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# FAITHFUL FOLLOWER

## FAITH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Rev. Fred Rhines, Interim Pastor

August 2011

### BOG to Discuss Survey

The Board of Governors will be holding a special meeting on Wednesday, August 17th at 6PM to discuss the all church survey results and make action plans to implement some of the suggestions.

All members of Faith UCC are welcome to attend. As this will be a dinner meeting, we will need to know if you are coming! Please feel more than welcomed to do so, and be sure to contact Barbara Brownell at 747-9643 to let her know. Thanks again.

### Don't Miss the YOUNG ADULT & YOUTH LED SERVICE

July 24<sup>th</sup> 2011

Come - join us in fun, friendship and faith.



### Faith Women Luncheon

No it can't be true! Is summer on its last legs? Wait, Faith Women will be meeting for breakfast at the Anna Maria Island Beach Café on August 13th. (Note date change) Meet at the church by 8:00 AM and we will car pool to the beach. If you want to meet us there plan on arriving by 8:30 AM. Directions: Straight out Manatee Ave. to the Gulf. Please sign up so we can turn in a reservation. Invite a friend, husband or partner to join us.  
*Mary Lou Williams, 723-3332.*

"Our mission is to **affirm** all people as we grow together in the **light** and **love** of Christ."

# Worship With Us

## August 7, 2011

Message: The Rev. Fred Rhines  
Flowers: Joan Sheehan in celebration of  
Russell & Jenny's wedding anniversary  
Greeters: Eleonore Sulloway & Marjorie Steele  
Guest Book: Betsy Biro  
Hospitality: Kaye McGregor  
Scripture: Mark Sulloway  
Usher: Marjorie Steele & Marge Hooie

## August 14, 2011

Message: The Rev. Fred Rhines  
Flowers: Available  
Greeters: Eleonore Sulloway & Joan Schiller  
Guest Book: Betsy Biro  
Hospitality: Margy Stewart & Marjorie Steele  
Scripture: Rev. Barry Stipp  
Ushers: Linda Anderson & Linda Theiss

## August 21, 2011

Message: The Rev. Fred Rhines  
Flowers: Available  
Greeter: Eleonore Sulloway & Bob Schiller  
Guest Book: Betsy Biro  
Hospitality: Mary Lou Williams  
Scripture: Bruce Covey  
Ushers: Barry Stipp & Gerda Marcus

## August 28, 2011

Message: The Rev. Fred Rhines  
Flowers: Available  
Greeter: Eleonore Sulloway & Bob Schiller  
Guest Book: Betsy Biro  
Hospitality: Kaye McGregor  
Scripture: Joan Sheehan  
Ushers: Barry Stipp & Gerda Marcus



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God is still speaking,

## Faith UCC Food Bank

**Next collection day**  
**Sunday, August 7**

## From the Pastor's Desk.....

We come to mid-summer having experienced one of the busiest early summers ever.... Vacation Bible School, our participation in the United Church of Christ's General Synod 28 at the Tampa Convention Center and saying "goodbye" to our music Director, Dennis Crowley with the ringing sounds of a Patriotic Concert! We could ask at this point--what can we do for an encore?

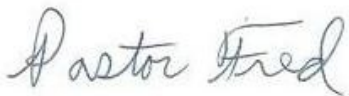
I might just have an answer for us. We have just begun our ROC (Renew Our Church) meetings and these promise to be exciting and stimulating for Faith UCC as well as challenging and deliberative! The basic functions of our operation as a church will, of course, continue. But the emphasis—of how we can address these functions could well change, leaving us with a church that operates more efficiently and more in line with who we are as a people of God.

This is the kind of opportunity that could change us as a church and change us for the better. We will look to meet each week – possibly varying the meeting times so more people can join us for our sessions and give us input. We want everyone involved. Your views are vital. As part of our process, we will have skits at Sunday worship and progress reports, so that everyone is on board with what is going on.

On another matter, I need your views on what you would like to see in some kind of contemporary worship service. Should some contemporary elements be introduced to our regular Sunday services or shall we plan on a whole different service at a new time? Or something in between! Let me know your views.

For July and August this year we are being visited by some of the Old Testament characters of the Bible. Come and meet them and see how your "character" matches up with theirs.

Shalom,



**P**lanned giving supports the church's total mission. A planned gift or endowment (cash, securities, bonds, insurance, retirement benefits, personal property, real estate, etc.) is a living testimony to a vital faith.

***"Do not store up for yourself treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth or rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."*** Mt.6:19-21

Please contact the church office to discuss your gifts with a member of Faith United Church of Christ Endowment Committee.

*Fred Damianos*

**FAITH UCC**  
**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS**  
**JULY 11, 2011**

Present: Pastor Fred Rhines, Mark Sulloway, Marge Hooie, Bruce Covey, Judy Wetter, Dick Sluss, Barbara Brownell, Fred Damianos and Kaye McGregor.

The meeting was opened at 7:08 PM with a prayer by Pastor Fred.

The Minutes for June 13 meeting were approved.

**Financial Secretary Report:** Marge reported that collections for the Operating Fund for June 2011 had decreased by \$1167 over June 2010. So far in July collections are down \$1631 over July 2010. Collection for the Building Fund were down over \$3000 in June 2011. We need to collect \$1352.10 in the next Sunday to make the mortgage payment.

**Treasurers Report:** Pete Groth wrote that the checking account has a \$6452.00 balance with \$2897.79 in bills needing to be paid. The savings account balance is \$1068.00

**Upcoming events:** were reviewed including: Renew Our Church (ROC) meeting on July 18, The Youth led service on July 24 and Faith Women August 6.

**Pastors Report:** Pastor Fred made 9 visits and 9 phone calls in the past month. He is working with the Mobile gas station across from the church to purchase some \$10 gas cards to give to those in need. We also have \$10 Publix cards to donate. Pastor Fred will not be able to attend the September 12 meeting but the BOG will meet on that date. Pastor Fred also made us aware that Christmas Eve falls on a Saturday and Christmas Day is on a Sunday this year.

**Secretary's Report:** Judy thanked Marge Hooie and Ina for their help while she was on vacation. We received cards that would give 10% off on prescriptions. Barb Brownell will check that they do as promised before we give them to anyone.

#### **Committee Reports**

**Dept of Ministry:** will be planning activities for late summer and fall.

**Pastoral Relations:** Pastor Fred will be choosing 2 new members for the committee.

**Music Committee:** Kurt Jones will be playing the piano this Sunday as Dennis Crowley has resigned.

**SAM:** We continue to collect children's socks and underwear. Habitat is July 30.

**Buildings and Grounds:** Dick will check on moving the microphone to the lectern. The sprinkler system is working semi-automatically. Dick will check on the exit sign lights.

**Stewardship:** Mark will continue to give updates and financial status on Sundays with the announcements.

**Faith Women:** Next meeting is Breakfast on the Beach on August 13.

**Congregational Involvement:** They are continuing to work on the survey so results can be given to the congregation.

**Old Business:** We will look into putting an ad in the Braden River Lakes monthly newsletter.

**New Business:** Judy will add ONA to our website. Dennis Crowley would like to do a Christmas concert here.

The meeting closed at 9:00 PM with a prayer by Pastor Fred.

The next regular meeting will be on Monday, August 8 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kaye McGregor



#### **Food Pantry**

. We need your help! Please continue to support our food pantry. Monetary donations are always welcome.

#### **Suggested items might include:**

*Hearty soup, canned vegetables and fruit, cereal, paper products, laundry products, hand soap, shampoo, etc.*



# Financial Snapshot

*In The  
Spirit Of  
Giving...*

## TREASURER'S REPORT

<b>Offerings:</b>	<b>6/26</b>	<b>7/3</b>	<b>7/10</b>	<b>7/17</b>
Operating	1,334.00	2,769.00	1,706.00	697.00
Loose Offering	6.00	60.00	41.00	11.00
Sunday School				
Per Capita				
Initial		1.00		
Building Fund	223.00	660.00	394.00	2,613.00
Preschool Building				
Preschool Phone/Paper/Etc.				
Flowers	83.00	70.00		20.00
Youth Ministry				
Reimbursement				
Use of Building				25.00
Food Bank				1.00
Upper Room	1.00		1.00	200.00
O.C.W.M.	10.00	10.00	10.00	
Lilies				
VBS				
General Synod 28		30.00		
Strengthen the Church		30.00		
Faith Camp			345.68	
Memorial for Pat Strickland			25.00	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,657.00</b>	<b>3,630.00</b>	<b>2,522.68</b>	<b>3,567.00</b>

# News & Notes.....



The narthex is filling with little socks and undies! Well, not totally but thanks to all of you, the table is filling up. This collection of underwear and socks for our local migrant children will continue through August so that these little ones can begin the new school year with new "basics"! Right now we seem to have lots of socks but are in need of more undies, so if you haven't contributed yet, or want to add more, we can use boys or girls undies for kids pre-K up to 12 years of age..Think how nice it will be to receive these items knowing that people they don't even know care about their comfort. It is a powerful message for those kids and their parents!

*Barbara Brownell, Chairperson of Social Action and Missions*

**CALLING ALL HEARTS  
for LOVE DONATIONS**



**EVERY PENNY MAKES a  
DIFFERENCE –  
in the LIFE of a YOUTH on the  
STREETS**

**There will be a DONATION BOX in the  
NARTHEX on SUNDAYS**

**Any money donated will be taken to  
the DOLLAR STORE to purchase  
non-perishable items, that are taken  
to the Manatee Children Services,  
where they make kits up for their  
'STREET OUTREACH' program.  
These young people are too OLD for  
the system and this program helps  
them to not only survive, but guides  
them in getting their lives in order..**

**Just recently – their shelves were  
EMPTY....**

**This is not right...**

**There - but for the Grace of God!!!**

**Thank you for ANY donation that you  
can spare..**

**TRULY – NOTHING is too small.**

**Young Adult Group  
Ina M Bingham  
Kaitlin Morrell  
Kirt Jones**

## With Heartfelt Thanks

**Kaitlin Morrell and Kirt Jones, THANK YOU** for coming to General Synod in Tampa for the 'Sunday Prayer Event.' For your *hungry spiritual minds and your laughter*. You both did a great job in representing FAITH UCC. Kirt, it was a pleasure meeting and dining with your pastor and her husband from PA.

*Ina*

**SYNOD 28:** Synod was FABULOUS! – thought provoking – informative and FUN....  
A KAZILLION cookies! Thank You FAITH UCC cookie bakers... Remarkably, in five days, I only ate two cookies... It's a blessed thing that I am NOT much of a cookie eater, eh?

It was a LOT of hard work, yet very rewarding. I do believe that I climbed enough stairs to get to Heaven and back..

I met wonderful, loving and giving Christian people, made friends with lay and clergy both. And the Wine & Cheese evening was not bad either. Hosted by the Daily Devotional writers group.

*Ina*

Invite a Friend to Church

# August 2011

## August Birthdays



- 1 7:00 PM Building & Grounds
- 4 6:30 PM Narcotics Anomyous
- SUNDAY 7 10:30 AM Service of Worship  
Communion/Food Bank**
- 8 6:00 PM Christian Education  
7:00 PM BOG
- 11 6:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous
- 13 8:30 AM Faith Women Breakfast on  
the Beach
- SUNDAY 14 10:30 AM Service of Worship**
- 15 FOLLOWER deadline  
7:00 PM Braden River HOA
- 18 7:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous
- 19 FOLLOWER emailed
- SUNDAY 21 10:30 AM Service of Worship  
Dept. of Ministry**
- 22 7:00 PM Inlets HOA
- 25 7:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous
- SUNDAY 24 10:30 Worship Service  
FOLLOWER available**

- 8/1 Lowell Peterson
- 8/1 Helen Nutting
- 8/10 Michelle Morrell
- 8/14 Shirley Rampart
- 8/19 Helen Weaver
- 8/24 Lauren Clark
- 8/28 Joan Beach
- 8/29 Joe Gregory
- 8/30 Jack Barnes

## PRAYER TEAM

If you or someone you know is in need of prayer call one of the following:

- Betsy Biro 798-8472**
- Janis Groth 779-6988**
- Marge Hooie 747-2734**
- Helen Nutting 792-3124**
- Joan Sheehan 748-2498**
- Evelyn Anderson 792-6991**
- Mary Lou Williams 723-3332**

### Recent Address Changes

**Grace Rodgers**  
Quality Health Care Center  
6940 Outreach Way  
Northport, FI 34287  
☞  
**John & Nancy Potts** (as of 8/1)  
c/o Bristol Glen  
2000 Bristol Glen Dr.  
Newton, NJ 07860  
941-465-9229



Members of the Prayer Group are anxious to keep the prayer list current. Please advise us when you would like a name removed.

“Jesus Didn’t  
Reject People.  
Neither Do We.”



**If** you, a member of your family, or someone you know is ill or hospitalized please let the office know, as soon as possible. A member of Faith Church would like to make a visit to bring God’s word of comfort. The church office telephone number is 746-8890 or email at [faithchurchucc@verizon.net](mailto:faithchurchucc@verizon.net).