of helping families at MCSA.
- July 14 - Jan Collinson & Rich Carroll Thankful Muscatine has MCSA to help families.
- July 21 - Dan & Alice Huss in celebration of our Country.
- July 28 - Alan Arkema in celebrating Artists and Writers.

**FOOD PANTRY JULY THEME "SLEEP ON IT"**

We will collect Pillows, Blankets, Twin sheets, and pillowcases. We took down more than 175 personal items to the food pantry in June! Thank you!

**THANKSGIVING IN JULY -ALL DONATIONS STAY IN MUSCATINE!**

No one should ever have to wonder where their next meal will come from. United Way of Muscatine is partnering with Hy-Vee, Crossroads, Senior Resources, Muscatine Center for Social Action (MCSA), and the Salvation Army of Muscatine to host a community-wide food drive called Thanksgiving in July, and we need your help!

We request non-perishable food for the community-wide drive on Sundays, July 7 & 14<sup>th</sup>. Or drop them off during the first two weeks of July, Monday – Friday 10 am to 4 pm. We will need volunteers to collect the food at Faith and drop it off at the Crossroads truck in the Hy-Vee parking lot on Saturday, July 20<sup>th</sup> between 8:00 am-11:00 am. Thank you!

FAITH—UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

## FAITH UCC GREEN TEAM

The Green Team's next meeting: July 9<sup>th</sup> @ 4:30 p.m.  
Zoom Only. The Zoom link is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82842945452>

## LOVE FOOD. FIGHT WASTE. COMPOST!

Banana peels, watermelon rinds, corn cobs, eggshells, coffee grounds - the list goes on of food scraps that we do not traditionally eat. Once we have eaten the banana, scrambled the eggs, and drank the coffee, what can we do with these non-edible scraps? Compost them!



Composting is the process of turning organic material (food scraps, garden/yard waste) into a nutrient-rich material that can be added to lawns and gardens to improve the health of the soil and the plants that grow in it.

### Organic material includes the following:

- Food (including fruits, vegetables, grains, meat, dairy)
- Garden/yard waste (including branches, grass, leaves, flowers, plants)
- Paper (including shredded paper, greasy/cheesy pizza boxes, paper napkins, paper towels)
- Clean paper, such as a pizza box with no food on it, is also fine to recycle.
- Shredded paper, due to its small size, is difficult to successfully sort at our recycling sorting facility in a mix of other materials which is why we do not accept shredded paper in curbside recycling. Shredded paper can be composted, or it can be recycled.

Where to go with compost? Your own garden or compost pile! The City of Muscatine has food compost drop-off. Look for an orange bin with the letters MORC on it at the Muscatine Transfer Station. This is for food waste only.

## INSTANT CHURCH DIRECTORY

"Stay connected with your church community like never before! This easy-to-use app will enable you to connect with fellow members, stay up to date on church contacts, and access valuable information at your fingertips. Downloading the Directory in your Mobile app to a device can be easy, just follow the steps below:

**For Apple devices** click here: <https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/instant-church-directory/id589542221?ls=1&mt=8>

**For Android Devices**, click here: <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.instantchurchdirectory.members>

## OPEN AND AFFIRMING COMMITTEE

ONA's next meeting: July 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.  
Zoom Only.

If you would like to join, we would love to have you!

The Zoom link is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86925372484>

The Open and Affirming Committee can hardly catch their breath because there are so many activities. We are committed to sharing the good news of love for all people.

Here is what we have been up to:

1. Alzheimer's Seminars
2. Inherent Worth Seminar
3. LGBTQ Prom
4. Seminar by One Iowa
5. Pride Fest in Iowa City
6. The Quire performance

Looking forward to being in Muscatine's 4th of July parade and collaborating with Diversity Equity & Inclusion training in August.

## THESE DAYS & UPPER ROOM

We have daily devotional booklets for free to pick up at the church, you can find them on the table by the front door.

## OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Faith United Church of Christ exists to provide a safe place for people to worship, explore their faith, gain a sense of community, and improve the world around them.

FAITH UNITED MEMBER AND FRIENDS

**BIRTHDAY CARD  
SHOWER**

July 17  
Connie Miller  
2436 Sunflower Ridge  
Muscatine IA 52761

July 17  
Donald Johnson  
2120 Fareway Drive  
Muscatine IA 52761

July 25  
Dee Bocchino  
113 Middle Road  
Muscatine IA 52761

July 31  
Judy Merritt  
15209 316th Street W.  
Illinois City, IL 61259

**NEW ADDRESSES:**

Marcia Carmichael,  
Lorna Hartman,  
and Sandra Roth -  
if you would like their  
new mailing address,  
please email the  
church office.

**Anniversaries**

- 7/1 – Jim Butterworth & Jennifer Ancell
- 7/2 – Jim & Janet Sichterman
- 7/2 – Dave & Corina Shoemaker
- 7/7 – Doug & Kimberly Tooman
- 7/21 – Bob & Connie Miller
- 7/24 – Andy & Shawna Trosen
- 7/25 – Michael & Lanette Morgan
- 7/28 – Chris & Brianna Harvey
- 7/28 – Terry & Dawn Youngbauer

**SINCERE CONDOLENCES**

It is with great sadness that we share our fellow church member Cathy Deters passed away on June 5th. Please continue to keep her family in your prayers during this time of grief.

A funeral was held here at Faith on Saturday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>. Condolences can be sent to Leroy Deters and his family at 2455 Longhurst Lane, Muscatine IA 52761.

Memorials, in lieu of flowers, may be made to It Takes a Village Animal Rescue & Resources, the ALS Assoc., or to Faith United Church of Christ.

**BIRTHDAYS**

- 1 – Paul Ales
- 1 - Lauren Plemmons
- 3 – Marcy Clausen
- 3 – Amanda Rausch
- 3 – Weston Busch
- 4- Shawna Trosen
- 6 – Kylea Estabrook
- 6 – Deb Hagy
- 7- Haydon Tompos
- 7 – Cody Estabrook
- 7 – Madeline Sinnott
- 11 – Cody White
- 12 – James Butterworth
- 12 – Lyndsay Welsch
- 13 – Kristin Ales
- 16 – Brynn Castle
- 17 – Lena Botkin
- 17 – Don Johnson
- 17 – Connie Miller
- 19 – Angie Harris
- 19 – Phoebe Brant
- 20 – Nolan Brant
- 21 – Jim Elias
- 21 – Erin Rada
- 25 – Dee Bocchino
- 26 – Nick Sharar
- 28 – John Elshoff
- 28 – Rhae Duncan
- 31 – Judy Merritt

**COMMUNITY PRAYER LIST**

Please keep our Faith community and their caretakers in your prayers. Myung Sharar, Chad Morgan, Audrey Beckey, Lane Clausen, Nancy Hultquist, Allison Odell, Susan Willis, Joey Merchan, Patricia Fischer, Allen Emerick, Chris Wildasin, Bob Murray, Dennis Engel, Will Kreuger, Judy Merritt, Chuck Warren, Sandra Roth, and the Deters Family.

**THANK YOU NOTES**

- Thank you to all our special musicians throughout the spring/summer season, Judy Wilson, Janelle DuSavage, Elizabeth Cerrito, the Ladies of Note, Faith Singers and Ringers, the youth choir, Julie Kundel, Ryann Stansbery with Sheryl Ringen, Josh Lary, & the Quire of Easter Iowa.
- Thank you so much for the 80+ Friends Luncheon and gift card. The food was great, and the company was even better! - *Bob and Karren Sharar*
- Thanks so much for the 80+ luncheon. It was fun to get together and enjoy each other's company. And thanks for the gift card, giving us even more to enjoy! – *Twyla Woodward*
- To all the Faith Ladies who hosted the delicious meal given to us, a huge thank you! The DQ gift card was a big surprise, I hadn't had a DQ in ages, and they too were delicious. We are very grateful for you all thinking of us and giving us such a wonderful treat. With hugs for all of you and much love – *Shirley and Don Johnson*
- Tom & I would like to thank the care committee for the wonderful lunch and special service! We had a lot of food and appreciated their efforts very much. *Tom & Ann Emerick.*
- We greatly appreciate the lunch provided by the Care Team. What a treat! We are also very grateful for the prayers and support we get from our Faith Family. - *Dan & Alice Huss*
- Thank you for the Birthday wishes, cards, and gifts, I am grateful for your kindness. - *Lisa Allen*

FAITH IN ACTION

## VESTRY SUMMARY

Elders – Revised job descriptions and employee handbook, will be updated to remove gender-specific pronouns. Nine-month Pastor evaluation - we are grateful for the grace that Pastor Paris brings to our congregation. The Elders intend to create an annual review based on the contract signed when the Pastor started work.

Trustees – Parsonage will be allotted \$1000.00 for chosen improvement projects. Quotes are being secured for the electronic portion of the sign project. The supply chain is affecting progress on the new HVAC unit. Gutter guards were suggested on the east side of the building. The memorial committee funded the replacement of the refrigerator in the basement.

Pastor's Report - Pastor will be out of the office (besides the 4th of July Parade) from July 2nd – 14th; 1 wedding and 1 funeral in June; successful first Pub Theology with 23 people on the patio of Proof Social/Wine Nutz for 'Wine & Cheesus.' looking forward to doing this again on July 17th; also setting up an End of Life Workshop with hospice and an attorney for Wed. July 24th at 6 pm.

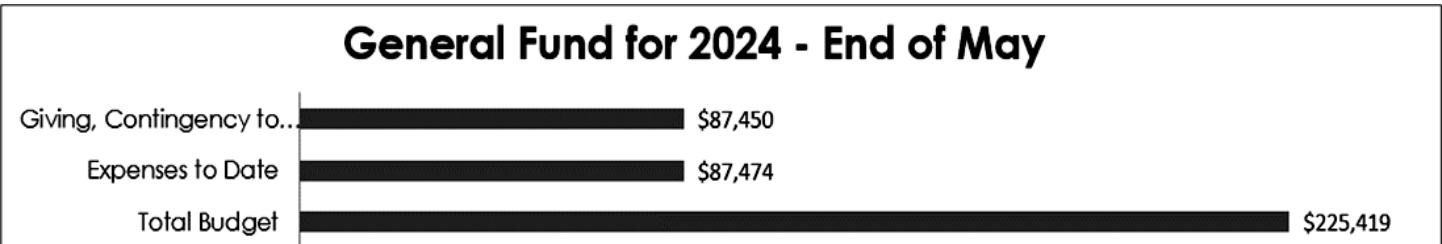
Worship survey results were discussed.

- Tech upgrades were welcomed with 52 yes and only 11 nos. Priorities were sound, visual, and live stream improvements.
- Seating had more mixed reviews with 35 in support of pew chairs and 28 against them. However, we think people may be unsure on the concept of pew chairs and we should provide more info at the townhall

Old Business - Tom Emerick giving a 6-month financial report to the congregation in July and sharing our list of building improvements with monetary estimates to encourage fundraising for the building improvements fund. We have scheduled a 'town hall' after worship on June 30th for members to discuss these projects. Vestry members will help lead the discussion/answer questions on the 30th.

New Business - Congregational Life Grant from Pastor Paris. Mike Morgan made a motion to approve, seconded by Lisa Shea. **Motion carried.** Request to clean up the Library. Mary Wildermuth volunteered to review the library with a librarian's eye.

The next meeting will be on Monday, July 8, 2024.



## PLEDGING AND OFFERINGS JUST GOT EASIER!

Introducing **Zelle®** – a fast, safe, and easy way to send money in minutes to your friends, family, and congregation right from your phone! If you have the MidWestOne Bank mobile app, Zelle is already included in your banking app. Just open the app and click on Zelle in the bottom ribbon of your home screen. Once in Zelle, simply scan this QR code to pull up Faith United Church of Christ and give an offering in seconds. Zelle works with many other banks as well, so check your app too! If Zelle is NOT already in your banking mobile app, simply download the Zelle app through your app store and create an account before connecting to Faith United Church of Christ.



# JULY 2024 - WORSHIP TEAM

**Altar Committee:** Angie Harris

## Sunday, July 7

**Worship Leader:** Tom Emerick

**Accompanist:** Judy Wilson

**Liturgist:** Mary Wildermuth

**Children's Moment:** Mike Morgan

**Ushers:** Alice & Dan Huss

**Greeters:** Mike Morgan

**Refreshments:** Kathy Metcalf

**Altar Flowers:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Special Music:** Josh Lary

## Sunday, July 14

**Worship Leader:** Mike Johannsen **Accompanist:** Judy Wilson

**Liturgist:** Tom Emerick

**Children's Moment:** Erin Plemmons

**Ushers:** Mike Johannsen

**Greeters:** Mark Butterworth

**Refreshments:** Lisa Shea

**Altar Flowers:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Special Music:** Wendell and Denise Wright

## Sunday, July 21

### Communion Sunday

**Worship Leader:** Pastor Paris

**Accompanist:** Judy Wilson

**Liturgist:** Kim Warren

**Children's Moment:** Beth Elshoff

**Ushers:** Dave Wangberg

**Greeters:** Erin Plemmons

**Refreshments:** Nancy Wangberg **Altar Flowers:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Communion Servers:** Mike Morgan & Pat Pagel

## Sunday, July 28

**Worship Leader:** Pastor Paris

**Accompanist:** Sheryl Ringen

**Liturgist:** Dustin Plemmons

**Children's Moment:** Caleen Pagel

**Ushers:** Tom Emerick

**Greeters:** Kathy Metcalf

**Potluck Host:** Brook Tompos

**Altar Flowers:** \_\_\_\_\_



# July

# 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
	<b>Christian Day Camp</b> 5:30 p.m. (Pre-K) at Discovery	Financial Giving Statements To be mailed out today	No Ecumenical Book Club	Office Closed Happy Holiday	Office Closed	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
10:00 a.m. <b>Worship Service</b> Worship Leader: Tom Emerick Special Music: Josh Lary	6:00 p.m. Deacons, Elders, Trustees 6:30 p.m. <b>Vestry meeting</b>	4:30 p.m. <b>Green Team Zoom Only Meeting</b> 6 – 9 pm Building in use	6:15 p.m. <b>Ecumenical book study</b> @ Zion Lutheran	6: 00 p.m. <b>ONA</b> meeting		
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
10:00 a.m. <b>Worship Service</b> Worship Leader: Mike Johannsen Special Music: Wendell and Denise Wright	<b>Christian Day Camp</b> 5:30 p.m. (Pre-K) at Discovery		6:30 p.m. <b>Wine &amp; Cheesus</b> on the patio of Wine Nutz	1:30 p.m. <b>Dementia support</b> Group @ Grace Lutheran Church	Thanksgiving in July Food Drive Drop Off @ Hy-Vee	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
10:00 a.m. <b>Worship Service</b> Communion	4:30 p.m. <b>C. E. Education</b> meeting 6:00 p.m. Pastor Support meeting		6:15 p.m. <b>Ecumenical book study</b> @ Zion			
28	29	30	31			
10:00 a.m. <b>Worship Service</b> 11:00 a.m. Town Hall Meeting & Potluck after worship hour Raffle Drawing for Golf Bag	Yard Sale items can start to be brought into the church basement starting on this day, for the Aug 9 & 10 <sup>th</sup> event.		6:00 p.m. End of Life Event @ Faith UCC			



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# THE CHURCH OFFICE NOTE

VOF JULY 2024



We embrace and celebrate the diversity of the human family and God's unconditional love for ALL.

The church office will be closed on July 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>.

Pastor will be out of the office for Vacation time from July 2 to the 14<sup>th</sup>.

(but she WILL be in the July 4th parade and really... really wants you to join her!!)

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## 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

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## 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.
  - **Zelle®** pay with your bank or credit card, ask your financial institute if they offer **Zelle®**
- Thank you for your generosity.