



FAITHFUL FOLLOWER

FAITH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Rev. Fred Rhines, Interim Pastor

June 2011



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Please join us for worship on Sunday, May 22, when we will have a special recognition of the interim ministry of Rev. Fred Rhines, led by Department of Ministry Chair, Bruce Covey and Moderator, Mark Sulloway. Let's have a good attendance on this Sunday, as we all join together to commit to our mutual ministry together. Pastor Fred will lead a discussion group immediately following worship.

THANKS for your Thoughts!!

55 of you returned your Congregational Surveys.....that is a 50% return rate, which is really good!! Your evaluations of all that goes on at Faith Church are very helpful to us as together we plan for the future. Your ideas, challenges and concerns are valuable as well. PLEASE continue to share your thoughts and feelings with any of the Board of Governors, whether it is in person or in writing.

We are busy tabulating the surveys so that we have a comprehensive composite of your perspectives. Periodic updates on the results will be made available to all as we complete this process. It takes each and every one of us to make Faith Church a dynamic community. Thanks, again!

M. R. Lembright and Barbara Brownell, for the BOG

We are looking for people who would like to work on the reorganization of the lay organization of the church. We are trying to streamline and reorganize the church's administrative structure & improve the functionality of the jobs that need to be done to insure that everything runs smoothly without undue burden on any one individual or group. Rev. Jeanette Sherrill has met with a number of us to help get ideas flowing. You may want to participate long term, or you may have a single idea that you want to insure is included. We are interested in all levels of participation. We have decided to name this group ROC - Renew Our Church. If you are interested in participating please contact me as we want all those of you who have ideas to help us strengthen the church.

Mark Sulloway

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

Worship With Us

June 5, 2011

Message: Rev. Dr. Jack Barnes
Flowers: Available
Greeters: Bob & Joan Schiller
Guest Book: Betsy Biro
Hospitality: Kaye McGregor
Scripture: Joan Sheehan
Usher: Marge Hooie & Marjorie Steele

June 12, 2011

Message: The Rev. Fred Rhines
Flowers: Mary Lou & Jack Williams in celebration of their 63rd anniversary
Greeters: Pat Osborne & Berneta Harper
Guest Book: Betsy Biro
Hospitality: Margy Stewart
Scripture: Bruce Covey
Ushers: Joan Schiller & Marjorie Steele

June 19, 2011

Message: The Rev. Fred Rhines
Flowers: Linda Theiss in memory of her mother Elsie Raines
Greeter: John Potts & Margy Stewart
Guest Book: Betsy Biro
Hospitality: Dept. of Ministry
Scripture: Linda Anderson
Ushers: Barry Stipp & Gerda Marcus

June 26, 2011

Message: The Rev. Fred Rhines
Flowers: John & Nancy Potts in celebration of their 61st anniversary
Greeter: John Potts & Margy Stewart
Guest Book: Betsy Biro
Hospitality: Marge Hooie
Scripture: M. R. Lembright
Ushers: Barry Stipp & Gerda Marcus

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.



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Next collection day

Sunday, June 5

From the Pastor's Desk.....

The church season of Lent and Holy Week and Easter is such a busy one that I have come to convince myself that after Easter things will slow down, at least to a dull roar! Most times this has not happened and this year at Faith UCC is no exception. It seems that Easter Sunday opens the church calendar for more things to come forth.

Over the next couple of months, we have three major events occurring – all so significant as to make up the plan of the good old –fashioned three-point sermon! First, our youth and young adult 30-hour Famine and fund raiser to alleviate hunger particularly for children. This is a major mission event for Faith UCC. Everyone is invited to be a part of it, not only with your donations, but also by joining the youth to experience the famine on Friday evening, May 27 or Saturday afternoon, May 28. The famine ends Saturday, at 6:00 PM with a break-the-fast meal prepared by the participants. All are welcome to join them for this, but you'll need to sign up with Heather as a count is needed. This famine was supported, as well, by the tremendously successful spaghetti supper the youth and young adults sponsored on Saturday, May 14 that earned over \$200. The proceeds will go to the World Vision International Hunger Fund and the Manatee County Children's Street Outreach program. Thanks to everyone for your great support.

Your support has been overwhelming, too, for our Vacation Bible School to be held Thursday and Friday nights (5:30 – 8:30 PM and Saturday morning 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM, June 23, 24, and 25, 2011. VBS will end with a cookout on Saturday at noon. The theme this year is Pandamania.

Following right on the heels of VBS, the 28th United Church of Christ General Synod will be held in Tampa, July 1-5, 2011. I am volunteering as a visitor and I know others from Faith UCC are as well. (There is a \$100 registration fee, but you can attend all events for the 5 days for this.) Everyone is invited to the community worship service at 3:00 PM on Sunday July 3, 2011. There is no fee for attending this and I hope everyone will plan to be there. On all five Synod days we'll need plenty of cookies for all attending. Ina Bingham has a sign-up sheet in the narthex. We need cookie bakers aplenty. (General Synod is being held at the Tampa Convention Center.)

On top of these three big events, we are starting down the road with a committee to restructure our church organization to better reflect who we are as a church. I was on such a committee a few years ago at the Venice United Church of Christ. We called ourselves the ROC group—(meaning Renew Our Church). Anyone interested in being a part of such a group should see Mark Sulloway or myself. More on this as we get underway.

That's enough for now. I'm exhausted and you probably are too!! So let's get some rest and we'll all proceed to bring pride to Faith Church!!

Shalom and Blessings,

Pastor Fred

In June, we'll be collecting for the annual Strengthen the Church offering. Strengthen the Church is one of four special mission offerings within the United Church of Christ, and grows the UCC's future by:

- Funding **new church starts** and **invigorating existing congregations**
- Nurturing **lay and pastoral leadership**
- Building **youth and young adult** ministries
- Supporting the **God is Stillspeaking Ministry** and its extravagant welcome for all within the United Church of Christ.

Your generosity ensures our vibrancy tomorrow. Prayerfully consider making an offering to Strengthen the Church.

FAITH UCC

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

MAY 10, 2011

Present: Pastor Fred Rhines, Mark Sulloway, Fred Damianos, Marge Hooie, Bruce Covey, Debra Barnard, Pete Groth, Janis Groth, Judy Wetter, Dick Sluss, M.R. Lembright and Kaye McGregor.

The meeting was opened at 7:10 PM with a prayer by Pastor Fred.

The Minutes for April 12 meeting were approved.

Financial Secretary Report: Marge reported that collections for the Operating Fund for April 2011 had increased by \$583 over April 2010. Loose plate offering was down slightly in 2011..The balance in the Building Fund account is \$2265.52, while the amount needed for the monthly payment is \$4249.89. To date \$540 has been collected for Vacation Bible School.

Treasurers Report: After outstanding bills are paid there will be a balance of \$645.91 in the checkbook. Pete said that \$1000 was transferred from savings this month but expenses should be about \$2000 less than last May..

Upcoming events were reviewed including: Dinner and Desert on May 13, Youth Spaghetti Dinner on May 14, Reinstallation of Pastor Fred as Interim minister on May 22, 30 hour famine on May 27 and 28, Youth led service on May 29 and Faith Women on June 4.

Pastors Report: Pastor Fred made 18 visits in April, 12 to locations and 6 in the office or by phone. On May 22, after the service, will be another session for discussion and concerns.

Secretary's Report: Judy said the new church directories will be here in the next few weeks. We are looking at ways to put ONA on our sign.

Committee Reports

Dept of Ministry: Bruce said there will be flowers for Mothers Day. Jack Barnes will be our supply pastor on June 5.

SAM: We are continuing to collect paper products for the migrants as well as food for the food bank. We are exploring how we can help the storm victims in Alabama and Georgia.

Buildings and Grounds: Work is continuing on the outdoor lights and the sprinkler system. Fred's name will be added to the sign.

Stewardship: Mark has received information from the conference on fund raising.

Christian Education: Plans are being made for Vacation Bible School on June 23-25.

Faith Women: Continue to meet monthly on Saturdays.

Congregational Involvement: 55 surveys have been returned and plans are being made to share the results.

Endowment: Fred is working on a mailer.

Pastor Fred will work with the Renew Our Church (ROC) committee on an advisory capacity. His church in Venice did a similar re-organization a few years ago. Mark will do a presentation to the congregation on May 15 and interested person can contact Mark if they want to be on the committee.

Board of Governors and Christian Education meetings will be moved back to the second Monday of the month.

The meeting closed at 9:30 p.m. with a prayer by Pastor Fred.

The next regular meeting will be on Monday, June 13 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kaye McGregor, Secretary



Lend a Paw!

Vacation Bible School (VBS): June 23-25, 2011
Theme: Pandamania! Where God is Wild About You!

Volunteers needed! Vacation Bible School is scheduled for June 23-25 this year, and we're hoping you can lend a hand. Your time or donations for supplies will go a long way in helping our kids discover that God is wild about them during our week of Pandamania! Look for the sign-up table in the Narthex before and after Sunday services, or touch base with any of the youth workers between now and June. As always, thank you from the bottom of our hearts! We couldn't do it without you!



News & Notes.....

Faith Women



Faith Women June Luncheon

The June luncheon will be a "Country Brunch" on Saturday, June 4 at 10 a.m. at the home of Kaye McGregor. All women of the church are invited to attend the brunch followed by a short program.

I will be making some brunch egg casseroles and a special fruit salad. If anyone would like to bring juice, muffins or an extra coffee maker please call me at 776-2796. There will be a sign up sheet on the bulletin board.

Directions to my house at 11615 Old Cypress Cove, Parrish: Go north on Hwy 301 about 5 miles from the Ellenton Outlet Mall. The development is called Forest Creek and it is on the right side of 301. After you pass 2 entrances to Lexington on the left, Forest Creek will be just ahead to the right. You will enter Forest Creek on Forest Creek Trail. Old Cypress Cove is the 3rd road to the right, and it only goes to the right. My house is close to the end of the road on the left. There will be a car pool meeting at the church to drive to Parrish. Please call me if you have any questions.

With Heartfelt Thanks

'SPAGHETTI DINNER'

To ALL of the FAITH UCC Congregation for your donations, support and attendance at the fund raising dinner on May 14th. Over \$235.00 was collected. Half of which is going to the 30 Hour Famine and half to Manatee Children Services. It is deeply appreciated. BRAVO – MICHELLE MORRELL – who sold the MOST tickets!!! '25' Way to go...

VBS

To ALL who have donated time and money for Vacation Bible School.. Without your GENEROUS support it would NOT have been possible this year. Pastor Fred – a SPECIAL 'Thank You' for your *determination* that it happen...

Greetings from Faith Preschool.....



Our next big event is our "Moving On" Ceremony scheduled on Friday, May 27 at 12:00. This is our last day of preschool for the 2010/2011 school year. We will say goodbye to

eleven of our students that are moving on to kindergarten. We wish them much success!

We still have some openings in our Tuesday/Thursday and Monday/Wednesday/Friday classes, so if you know of anyone looking for a quality preschool program for their child, please have them call me at 746-7895 or email me at faithpreschool1@verizon.net.

During the summer we will have Faith Camp the week of June

13 - 17 and July 18 - 22.



Camp will consist of games, music, art, gardening, and science. We are happy to announce that both weeks of camp filled up quickly.

We have had a wonderful preschool year and we wish everyone a safe and happy summer!

Wendi Steinbach, Director

Mark Your Calendar

You are all invited to attend a 'free' and truly remarkable prayer event on July 3rd at 3:00 PM. Imagine singing hymns with 3,999 others. It's part of the "2011 UCC General Synod" held at the Tampa Bay Convention Center.



Invite a Friend to Church



CHOIR HAPPENINGS

I'm sure you already miss the choir's anthem each Sunday, since they did such a good job over the past several months. But we can look forward to Dick Sluss singing a solo on Father's Day in June, and Pete Groth playing his guitar and singing once again in July when he returns from Indiana for a short visit during the summer, until the choir reconvenes in September. If you have a vocal or instrumental talent that you would like to offer during the service anytime this summer, please bring it to the attention of the music director so you can be scheduled. Your contribution to the music program is welcome. A patriotic concert will also be provided on organ and piano by our music director near July 4th, date and time to be confirmed in the next issue of the FOLLOWER.

If you've noticed that the pace of the hymns has picked up, you're right. This is at the request of the church officials to enhance the Sunday service. If the pace has left you somewhat breathless, this is probably because it is new and will take some time to adjust. Your comments on the music program and how it might be improved are always welcome. Don't hesitate to bring your suggestions and concerns to the attention of the music director before or after the Sunday service. They will be seriously considered and reviewed with the church officials to

implement those that are useful and beneficial to enhance the service.

Piano lessons during the week will also be offered at Faith UCC starting in September. If you, or anyone you know, is interested in learning to play the piano, or organ, please keep this in mind. More details to follow in the next issue of the FOLLOWER.

Recipe for Fatherhood

A man who wishes to be a great Christian father should consider the following:

- A. Let your children see that you treat your own parents with love and respect. Honor them.
- B. Let your children see that you love your heavenly Father.
- C. Show in various ways that you love their mother. A loving home is a secure, stable, supportive home where each person is treated with tender loving care.
- D. Listen to your children. Put down the paper, turn off the television, leave the computer and frequently ask what is going on in their lives.
- E. Plan and execute trips and recreational activities together.
- F. Take part in school, scouting, musical and drama activities with them. Praise sincerely whatever contribution the child has made to the event.
- G. Make your home cheerful. Tell funny stories and laugh. Laughter at the table creates a happy environment.
- H. When your children ask for it, give your best advice, but don't complain when they don't follow it. The school of hard knocks is still relevant.
- I. Take them to worship regularly. The church helps provide guidance, stability and unity for families. And God can seal together the family that honors Him.

SAM Gives on Faith's Behalf and Everyone's Help..

PLEASE remember to bring your paper goods (toilet paper, paper towels, tissues and women's products) to church for our collection for Bradenton Migrant Families. These families are especially hard hit in these times and the items we bring to them mean so much!

We are also continuing our collections for the food bank. This church, through all of our own budget struggles, continues to give generously to those with less and we are blessed by it.

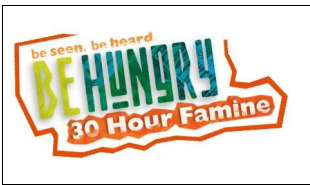
Month	Item	Notes
June, July & August	Socks & Underwear	Boys <u>and</u> Girls
September, October & November	Diapers	Any brand or size

Thank you!

By the way, it's always OK to bring items to be collected at any point in time! Let's fill the church to the brim!

Youth Doings.....

30 Hour Famine



The 30 hour Famine starts May 27 at 6 PM and we will have our "break fast" at 6PM on Saturday May 28. The youth will be sleeping overnight in boxes. Anyone in the congregation is invited to join us for Famine activities. Sleeping outside is NOT required! Please sign up with a youth leader. Money collected will go to help World Vision and Manatee Children's Services.

The Spaghetti Dinner

The Spaghetti dinner was a great success! The youth would like to thank everyone who donated so generously and attended. We made \$221 to help with our Famine.



The Youth Led Service



The youth led service will be on May 29th. The theme is "You are...Strong"

Faith Graduates

We have 2 graduates this year.
Michelle Morrell
Aaron Guglielmo



COOKIES – COOKIES – COOKIES

100's are still needed for
GENERAL SYNOD 2011
Any type – any amount !!

*There is an **EXAMPLE** box in the Narthex.
[they recommend this 6qt. size for easy storage and transportation]

*If you have questions about any of the above, please contact Pastor Fred or Ina.



Young Adults.....

YOUNG ADULT CLASSES:

Young Adult Sunday Class

9 am -10 am

Leader/Teacher Ina M. Bingham

Ages 18-30

Anyone between the above ages is more than welcome to attend. Please contact Ina with any questions at: ina8667@aol.com or 941-725-1092. The classes are structured, have lesson plans and yet relaxed.

**** Young Adult Class will still participate in some of the events with the Youth Group..**

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.



FLOWER CHART 2011



The 2011 flower chart is on the bulletin board. Please pick your special date by adding your name and if the flowers are in memory of or in celebration of a person or event. The cost for flowers is still \$20, payable to Faith Church. The flowers are provided by Elite Florist & Gift Shop. If you would like to reserve a date you can also contact the church office at 746-8890.

Available dates are: June 5, 26, July 3, August 14, 21, 28, Sept. 4, 11, October 2, 9, 30, Nov. 6, 27,

Judy

June 2011

June

Birthdays



- 2 6:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous
- 4 11:00 PM Faith Women Luncheon
At Kaye McGregor's home
- SUNDAY** 5 **10:30 AM Service of Worship
Communion/Food Bank**
- 6 7:00 PM Building & Grounds
- 8 11:00 PM Prayer Team
- 9 6:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous
- SUNDAY** 12 **10:30 AM Service of Worship
Strengthen the Church Offering**
- 13 May 13—17 Preschool Summer
Camp
6:00 PM Christian Education
7:00 PM Board of Governors
- 16 7:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous
- SUNDAY** 19 **Father's Day
10:30 AM Service of Worship
Dept. of Ministry**
- 20 FOLLOWER deadline
7:00 PM Braden River HOA
- 23 5:30 PM—8:30 PM VBS
- 24 FOLLOWER emailed
5:30 PM—8:30 PM VBS
- 25 9:00 AM—12:00 PM VBS
- SUNDAY** 26 **10:30 Worship Service
FOLLOWER available**
- 27 7:00 Inlets HOA
- 30 6:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous

- 6/11 Larry Taylor
- 6/12 Linda Anderson
- 6/21 Kaye McGregor
- 6/29 Mary Lou Williams

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**



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

Pastor Fred will be on vacation June 1 - 8, if you need services of a pastor call the office at 746-8890.



**HAPPY
FATHER'S DAY
JUNE 19, 2011**

