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From Your Moderator

Members and Friends,

We are beginning to say goodbye to our members and friends who are leaving for the north. We wish all of you a safe trip and a nice summer. We hope you will keep in touch when you have a few minutes.

Last Sunday, April 10th we had three new members join our church family: Linda, Dorathy, and Barbara! We are pleased to have all our visitors worship with us and very happy to have some more children.

A special thank you to our pastors for all they have done in the month of April, even when both of you were not feeling well. We are glad you are beginning to feel better.

The following events will be in May. May 6 at 10 a.m. is Church Women United friendship luncheon at Westminster Towers (1533 4th Ave. W.). Tickets are \$5. Please call me if you would like to purchase a ticket.

On Saturday, May 7, we will have our monthly breakfast outings. The men are going to Norma Rae's in Palmetto and the

women are headed to Theresa's in downtown Bradenton. The church council meets at 7pm on May 9. The prayer team lunch will be May 17. Please contact me if you plan to attend. Dinner and Dessert will be held on Friday, May 20, if we have a host.

May 25 is a very important day in the life of the preschool. It is the day when the students move on. Let's try to have a nice turnout for them. The ceremony is at 11:30am.

All activities will be posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex. Please remember to sign up for the events you plan to attend. If you would like to host something or bring something, please sign up for that also.

A special thank you to all of you who volunteer for help in any way.

God Bless all of you!
Marge Hooie,
Moderator

A Preschool Note

Wendi Steinbach, Director

Faith Preschool's Annual Art Show is this Tuesday, April 26 from 6:00 - 7:30 PM. We will be displaying the children's artwork that they have created this year "gallery" style throughout the church. We will also have finger foods and dessert. Come out and be part of this wonderful evening and enjoy the art, food and fun.

We still have some openings in our T/TH and MWF classes, 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.

PER CAPITA 2016

Per Capita is an commitment we owe yearly to the conference. The cost is \$14.50 per member.

Our goal is 100% paid this year. Thank you for your prompt attention to this conference responsibility. Your statement will show if you have paid for this year.

Judy, Financial Secretary

ONECO FLORIST /// 941.756.1556

When ordering flowers through the church, please sign up on the Flower Chart. Flowers orders are \$25 this year. You are encouraged to take your flowers home with you after service; but if you leave them, they will be taken to a shut-in. **If you want to purchase flowers on your own, Oneco Florist is offering Church members \$5 off their first arrangement. Just mention this article.**

THE PASTOR'S DESK

Rev. Brian and Rev. Judy Bagley- Bonner

Traffic Jams, Bumper Stickers and First World Problems

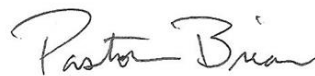
As I started for work today, I noticed that traffic on 41 (business and regular) was very backed up; so, thinking to beat the bad traffic, I headed out to I-75... where the traffic jam was much worse. It took me over an hour to get to work, and I had lots to do (Faith was waiting for this article for one thing!) As I sat discouraged and frustrated, a truck drove by me with a big bumper sticker that said, "Smile! Jesus Loves You!" As much as I usually don't like bumper stickers, this one did its job and got me out of my wallowing in self-pity.

A friend of mine talks about having "first world" problems. That phrase reminds him that though he may be inconvenienced by something (i.e. a traffic jam), the truth is the problem is very minor. In a traffic jam, for example, he has

a good road to get where he is going and he has a car and he has gasoline and he will get to where he is going, just a little late. When one compares that inconvenience to the plight of many in the world who still don't have clean water nearby and often have to walk miles to get it... well, you can see that it is all a matter of perspective.

I reminded myself that I have a good job (one where I won't be fired for being late in these kinds of circumstances), a car with a CD player to play uplifting music, and still plenty of time to get my work done. In fact, what an irony that the situation actually became the topic of this article (about which I frankly had no ideas). So next time you get in a jam or are frustrated, ask yourself, "Is this a first world problem?" and remember that indeed, Jesus does love you!

Blessings



FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT

MARCH 2016

INCOME	WAITING FOR INFORMATION AS QUICKBOOKS IS UNDER CONSTRUCTION.
EXPENSE	
DIFFERENCE	

WORSHIP WITH US

MAY 1, 2016

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

MAY 8, 2016

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

MAY 15, 2016

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

MAY 22, 2016

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

MAY 29, 2016

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

SUNDAY VOLUNTEERS

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.

Mark Your Calendars

MEN'S BREAKFAST

SAT. May 7

We are meeting at Norma Rae's in Palmetto at 9am.

FAITH WOMEN

SAT. May 7

We are meeting at 9am at Theresa's, which is located at 608 Tamiami Trail, Bradenton. Please sign up if you would like to attend.

POTLUCK

SUN. May 15

We will have a picnic potluck on the 3rd Sunday this month. Hotdogs are provided. Please sign up if you want to attend or bring a side dish or dessert. We are asking that we all wear red that day.

DINNER & DESSERT

FRI. May 20

If you would like to host the Dinner and Dessert this month, please call the church office or sign up on the bulletin board by Friday, May 6.

Children's Ministry Team

If you have a heart for children then consider joining the Children's Ministry Team. It's so easy to sign up. Please contact Babs Brownell if you would like more information about this purposeful and rewarding ministry.

Call: 941.747.9643

CHURCH HAPPENINGS

Himning and Humming Choir

We are going to make a stab at an informal choir for the summer months. Anyone is invited to join, and you don't have to read music. We are going to use recordings to rehearse with and also sing very familiar hymns, melody only (or maybe 2 parts sometimes). Rehearsals will be Thursday nights at 7:00 pm. Hope to see you there!

Bible Study for May

Where Did They Go? An informal study of the first disciples, what tradition and history say about where they went and what they did. Sunday mornings at 9:00 am led by Pastor Brian. (We can do an evening study if there is interest!)

SOCIAL ACTION & MISSIONS

MAY is : SOUPS AND STEWS

Robin Wentz, SAM Chairperson

Here is our plan for the year-keep an eye out for BOGOs!

June-Rice

July-beans-dry & canned

Aug-peanut butter

Sept-100% juice

Oct-low sugar cereal

Nov-sugar & flour

Dec-Canned tuna, chicken & other meats

Seeds and Needs

Seeds and Needs is where those who attend Faith UCC can share what they have to offer others or express any needs. It's another way for us to serve one another and get to know one another. None of the goods and services posted under Seeds and Needs, are endorsed by Faith UCC.

Seed

Sheri's Helping Hands and Cleaning services, helping with your household needs. \$20 an hour charge. Please contact Sheri Lee at 941-405-6045 or 941-524-8671.

Need

Sheri Lee is in search for a car. She is looking for a reliable car between \$2,000 and \$4,000. Her contact numbers are 941-405-6045 or 941-524-8671.

New Member Q&A

Barbara Connery

Associate Member as of April 17, 2016

Where did you live, prior to Bradenton?

Feeding Hills, MA

What was your occupation?

Answer: 31 years in Agawan, MA, public school teacher and team leader.

Why did you pick Faith UCC as your church?

Same as our home church where I have been a member for 56 years, close to my place, and comfortable.

Any hobbies or special interests?

Scrapbooking, knitting, crocheting, reading, walking, snowman collector.

Dorathy Gallo

Member as of April 17, 2016

Where did you live, prior to Bradenton?

Lockport, NY

What was your occupation?

Accountant

Why did you pick Faith UCC as your church?

It is an affirming church and very friendly.

Any hobbies or special interests?

Reading, photography, counted cross stich, knitting and mosaic.

Linda Van Buskirk

Member as of April 17, 2016

Where did you live, prior to Bradenton?

Lockport, NY

What was your occupation?

Master local social worker, Master of Social Science Administrator (MSSA). My last position was CEO of Market Street Art Gallery.

Why did you pick Faith UCC as your church?

UCC has always been right on my list of denominations. My son was baptized in the UCC church. I always felt that the UCC was interested in social issues. Faith challenges everyone to respond to other people's needs.

Any hobbies or special interests?

Bike riding, fused glass work, mosaic design, reading, bible study, eating new foods, genealogy, history, family gatherings, meeting new people, service to others.

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Faith United Church of Christ /// April 11, 2016

Present: Pastor Brian, Debra D'Angelo, Barbara Brownell, Richard Dilts, Marge Hooie, Denny Wetter, Judy Wetter Linda Anderson and Jim Willard.

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 by Marge Hooie, and a prayer was offered by Pastor Brian.

A motion was made by Judy to accept the minutes from the March 2016 meeting and seconded by Debra. The motion was carried with a unanimous vote.

Financial Secretary's Report:

Judy Wetter presented the report showing a total deposit to the Bank of America account of \$14,347.59. The deposit to the Bank of the Ozarks building for the future account was \$690.00 and to the Bank of the Ozarks pass through account of \$770.50, for a total deposit for the month of March being \$15,808.09. Quarterly giving statements will go out at the end of the month.

Treasurer's Report:

Jim is still working at getting quickbooks fixed but is getting the bills paid. He reported that \$1,500.00 had to be taken for the Bank of the Ozarks to cover expenses but that was due to the timing of the bills.

Pastor's Report:

Pastor Brian reports that there were 3 people in the new member class and 3 that were unable to attend due to illness. May 29th the pastors are leaving after church for their trip. Both Sundays have been covered for pulpit needs. May 5th will be the start of a "choir

of sorts". Everyone is invited to participate and practice will be held on Thursdays. They will be simple songs. Katie's service will be 4/30 at 11:30 am. Internment in the memorial gardens to follow. Rainbow seniors group had a very good meeting. Church growth team will be meeting soon.

Old Business:

We haven't received the final report from the crop walk.

New Business: The Rev. Leslie Etheridge will be at church on Sunday, April 24th. Dinner and dessert will be hosted by the Wetter's with dinner at the Wheat & Water and dessert at the Wetter's April 15th. May 8th is mother's day so the potluck will be May 15th with hot dogs and buns provided by the pastor, bring a side dish and wear red. Judy and Denny will be gone 2 weeks in June so she needs volunteers to be trained on the computer for the financial deposits. Richard volunteered and Barbara volunteered Scott Brownell.

Departments and Committee Reports:

Building and Grounds:

Denny submitted a report which can be found elsewhere in the Follower. *(A copy of the report can be picked up in the office)*

Pastoral Relations:

The PRC will be meeting on April 18. Barbara asked the council if they wanted a change in members to the PRC. The term is generally 2 years, but all

members have agreed to stay unless the council feels there should be a change. The council agreed to leave things as they are. Barbara also suggested that the council should finally finish the bylaws, which Judy said could probably be accomplished in just a couple meetings. She will look into getting that done.

Community Outreach:

Debra is still advertising for the iPhone and Facebook classes.

SAM: Robin had nothing to report at this time.

Worship team:

Richard will not be at church Sunday. May 1st is communion which will be intinction. Debra and Richard will help with that. Richard also said that the July potluck/dinner and dessert will again be at Richard's and Jimmy's on July 16th.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:28 with a closing prayer from Pastor Brian.

Respectfully submitted by,
Linda Anderson.

Your Staff

Pastors

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



(with Janie)

PASTORS' OFFICE HOURS

Monday 10 am - 1 pm
Tuesday 9am - noon
Wednesday 8:30 am - *noon
Thursday 8:30 am - 9:30 am

Other times by appointment

**3rd Thursday at UCC meetings*



Office Hours
MONDAY-FRIDAY
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
746-8890
Fax 746-0670

Secretary

Faith Quici

Faith UCC Email:

faithchurchucc@verizon.net

Faith Website:

faithchurchucc.com

Prayer Team

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



Janis Groth
941.779.6988

Marge Hooie
941. 447.4193

Helen Nutting
941. 747.2734

**Sheryl
Overheidt-
Smith**
941.776.5589

Donna Rusch
301.825.9611

**Joan
Sheehan**
941.748.2498

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

SUBMIT A PRAYER REQUEST

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

2016 Church Council

Moderator:
Marge Hooie 447-4193

Building & Grounds:
Denny Wetter 755-4583

OPEN POSITIONS:

Deputy Moderator:
Barbara Brownell 747-9643

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

Christian Education: OPEN

Secretary:
Linda Anderson 704-8772

Social Action & Missions:
Robin Wentz 758-6575

Fellowship & Events: OPEN

Treasurer:
Jim Williard 531-4559

Worship Team Leader:
Richard Dilts 776-7293

Faith Care Team: OPEN

Financial Secretary:
Judy Wetter 755-4583



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May 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 9am Adult Study 10:30am Service Communion 1:30pm BAC NA 7:15pm	2	3	4 7:00pm BAC	7pm Choir 7:15pm NA 7:15pm Nar-Anon	6 Church Women United 7:15pm NA 7:30pm BAC	7 9am Men's Breakfast – Norma Rae's 9am Women's Breakfast at Theresa's 10am NA & Nar-Anon
8 MOTHER'S DAY 9am Adult Study 10:30am Service 1:30pm BAC NA 7:15pm	9 7pm Church Council Mtg.	10 Building and Grounds Work Day 4pm	11 7:00pm BAC	12 7pm Choir 7:15pm NA 7:15pm Nar-Anon	13 7:15pm NA 7:30pm BAC Follower Reminder	14 8am -5pm BAC Youth Event 10am NA & Nar-Anon
15 9am Adult Study 10:30am Service Picnic Potluck 1:30pm BAC NA 7:15pm	16 7pm BR HOA Follower Deadline	17 11:30am Prayer Mtg	18 7:00pm BAC	19 7pm Choir 7:15pm NA 7:15pm Nar-Anon	20 6pm Dinner and Dessert 7:15pm NA 7:30pm BAC	21 10am NA & Nar-Anon
22 9am Adult Study 10:30am Service 1:30pm BAC NA 7:15pm	23 7pm INT HOA	24	25 Preschool 11:30am Moving On Ceremony 7:00pm BAC	26 7pm Choir 7:15pm NA 7:15pm Nar-Anon	27 7:30pm BAC 7:15pm NA	28 10am NA & Nar-Anon
29 9am Adult Study 10:30am Service 1:30pm BAC NA 7:15pm	30 Rev. Brian and Judy are on vacation until June 18	31				

- **BAC:** Bradenton Apostolic Church – We church share with Pastor Ramon and his congregation.
- Monthly Prayer Meetings are held every 3rd Tuesday at Freedom Village at 11:30am.
- Our Monthly **Potluck** is every 2nd Sunday after service when someone has agreed to host. Subject to change on special occasions.
- **Dinner and Dessert** is every 3rd Friday at 6pm when someone signs up to host.

The host picks a local restaurant to meet and dessert is followed at their home or another gathering spot.

- There are **Narcotics Anonymous** (NA) meetings here each week, and **Nar-Anon**, which is a group of family members affected by those with drug addictions, also meets. If interested in these meetings, please call the NA hotline at 941.257.5055.
- We have several local neighborhood Home Owner Associations (**HOA's**) who meet here monthly.

HAPPY
Birthday

Joan Sheehan	5/5
Bruce Covey	5/9
Elwin Smith	5/18
Carol Chamberlain	5/20
Evelyn Anderson	5/23
Pete Groth	5/26
Sherri Lee	5/31



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The Vision of Faith United Church of Christ

- In our worship, we are an inclusive community, a family of faith, which through prayer, song, the sacraments and liturgy seeks to feel closer to God, to praise God, to give thanks to God, and to seek forgiveness from God in order to grow in discipleship.
- In our Christian Education, we seek to develop a community of people with a mature Christian faith; meaning a faith which leads us to care for others, that opens our hearts to service, an evolving faith that is the product of critical thinking and questioning. Our education is for all ages and is conducted in places inside the church and out.
- In our missions, we seek to share the excitement of our Christian faith without judging others. In our missions, we seek to take our faith and beliefs from the inside out, and know that our missions require that we must also bring the outside in. We take Christ's admonition—to go forth and share the good news—as our own, which we strive to do in word and deed both locally and globally.

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