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# Faithful follower

November 2014



The Congregational Meeting will be immediately following worship on Sunday, November 9. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the 2015 Stewardship Campaign and other items. Please plan to attend this important informational meeting.

## AUCTION



## JANUARY 10

The Auction Committee decided that it would be best to change the date of the Faith auction to Saturday, January 10, at 7:00 PM with the preview of items beginning at 5:00 PM. The reason for the change is the need for numerous volunteers and to increase the number of participants at the auction. This will also allow time to collect more items to sell. If you have anything you would like to donate to the auction, please contact Babs Brownell, Robin Wentz, Sheryl

Overheidt-Smith or Judy Wetter. Now is the time to think out of the box! Donations could include but not limited to:

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|----------------------|------------------------|
| <b>collectables</b>  | <b>theme baskets</b>   |
| <b>gift cards</b>    | <b>jewelry</b>         |
| <b>books</b>         | <b>antiques</b>        |
| <b>art</b>           | <b>Christmas/</b>      |
| <b>handmade</b>      | <b>holiday items</b>   |
| <b>items</b>         | <b>craft materials</b> |
| <b>services</b>      | <b>orchids or</b>      |
| <b>china/crystal</b> | <b>similar plants</b>  |
| <b>porcelain</b>     |                        |

Items do not necessarily need to be new but must be in premium condition. If you have a question about an item, please don't hesitate to contact someone on the committee. This auction will be open to the public and will have lots of advertisement, so please let us know about an item or items you are willing to donate **as soon as possible**. We will also need volunteers the day of the auction, including runners, cashiers, recorders, and those who can help with food. The money from this all-church fundraiser will be used for the Pastor's Discretionary fund and to purchase a much needed new computer for the church office.

# From the Pastor's Desk

Rev Brian Bagley Bonner



## What Enflames Our Imagination?

So much fear and panic surround Ebola in the United States. In spite of the fact that we have had only one death and the disease has not spread to any family members of or people on the plane with that patient, many still whip up fear about it becoming an epidemic here.

Our culture seems to thrive on fear, on perceiving ourselves in danger. Our imaginations catch fire with sensational, but highly unlikely possibilities. And so many think guns are necessary to protect us, while we ignore the issue of so many young African

Americans being shot by police officers or vigilantes.

We worry about a handful of people ill with Ebola here and ignore the fact that in Africa almost 5,000 have died and there are almost 10,000 confirmed cases. In Liberia and Sierra Leone the number of cases surge driven by a sharp increase in the capitals, Monrovia and Freetown. More than a third of the Sierra Leone's population of six million are on quarantine.

Since August the UCC has given over \$50,000 to help in Africa. Here is a link to an article about that work: <http://www.ucc.org/news/ebola-outbreak-10012014.html>

Our faith is one of hope and gratitude, not fear or

desperation. As it says in 2nd Timothy 1:7, "for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control." We have the power to be grateful for the gifts we have, to love and help those who need our love. Our faith gives us self-control so we need not panic. God holds us in the palm of her hand; we are God's children and no matter what happens God will never abandon us.

*Pastor Brian*

# From Your Moderator

Thank you all for coming to Worship at the Beach, we had a great turn-out. Thanks also to Pastor Brian for going the extra mile to make the service one to remember. It was a wonderful worship service with great food at the potluck, and the weather was perfect. Maybe we will have to make this an annual event.

We have been invited to the Apostolic Church's Thanksgiving Dinner on Sunday, November 23, at 3:00 PM. There will be a signup sheet on the bulletin board. If you are willing to provide a dessert, it would be appreciated.

This is the November Follower so please mark your calendar for Saturday, November 29, to help decorate the church for Christmas. All are welcome to help.

We have not forgotten the Dreams and Vision committees; so once some of our northern friends return, we will begin again. We also have not forgotten that the two items with the most votes were a full time pastor and a quality music program. These two items are important to our church growth and will be revisited in the coming months.

*Thanks*

## SUNDAY VOLUNTEER SERVERS

If you are serving for the first time and have questions regarding your duties, please look on the bulletin board. Detailed duties for each assignment are printed for you. Please take a copy if you wish. Thank you for volunteering.

## WORSHIP WITH US

### Sunday Volunteers

### November 2, 2014

**Message:** Rev. Brian Bagley-Bonner  
**Flowers:** Communion  
**Greeters:** Available  
**Scripture:** Fred Damianos  
**Ushers:** Council  
**Communion:** Council  
**Nursery:** Marge Hooie

### November 9, 2014

**Message:** Rev. Brian Bagley-Bonner  
**Flowers:** Available  
**Greeters:** Available  
**Scripture:** Available  
**Ushers:** Available  
**Nursery:** Robin Wentz

### November 16, 2014

**Message:** Rev. Brian Bagley-Bonner  
**Flowers:** Available  
**Greeter:** Available  
**Hospitality:** Available  
**Scripture:** Available  
**Ushers:** Available  
**Nursery:** Linda Anderson

### November 23, 2014

**Message:** Rev. Brian Bagley-Bonner  
**Flowers:** Available  
**Greeters:** Available  
**Scripture:** Joan Sheehan  
**Ushers:** Available  
**Nursery:** Marge Hooie  
**Hospitality :** 3pm Dinner with Apostolic Church

### Wed. November 26

6:30pm Community Thanksgiving Service Here at Faith UCC

### November 30, 2014

**Message:** Rev. Brian Bagley-Bonner  
**Flowers:** Available  
**Greeters:** Available  
**Scripture:** Available  
**Ushers:** Available  
**Nursery:** Robin Wentz

# Financial Snapshot

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## PER CAPITA 2014

A number of years ago, the members of Faith United Church of Christ voted that each member should pay their own Per Capita. The Per Capita is sent to the conference. These funds help pay for special offering envelopes, posters and for much of the information we need throughout the year. The Per Capita is \$14.50 per member for 2014. It will be \$29.00 per couple. Realizing that it is difficult for some to pay \$14.50 at one time, we now have an option to accept monthly payments. Let's all join in and pay our Per Capita in full in 2014! Thank you.

~ Marge Hooie – Financial Secretary

## Mark Your Calendars

### Men's Breakfast

Saturday, November 1 at 9am at Norma Rae's in Palmetto.

### Women's Lunch

Saturday, November 1 at 11am at Mary Margaret's Tea Room. We will be traveling to Arcadia.

\* No Potluck this month

\* No Dinner and Dessert this month.

## Children's Ministry Team

God has a mission for you, and if you have a heart for children then it could be to join the Children's Ministry Team.

It's so easy to sign up for only a few Sundays out of the year.

Contact **Babs Brownell** if you would like more information about this purposeful and rewarding ministry: **747-9643**

## Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

Wednesday, November 26, at 6:30 pm we will host a Service of Thanksgiving. In addition to our friends at the Congregational UCC on 26th St, we are inviting people from other faiths to join us. Come, as we celebrate God's goodness to all people!

## Thanksgiving Dinner with Apostolic Church

Pastor Ramon and his congregation have invited us to share in their traditional Thanksgiving celebration on Sunday, November 23 at 3pm for worship followed by an amazing Thanksgiving dinner. Please sign up on the bulletin board so we can give them an approximate number.



## Christmas Tea

Scheduled for Saturday, Dec 6. We will need people to volunteer to host a table and also we will be connecting with a local charity who gathers shoebox gifts for seniors at nursing homes. More info to come and if you have any questions please contact Sheryl Overheid-Smith.

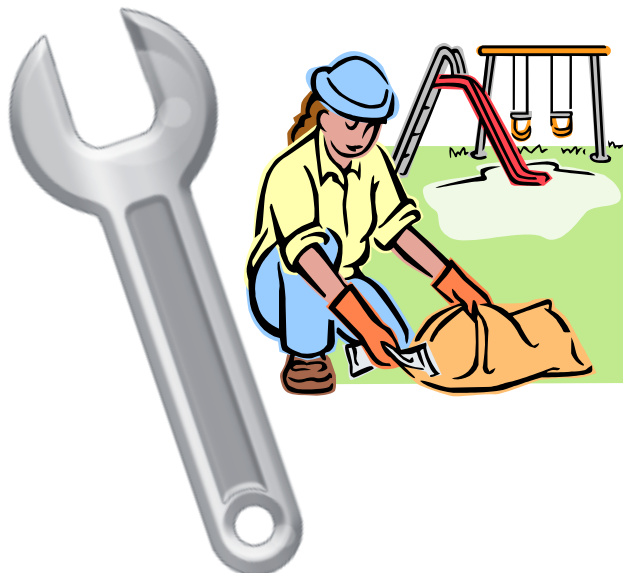
## Women's Lunch

On Saturday, November 1, we will be traveling to Arcadia Florida for a wonderful lunch at Mary Margaret's Tea Room. We are in for a wide choice of tasty sandwiches, soups, desserts and, of course, tea. We have reservations for 11:00 am, and we will form carpools. For those who may be interested there are plenty of antique shops to peruse in downtown Arcadia. The restaurant has a very nice website including a menu at <http://marymargaretsteaandbiscuit.com/>. There is a signup sheet on the bulletin board, the deadline for signup is Wednesday, October 29.



## BUILDING & GROUNDS

Building and Grounds has scheduled a work day for **Saturday, November 22**, from 8:30am -12pm. Volunteers are needed. Sign up info will be posted in the Narthex soon. Please contact Fred Damianos with any questions.



### WORK GOALS COMPLETED:

- Installed locking hardware for door of ladies handicap restroom
- Replaced Light Bulbs Narthex & Sanctuary
- Cleaned East/South Security Camera Lens
- Reset hot water heater thermostat from 120 to 130 degrees.
- Obtained estimate for Shutter Repair
- Reinstall & secure signage for Memorial Garden



### THANKS!

Thank you, building and ground for taking care of the broken blinds and shutters. They are now fixed and look great!

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Just search for **"Faith United Church of Christ, Bradenton, FL"**

## FAITH PRESCHOOL

Our school year is off to a great start! So far in October, the children in the VPK class went on a field trip to Florida Studio Theatre and the fire department came to visit our school to teach the children about fire safety. At the end of the month, all of the classes will have their Fall Festivals outside on the playground. In November all of the classes are going to Hunsader Farm. Stop by anytime to see all the wonderful things the children are doing in their classrooms!

Happy Fall!  
Wendi Steinbach, Director



## SEEDS AND NEEDS

### Have a need or something to give?

Pick up a Seeds & Needs form in the Narthex. It has all the instructions on it. Please return the completed form to Faith in the office by Mon, Nov. 17.

Anything received later than the deadline will not make it into the Follower. Thanks for your cooperation!

### NEED:

Pastor Brian's sister-in-law is looking for a place to stay here in Bradenton for 1-2 months this winter. If anyone knows of a good place please, let Pastor Brian know.

## 2014 Church Council

**Moderator:**  
Judy Wetter 755-4583

**Christian Education:** OPEN

**Deputy Moderator:**  
Barbara Brownell 747-9643

**Fellowship Events Team:**  
Sheryl Overheid-Smith  
941-776-5589

**Secretary:**  
Linda Anderson 704-8772

**Community Outreach:**  
Deb D'Angelo 610-704-4049

**Treasurer:**  
Marge Critelli 685-3807

**Social Action & Missions:**  
Robin Wentz 758-6575

**Financial Secretary:**  
Marge Hooie 747-2734

**Spiritual Life Team:**  
M. R. Lembright 758-5716

**Building & Grounds:**  
Fred Damianos 747-3182

**Worship Team Leader:**  
Richard Dilts 941-776-7293

**Present:** Fred Damianos, Robin Wentz, Judy Wetter, Pastor Brian, Barbara Brownell, Marge Critelli, M.R. Lembright, Marge Hooie, Richard Dilts and Linda Anderson.

Meeting was brought to order at 7 pm with a prayer by Barbara Brownell.

A motion to accept the minutes of the September meeting was made by Fred Damianos and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Robin Wentz. Motion was carried unanimously.

**FINANCIAL SECRETARIES**

**REPORT:**

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** The Ozark account has a balance of \$1585.80 and Bank of America balance is \$311.00. As of September 14<sup>th</sup> our net ordinary income is - \$8,179.51.

**SECRETARIES REPORT:** In Faith's absence, Judy reported that the HOA is changing the median. Also Faith has been able to learn how to use the website better and has put in an ad for the auction.

**PASTOR'S REPORT:** Fall conference is October 25<sup>th</sup>. Pastor Brian, his wife Judy, and Felix are planning to attend. On November 15<sup>th</sup> there is a seminar in Winter Park, "Money and the Church" regarding church finances. Pastor Brian recommended that someone should attend. It's \$12 for the first attendee and \$2 for any additional attendees. A new bible study class will be starting Sunday and run for 5 weeks. Pastor

Brian reported a good meeting with the pastoral relations committee. They talked at length about the possibility of the pastor and his wife sharing pulpit duties. November 9<sup>th</sup> is the congregational meeting at which they will talk about what the PRC is prayerfully considering. There will be a new member class on December 7<sup>th</sup> with the 14<sup>th</sup> being the day of joining.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Floy is hosting October's dinner and dessert at Outback on October 24. Worship music when Anita is gone will most likely be CD's, Debra and possibly Pete if he has returned. There are a few items coming in for the auction. The auction committee is looking into Square Market which is a method for people to pay for their purchases. The kids and trash problem has improved since Thorton's has ended their free drink promotion. Stewardship plan will be discussed at the November 9<sup>th</sup> church meeting. Sarasota Pride march is October 18<sup>th</sup>.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Felix is going to the fall conference and wanted to know if she could go as a voting member. A motion by Marge for Felix to be a voting member at the fall conference was made and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Barbara. The motion was carried unanimously. Pastor Ramon has invited us to the November 23<sup>rd</sup> Thanksgiving

service at 3:00. It is our turn to host the Thanksgiving eve service with the Congregational Church November 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. Judy suggested having an interfaith service which Pastor Brian will look into. There will be no potluck in November but there will be hospitality after the meeting.

**DEPARTMENT AND COMMITTEE REPORTS: Building and grounds-**

There will be a work day November 22<sup>nd</sup>. A sign up sheet with duties will be available in the narthex. A motion by Barbara Brownell was made to have the shutters in the sanctuary repaired at a cost not to exceed \$250.00. Robin Wentz 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and the motion was carried unanimously.

**SAM-** Neighbors in need was in October. There will be a mission moment November 2<sup>nd</sup> for Habitat for Humanity with the collection on November 9<sup>th</sup>.

November is flour and sugar donations for the food bank and December will be baby food and formula. **Spiritual Life-** committee doing well. Peg O'Sullivan will be visiting Doris Gerlach this week.

**Worship committee-** Richard won't be available for November communion.

Closing prayer was given by Pastor Brian.



Join us on Saturday, November 29 at 10am as we gather together for our annual Church Christmas Decorating.

We could use your help to get Faith UCC in the Christmas mood. If you have any questions, please contact Richard Dilts.

# FAMILY IS FOREVER



Pictures above from Blessing of the Animals on Oct 4  
R: Judy with Matty being blessed / L: Anita with Hoover



Pictures above from Worship at the Beach, Oct 12

**Manatee County Habitat for Humanity** has been an important part of the missions of Faith Church over the years. Our own Betsy Biro helped us forge the connection so many years ago to become a local church who committed resources to Habitat in terms of time, talent and treasures to such a worthwhile organization. Members such as Jack and Mary Lou Williams have faithfully served Habitat along with Marge Hooie and countless others, from physically building to serving refreshments to the workers.

Because we have a covenantal relationship with Habitat, once again we will honor that commitment by taking a special offering on Sunday, Nov 9. These funds will go to the Manatee Chapter to help families find and work toward their dream home through the **Home Buyer Program** or to be served

by the **Brush of Kindness Program**, where Habitat volunteers help others who are in need of fixing up their homes who otherwise could not do so for themselves. We always give generously to Habitat, and we ask again that you prayerfully consider your offering for them on November 9.

## **NOVEMBER:** **FLOUR & SUGAR**

### **NEXT: December: Baby food, Cereal and Formula**

Thank you to all who have contributed to this most worthy cause!

Robin Wentz  
SAM chairperson



# Prayer Team



## Please Contact the Church

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)

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

*Janis Groth 941-779-6988*

*Marge Hooie 747-2734*

*Helen Nutting 792-3124*

*Sheryl Overheidt- Smith 269-673-1546 (from May 25-Sept. 15)*

*Joan Sheehan 748-2498*

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

## Your Staff

### Pastor

The Rev. Brian Bagley-Bonner  
941-718-3132

#### PASTOR'S HOURS:

Monday: 9-11 AM. (11-1 visitation)  
Wednesday: 10-3 PM  
Thursday: 9-11 AM (11-1 visitation)

**Secretary**  
Faith Quici

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**9:00 AM - 12:00 PM**  
746-8890  
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# NOVEMBER 2014

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						<b>1</b> 9 am Men's Breakfast at Norma Rae's in Palmetto 11am Women's Lunch Tea Rm in Arcadia 10:00 AM Narcotics Anonymous
<b>2</b> 10:30 AM Worship Service Youth Sunday School *Communion *Habitat Sunday	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 7:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous	<b>7</b> 7:15 PM Narcotics Anonymous 7:15 PM Nar-Anon	<b>8</b> 10:00 AM Narcotics Anonymous
<b>9</b> 10:30 AM Worship Service Youth Sunday School *Habitat Offering *Congregational Mtg. after service cookies to follow, No Potluck	<b>10</b> 7:00 PM Church Council	<b>11</b> Veterans' Day	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 7:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous	<b>14</b> 7:15 PM Narcotics Anonymous 7:15 PM Nar-Anon *Follower Reminder	<b>15</b> 10:00 AM Narcotics Anonymous
<b>16</b> 9AM Adult Study 10:30 AM Worship Service Youth Sunday School	<b>17</b> 7pm Braden River HOA *Follower Deadline	<b>18</b> 11:30AM Prayer Mtg. at Freedom Village	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 7:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous	<b>21</b> 7:15 PM Narcotics Anonymous 7:15 PM Nar-Anon	<b>22</b> 10:00 AM Narcotics Anonymous Building & Grounds Work Day
<b>23</b> 9AM Adult Study 10:30 AM Worship Service Youth Sunday School 3pm Thanksgiving meal with Apostolic Church	<b>24</b> 7pm Inlets HOA	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 6:30pm Community Thanksgiving Service at Faith UCC	<b>27</b> THANKSGIVING Church office Closed 7:00 PM Narcotics Anonymous	<b>28</b> Church office Closed 7:15 PM Narcotics Anonymous 7:15 PM Nar-Anon	<b>29</b> 10:00 AM Narcotics Anonymous 10am Church Christmas Decorating

**30**  
 9AM Adult Study  
 10:30 AM Worship Service  
 Youth Sunday School

No Dinner and Dessert this month

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!**

11/07 Scott Brownell  
 11/09 Fred Daminos  
 11/20 Margaret Gregory

