



Faith

UNITED CHURCH of CHRIST

Sunday Worship
10:00 AM

Faith United Church of Christ

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Monday - Friday

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Search & Call Committee

The Search and Call Committee met in May and reviewed the suggestions from Rev. Jonna Jensen to update our Faith UCC profile which is our job posting for the Pastor role. The Committee accepted her suggestions and appreciated her guidance.

The next step will be to re-post the job opening at the UCC Conference job site.

VOICE OF FAITH

May 14th Recognition Sunday

SEEDS OF FAITH



THEY WILL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS BY OUR LOVE



PULPIT SUPPLY FOR JUNE

WE ARE THE CHURCH TOGETHER

Sunday, June 4

Rev. Barbara Muhs will be the worship leader on this Trinity Sunday. We will welcome special music: Piano and Saxophone duets by Janelle Wilson-DuSavage & Judy Wilson. We will serve communion, all are invited to participate. After the worship hour we will have a reception in honor of Rev. Barb's last Sunday as part of the Pulpit Supply ministry.

Sunday, June 11

Rev. Marcy Heil will be the worship leader on this Second Sunday after Pentecost

Readings: Hosea 5:15-6:6 and Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

Reflection: "That's not fair!" This is the statement heard uttered by many a youngster when it's time to send them to bed. Adults can be heard uttering the same thing when a court case that we are particularly invested in goes a different way than we believe it should. Justice is as important in our time as it was in Jesus' time. What do we have to learn about justice from Jesus?

Sunday, June 18

Member lead service on this Third Sunday after Pentecost. Happy Father's Day

Sunday, June 25

Rev. Marcy Heil will be the worship leader on this Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Open and Affirming Sunday - 66th Anniversary of the UCC

Readings: Daniel 3:16-28

Reflection: The story of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego is usually used to encourage Christians to worship God without fear. We are going to look at it through a different lens that helps us to celebrate our part as an Open and Affirming Church.

Prayer Request Card

If you have any prayer requests or needs,
please let us know & let us pray for you!

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For you shall go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall break forth into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Isaiah 55:12

VESTRY NOTES - MONDAY, MAY 8, 2023

Reports:

Treasurer – April’s Budget Report from the Treasurer Rich Carroll will be filed for audit.

Deacons – The deacons are looking at attendance during church services.

Elders’

- The Elders contacted most of the people on the Member Review list. They reported on communication. John Jones submitted his resignation effective June 1, 2023. The proposal made by Rev. Barb Muhs last month does not meet the criteria for liability. She was not interested in applying for an interim position or part-time pastor and working through the Search and Call Committee. She will serve as pulpit supply through Sunday, June 4, 2023.
- Worship service options were discussed: Find another half-time pulpit supply, Members lead services that might include upbeat music, Traditional sermon, a TED talk, more action projects, more community, Taizé. Worship committee: Mike Morgan, Julie Kundel, and Mike Johannsen.
- Recognition: A letter of recognition to John Jones will be written. Moved by Jan Collinson to purchase a cake, hold a reception and promote attendance. Second by Deb Hagy. Motion carried.

Trustees’

- Dave has Installed a smart thermostat in the sanctuary.
- Repaired the lights in the entryway and the flood light by the entryway.
- Installed the back door (east) outside light by the garden space.
- Installed the lighting by the back door by parking (North).
- The bell tower is deteriorating. We need to find out if there is a steel interior. Dan Huss will look for the original plans for the church.

Unfinished Business

- Sunday school rooms ceiling and wall repair/paint - no action
- Network upgrade on computers to RNS standards. – no action
- Is there a need for compensation from the church for officiants beyond the family's gifts with memorial services at the church? Conference guidelines will be researched.

New Business

1. **Action Items:**

- Revised bid from Kelly’s for a replacement of what we have: 2 furnaces, and 2 condensing units. (See packet) Option 2 includes 2 Bryant Furnaces and 2 Air Conditioners. Some of the parts require a 6-month lead time. Motion by Mike Morgan to bring the expense of new HVAC to the congregation. Second by Tom Emerick, Motion carried.

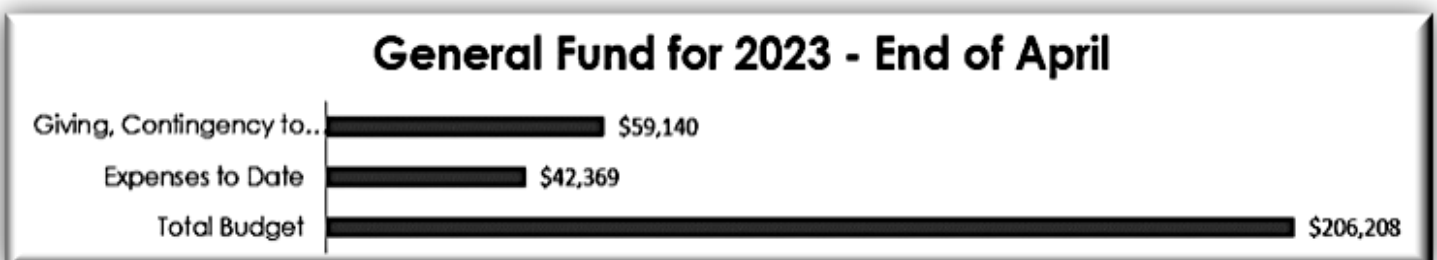
2. **Updates:**

- ONA – Facebook, 395 views as of 5/3 of our Worship service from April 23rd.
- Sign Task Force – Scott is scheduling a meeting to finalize costs.
- Search & Call – The meeting with Jonna was on May 2nd to update our profile.
- Green Team – New bid from Red Lion and Landmark Solar. The committee recommends Landmark. It was suggested that a fund drive be part of the plan while others said we should finance the project from the Endowment. The Green Team will go back to the bidders to get comparable information on kWh.

3. **Quick Items:**

- Communion volunteers to serve for June 4th: Mike Morgan & Deb Hagy
- Strengthen the Church, Special Offering - May 28, 2023
- No choir through the summer, favorite hymns option
- Christian Education in summer, VBS & GOLF at Shepherd of the Cross.

The next meeting is on June 12, 2023



YOU ARE THE CHURCH - COMMUNITY IN ACTION

Harmony Guild Meeting Monday, June 5th

Harmony Guild will meet on Monday, June 5th at 6 pm. We will have a potluck followed by our regular meeting and program. Please bring a dish to share. Dessert and drinks will be provided! Co-hostesses are Alice Huss and Cindy Rada. All women of the church are invited to attend. Please join us!

Outreach Giving in May

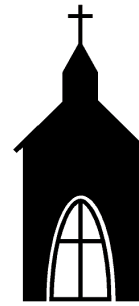
Easter alternative collection

We have delivered or mailed the funds to:

MCSA \$850.00 - Laundry Love \$10.00
 Emmaus Café \$75.00 - Domestic Violence Shelter \$350.00
 Diversity Service Center of Iowa \$75.00

From the RISE Collection Habitat for Humanity \$741.00

Thank you for your generous gifts for those who are in need. – *The outreach committee.*



I am the Church
 You are the Church
 We are the Church
Together

MCSA Sponsors for Room # 5 at the homeless shelter

June 4 - Jim & Kathy Trosen in celebration of Pat Mundell's ministry
 June 11- Larry, Marcy, and Lane Clausen in celebration of family
 June 18 - Jim & Janet Sichterman in celebration of Fathers on Father's Day
 June 25 - Pat Mundell in honor of Lisa and all she does to support the church.

Available Sundays in 2023:

July 16, and 23 - September 10, and 24 - and October 8, and 15.
 For sponsorship of the homeless shelter, please call Lisa in the office. Let her know if you would like to honor, celebrate, or donate in memory of a loved one. The cost is \$25.00 per Sunday, please make checks out to Faith, and in the memo add MCSA. You can drop off the form and make payment at the office.

MCSA Local Food Pantry

in June, we will collect hygiene products, items may include:
 Soap, Shampoo and conditioner, Hairbrush or comb, Toothbrush, toothpaste, floss and mouthwash, Deodorant, Skin lotion and moisturizer, Lip balm, or Wet wipes.

The ADD - Addington's Dementia Discussion Group

Monday, June 26th 5:30 - 7 p.m. every Fourth Monday of the Month. Join them for a monthly support group with open discussion led by Community Relations Coordinator, Taylor Thorpe. If you have a loved one with dementia or Alzheimer's, you are welcome to attend. RSVP by calling 319-255-9491 or email welcome@addingtonplacemuscatine.com

Thank you to our May Worship Team

Tammy Ales, for volunteering for the Altar Committee in April and May. Thank you to the worship team: Tim Stelzner, Tom Emerick, John & Beth Elshoff, Pat Mundell, Lisa Shea, Mark Butterworth, Nancy Wangberg, Deb Hagy, Mike Morgan, Dan, and Alice Huss.

SUNDAY
JUN 11
 4:00 PM

THE QUIRE PRESENTS: PROTEST, POWER, AND REMEMBRANCE
 featuring excerpts from Considering Matthew Shepard
FREE
 The Englert Theatre

FAITH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST IN ACTION

Open and Affirming

The ONA committee looks for ways to turn our ONA Covenant into reality. We believe in unity and mutual respect for every person who is made in the image of God. We know exclusions and marginalization exist causing pain and harm. We ask for forgiveness. We ask for spiritual illumination to light our future paths.



Our next initiative focuses on the inherent worth of each individual. The idea is that everyone has the same worth – infinite worth – by virtue of just being.

Our ONA Covenant challenges us to love one another – no exceptions. There are simple ways to act. Welcome the stranger. Include those who may be excluded. Be an ally. Stand up for those who experience discrimination. Seek to understand. Support equality and inclusion. Love your neighbor.

Bob Dylan wrote, the times, they are a-changin'. If you would like to be part of the ONA Committee, join our group. We meet on the first Thursday of the month, our next meeting is June 1st at 6:00 p.m. on Zoom. You are always welcome to join us at this time.

Thank You Notes

To the leadership and members of Faith United Church of Christ. I attended with my wife Vicki at your Sunday Service on April 23, 2023. Vicki and I agreed that it was probably the most moving, emotional, and inspiring service we have attended for many many years. The Quire who you invited to perform and celebrate with you were fantastic! Vicki and I were both moved to tears. The congregation and those conducting the service evidenced the true love, caring, and concern for all others that we should all strive for each day we are given! Vicki and I want to extend our thanks to all those responsible for the April 23rd service. The Vestry and your Open and Affirming Committee. If we consider ourselves part of any church community, it would be Faith United. Again, our sincerest Thanks and appreciation.

- John & Vicki Beckey.

Thank you so much for the recognition and Merrill Soap products! It has been a joy and an honor to help Kim and LeAnn with this great group of kids.

- Allison Castle

Thank you for the cards and messages of birthday wishes. It was greatly appreciated.

- Lanette Morgan

Faith UCC Green Team

Solar Energy

“The amount of sunlight that strikes the earth's surface in an hour and a half is enough to handle the entire world's energy consumption for a full year. Solar energy can be used to generate electricity or be stored in batteries or thermal storage.

Solar radiation is light. Solar technologies capture this radiation and turn it into useful forms of energy.

PV materials and devices convert **sunlight** into electrical energy. A single PV device is known as a cell. These cells are made of different **semiconductor materials** and sandwiched between protective materials in a combination of glass and/or plastics.

To boost the **power output** of PV cells, they are connected together in chains to form larger units known as modules or panels. Modules can be used individually, or several can be connected to form arrays. One or more arrays are then connected to the **electrical grid** as part of a complete PV system. Because of this modular structure, PV systems can be built to meet almost any electric power need, small or large.”



<https://www.energy.gov/eere/solar/solar-photovoltaic-technology-basics>

FAITH UNITED MEMBER AND FRIENDS

Birthday
Card Shower

6/3 - Robert Miller
2436 Sunflower Ridge
Muscatine, IA 52761

6/13 - Marlyce Cooklin
Senior Star Memory Care
#112, 4502 Elmore Ave.
Davenport IA 52807

6/15 - Karen Diercks
2450 Snug Harbor Lane
Muscatine, IA 52761

6/28 - Paul Burnette
1023 Fairview Ln
North Liberty IA 52317

6/28 - Janet Rauch,
Keystone, Apt. 1009
1275 W. Forever Green Rd.
North Liberty, IA 52317

June
Anniversaries

6-2 Scott & Sarah Harvey
6-4 Rebecca & Derek Koebrick
6-6 Scott & Kiffany Carver
6-6 Gary & Sheryl Lindley
6-14 Denny & Cindy Taylor
6-15 Curt & Sue Muntz
6-18 Steve & Cindy Rada
6-20 Larry & Marcy Clausen
6-20 Gary & Janet Lewis
6-21 Tom & Sarah Noble Hagerty
6-21 Barry & Jayne Manley
6-24 Kirby & Isaac Ales
6-26 Cary & Sunny Hubner
6-27 Rich Carroll & Jan Collinson
6-28 Chris & Erin Rada
6-29 Brandon & Lyndsay Welsch

June
Birthdays

6-3 Robert Miller
6-4 Pat Mundell
6-6 Sue Muntz
6-11 Andy Sharar
6-12 Isaac Ales
6-13 Marlyce Cooklin
6-13 David Creasey
6-13 Susan Krieger
6-13 Landon Castle
6-15 Karen Diercks
6-16 Tony Brant
6-19 Alex Kindred
6-20 Phil Carver
6-23 Jennifer Metcalf
6-26 Tony Matkovich
6-28 Paul Burnette
6-28 Janet Rauch
6-29 Steve Kundel

Please Keep in Your Prayers

To all who are sick or with injuries, and to their caregivers, Sandra Roth, Myung Sharar, Chad Morgan, Cory Tomlin, Audrey Beckey, Melanie Kraklow, Lane Clausen, Nancy Hultquist, Allison Odell, Susan (Roth) Willis, Brian Halligan, Ann Emerick, Joey Merchan, and LeeAnn Weggen.

Sincere Condolences

Sympathy to the family of Cynthia Maeglin on her passing on Saturday, April 22nd. The funeral service was on Saturday, April 29, 2023, at the Ralph J. Wittich-Riley-Freers Funeral Home. For memorials, please consider donating to Muscatine Community College, cards for the family can be sent to 3352 Spinning Wheel Ct., Muscatine IA 52761.

To view the obituary, click on this Link: [Cynthia Ann Maeglin Obituary | Cynthia Ann Maeglin Obituary | \(wittichfuneralhome.com\)](#)

Memorial - Service of Life

Jason E. Jones passed away on Thursday, May 18, 2023. John and Judi Jones will have a Celebration of Life for Jason on June 3, 2023, from 2-4 p.m., at the Faith United Church of Christ. A gathering of family and friends will take place from 2-3 p.m., and moments of remembrance from 3-4 p.m.

Congratulations

Congrats to Eric and Alex Pagel on the birth of Walter Steven Pagel, born May 7 at 6:55 a.m. 8 lb. 2 oz and twenty-one inches long. Walter has two big brothers - Charlie and Freddie. The proud grandparents are Caleen and Pat Pagel.

FAITH UNITED CHRISTIAN EDUCATION FUN NIGHT MAY 17TH



HOW WILL YOU JOIN US?



**Church is more than a place. Church is a practice.
Church is called to be a Brave Space.**

God is calling us to bold, prophetic, public, and invitational ministry together and to create Brave Spaces within each and every UCC congregation.

How will your congregation join this movement of the Spirit?

Holy One,

Here is a chance. It has seemingly just showed up.

What do we do with it?

It flutters around us. It brushes up against us. It circles at our feet as though a companion trying to get us to pay attention.

Throughout time You have given your people endless chances to protect the environment; care for the poor; embrace diversity; reject racism; forgive often; fight for the powerless; share earthly and spiritual resources; love You; and enjoy this life.

Sometimes the chance escapes our notice. Sometimes the chance trips us up. Sometimes we spend too long thinking about it or summoning up the courage only to discover we have missed the chance.

But here is our chance --a holy chance to BE Church together in bold, prophetic ways.

Holy one, we ask what is it that you are calling us to? Stir within us the courage to take this chance, trusting that however hesitant we might be, this chance could be more incredible than we imagine.

Amen and amen.



God's first language is Silence.
Everything else is a translation.

Thomas Keating



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LORD
WITH ALL
YOUR 
(PROVERBS 3:5)



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 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.