

Faith UP

July 2016

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PASTOR'S PAGE

Every day as I come into the parking lot of the church, the first thing I notice is all of that gray concrete that adorns the Avenue, those concrete barriers that are lined up the length of the construction zone. The barricades have one specific purpose, to block out, or seal in, depending on which side of the street you are on. They are a barrier to separate one side from the other. The ultimate purpose for these particular barriers is safety in the construction zone, but, we live with all kinds of barriers and barricades, within life, and within the life of faith. And the church is not immune to barriers, to keep us within or to keep others out.

What is it that is keeping us back, blocking us from moving out of the former into the new, keeping us from fully becoming a family, from fully entering into the ministries that will become the hallmark of Faith United PC? What is holding us back from fully entering into a committed relationship with one another, of giving of ourselves for the sake of the other? What is keeping us from the new that we can become? These are questions that have been on my mind for a while, and I think there is one answer that covers all of these questions for me- FEAR? I think we are afraid of moving out because we don't know if what we are doing will be successful. We are afraid of failing. I could be wrong; it would not be the first time for that. But, I have noticed that most of us are just a bit hesitant to extend ourselves. We knew a lot of the people who were a part of these congregations and now there are people we don't know; we knew what things used to be about, what we wanted to be involved in, and even though things didn't always work well, and we certainly did not see many new faces coming into our midst, we thought what we were about was working. But now we are a bit squeamish in getting involved in activities that we were not formerly involved in; we are shy about going up and introducing ourselves to new faces, even though we have seen them around for a while now; there are still tables of people from the former congregations sitting together at coffee time and church activities. The going has been fast in getting things started, but slow in coming together.

But, I take heart because I see little pockets of change around us. Though we are still struggling to form a cohesive unit, the ideas that came out of the congregational gathering on May 1 were encouraging, and the session is actively putting ideas into motion, and YOU ALL will be encouraged to get actively involved in areas you feel passionate about in our ministry. And I have seen some of the family starting to break the ice and visit with one another, sit together in worship, and go together for visits to homebound members. Small steps ARE BEING TAKEN. Though we would all like to see things happen quickly and we would be past these early stages of the process, the fact is that this whole enterprise will take time to develop. But we must be willing to keep at it.

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Dave's article con't:

I would like to encourage each of us to: continue to pray for this congregations to be moved into the place God desires for us in the time frame that God wants it to be in; to be intentional in introducing ourselves to a new person each time we are here, so that each time you are here you are visiting with more people, and learning more about them; to participate in the ministry and activity of the congregation, even if it is something you have not been a part of before, or for a long time; for the session committees to work on having, on a monthly basis, a mission activity for the congregation, a fellowship activity for the congregation, and education activity for the congregation, and a special worship activity for the congregation. And, please pay attention to what the session is doing with your ideas for the church. There will be more about that in another article in this newsletter- explanations and guiding words from the elders as to how we would like to proceed and how you all can be a part of this, taking your ideas and putting them into motion for the building of the congregation and our outreach into the community with the Good News of Jesus Christ. This may be a tall order, but it is time to activate.

We belong to God; we are the body of Christ in the world. God will provide us the way and the means to further the ministry we are called to. Our calling is to follow, and in following we will be shown the who, the what, they where, the when, even the why. Let us join together and get busy in love. Amen.

Dave

Lectionary Scripture Lessons in July

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost—July 3

2 Kings 5:1–14; Psalm 30; Galatians 6:[1–6] 7–16; Luke 10:1–11,16–20

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost—July 10

Amos 7:7–17; Psalm 82;Colossians 1:1–14
Luke 10:25–37

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost—July 17

Amos 8:1–12; Psalm 52; Colossians 1:15–28
Luke 10:38–42

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost—July 24

Hosea 1:2–10; Psalm 85; Colossians 2:6–15
[16–19]; Luke 11:1–13

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost—July 31

Hosea 11:1–11; Psalm 107:1–9, 43;
Colossians 3:1–11; Luke 12:13–21

WORSHIP IN JULY

July 3: 2 Kings 5:1-14; Luke 10:1-11, 16-20- God's gracious love and power work in the world through mysterious and unexpected means. We give thanks to God for our nation's birth.

July 10: Amos 7:7-17; Col. 1:1-14; Luke 10:25-37- The Good Samaritan; what does it mean to have and be neighbor? We celebrate the Lord's Supper today.

July 17: Amos 8:1-12; Col. 1:15-28; Luke 10:38-42- Being welcomed in grace is the focus today, Jesus sees worth in us even when the world does not.

July 24: Hosea 1:2-10; Col. 2:6-15; Luke 11:1-13- God's grace offers a new path for us to take in life, and repentance, turning our lives toward God and God's ways is our response.

July 31: Hosea 11:1-11; Col. 3:1-11; Luke 12:13-21- Living that repentant life, then, becomes the focus, because there will always be temptations to follow another way.



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Upcoming Dates to Remember

July

Circles will meet:

Naomi Circle July 5 - 2:00 pm

Card Making July 13 - 9:00 am

Rebecca Circle & Esther Bible Study will not be meeting in the month of July

Card makers could use more helpers. They could also use: Get Well, Sympathy and Thinking of You cards.

Many thanks to all who participated in the "PW Celebrate the Gifts of Women Sunday".

We invite all women of Faith United Presbyterian Church to join our circles. There are 3 Circles: Esther, Naomi and Rebecca.

Esther Circle: Meets on the second Thursday of the month at 10:00 am. Moderator is Angie Irwin, 253-7110.

Naomi Circle: Meets on the first Tuesday of the month at 1:00 pm. Moderator is Marilyn Blatchford, 276-2438.

Rebecca Circle: Meets on the first Wednesday of the month at 10:00 am. Moderator is Marlyn Arnett, 276-2235.

The committee will be meeting in July to work on the PW 2016-17 Directory. If you are interested in joining, please call one of the three Moderators, or Janet Ross, so that your name will be included in the Directory.

Janet Ross, 239-4423

Kitchen Crew
for July is
Marterians

3- July 2015

PC(USA) leaders issue post-General Assembly letter to the church

"For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven." Ecclesiastes 3

Brothers and sisters in Christ, there is a new season in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), as witnessed by the actions of the 222nd General Assembly (2016). The body of 594 commissioners who gathered June 18-25 in Portland, Oregon, elected Co-Moderators Denise Anderson and Jan Edmiston, and J. Herbert Nelson as the Stated Clerk. Both were historic, and both signal a new way forward for our church.

The business decisions made by the body also were transformative for the 1,572,660 members and 9,642 churches of the PC(USA). The work wasn't easy, and involved careful deliberations. Collectively, the body acted on nearly 100 overtures by discerning the will of Christ.

Among other things, we now have a new addition to our *Book of Confessions* – the Confession of Belhar. It is the first of our confessions that comes from the global south. And, the PC(USA) has a new Directory for Worship; and Child/Youth/Vulnerable Adult Protection Policy and Procedures. God is truly guiding us to be more faithful and just to all of God's creations.

Much discussion has been taking place around the identity and purpose of the denomination, and this week the assembly voted to create a 12-member Way Forward Commission "to study and identify a vision for the structure and function of the General Assembly agencies of the PC(USA)," and a 15-member 2020 Vision Team to "develop a guiding statement for the denomination and make a plan for its implementation."

To quote Stated Clerk-elect J. Herbert Nelson, "We are not dead ... we are alive, we are reforming and we are transforming this world, one person at a time."

Looking outward, the assembly voted to engage in selective, phased divestment from fossil-fuel companies through the PC (USA)'s Mission Responsibility Through Investment committee, and re-affirmed a two-state solution for Israel-Palestine.

Please know this is only a snapshot of the actions taken, and just a glimpse at where God is leading this denomination. Complete business actions can be viewed at www.pc-biz.org.

We are, brothers and sisters, in a new season. It's exciting, but also a little scary. Yet in the midst of it all, take comfort that God is still guiding and controlling all – and we need not fear. God is calling us to hope, and to God be the glory!

The Reverend Gradye Parsons
Stated Clerk of the General Assembly

The Reverend Denise Anderson and the Reverend Jan Edmiston
Co-Moderators of the 222nd General Assembly (2016)

Ruling Elder Tony De La Rosa
Interim Executive Director, Presbyterian Mission Agency

NEED MEDICAL EQUIPMENT?

Do you need to borrow some medical equipment for short-term use? The church has wheelchairs, walkers, bath chairs, etc. available on a loan basis. If you would like to borrow any of these items, contact Shirley Heath - 274-1975 or Becky Trout - 898-8773



SUPPORTED by MPC

Faith United Presbyterian Church provides stability for 12-step groups by providing space for five different groups' meetings. If you know of people, who are looking for 12-step support, please share this schedule.

- SUNDAYS -** 7:00 p.m. - Steel Magnolias, Women's Open AA - Meditation Rm.
8:00 p.m. - Big Book Group Study Open AA Fireside Rm.
- WEDNESDAYS -** 7:00 p.m. - Gambler's Anon.- Fireside Rm. **(Hotline - 712-223-0909)**
7:00 p.m. - Men's Al-Anon
- FRIDAY -** 6:30 p.m. - Gambler's Anon.
8:00 p.m. - Morningside Fellowship-Closed AA Group-Dining Rm.
8:00 p.m. - Acceptance Al-Anon -Open Meditation Room

Treasurer's Report from June	
Income	\$ 29,462.67
Expenses	\$ 19,135.31

*Faith United Presbyterian Church
Is on a pilgrimage to resurrect and expand our church community and to share the love and grace of Jesus Christ. We worship as an authentic expression of our gratitude to God for grace unimaginable and love unconditional. We strive to be God's heart, hands and voice to all ages as we grow in faith and engage in mission locally, nationally, and globally.*

*The deadline for newsletter submission is the 3rd Wednesday of the month prior to publication. Please direct articles & questions to Teri McCallum
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Marilyn Blatchford
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Mark Pappadackis

Finance

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Dick Pruehs
Bill Strawn

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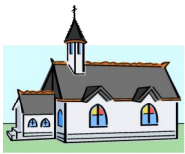
Mission

Becky Bainbridge
Kelly Berkenpas
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Harriett Marsh
Mark Pappadackis
Peggy Reid

Worship

Dick Mesmer
Laura Stokes
Eleanor Tasker
Helen Lehnertz

July- OUR CONGREGATION IN ACTION



Prayer Families for July

3 - Lynda Miller & David, Marion Molden, Richard & Ione Morgan, Barb Montgomery, Keith & Linda Murkins, Lue Mutz

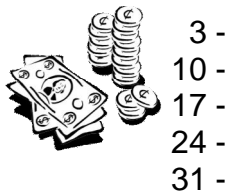
10 - Karoline Nelson, Alden Noble, Charlene Nuzum, Bonnie Oliver, Anthony & Ellen Osborn & family, Mark & Cheryl Pappadackis & family

17 - Jeff & Becky Paulsen, Karen Paulsen, Lyla Paulsen, Esther Peters, Bill Peterson, Lani Pettit

24 - Naomi Pettit, Ruth Phillips, Barb Pittman, John & Kim Pittman, Toots Pittman, Dick & Marcia Pruehs

31 - Greg & Linda Puttmann, Kirk & Sarah Puttmann, O'Don & Dar Pratt, Frances Quintard, Dick & Barb Raymond, Peggy Reid

Offering Counters



3 -
10 -
17 -
24 -
31 -

COFFEE SERVERS

10:30 a.m after Worship

3 - Eleanor Tasker, Greg & Linda Puttmann
10 - John & Mary Daniels
17 - Bob & Vina Rodecker
24 - Bonnie Oliver & Sally Manker
31 - Franie Harris & Harriett Marsh



Dave is looking for any potential volunteers who might like to lead a children's sermon in worship or lead the children's church for a Sunday. Please visit with Dave when you see him.

Ushers



9:30 Service

3 - Bob* & Vina* Rodecker, Bob Mesmer, Gary Hacker

10 - Carlotta Fox*, Karen Lien, Helen Lehnertz, Mary Stokes

17- Skip Trout*, Dick Pruehs, Sheryl Collins, Bill Strawn

24 - Tom Braddy*, Audrey Fenton, Andrea Cale, Shirley Heath

31 - Jeff Arnett*, Merlin & Peggy Berkenpas, Ralph Maslonka



Liturgist

Fran Graham

Communion Servers



10 - Eleanor Tasker, Eric Butler, Carlotta Fox, Bob Mesmer



Greeters

3 - Harriett Marsh, Loren Wertz
10 - Bob & Janet Ross, Shelley Wolfe
17 - Zach Gould, Laurie Lake
24 - Eleanor Tasker, Darrell Krommenhoek
31 - Lani Pettit, Naomi Pettit, Eric Butler

Empty Nesters will meet at 5:30 pm on July 12th at Monterey Mexican Restaurant west of Walmart in corner of the shopping center

Please direct ideas, articles and questions to
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July 2016



Birthdays

- 1 - Cindy McClary
- 4 - Bob Rodecker
Jeff Sponder
- 5 - Susan Delfs
- 7 - Adam Chmielewski
- 8 - Marilyn Blatchford
Sid Hoover
Ryan Osborn

- 10 - Chad Blatchford
- 11 - Mike Schmith
- 14 - Rhonda Henry
- 15 - Franie Harris
- 16 - Clifford Huseman
- 20 - Ruth Phillips
- 22 - Susan Blatchford
- 23 - Zach Gould
- 24 - Richard Morgan
- 26 - Jeff Hansen
- 27 - Eleanor Tasker
- 29 - Rick Butler
- 30 - John Sponder

**July 2016
Anniversaries**



- 3 - Tony & Mary Andersen
- 5 - Richard & Mary Delfs

*Thank
you*

Dear Faith United Presbyterian Church Family,
 You are awesome! You have been an incredibly supportive family of faith for me as I took steps to follow God's calling. You will always be in my heart and my prayers. THANK YOU for the part each of you played in my ordination service on Saturday April 23, 2016. From the behind the scenes preparation to the choir that sounded wonderful and made the members of the West Fargo Church feel welcomed, to Pat's versatile playing on the organ and piano, the ushers, communion servers, and all who prepared the delicious lunch - Thank you!
 And thank you for the beautiful stole for baptism/communion. Each time I wear it, you will be with me in spirit. A special thank you to Pastor Dave for his mentorship throughout my journey to this point. Love & blessings. *Cathie Bishop*

OVER 80 PARTY! We would like to thank all of the volunteers for their kindness in helping make the Over 80 Valentine Party a success! Your generosity and willingness to help means a lot to us and makes possible the fun filled event for our attendees. Thanks so much!!!
The Over 80 Committee - Karen Juhl, Carlotta Fox, Shirley Watson, Karen Lien

SUPPORT GROUP FOR CAREGIVERS

Wednesday, July 20th 10-11:30 a.m. in the Fireside Room. If you are caring for someone with memory problems please join us. Larisa Chmielewski will be leading the group in discussion, education and fellowship. If you have any questions, please call Larisa at 712-587-7926.

Sunday Attendance

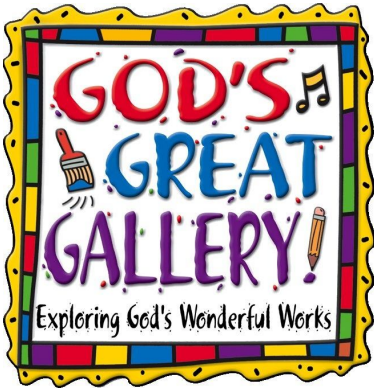
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May 29 -	70
June 5 -	84
June 12 -	83
June 19 -	84
June 26 -	Latham Park

These Days

We have many copies of "These Days" available. We get new ones every quarter. Please take one for yourself, a family member or friends.

July/Aug UPPER ROOM
DEVOTIONALS ARE HERE!





God Created You and ...You Are A MASTERPIECE !!!

This year's Vacation Bible School will be held at Westminster Presbyterian Church August 1st – 4th, Monday – Thursday, from 6 – 7:30 pm. A light supper will be served at 5:30 with classes, music, crafts, etc. beginning at 6 pm. There is no charge to attend and we have classes for children age 3 – those that have just finished grade 5. This year's theme is "God's Great



Gallery" and everyone is invited to come and meet Mallory the Mouse and Dudley the Director in

God's Great Gallery !

Each night you will Sing, Laugh, Learn and Work in the Art Gallery on your own Masterpieces !

We will learn that God is an AWESOME Creator – He WORKS through Everyday People – Jesus is really POWERFUL and That He is ALIVE and at work in the world today !

There will also be a place for Adults in God's Great Gallery ! Adults who would like to have some fun will be invited to come to the Creative Holy Spirit workshop where they will try their hand at painting with acrylics – working with some clay and even doing some Adult Coloring ! What a FUN way to get acquainted and explore your own creativity.



Adults ... Here is your chance to exercise your CREATIVE side without fear. There are no experts here – Only God's Masterpieces having fun creating our own masterpieces.



VBS 2016 Registration Form

Below is a registration form. If you want to sign your children, grandchildren, friends or neighbors up for the week, please fill out the form and get it to either of the church offices or send it directly to Westminster Pres. – 2915 Glenn Ave. – Sioux City, IA 51106.

VBS is a co-operative effort between Westminster & Faith United Pres. Churches

Parent Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: Home _____ Cell _____

Child(ren)'s Info:

Name _____ Age _____ Grade completed _____

Name _____ Age _____ Grade completed _____

Name _____ Age _____ Grade completed _____

Emergency Contact Name and Number _____

Do any of these children have allergies (food, etc.) that we need to know about:

who will be eating dinner at VBS _____

Who will be picking child(ren) up from VBS _____

_____ **Sign me up for the adult *Creative Holy Spirit* art gallery !** _____

JULY 2016

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
					1 9-12 Cribbage games 8:00 pm Morningside Fellowship Closed AA 8:00 pm Acceptance Al-Anon	2 8:00 & 9:30 Weight Watchers 10:00 am Music lessons
3 9:30 am Worship Service COMMUNION 7:00 pm Steel Magnolia Open AA 8:00 Big Book Study Open AA	4 9:00 Quilting Group 4:00 Music lessons	5 2:00 pm Naomi Circle	6 11:30 am Lunch Bunch @ Jitters 12:15 Weight Watch 5:30 Weight Watchers 7:00 Gambler's Anon 7:00 pm Men's Al-Anon	7 8:30 Men's Club 10:00 Weight Watch 4:00 pm Music lessons 7:00 pm Scouts	8 9-12 Cribbage games 8:00 pm Morningside Fellowship Closed AA 8:00 pm Acceptance Al-Anon	9 8:00 & 9:30 Weight Watchers 10:00 am Music lessons
10 9:30 am Worship Service 6:30 pm Session 7:00 pm Steel Magnolia Open AA 8:00 Big Book Study Open AA	11 9:00 Quilting Group 4:00 Music lessons	12 5:30 pm Empty Nesters 7:00 pm Doll Club	13 9:00 am Card Making 12:15 Weight Watch 5:30 Weight Watchers 7:00 Gambler's Anon 7:00 pm Men's Al-Anon	14 8:30 Men's Club 10:00 Weight Watch 4:00 pm Music lessons 6:30 pm Deacons 7:00 pm Scouts	15 9-12 Cribbage games 8:00 pm Morningside Fellowship Closed AA 8:00 pm Acceptance Al-Anon	16 8:00 & 9:30 Weight Watchers 10:00 am Music lessons
17 9:30 am Worship Service 1:00 pm Memorial Service Neta Selby 7:00 pm Steel Magnolia Open AA 8:00 Big Book Study Open AA	18 9:00 Quilting Group 4:00 Music lessons	19	20 FAITH UP DEADLINE 10-11:30 am Caregivers Group 12:15 Weight Watch 5:30 Weight Watchers 7:00 Gambler's Anon 7:00 pm Men's Al-Anon	21 8:30 Men's Club 10:00 Weight Watch 4:00 pm Music lessons 7:00 pm Scouts	22 9-12 Cribbage games 8:00 pm Morningside Fellowship Closed AA 8:00 pm Acceptance Al-Anon	23 8:00 & 9:30 Weight Watchers 10:00 am Music lessons Lien B-day Party
24 9:30 am Worship Service 7:00 pm Steel Magnolia Open AA 8:00 Big Book Study Open AA	25 9:00 Quilting Group 4:00 Music lessons	26	27 12:15 Weight Watch 5:30 Weight Watchers 7:00 Gambler's Anon 7:00 pm Men's Al-Anon	28 8:30 Men's Club 10:00 Weight Watch 4:00 pm Music lessons 7:00 pm Scouts	29 9-12 Cribbage games 8:00 pm Morningside Fellowship Closed AA 8:00 pm Acceptance Al-Anon	30 8:00 & 9:30 Weight Watchers 10:00 am Music lessons 3:00 pm Lien/Ridenhour Wedding
31 9:30 am Worship Service 7:00 pm Steel Magnolia Open AA 8:00 Big Book Study Open AA						

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Worship Hours

Sunday Services

9:30 am Worship Service

BOARD OF DEACONS

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Carlotta Fox	Toots Pittman
Alice Hacker	Carolyn Schmith
Shirley Heath	Mary Stokes
Rhonda Henry	Becky Trout

THE SESSION OF FAITH UPC

Clerk of Session– Connie Sponder

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Erick Butler	Bob Ross
Dawn Braddy	Don Stokes
Gary Hacker	Laura Stokes
Helen Lehnertz	Bill Strawn
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Mark Pappadackis	Lorman Vilhauer

FAITH UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

Pastor: Rev. David Koehler - Music staff: Pat Herbold, Ellen Osborn, Cheryl Pappadackis - Admin. Asst.: Teri McCallum -
Maintenance Services: Lindy Johnson - Nursery Care Coordinator: Connie Sponder