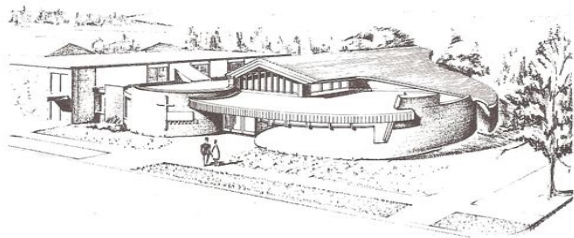


July 2019

Matters of Faith



**Faith United Church of Christ
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Saturday Worship 4:00 p.m.**

I keep wrestling with the subject of this piece. A status report on my vision or a comment on what this summer may be like. People ask me how my surgery went and I must say very well. For the first time in 62 years I have 20/20 vision for my distant sight and really don't need glasses. However because I am so near sighted and have complications in my natural vision, I still need strong glasses for up close reading and that is driving me crazy. The comical side is how still when I go to bed in the evening, I want to take my glasses off in the evening and put them on my bedside table. But I'm not wearing glasses but then I still try to find them to put on in the morning. I have to decide if I'm going to wear glasses with nothing on top and reading lenses on the bottom or just continue with the shuffle from no glasses to reading glasses. The worst thing is setting up my computer screens at a distance that I can read them one way or the other. Dealing with change is never fun and this is extremely difficult. I've got another week of healing before I can move towards a final answer, which just makes it that much harder. But in a sense when you think about having 20/20 vision after 62 years of bad vision, I feel a lot like God is still working miracles in our lives, even if God is working through medical knowledge and well trained doctors. God has given them the knowledge and the skill to take the lenses that were in my glasses in front of my eyes and put them on new lenses in my eyes. What a miracle!! Thanks be to God.

I keep thinking about the rest of this summer and this International Ploughing Competition. I admit to having very mixed feelings about it but it is an interesting idea. We often see the farmers doing spring and fall field work and I know I never thought about the technical part of getting the furrows straight and the earth turned over in just the right way to produce the most crops. Yet I'm told it is very important. Why not have a competition to get it done right? Then there is the idea of all of these strangers from all over the world coming to our area. But in reality that is normal for us with all of the people from different places coming here to fish year round. I wonder how many people realize that in scripture how we treat the stranger is a very important biblical teaching and God's Word on it is very demanding. In one instance God commands God's people to care for the stranger in their midst, lest they forget that once the descendants of Abraham were strangers and suffered while they were in Egypt, referring to the pre-Exodus

days. Another story goes back to Abraham entertaining three strangers, who turned out to be angels sent by God. As Christians that benefit from God's promises to Abraham, so we are subject to God's expectations for the children of Abraham. How we treat the "Strangers or Sojourners in our midst" is a part of our following the teachings of God in Jesus Christ. We are to treat them with love and compassion seeing to their needs, no matter who or what they are. They are to be considered as our neighbor and loved and treated with respect and have their needs met, in Christ's Name.

How will we treat the strangers that are coming with the Plowing Competition? How do we normally treat the tourists that come here? What about the other strangers that are coming to our country? How do you think God wants us to treat them? Are we treating them the way God wants us to? Being a Christian is often like dealing with change, something that is difficult to do but that we must do. The idea of "doing on to others as we would have others do on to us" is basic Christian expectations by God. Living up to those expectations is supposed to be the most important thing to do in our life. --*Pastor John*



*Thank you for attending my birthday party.
Also, thank you for the lovely cards and good wishes.*

*Sincerely,
Marguerite Davison*



Members of Faith,

My surgery and, so far, my recovery seems to be going very well!
Thank you for all your prayers and cards. I really appreciated both.

Thanks again,
Micky (Johnson)



Have a Happy (and Safe) 4th of July!!!



---No Worship Service at Faith United:
July 13 and 20

---Birchdale's Pioneer Days Service
July 14 at the Shelter, 10:00 a.m.

---Dates for Holy Trinity's Summer
Wednesday Ecumenical Worship Services:
June 12, 19, 26 July 10, 17, 24, 31 August 7, 14, 21
All services at 6:00 p.m.

---Dates for Holy Trinity's Worship Services
At Voyager National Park:
July 21 August 04, and 18

Reminder to Committee leaders:

Please check your committee mailbox. Make sure you aren't missing out on important information during the summer months.

Please Note:


Scripture readers are needed for August, sign up sheet is on the podium in narthex



July 2019

* - Pastor John on Vacation

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

	1	2	3	4 <i>Independence Day</i>  Office Closed	5	6 4:00pm Worship Service
7	8 5-6:30pm Ruby's Pantry	9	10 1-3:00pm Memory Cafe 6:00pm Holy Trinity Ecum. Svce.	11	12	13 No - Worship Service
14* 10:00a.m. Birchdale-Svc. Pioneer Days	15*	16*	17* 6:00pm Holy Trinity Ecum. Svce.	18* 11:30a.m. Council Mtg.	19*	20* No - Worship Service
21* 10:00a.m. Holy Trinity Service Voyager Pk. i	22*	23*	24* 1-3:00pm Memory Cafe 6:00pm Holy Trinity Ecum. Svce.	25*	26*	27* 4:00pm Worship Service
28*	29	30	31. 6:00pm Holy Trinity Ecum. Svce.			

August 2019 - tentative

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

				1	2	3 4:00pm Worship Service
4 10:00a.m. Holy Trinity Service Voyager Pk.	5	6	7 6:00pm Holy Trinity Ecum.Svce.	8	9	10 4:00pm Worship Service
11	12 5-6:30pm Ruby's Pantry	13	14 1-3:00pm Memory Cafe 6:00pm Holy Trinity Ecum.Svce.	15.	16	17 4:00pm Worship Service +PrayerChain
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