

MATTERS OF FAITH



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General Synod 2015 and Conference Minister's Visit

Every two years, General Synod brings together thousands of faithful members of the United Church of Christ for formal church witness, inspirational worship, and fellowship with friends (new and old).

In June 2015, thousands from across the country (and abroad) gathered for General Synod 30 in Cleveland, Ohio — the birthplace of the United Church of Christ. Together, they discerned resolutions of witness,



church structure, and function. They stood up for issues that demand a faithful witness. And they joined together in worship each day to lift up the Stillspeaking God.

At General Synod 30, they explored some of the "Unexpected Places" where we hear God's

voice, encounter the Spirit, and find the United Church of Christ lifting up its witness in the world.

Our Conference Minister, the Rev. Shari Prestemon, will be coming to visit us on Friday afternoon and evening, July 10th. She can tell us more about what was exciting about General Synod 30 in Cleveland, as well as talk to us about our hopes and dreams for Faith United Church. She is really looking forward to seeing our church and meeting us. Keep the date open and you'll be hearing more about July 10th as our plans develop.

LOVE THE PAINT?!

Our narthex and sanctuary look wonderful with new paint! We've heard nothing but positive comments and compliments. Teri Nagurski, Julie Joslyn and crew did a fabulous job choosing colors and painting. But paint isn't cheap... final cost was about \$600 to update our look to fabulous. If you love it, would you like to make a donation to help cover the cost? Labor was donated with great love, so we're only looking at the actual cost of paint. If you'd like to help, just note on your check that it's for paint, or let Stephanie know. Thanks a bunch!

No Potluck for July



Sue's Views

The Lord's Prayer ... we know it by heart. We've probably prayed it regularly (at the very least in church) since we were children. We say it every Sunday at Faith United

Church. But how often do we really stop and think about the words we're praying? How often do we think about what it means? What does it mean to us?

The Prayer of Jesus, the Lord's Prayer, the "Our Father," whatever people call it, anyone who goes to church on a regular basis knows it. But I bet we don't think about it very often. What kind of prayer is it?

Do you ever think of the Lord's Prayer as a relational prayer?

For the next 5 weeks, our worship series will focus on a different part of the prayer and on examination and implementation of it in a relational way.

- July 5** "Abba" is a very personal, relational name for God
- July 12** "On earth as it is in heaven" signs of being in relationship with a little bit of heaven on earth
- July 19** "Give us this day" being mindful of our own needs and the needs of the world
- July 26** "As we forgive" getting honest with God and with each other
- Aug 2** "Deliver us" calls God to come, stand with us, offer strength in times of trouble

Maybe our eyes will be opened. Maybe we'll hear the words differently. Maybe we'll find something totally new in this old, familiar prayer.

I hope you will join us!

Love and blessings, ~ Pastor Sue



**God
is still
speaking,**



Pay Your Conference Dues

July is “Pay Your Conference Dues” month. The cost is \$10 per member (per person). The church pays the Conference \$10 for each member that we have, so if we can assist by donating our own Conference

dues, that’s a really big help to the church. Why do we have Conference dues? Why is the Conference important? In the UCC we are all bound together by covenants. We covenant together to be members of our local church, local churches covenant together to be part of a state or regional Conference, and all of us—individuals, local churches, Conferences—have covenanted together to be the United Church of Christ denomination.



Recipe Corner



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• Apricot Treats •

• from the Kitchen of Norma Krats •

• Preheat oven to 350° Bake time 30-35 min. •

- 1 1/2 cups flour •
- 1 tsp baking powder •
- 1 cup brown sugar •
- 1 1/2 cups rolled quick cook oats •
- 3/4 cup butter •
- 1 cup apricot jam •

• * 9 x 13 pan; line with parchment paper •

- 1. Mix flour, baking powder, sugar, and oats. •
 - Cut in butter, mix until crumbly. •
 - 2. Place 2/3 into pan; press down. •
 - 3. Spread with 1 cup appricot jam. •
 - 4. Cover with remaining crumbs. •
 - 5. Bake at 350° for 30-35 minutes. •
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4th of July Layered Drink

How does it work?



The drink with the highest sugar content stays on the bottom...use red fruit punch on the bottom, blue Gatorade in the middle, diet 7-up or sprite on top.....

Good for the kids for the 4th!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>July</h1> 						
			1	2	3	4
5 Worship w/ Communion @10:00 Nursery @ 10:15 Fellowship Potluck after Service	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 Worship @10:00 Nursery @ 10:15 Fellowship @ 11:00	13  distribution @ 5pm	14	15	16	17	18
19 Worship @10:00 Nursery @ 10:15 Fellowship @ 11:00	20	21	22	23	24	25
26 Worship @10:00 Nursery @ 10:15 Fellowship @ 11:00 Council @ 11:30	27	28 Newsletter Folding @ 11	29	30	31	

Measure of Giving

Date	Attendance	Basic Support	OCWM	Roof
June 7	40	1290.11	13.00	
June 14	34	573.11	13.00	
June 21	51	603.00	20.00	
June 28	51	454.11	10.00	
Direct Deposit		1923.67	160.00	500.00

Places in the Old Testament

V K E J S A C T Y A Y O V Z Y O C L I Z
 Z B Z T E R Y Y I Z G B R H G P N V V A
 A Q U O S R F Y A J N A K D D Q W C A L
 I U J G N I U O T N I B V L H N B I B B
 R V I L U Z Y S M N B E Y I B Y M B Q O
 Y E H X W R E Y A E Z L M J B U M D P G
 S O U A L S U V T L N F N Z Q M C A U H
 S B H H T Z K H Y J E J I G I O D E P Z
 A W A E S P E K I Q T M T Y J W C L W S
 R D Q V L L Y L E A R S I U V L U I B J
 C P M E Z V E X B U B F D E D O M G V C
 K N Z N S H E B R Q G A B M S S K W Y T
 O Q M I W G V U C R H H V R H O R E B V
 C C E N Y Q F T N L J V J S F H P U X N
 O B R P C T Y T V E D E N A N P I S P A
 K O T B R N S S I N A I I K U D J J X A
 X M X K E Z J E R I C H O S N N E Z C N
 B Q A B J Q I T J N Y A F A R G O A S A
 S M P Z G K J D X V M F S A M A R I A C
 H Y L K G L B A B Y L O N S H E C H E M

Assyria
 Babel
 Babylon
 Bethel
 Canaan
 Eden

Edom
 Egypt
 Gilead
 Horeb
 Israel
 Jericho

Jerusalem
 Judah
 Nineveh
 Samaria
 Shechem
 Sinai
 Ur

Daily Devotional

Down to the Sea

Quinn G. Caldwell

*“Some went down to the sea in ships,
doing business on the mighty waters...
They mounted up to heaven,
they went down to the depths;
their courage melted away in their calamity;
they reeled and staggered like drunkards,
and were at their wits’ end.
Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble,
and God brought them out from their distress...
and God brought them to their desired haven.” -
Psalm 107:23, 26-30*

They that go down to the sea in ships do so for all manner of business, and it's strange how much of it is romanticized, at least among landlubbers. There are fishers. There are merchant mariners. There are marine biologists. There are cruisers and pleasure-boaters. There are pirates, and there are warriors. Each of these has its own kind of mystique, its own romance in the popular imagination.

But there are some occupations at sea nobody paints heroic pictures of. Slave trader comes to mind. People-smuggler. And perhaps most of all: refugee.

The open sea loses every ounce of its romance when what's sailing over the bounding main is an ancient boat full of people fleeing terror in their homelands and refused permission to land anywhere. Have you ever heard of a kid playing refugee dress-up?

The psalmist claims that God pays special attention to those tossed about on the sea. The rest of the Bible makes clear God's particular concern for migrants and refugees. As I write, southeast Asia is wondering what to do about Rohingya migrants trapped in boats off its shores, and Europe is wondering what to do about boats full of migrants trapped off its shores. Today is World Refugee Day; learn how you can help here.

Some go down to the sea in ships for business. Some do it to save their lives. Let's join God in steering them to safe haven.

Prayer

Oh, Lord. As if persecution, war, and starvation weren't enough. For those contending with the dangers of the sea, too, we pray. Amen.



News of Our Youth

Emily Saari was one of the nine athletes on the Falls track and field team to have been named an **Academic All-State**. To be named to this honor she had to have a grade point average of 3.6 or higher and was an all-conference and state qualifier in pole vault. She tied for 14th place at the state meet held at Hamline University on June 6th. **Good Job Emily, we are proud of you!**

Abby Kostiuk (Joe Cayou's grand daughter) also was named **Academic All-State** in the 4 x 800 relay event. **Way to Go Abby!**

On a musical note, **Kerry Ann Meyers** received a **Musical Scholarship from Tuesday Musical for Voice Studies**. **Congratulation Kerry Ann!** We hope to hear you sing in the future! Her sister Casey has gone twice and speaks highly of the music camp. Some talented sisters!

Birthdays & Anniversaries



JULY BIRTHDAYS

2	James P. Lacher
3	Darwin Joslyn
9	Maggie Horning
14	Marlys Grindall
16	Taffy Walls
17	Barb Kruskopf
18	Einar Johnson
19	Kathleen Przybylski
20	Mary Ann Lien
24	Arlys Johnson
25	Tom Barthell

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

1	Pat DeLapp
	Jane Barthell
5	Bernice Reynolds
6	Julie Joslyn
10	Nancy Rognerud
15	Renee Frederick
22	Phyllis Kuluvar
23	Andrew Joslyn
24	Ron Langton
	Jane Silvers
30	Lola Ysen



JULY ANNIVERSARY

4	Wayne & Sharon Meyers
6	Norman & Phyllis Rissanen
13	Rowland & Sue Hamly
16	Duane & Mary Nelson
21	Arnold & Arlys Johnson
25	Jim & Lola Ysen

AUGUST ANNIVERSARY

6	Richard & Renee Frederick
17	Dave & Barb Trompeter
26	Tom & Jane Barthell
30	Bob Hilke & Eddie Blaha

Meetings and Events

Clothes Closet: Drop Off July 15th 10-2

Pick Up July 16th 9-3

Newsletter Articles Due: July 24th

Newsletter Folding: July 28th @ 11:00 a.m.

Thanks to our community for
volunteering for
Ruby's Pantry!
142 Volunteers showed up for
the initial volunteer meeting!
It is going to be a great
success in our town!

Thankful Hearts

During a time like this
we realize how much our
friends mean to us...
Your kind expression
of sympathy will always
be remembered.

Thank you so much ladies!

Beautiful Job!

June's Family

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are, or where you are
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