



VOICE OF FAITH

Sunday Worship
10:00 AM

NEW MISSION STATEMENT!

Faith United Church of Christ

3307 Mulberry Avenue
Muscatine, IA 52761
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Your 2024 Vestry has instituted an updated mission statement for Faith United Church of Christ:

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.

Church Office Hours

10 a.m. — 4 p.m.
Monday - Friday

Pastor Paris White

pastor@faithuccmuscatine.com
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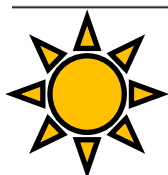
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BUILDING IMPROVEMENT PROJECT PRIORITIES

Everyone has wonderful ideas for ways to improve things around here, but as a Vestry, we have decided to start by naming and striving toward 5 priorities (*which we recognize may take a couple years to achieve*):



SUMMER OF

HEALING, HOPE, AND JOY

From June-August our worship will center on the themes of healing, hope, and joy. We hope you'll join us!

WORSHIP IN JUNE:

June 2nd—Communion

June 9th—Special music by Ryann Stansbery

June 16th—Father's Day panel & Josh Lary solo

June 23rd—Open & Affirming Sunday with music by the Quire followed by a Fellowship Potluck

June 30th—Worship followed by town hall meeting, and Building Projects Raffle drawing for Hot of the Grill.

- 1) ADA Compliance—As a community whose identity is centered on the radical welcome of people of all ages and abilities, making sure our building reflects that welcome is priority number one! Therefore, our first step will be ensuring everyone can get into the front doors with a 'push-to-open' button.
- 2) ADA Compliance continued—In the same vein, we find updating our restrooms to be priority number two.
- 3) With worship as our centering activity through which all else flows, it is important to ensure we have what we need to offer a fruitful in-person *and* online worship experience. Therefore, our third priority is to update the technology in the sanctuary. We would also like to provide a sound system and perhaps video capability in the downstairs fellowship hall for events and workshops.
- 4) New flooring—Our carpet throughout the building has seen better days. We would like to remove the carpet and opt for something more modern and easier to clean.
- 5) If we take up the carpet in the sanctuary, we would need to also take up the pews. Before we put them back in place, we would like to propose getting pew chairs instead. This would allow us to transform our sanctuary space into a multipurpose space. It would also make room for different arrangements, for example when the handbells play or special music is offered, for fellowship, for funerals/weddings, and for 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 'town hall' sessions throughout the summer.

We invite you to stay after worship on Sunday, June 30th for our first town hall. In the meantime, please feel free to discuss this list with any members of our Vestry.

UPDATES ON THE FAITH FRONT

BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS FUNDRAISING:

Hot off the Grill" Church Raffle Fundraiser: Get ready to fire up the grill and support a great cause! Faith is looking ahead to some new projects for the building, like making the front doors and bathrooms ADA-compliant. We know these will cost money, so we are kicking off our fundraising with a RAFFLE! As July is the largest grilling month in the US, we're excited to launch a BBQ raffle fundraiser. You can purchase raffle tickets for \$5 each or a wingspan (bundle) of 30 tickets for \$100. The grand prize is a stunning handmade bag created by our talented Lisa Shea. Inside the bag are BBQ tools, a lot of meat, and seasonings from Fareway! THE BAG IS VALUED AT \$560. The drawing will take place on June 30th, after the service. So, mark your calendars and prepare to grill out while supporting a great cause! ***This is just one of many raffles to come to help raise funds for new building updates.***



WORSHIP SERVICE SURVEY - DUE BY JUNE 3RD

We value your thoughts and opinions at Faith UCC! The Worship Committee is seeking your feedback on your worship experience, and we invite you to share your thoughts by completing this short survey: <https://forms.gle/YoTsVjBZdbGRjMKH9>. If you encounter any issues, paper copies are available for pickup and return to Pastor Paris. Your input is invaluable in helping us create a meaningful and inspiring worship experience for all - thank you for being the heart of our church!

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.



INSTANT CHURCH DIRECTORY

"Stay connected with your church community like never before! We're excited to introduce our new instant church directory, available for download on your mobile device. This easy-to-use app will enable you to connect with fellow members, stay up to date on church contacts, and access important information at your fingertips. Download the app and start building meaningful relationships with your fellow Faith community today!"



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Your church directory
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Instantly!

Downloading the Instant Church 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>

HARMONY GUILD

Save the date: our next meeting is set for June 3, 2024, at 6 p.m. with co-hostesses Cindy Rada and Alice Huss! Join us for our annual potluck dinner, where we'll come together to share a delicious meal and great company. Please bring a dish to share, and we'll provide desserts and drinks. All ladies of the church are warmly invited to attend – no RSVP is required. We look forward to seeing you there!



The Christian Education Classes at our church came together to create beautiful May Baskets on May 1st, which were then generously gifted to the Friendship Circle, spreading much appreciated joy and warmth!

FAITH COMMUNITY EVENTS

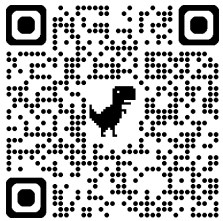
WINE AND CHEESUS

Pastor warmly invites all to join her on the back patio of Wine Nutz/ Proof Social on **June 5th at 6:30 p.m.** for a night of Pub Theology! *What in the world is that??* This is a safe space to come and join others in being curious about spirituality and religion. 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 hard and fast 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 21, 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!



ARDEN CREEK WINERY

Come join in some fellowship and enjoy music in the vineyard with "Cruisin" – Rock 'n' Roll (Steve Kundel's Band) on June 21, 2024 @ 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm. There will be a Food Truck and admission is for anyone over 16, there is a \$10 charge per person. Please bring your lawn chairs. Website: <https://ardoncreek.com/events/>



BLOOD DRIVE WITH IMPACT LIFE

We are hosting a Blood Drive with Impact Life on June 24th from 3-6 pm. Please consider donating! You can register here: https://login.bloodcenter.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/133224

ONA MUSICAL EVENT – THE QUIRE OF EASTER IOWA

June 23, 2024. Sunday, 10:00 am at Faith United Church of Christ "Legacy and Harmony: The Quire Past, Present, and Future" features works by Mari Esabel Valverde, Conner Warren Smith, Reginald Unterseher, and several others.

A potluck is planned for all church members, guests, and The Quire after the church service. Please mark your calendar and join us for another extraordinary event. Invite a friend so we can share this performance with the wider community.



OPEN AND AFFIRMING COMMITTEE MEETING

Our team has been actively demonstrating our commitment to inclusivity and service by supporting the Muscatine community in various ways. We've provided snacks for the LGBTQIA+ pre-prom, sponsored valuable workshops on LGBTQIA+ issues, and will be hosting a booth in Iowa City (June 15th) Pride Festival. Be a part of this vibrant celebration and witness our church's dedication to love, acceptance, and service! Our next ONA meeting will be on June 6th at 6 p.m. Everyone is welcome to join us, just let the office know, and we will add you to the email reminder list.

FAITH UCC GREEN TEAM MEETING



Recent efforts have brought new life to our church property! Four trees have been planted, and we're now focused on nurturing them with proper care. We're also exploring ways to enhance the beauty and sustainability of our grounds, considering the addition of wildflowers and a rain garden. Meanwhile, our environmental team is preparing a guided tour at the Scott County Recycling Center, where we'll learn about the importance of composting. Join us as we work together to reduce our ecological footprint and create an eco-friendly community! Our next green team meeting will be on June 11th at 4:30 p.m., (note the date change) everyone is welcome to join us, just let the office know, and we will add you to the email reminder list.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS

END OF Year CELEBRATION

May 15th was the final Wednesday night youth classes before summer break. As a final project, the class assembled 'Celebration Kits' to be shared with MCSA's Food Pantry and Domestic Abuse Shelter. The youth enjoyed some fun and fellowship, Frantz made hot dogs, and parents/guardians were invited to give feedback to help us prepare for a new start in the fall.



Please give us feedback via the survey emailed to you if you haven't already!

We want to extend a huge thanks to teachers Julie Emerick Kundel, Tom Emerick, Mary Silberger, Beth Elshoff, & Tammy Ales.



CONFIRMATION has also wrapped up their school year and celebrated together on May 22nd. For year 1 the class had 6 students from grades 5-8. We spent the year studying the bible. Next year we will study the Church, its history, the denominations, and interfaith relations. **Thank you Brian Metcalf for being our classroom helper this year!!**

Seen here are some students enjoying a game of chess. This is just one of many chess boards/pieces handmade and donated by our very own Alan Arkema!! **Thank you Alan Arkema for these wonderful gifts!**

NEW CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COORDINATOR!

The Vestry has called a new C. E. Coordinator! Welcome Lisa Shea and thank you for taking this on!

Our next Christian Education meeting is scheduled for June 10th at 4:30 pm. Please be thinking if you're open to being a teacher for the 2024-2025. Also, we'd love to have you volunteer at one of our ecumenical Christian Day Camps! Elementary camp will be from June 11-14th/15th, Middle School will be from June 25-27th and our Pre-K opportunities are on June 17th, July 1st and July 15th. If you'd like to volunteer you can sign up here: [Volunteer Form for Christian Day Camp 2024 \(google.com\)](https://www.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLS...) The Pastor will be a leader at all 3 camps and Julie Kundel will be an on-site nurse!



ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Our adult education opportunities will also be taking a summer break. **Thank you Sue Johannsen for leading us in Seasons of the Spirit for our Sunday morning adult forums. Thank you Pastor Paris for leading us through the Gospels during Tuesday afternoon Bible studies. Thank you Mike Johannsen for leading us through many books in our Wednesday evening adult forums.**

This year we read these books on Wednesday nights: Amy-Jill Levine's book, *Signs and Wonders: A Beginner's Guide to the Miracles of Jesus*; *The Gospel of Mark: A beginner's Guide to the Good News* by Amy-Jill Levine; *The Comforting Whirlwind: God, Job and the Scale of Creation* by Bill McKibben, and *Faith After Doubt* by Brian D. McLaren.

*Next year this forum will be moved to Thursday evenings and start with the book *Braiding Sweetgrass!* We are so grateful for these thought-provoking educational opportunities that provide spiritual growth and nourishment!

If you'd like to continue learning this summer you can join in our ecumenical book study of *Sacred Fire: A Vision for a Deeper Humanity and Christian Maturity* by Ronald Rolheiser. This group will meet on Wednesdays from June 12th through July 17 from 6:15 - 7:30pm. (The group will be skipping July 3rd for the holiday)

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE GRANTS

CHURCH BUILDING IMPROVEMENT RAFFLE FUNDRAISER

"Hot off the Grill" is just the first of many raffle fundraisers to help raise funds for new building improvements! Lisa Shea was awarded funds to create these amazing bags, quilts, etc. that will be raffled off throughout the year to fundraise for building upgrades. See page 1 for a list of building improvements Vestry is hoping to conquer, and page 2 for information about the first raffle. Tickets are selling fast for this HOT BBQ bag so be sure to get yours today! The drawing will be after worship on June 30th!

CONGREGATIONAL CARE GRANT

This grant allows for Faith to host a fellowship luncheon for our 80-plus members and friends. Invitations went out in May, for our Thursday, June 6th @11:30 event. Fellowship is essential for our special friends who may not be able to always get out on Sundays for church. We hope at this event they get reconnected, especially after any long periods of isolation. We hope everyone appreciates this time together and finds the opportunity to talk with Pastor Paris as they share in the fellowship luncheon catered by Guy and a Grill.

INHERENT WORTH SEMINAR GRANT

Faith United Church of Christ is an open and affirming church that welcomes all people, affirming their inherent worth and dignity as children of God. The second Inherent Worth Seminar was on Saturday morning April 27th. Approximately twenty people from both Faith UCC and the wider community explored Believing in our inherent worth, Recognizing the Inherent Worth in Others, and Honoring this Inherent Worth in our Communication. Led by life coach Allison Castle, participants explored how the rules and teachings we receive from both family and society throughout our lifespan affect our communication with others. Self-Identity Assessments and Intrinsic Birth Right information help participants have a better self-understanding of inherent worth. Vulnerable discussions among participants helped inform this process. Thank you, Allison, for providing this insightful information to all who were in attendance. Note to everyone....watch for future offerings/seminars to provide valuable awareness into how better to truly love ourselves and our neighbors.

GREEN TEAM TREE GRANT

Exciting news from the Green Team! We've welcomed four new members and have been busy planting trees on our campus. Pastor Paris arranged for two trees from Muscatine Branching Out and two additional baby trees, which were carefully planted by a team of volunteers including Sue and Mike Johannsen, Pastor Paris, Dan Huss, Frantz Silberger, and Mark Hagy. Our new additions include two serviceberry trees, a red oak, and a white pine, which will provide shade, beauty, and help purify the air. Welcome to our new trees!

THE INDIGENOUS COALITION OF MUSCATINE GRANT

"We want to express our heartfelt thanks for the grant we recently received from Faith. Your support of our organization, The Indigenous Coalition of Muscatine, is a testament to the positive change we aspire to create within our community. The resources provided through your grant will help us achieve our outlined objectives of education, advocating, and creating safe spaces to explore Indigenous cultures and customs. The funds will be allocated to expand our ongoing projects, invest in new resources, and enhance our reach. Your contribution underscores the alignment of our values & commitment you have toward the betterment of our society. We sincerely appreciate your trust in our vision, mission, and the initiatives we undertake as we grow into our new space. Wela'liog (Thank you)." *From, ICM Co-Creators: Danni L. Zumwalt, Justice Sack & Board of Directors: Kim Warren, Naomi DeWinter, Brad Bark, Keith Porter, Betty Collins, & Kirk Thompson.*

ONA MUSICAL EVENT - THE QUIRE OF EASTER IOWA

As another form of our commitment to our Open and Affirming statement, the ONA committee is excited to welcome The Quire of Eastern Iowa back to Faith this June!! Please join us at worship on June 23rd as we celebrate our ONA commitments and lift up the talented Iowa City based community choir. This group has long been a beautiful safe space for the LGBTQIA+ community to find belonging, meaningful relationships, and create healing harmonies. On the 23rd they will present "Legacy and Harmony: The Quire Past, Present, and Future." All are encouraged to stay after worship for a potluck!

FAITH WITH LOVE AND SERVICE

JUNE 2024- WORSHIP TEAM



SUNDAY, JUNE 2

Worship Leader: Pastor Paris
 Liturgist: Jack Hovland
 Ushers: Mike Morgan
 Altar Flowers: Lisa Shea
 Refreshments: Bob & Karren Sharar
 Communion Servers: Vestry Members

HOLY COMMUNION

Accompanist: Sheryl Ringen
 Children's Moment: Pastor
 Greeters: Brian & Jen Metcalf
 Altar Committee: Pat Mundell

SUNDAY, JUNE 9

Worship Leader: Pastor Paris
 Liturgist: Dan Huss
 Ushers: Deb & Mark Hagy
 Refreshments: Margie Kundel
 Special Music: Ryann Stansbery with accompanist Sheryl Ringen

Accompanist: Judy Wilson
 Children's Moment: Erin Plemmons
 Greeters: Tom & Ann Emerick
 Altar Flowers: Lisa Shea

SUNDAY, JUNE 16

Liturgist: Mike Johannsen
 Liturgist: Mark Butterworth
 Ushers: Bob & Karren Sharar
 Refreshments: Dan & Alice Huss
 Special Music: Josh Lary with accompanist Judy Wilson

FATHER'S DAY

Accompanist: Judy Wilson
 Children's Moment: Julie Kundel
 Greeters: Pat & Caleen Pagel
 Altar Flowers: Lisa Shea

SUNDAY, JUNE 23

Worship Leader: Pastor Paris
 Liturgist: Julie Kundel
 Ushers: Tom Emerick
 Refreshments/Potluck: The ONA committee & Sue Johannsen
 Altar Flowers: Lisa Shea
 Special Music: The Quire of Eastern Iowa

POTLUCK SUNDAY!

Accompanist: Judy Wilson
 Children's Moment: Pastor
 Greeters: Liz Busch

SUNDAY, JUNE 30

Worship Leader: Pastor Paris
 Liturgist: Pat Mundell
 Ushers: Allison Castle
 Altar Flowers: Lisa Shea

TOWN HALL MEETING

Accompanist: Judy Wilson
 Children's Moment: Melissa Schumaker
 Greeters: Brook Tompos
 Refreshments: Vestry/Townhall

COMMUNITY PRAYER LIST

Please keep our Faith community members and their caretakers in your prayers as they face challenging situations. We believe that our collective prayers can bring comfort, peace, and healing to their journey. To all who are sick or with injuries, Myung Sharar, Chad Morgan, Audrey Beckey, Lane Clausen, Nancy Hultquist, Allison Odell, Susan Willis, Joey Merchan, Patricia Fischer, Allen Emerick, Chris Wildasin, Cathy Deters, Bob Murray, Dennis Engel, Julie Kundel, Will Kreuger, Judy Merritt, Chuck Warren, and Sandra Roth.

THANK YOU NOTES

- Dear Friends, we would like to take a moment to thank you for your donation of \$456.00 to the MCSA Shelter. - **Nik Horn, Resource Dev. Officer.**
- Dear Faith, thank you for your gift of \$500.00 to the Indigenous Coalition of Muscatine Charitable Fund on May 9th. Your generosity supports the programs and services that help our community thrive. – **Community Foundation of Greater Muscatine.**
- Thank you for all the wonderful birthday cards and wishes, it brightened my day! I am grateful to everyone who reached out. – **Lanette Morgan.**
- I want to thank everybody for thinking of me on my birthday. You showered me with so many beautiful cards, phone calls, flowers, and Birthday Wishes on Facebook. As being, The Card Lady, each of your messages meant so much to me. I am so blessed to have so many caring and wonderful friends. Blessings to each of you. - **Linda Hardin**
- Dear Faith Family, thank you for your cards and kind expressions of sympathy after the passing of my mom, Carol Reynolds. My sister, Debbie, and Carla and I really appreciate it. Sincerely, **Jim Reynolds.**

FAITH UNITED COMMUNITY

**BIRTHDAY
CARD SHOWER**

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

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
- 6-22 Phil & Kylene Blanchard
- 6-23 Ryan & Alison Castle
- 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

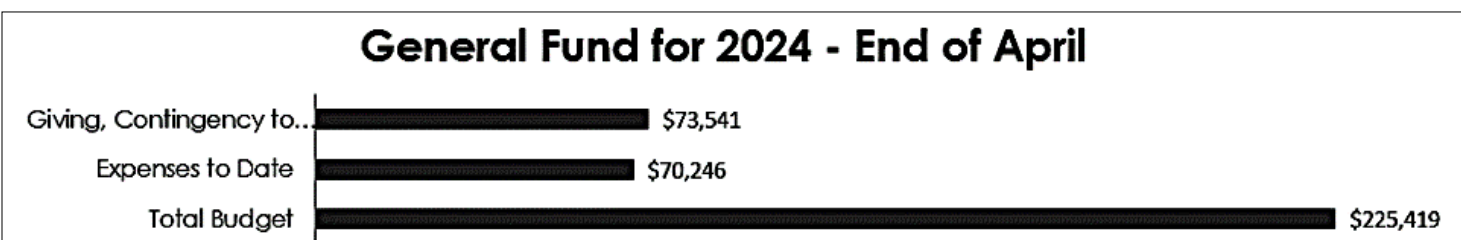
- 3 Robert Miller
- 4 Pat Mundell
- 6 Seth Metcalf
- 6 Susan Muntz
- 8 Chiara Wilson
- 11 Andrew Sharar
- 12 Isaac Ales
- 13 Landon Castle
- 13 David Creasey
- 15 Karen Diercks
- 16 Anthony Brant
- 17 Shelley Lawson
- 19 Alex Kindred
- 20 Phillip Carver
- 23 Jennifer Metcalf
- 26 Anthony Matkovich
- 27 Will Erkan
- 27 Courtney Mathias
- 28 Paul Burnette
- 28 Janet Rauch
- 29 Steve Kundel

VESTRY SUMMARY May 13, 2024

The meeting minutes from the Faith United Church of Christ Vestry meeting on May 13, 2024 were reviewed and approved. The following topics were discussed:

1. Resignation and Appointment: Bill Creasey resigned and Lisa Shea was appointed to fill his position on the Vestry.
2. Treasurer's Report: Rich Carroll presented the budget report for April, which included payment of Eastern Association dues and quarterly installments to the contingency fund.
3. Reports: Various reports were presented, including updates from the Deacons, Elders, Trustees, and the Pastor.
4. Strategic Planning: The Vestry discussed and adopted a new mission statement and appointed a subgroup to continue to work on strategic planning.
5. Building improvements: The Vestry reviewed quotes for ADA-compliant front doors and restroom upgrades and decided to move forward with gathering more quotes. Flooring and technology updates: Quotes are being obtained for flooring and technology upgrades in the sanctuary and downstairs fellowship hall. Worship Survey results: Current survey results were discussed, including feedback on worship and building improvements; there is still time for others to include their input.
6. Old Business: Ann Emerick will begin to shadow Pat Mundell as Financial Secretary, as Pat's term will end at the end of 2024.
7. New Business: Lisa Shea was voted in as the new Christian Education Director. The Vestry discussed new business items, including credit card management and the need for worship volunteers.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 10th, 2024.



COMMUNITY RESOURCES—DID YOU KNOW..

WEEKLY SUPPORT GROUP AT FAITH



Our childhood experiences have a lot to do with how we think about ourselves and how we relate to others in our adult lives. Unfortunately, too many people grow up in unstable and unsafe environments with not a lot of support or guidance towards healthy, whole, and full lives. Therefore, Faith is happy to be partnering with a local mental health professional to host a weekly support group for adults who were raised in dysfunctional homes – be it from substance, sexual, physical, or emotional abuse, or guardians that struggled with behavior / emotional disorders, or militaristic / perfectionist guardians, etc.

The group will meet at Faith weekly on Sundays at 4pm starting June 9th.

If you're curious but not sure if this group might be right for you or someone you know, please talk with Pastor Paris.

FREE MUSCABUS FOR THE YOUTH THIS SUMMER

When school is out for the summer, Muscatine kindergarten through 12th grade students can ride the MuscaBus route buses for free. That's right ... no charge ... no dinero ... absolutely free!! Free rides begin on Wednesday, May 29, and end on Thursday, August 22. Parents or students with questions can call 563-263-8152 or ask a driver for assistance. Middle & high school students need to carry their school identification for verification. Information about route buses can be found on the City's website by clicking on the link listed here ([MUSCABUS](#)). Weekday and Saturday schedules can also be found on the Public Transit website.



FREE SUMMER MEAL PROGRAM FOR THE YOUTH

Our school district also has a FREE summer meal program which provides weekly meals for ALL children ages 1-18!!! From June 12th—July 31st meals can be picked up each Wednesday at Muscatine High School thanks to the MCSD Food & Nutrition Department! You can ask questions through schoolmeals@mcsdonline.org and/or fill out the meal survey here: <https://bit.ly/3QTa5z0>



MPW SENIOR DISCOUNT ON MONTHLY BILLS

Senior users can access a senior discount for monthly residential refuse collection (\$5/month) and sewer charges (\$1/month)! Just fill out a short form at the City's Finance Department and show your Medicare card to qualify.



FREE 'WELCOME TO MEDICARE' WORKSHOP

You can attend a FREE 'Welcome to Medicare' workshop at the Musser Library room 301 on Thursday, June 13th from 6:30-8 pm! Registration is required by June 5th by calling (563)263-7292 ext. 1119 and leaving a message with your name, number, and number of attendees.



DEMENTIA SUPPORT GROUP

There is a support group for those in the early stages of any dementia diagnosis. This has been created and is being hosted on the Third Thursdays at 1:30 p.m. at the Grace Lutheran Church.



JUNE EVENT CALENDAR

June 2024	
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10:00 a.m. Worship Holy Communion Worship Survey due!	2
4:30 p.m. Worship Committee meeting 6:00 p.m. Harmony Guild meeting & Potluck	3
10:00 a.m. Worship Special Music: Ryann Stansbery 4:00 p.m. Support Group @ Faith	4
6:30 p.m. Wine & Cheese on the patio of Wine Nutz	5
11:30 a.m. 80 plus Luncheon in the Fellowship Hall 6:00 p.m. ONA	6
Church office closed	7
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10:00 a.m. Worship Special Music: Ryann Stansbery 4:00 p.m. Support Group @ Faith	9
10:30 a.m. Memorial Committee 4:30 p.m. C. E. Education meeting 6:00 p.m. Deacons, Elders, Trustees 6:30 p.m. Vestry meeting	10
Christian Day Camp June 11th- 15th (Elementary Group) 4:30 p.m. Green Team	11
Christian Day Camp June 11th- 15th (Elementary Group) 6:15 p.m. Ecumenical book study	12
Christian Day Camp June 11th- 15th (Elementary Group) 6:30 p.m. FREE 'Welcome to Medicare' workshop - @ Musser Library room 301- Registration is required w/library	13
Christian Day Camp June 11th- 15th (Elementary Group)	14
Noon Pride Parade in Iowa City 1-6 Iowa City Pride Fest	15
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10:00 a.m. Father's Day Worship with Special Music: Josh Lary 4:00 p.m. Support Group @ Faith	17
Christian Day Camp 5:30 p.m. (Pre-K) at Discovery w/ Faith to supply the meal	18
6:00 p.m. Pastoral support committee	19
1:30 p.m. Dementia Support Group @ Grace Lutheran Church	20
6 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Fellowship @ Ardon Creek - with the Cruisin' Band	21
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10:00 a.m. Worship Special Music: The Quire Group 11:00 Potluck in Fellowship Hall 4:00 p.m. Support Group @ Faith	23
3-6 pm Blood Drive with Impact Life	24
Christian Day Camp June 25 - 27th (Middle school)	25
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Christian Day Camp June 25 - 27th (Middle school)	28
Hot Off the Grill Raffle booth @ Fareway!	29
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10:00 a.m. Worship 11:00 a.m. Townhall Meeting, Fundraiser Raffle Drawing No Potluck on this Sunday 4:00 p.m. Support Group @ Faith	30
	
3 rd Thursdays @ Grace Lutheran Church has a Dementia Support Group at 1:30 p.m.	
Food Pantry Needs for June: "Come Clean" Personal care Products.	

FAITH UNITED COMMUNITY

MCSA ROOM # 5 HOMELESS SHELTER SPONSORS FOR JUNE

- June 2 - Jim & Kathy Trosen in honor of Pat Mundell, congregational care
- June 9 - Dave & Margie Kundel in thankfulness for our Blessings
- June 16 - Larry & Marcy Clausen in celebration of our Blessings & Faith Family
- June 23 - Jim & Janet Sichterman in appreciation for all our blessings
- June 30 - Jim & Kathy Trosen in honor of Lisa Allen in the church office



MCSA PANTRY NEEDS FOR JUNE



Theme: "Come Clean" (Skin & Nail Care Products):
 Bar Soap, Shower Gel, Body Lotion, Sunscreen, Chap Strick,
 Hand Sanitizer, Nail Files, Emery Boards, Nail Clippers, and Tweezers.
 Donations can be brought to the church office or placed around the
 corner by the coatracks in our donation bin. Thank you for your generosity!

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.
- Download the app for Zelle, and send in your pledge.

MISSION
 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.



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