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Faith in the Community

As an avid yoga practitioner, Margaret Gregory has been giving free yoga lessons to her condominium community for many years. Twice a week, she holds classes in the rec center at Timber Creek for all the residents to attend. She knows that yoga has made a difference in her life and is eager to share with others. Please contact Deb D'Angelo at dperna@rcn.com if you have a volunteer opportunity you would like to share.

NEWS FROM FAITH PRESCHOOL

Our VPK lead teacher, Gina Hoying, has volunteered to take on the role of redesigning our playground to give it a fresh new look. She has a lot of wonderful ideas and I am grateful for her commitment to the preschool. Thank you Gina!

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

Just a heads up that parent's night is September 1. We hope everyone is enjoying their summer!

Wendi Steinbach, Director



From Your Moderator

We are nearing the end of July, which has been a busy month. I would like to thank everyone who has volunteered to help in anyway at worship on Sunday mornings.

Thanks to Donna Rusch who scheduled the Mens' and Womens' breakfast on July 11. We had a nice turn out and everyone who attended seemed to enjoy the food and fellowship.

Thanks to Richard and Jimmy, who hosted the Dinner & Dessert, Potluck & Pool Party on Saturday July 18. I am sorry that I couldn't attend, but I am sure everyone that did enjoyed themselves. I would also like to thank Faith Quici, our church Secretary, Judy Wetter, our Financial Secretary, Denny Wetter, from Building and Grounds, for being right there to help when we had the flooding in the Sunday school rooms,

preschool rooms and hallway. I also appreciate the time put in by the other members of the Building and Grounds Committee. I give thanks for the preschool staff for helping us.

I would like to ask our Faith Church family to please notify the office, the pastors or one of the church council, if you hear of anyone who needs to be put on the prayer list or those who need visiting. You can also call someone from the Faith Care Team. If you don't have the phone numbers, please call the church office and Faith will be glad to help you get them.

Please look at the bulletin board in the Narthex to check on the events coming up in August. There will be sign-up sheets if you would like to help with them or if you will be attending.

A special thanks to Brandi

Sessions for singing with our Worship Leader, Deborah Peters, on Sundays. Please contact Deborah if you would like to sing with them.

Remember that the Pastoral Relations Committee is here to serve you. If you have any suggestions, questions, concerns or compliments, please go to them and let them know.

As your Moderator, I am here to help you whenever you need me. Please call my home phone 747-2734, if I am not there leave and message and I will return your call ASAP.

May the Peace of Christ be with you!

Marge Hooie, Moderator

From the Pastor's Desk

Rev Brian and Rev Judy Bagley- Bonner

REALLY, GOD?

Psalm 14 (adapted)

God looks down from heaven on humankind to see if there are any who are wise, who seek after God.

They have all gone astray, they are all alike perverse; there is no one who does good, no, not one.

Have they no knowledge, all the evildoers who eat up my people as they eat bread, and do not call upon the Lord?

You would confound the plans of the poor, but the Lord is their refuge.

O that deliverance for Israel would come from Zion!

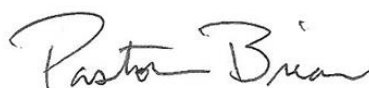
When God restores the fortunes of God's people, Jacob will rejoice; Israel will be glad.

I wonder about God lately. I am feeling frustrated about all the things that are going wrong in the world, and even in our own backyard. The cutting funding to help veterans, forbidding poor people from getting food from a food pantry, a Florida prison guard who does

the right thing and is fired and shunned and fears for his life, these issues are from our newspaper. I feel like the Psalmist - "Is there anyone who seeks God?" or the other common question in the Psalms, "Why do the wicked prosper and the righteous suffer?"

It is easy to get down and discouraged, but the Psalms remind us that God is a sure refuge. Deliverance will come eventually and we will see God restore the fortunes of the oppressed and the poor. We are allowed to cry to God for relief, for justice, for restoration. But that right also comes with the responsibility to raise our voice to those in power who confound the plans of the poor. We must stand with the poor, the outcast, and the foreigners and speak the truth to those in power that what they are doing is wrong. We must seek guidance from God on how to do this with compassion and love. And when God restores the fortunes of God's people, we will rejoice.

Blessings,



Need Extra Support?

One of our newest members, Dr. Gary Rosenfeld, is offering his skills as a retired Marriage and Family Therapist to anyone at Faith who might need some extra support. Gary can offer help with family issues, grief, health, stress, depression, and aging concerns among others. He is able to meet with you in your home or at the church. There is no cost for Gary's support. Please feel free to contact him via email at drgaryphd@verizon.net or call him at [941-251-9566](tel:941-251-9566).

SEEDS AND NEEDS

Have a need or something to give?

Pick up a Seeds & Needs form in the Narthex or bulletin board. It has all the instructions on it. Please return the completed form to Faith in the office by Mon, September 21 and we will print your seeds and needs in the next edition of *The Follower*.

WORSHIP WITH US Sunday Volunteers

August 2, 2015

Flowers: Communion
Greeters: Council
Scripture: Marge Hooie
Ushers: Council
Communion: Council
Nursery: Marge Hooie

August 9, 2015

Flowers: Available
Greeters: Available
Scripture: Available
Ushers: Available
Nursery: Babs Brownell
Potluck: Denny & Judy W.

August 16, 2015

Flowers: Available
Greeter: Available
Scripture: Available
Ushers: Available
Nursery: Linda Anderson

August 23, 2015

Flowers: Available
Greeters: Available
Scripture: Available
Ushers: Available
Nursery: Marge Hooie

August 30, 2015

Flowers: Available
Greeters: Available
Scripture: Available
Ushers: Available
Nursery: Babs Brownell

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.

Financial Snapshot

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PER CAPITA 2015



The Church Council would like to thank all who have paid their Per Capita. At this time we are at 60% participation. The decision for individuals to pay their own Per Capita was made years ago. Per Capita is an obligation we owe yearly to the conference to pay for staff, help with pastor searches, programs, etc. If you have not paid your 2015 Per Capita please do so because it is money that will come from the church budget if not paid individually. The cost is \$14.50 per person. Thanks for your prompt attention to this conference obligation. Your statement will show if you have paid for this year.

Financial Secretary
Judy

ONECO FLORIST

941.756.1556

Oneco Florist is offering Church members \$5 off their first arrangement. Just mention this article.



BUILDING & GROUNDS

We have an opportunity to replace the carpet in the hall and Narthex at a 30% discount. There was an informational meeting on July 19 where this was discussed. Repairs and replacements will soon be underway in the section of our building, that was flooded back in May. Progress is coming along well.

2015 Church Council

Moderator:

Marge Hooie 747-2734

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Secretary:

Linda Anderson 704-8772

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Judy Wetter 755-4583

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Denny Wetter 755-4583

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Fellowship & Events: OPEN

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Robin Wentz 758-6575

Faith Care Team:

M. R. Lembright 758-5716

Worship Team Leader:

Richard Dilts 776-7293

Mark Your Calendars

Combo Breakfast

On Saturday, August 1 at 9am we are meeting at Kate's Café.

Potluck

On Sunday, August 9 after service, Denny and Judy Wetter are hosting.

Dinner & Dessert

On Friday, August 21 at **5pm**, we are meeting at Casa Di Pizza for dinner and having dessert at Sacred Grounds Coffee House. Please contact Donna Rusch if you have any questions.

Children's Ministry Team

It's so easy to sign up for only a few Sundays out of the year to help in the nursery. Contact Babs Brownell if you would like more information about this purposeful and rewarding ministry: 747-9643.

Take Me Out to the Ball Game!!

On Sunday, August 15, we will be going to the ballgame at McKechnie Field (1611 9th Street West Bradenton). We will meet at 4:00 pm at church or if it's closer, we will meet at the ball field at 4:30. Tickets, parking and hotdogs are just \$1 (***the Church will buy tickets and hotdogs for anyone under 18 or over 75***). The Church will also provide a bottle of cold water (*we are allowed 1 per person*). Sign up or call the office. Maybe you will win a Pirate Hat like Pastor Brian (*he won the Chicken Dance contest last time and so is disqualified from winning again...*)



100 + Celebration Potluck

On August 9 we are having our potluck and it will also double as a 100 years + 1 week + 1 day celebration for Helen Nutting. Please plan to come to this great celebration!!



Neighborhood Dinner and Dessert

On Friday August 21 at **5:00 pm**, we will gather at Casa Di Pizza (*in the plaza west of our church*) for our monthly dinner. Donna Rusch is hosting. The restaurant has wings and sandwiches in addition to pizza. Please dress for the possibility of dining outside (*if the weather cooperates*). After dinner, will go just 2 doors down to The Sacred Grounds Coffee Shop for dessert.



Men and Women's Breakfast

At 9:00 am on Saturday, August 1, we will meet at Katie's Cafe 3130 53rd Ave E, Bradenton (off of SR 70)

Present: Pastor Brian, Judy Wetter, Faith Quici, Richard Dilts, Denny Wetter, Marge Hooie, Robin Wentz and Linda Anderson. Meeting called to order at 7:07 with a prayer from Pastor Brian. Motion to accept minutes as written in the Follower was made by Judy Wetter and 2nd by Richard Dilts. Motion was carried unanimously.

Wendi and Gina, from the preschool, were also in attendance to present a proposal to revamp the playground for the preschool. Gina and her husband are donating \$1000.00 and their time and Wendi has agreed to donate \$500.00. They requested that the church match the \$500.00 donation. Gina passed around the written proposal along with plan designs. After they left, Richard motioned to donate the \$500.00 contingent on availability of funds and the possible request for congregation donations. Pastor Brian 2nd the motion and it passed unanimously with a vote from council members.

Financial Secretary's Report: Judy Wetter submitted a report of total money collected in June. The operating fund took in \$8,635.31, the Building for the Future @205.00 and the pass through account was \$286.50 with a total of \$9,126.81 collected.

Pastor's Report: The pastor reported that there are fewer people attending worship this summer than last but mentioned the same thing was happening at his parent's church. The Faith Care team is doing an excellent job. The study group has had a few attendees and will combine the Tuesday and Sunday group to Tuesday only. He also mentioned that the growth committee met and reviewed the response to the

furniture in the narthex. It appears that it has been well received by the majority and apparently only 1 member has voiced a dislike for it. It was noted that we have had over 60 visitors through our doors since January. It was suggested by the committee that a welcome area be developed which will go in the office window.

Secretary's Report: Faith reviewed the calendar for any changes. Her new computer is up and running and working properly.

Old Business: Life Touch: In May, Judy called for proofs, which were terrible. Judy sent them back. No response came so she called them last week and they supposedly didn't receive the proofs back. They got them and said they would expedite them but nothing yet. Judy is giving them until Friday and then will call them again. Organ: Judy researched Craig's List and has come up with an asking price of \$250.00. A motion was made by Denny to put the organ on Craig's List for \$250.00 with the ability to negotiate. Robin 2nd the motion and it was carried unanimously. It was also decided that if it didn't sell we would donate it to Goodwill or Salvation Army.

New Business: Pastor Brian asked if we could consider donating to Manasota Goodwill due to the budget cuts they experienced recently. The dinner and dessert/potluck combo will be July 18th at Richard and Jimmy's. Judy and Denny agreed to host the August 9th potluck. It was agreed to have an informational meeting after church Sunday to answer any questions about the

carpet in the narthex and hall.
Departments and Committees: Building and Grounds: Denny submitted their report of accomplishments as can be found in the follower. He also discussed the new carpet and some other issues regarding the insurance reimbursement from the flood. It was agreed upon to pay for the new carpet in the narthex and old hallway out of the building fund. It will be \$1600.00 for the carpet and \$300.00 for the baseboard. **SAM:** breakfast cereal is being collected this month and August it will be mac and cheese. Strengthen the Church was collected in June and Neighbors in Need will be collected in September.
Worship: Marge Hooie agreed to read scripture in August. Meeting was adjourned and closing prayer was given by Pastor Brian.

Respectfully submitted by
Linda Anderson



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2015 Food Bank of Manatee Items

For the month of August, we will be collecting **Mac & Cheese** for The Food Bank of Manatee! Let's see how much we can collect! You have been a blessing in remembering your contributions every month. I know I've gotten a little lax about adding to the barrel but am reminded that others are depending on us! Thank you for your loyalty!

Please see the list below for the remainder of the year so you can take advantage of upcoming sales/coupons. Check out the BOGOs! Thank you, thank you-as always, you continue to be so generous and we so appreciate it! As always, thanks to Donna Rusch who continues to deliver our donations to the Food Bank!

Robin Wentz
SAM Chairperson

**AUGUST IS:
Macaroni & Cheese**

Sept-Canned soups and stews

Oct – Dry and canned beans

Nov-Sugar and flour

Dec-Baby cereal, baby food and formula



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

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 (until Sept. 20)**

Donna Rusch 301-825-9611

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

Pastors

Rev. Brian and Rev. Judy Bagley-Bonner
Cell: 941-718-3132

Summer Hours

Monday 10 am - 1 pm
Tuesday 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm
Wednesday 9 am - Noon
Thursday 8:30 am - 9:30 am
Other times by appointment

Secretary
Faith Quici

Office Hours
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
746-8890
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AUGUST 2015

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p>Happy Birthday!</p> <p>08/01 Helen Nutting (turns 100) 08/10 Michell Morrell 08/14 Shirley Rampart 08/19 Helen Weaver 08/25 Pat Crowell 08/30 Jack Barnes</p>						<p>1 9am Men's and Women's Breakfast at Katie's Cafe</p> <p>10:00 AM NA & Nar-Anon</p>
<p>2</p> <p>10:30 AM Worship <i>11:45am Music Rehearsal</i></p> <p>Communion</p> <p>1:30 BAC</p>	3	4	5	6	7	8
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<p>9</p> <p>10:30 AM Worship <i>11:45am Music Rehearsal</i></p> <p>Potluck</p> <p>1:30 BAC</p>	<p>10</p> <p>7:00 PM Church Council</p>	11	12	13	14	15
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<p>16</p> <p>10:30 AM Worship <i>11:45am Music Rehearsal</i> \$1 Baseball game we are meeting up at 4pm</p> <p>1:30 BAC</p>	<p>17</p> <p>6:30pm Braden River HOA</p> <p>Follower Deadline</p>	<p>18</p> <p>11:30am Prayer Mtg. Freedom Vilg</p>	19	20	21	22
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