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2017 PER CAPITA INCREASE

Per Capita is an obligation we owe yearly to the conference. The cost is \$15 per member. Thank you to those who have already paid. Our goal is to be 100% paid this year. Thank you for your prompt attention to this conference responsibility. **We are about half way there! We have collected \$582.50 of the \$1,140 total we owe.**

From Your Moderator

The Lenten season is upon us, but it seems like we just took down the Christmas decorations. Where does the time go? There are so many things happening in the coming weeks, Dinner and Dessert with Linda and Dorathy as hosts, Men's Breakfast, Women's Breakfast, Blessing of the Animals, Woodwind Concert, Carpet Cleaning, Palm Sunday, Maunday Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter with our annual Easter egg hunt. We are a busy church!

Your Council needs some help. Another article in the FOLLOWER mentions the need for some good investment guidance; we are receiving a bequest from the Weaver trusts and the Council members want to make sure the money is used and invested wisely. So, if you have any interest or knowledge about wise investments for a church, please

talk with Judy Wetter or Richard Dilts. We are checking with local churches to see how they invest and handle bequests.

Mark your calendar for April 23 for our annual service at the beach (Emmerson Point) followed by a picnic potluck. Last year's event was great, so we are doing it again in the same location. Please plan on attending this casual, relaxed service.

If you have a concern or suggestion, please talk to a Council member or write a letter/email to the Council so we can discuss it at the next meeting. We all want what is best for Faith UCC, and working together is the only way to accomplish it.

Judy

FLOWER CROSS

Easter is a very festive day at Faith U.C.C. We have a full church! Everyone dresses up just a little bit more than usual. Richard dons his bunny ears. Children eagerly await the Easter egg hunt. Our church altar is filled with Easter lilies. It is our tradition to have our flower cross in the sanctuary as well. For those who are new to Faith, or those who need a reminder, we have a tradition of decorating the cross with flowers. There is no formality to the process. It is simply. Everyone brings a flower or a sprig to church to place on the cross. Prior to being seated, we place our flowers on a 6-foot cross. When service begins, the cross is full and beautifully decorated. **Please remember to bring your flowers** with you on Easter Sunday,



Betsy Biro and Helen Nutting, Easter 2013

April 16. After the service, the Cross is carried outside as a blessing for all, and many take a family picture with the Flower Cross as a tradition.

Music Committee

A Music Committee has formed and has met a number of times. We are forming a plan to help with the second most important item on our visioning list.... the music program. If you have ideas or suggestions please share them with the committee, all ideas are welcome.

THE PASTOR'S DESK

Does Prayer Work?

Last week this question was asked in our study group. What do you think? A couple of thoughts: First, we must ask what do we mean by the word, "work." If prayer only "works" if things turn out exactly as we prayed, then no, prayer does not always work in that way. I can attest to this as I do not have a black Ferrari convertible. But seriously, we know that sometimes our prayers for healing of an illness do not show the results for which we hope, or prayers for a loved one that is struggling with mental illness or addiction. Why? I do not know. Perhaps sometimes the healing takes a different form than we had hoped. But this is one of the great mysteries because we know God wants the very best for all. But what if we changed our definition of "Work"? Are there are other ways in which prayer always works? Yes!

1. When we pray for another, that prayer changes us by helping us get out of our own thoughts and concerns. This is an amazing thing, really. It is a testament to the power of God that we can focus our thoughts and our hearts on another with intensity, love and compassion. We are definitely changed when we pray.

2. Prayer changes those for whom we pray, especially when they are aware of those prayers. Has someone ever told you they are praying for you? How do you feel? I feel a tremendous amount of love and care from that person. And if a whole congregation is praying for me that makes me feel even better. That

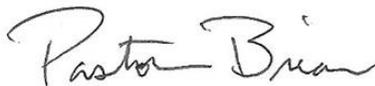
kind of love buoys up the one for whom we pray. The power of love and support always changes that person's outlook and soul.

3. Prayer changes those for whom we pray, even when they do not know. Though some current scientific studies have suggested this does not happen, I think it may be because we do not know how to measure it. Someday, I believe we will understand the power of prayer as energy on a very deep level (maybe even molecular). Some science-based theologians and theoretical physicists are working on this. Mark my words. Maybe not in our lifetime, but someday we will see be able to see and measure how prayer changes the one for whom we pray.

Finally, I know if you asked, many in our congregation would say they know that prayer changes things. Some have known physical healing from diseases. Others have experienced spiritual healing by receiving the love they need to get through grief or some other difficult time. Others receive strength to live with chronic illness with dignity and lightness of being, because they are lifted up by prayer. Prayer clearly works on many levels. And I think it works in some we do not yet understand. Meanwhile, we at Faith UCC will continue to follow the charge in 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18:

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

Blessings,



ONECO FLORIST /// 941.756.1556

When ordering flowers through the church, please sign up on the Flower Chart. Flowers orders are \$25. 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.**

K-Cups Wanted

If you have some K-cups you don't plan to use (especially **TEA** or other non-coffee drinks), we would love to offer them on Sunday mornings. You may drop them off at the church kitchen.



WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

If you are interested in signing up to be a greeter, usher or scripture reader, please contact our Worship Team Leader, Richard Dilts, or simply sign up on the bulletin board. You can sign up as one-time help, on a part time basis or get regularly involved in our Sunday morning worship activities. It's easy, and we have so much fun helping out.

JOIN US WEEKEND SCHEDULE

April 2, 2017

Flowers:	Council
Greeters:	Council
Scripture:	Marge Hooie
Ushers:	Council
Nursery:	Amy Testa
Sunday school:	Hatti Damianos

April 9, 2017

Flowers:	Available
Greeters:	Available
Scripture:	Pat Crowell
Ushers:	Available
Nursery:	Babs Brownell
Sunday school:	Hatti Damianos

April 16, 2017

Flowers:	Marge Hooie
Greeters:	Available
Scripture:	Jean Cox
Ushers:	Available
Nursery:	Linda Anderson
Sunday school:	Hatti Damianos

April 23, 2017

Flowers:	Available
Greeters:	Available
Scripture:	Joan Sheehan
Ushers:	Available
Nursery:	Marge Hooie
Sunday school:	Hatti Damianos

April 30, 2017

Flowers:	Available
Greeters:	Available
Scripture:	Available
Ushers:	Available
Nursery:	Marge Hooie
Sunday school:	Hatti Damianos

Mark Your Calendars

Church Women United

10am, FRI. APRIL 7
General meeting at St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church 525 Martin Luther King Ave. E., Bradenton, FL 34208. If you would like to join us, please see Marge Hooie or sign up.

Men's Breakfast

9am SAT. APRIL 8
Norma Rae's in Palmetto. Sign up on the bulletin board.

Women's Breakfast

9am FRI. APRIL 8
We are meeting at The Connection Café located at 1207 3rd Ave. W. Bradenton, FL 34205. Afterwards, those who are interested will walk the Main Street Farmer's Market.

Dinner and Dessert

6pm, FRI. APRIL 21
Thank you Peg O'Sullivan for hosting the April Dinner and Dessert. A restaurant is to be determined.

Children's Ministry

If you have a heart for children, then consider joining the Children's Ministry Team. We need help in the nursery and Sunday school. Please contact Babs Brownell if you would like more information
Call: 941.747.9643

CHURCH HAPPENINGS 3

Blessing of the Animals, Sat April 1 at 11am

A spring time celebration of our wonderful companions. We will have a brief service of gratitude followed by individual prayer and photos. Invite some friends! All animals are welcome! [\(click here for a poster to print\)](#)

UCC Woodwinds, Sunday April 2

Rev. Dr. Jean Simpson has organized a wonderful musical group that will perform during our worship service on April 2. Be sure to come early as they will be doing the 15 minute pre-service music as well as during the service. Rumor has it that they will play a beautiful version of Leonard Cohen's, *Hallelujah*.

Two Week Adult Study: *The Messiah* Sundays 9am on April 2 and April 9

We will continue our study of the music of Handel's *Messiah* that we started in Advent. We listen to several pieces of the work and explore the biblical and theological ideas presented and how the music helps convey the message.

Prayer Service - Tuesday April 4

Given that many in our congregation are experiencing health, pain and spiritual issues, we are going to start conducting a prayer service that will include quiet music, brief communal prayer, and the offer of individual prayer. Time will either be **11am or 6:30 pm or both**, depending on who wants to attend. Please let Pastor Brian or Faith know if you wish to come and what time works for you.

Maundy Thursday 7pm April 13

We will again base this service on the Ancient Easter Vigil. The service reviews the history of God's people from creation through the crucifixion with both comical and serious readings, music and prayers. We need many readers to do this amazing service, so watch for participation sign-up sheets.

Easter Worship April 16 at 10:30 am Egg Hunt and Refreshments for All

Come celebrate the joy of Jesus' resurrection. This year our post service traditions include: the blooming cross for family pictures, an Easter egg hunt, and refreshments provided by Sheryl Overheidt Smith. Studies prove that if you invite someone to an Easter or Christmas service, they usually say yes. All they need is a simple invitation. Please be bold and invite someone to our Easter service. We would love to break 100 in attendees. Let's go over the top this year!!

Adopt an Easter Egg

Please take home some plastic eggs from church. Fill them with WRAPPED candy, coins, or toys and make sure you tape them shut. Return them to Carol Knight before Easter Sunday, April 16. With your help, the children should have a fun time hunting for your filled eggs on Easter morning. See Carol Knight if you have any questions.



MORE HAPPENINGS

A Birthday Card Shower

What our Church does best is love people. We would like to show our love to **Bree Cullington** for her birthday. Her birthday is **March 29** and she has been through some tough times. Let's celebrate with her by showering her with birthday cards. There are free cards in the Narthex or feel free to get your own. Her address is: Bree Cullington, Woodlands Village, 1055 301 Blvd. E., Bradenton, FL 34203.

Relay for life

If you would like to walk to support cancer survivors or those still fighting it and to remember those who have lost the fight, then register for Relay for Life. The walk is Saturday, April 8, from 10am-10pm at Sutton Park 6th St. W. Register online at relayforlife.org or see Sheryl Overheidt Smith if you have any questions.

Share Kindness through Cards

We have FREE GREETING CARDS available in the Narthex. These are various cards that have been donated, sorted, and organized. They are available for you to send to members and friends to keep in touch and show your kindness. We are asking if anyone would like to donate extra cards WITH ENVELOPES to please bring them in and we will put them out for everyone's use. Please see Sheryl Overheidt Smith or Faith Quici if you have questions.

Easter Lilies are \$8

Easter lily order forms can be found in your bulletin and in the Narthex. Please return your order form with payment to the church offering plate no later than Palm Sunday, April 9. Then we will be sure to have your lily ordered and on display for Easter. Please indicate if you would like to take yours home or leave it behind for a shut-in.



River Service & Potluck Picnic April 23

We will again gather at Emerson Point Preserve in Palmetto for a time of worship and eating together. The shelter has a close view of the river and is next to accessible restrooms. There is no electricity, but there are small grills. Parking is a bit tight so car-pooling (or biking) is recommended. After the picnic you can enjoy many hiking/biking trails, fishing, kayaking and just watching the water. Y'all Come!!!



FAITH 4 PRESCHOOL

Wendi Steinbach, Director

COME JOIN US!!

Faith Preschool's "School Wide Art Show & Silent Auction" is coming up! Invite your friends and come out and enjoy the children's art on display, finger foods and a silent auction on Tuesday, April 25, 2017 from 6PM - 7:30 PM. The silent auction will end promptly at 7:15PM. Some of the items donated to our silent auction are:

**Kick off the summer with a weekend getaway to Anna Maria Beach Stay at a beautiful four bedroom house - June 9 - 11, 2017. Check out VRBO.com #918523 for photos and more details! ([click here to see virtual tour](#))

**TreeUmph! Adventure Course - 2 Adult Tickets

**Publix - \$50.00 Gift Card

**Target - \$25.00 Gift Card

**Michaels - \$25.00 Gift Card

**MOSI Museum & IMAX Theatre - 2 Tickets

**PDQ - \$25.00 Gift Card

**Subway - (2) \$10.00 Gift Cards

**Marina's - \$20.00 Gift Certificate

**Wolves Head - \$20.00 Gift Certificate

**Florida Studio Theatre - 2 tickets

**Flair Salon - \$25.00 Gift Certificate

**Ringling Museum - 2 tickets

**Bradenton Marauders - 4 tickets, autographed item & promo gear

Date Night Basket with a \$25.00 gift card to Bonefish

**Italian Basket

**Baking Basket

We appreciate everyone's help in making our fundraiser a success!

★ SILENT ★ AUCTION

Pride Festival



Richard Dilts, Rev. Brian and Judy Wetter, were just some of the many volunteers that day.

Rev. Brian with other ministers for the interfaith service at Pride Fest this year.

One Great Hour of Sharing Offering April 9

Our annual One Great Hour of Sharing Offering will be taken on Palm Sunday, April 9. OGHs supports those suffering natural disasters, refugees from war torn areas, and people in areas where famines are starting around the world. We have always been very generous with this offering: over \$400 in 2014 over \$500 in 2015 and over \$700 last year. Pastor Brian asks that as a special gift to him on his birthday that we give so generously we exceed \$1,000! He will be 59 years old. Can you give an offering of \$59? Let's do it!!



Spring Cleaning

Volunteers needed for spring cleaning at Faith Church. To prepare our building for the Easter season, we will have a cleanup day on Saturday, April 8, from 9am to noon. Please check for the sign up sheet in the narthex.



Thanks,
Denny

New Committee

The Church has been notified that we are named in the trusts of Glen and Helen Weaver. We have received the first installment of a little over \$52,000, and it has been placed in a six month CD. It is of the utmost importance to plan for the money we will be receiving and the remainder we have from the sale of property, so we would like to create a committee for this purpose. If you are interested in serving on a committee or have suggestions on investments, please talk to either Judy Wetter or Richard Dilts.



Spiritual Exercise

TIME PASSAGES

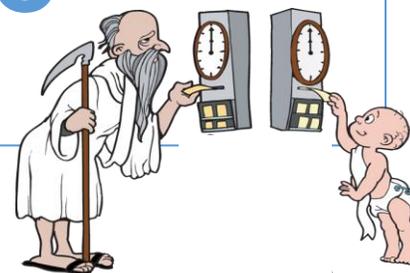


Hey -- Look who turns one year old on April 2, and he's already driving!! Gosh, where does the time go? These last few months seemed to have zoomed by: A new year, a new president, a new sales tax rate ... uggghhhhhh.

So, where have I been and what have I been doing? Well, I had a lovely stay in hospital for several days. I emerged a "Bionic Woman" complete with metal plates

and screws (already had nuts). I also have more gray hair(s) and a few new wrinkles, a.k.a. "crow's feet" (which actually sounds kind of creepy). I've had several friends who have passed away and I pray they are at peace. I've kept my New Year's resolution but only because I didn't make one (haha!). For Lent, I've been trying to perform one random act of kindness each day. I liken this to rubbing a dog's belly (which really sounds kind of yucky). Anyway, both parties benefit and everybody feels good -- Win, Win. So overall, I guess I've been kind of busy passing time.

Time touches everyone and stops for no one. For me, the early years passed slowly and were fun. My middle years were hectic yet awesome. Today, time passes quickly and is precious and valuable. I'm blessed to see so clearly the passage of time in my grandson. Each time I see Branson, I see more changes. After almost 365 days, he looks like a real little man now and not like a wrinkly prune (which also sounds kind of distasteful). He's taller and wider, with many teeth, and is almost walking. He has found his voice, is always smiling, laughing and just glows love. Soon, his words will come and along with them a zillion 'WHY?' questions. I hope I have answers.



Children grow into adults, and adults age into heavenly spirits. The "circle of life" thing. Songwriter Joni Mitchell penned it best...

"The seasons go round and round and the painted ponies go up and down. We're captive on the carousel of time. We can't return, we can only look behind from where we came And go round and round in the circle game."

I get excited as I watch my young grandson begin riding the carousel of time. It will be fun to ride alongside him, and watch him play. Who knows, maybe it will be a chance for me to enjoy the ride over again!

Blessings to all,
DONNA RUSCH
Branson's Nana



SOCIAL ACTION & MISSIONS

Remember **FOOD BANK DONATIONS!**

In **APRIL**, we are collecting **MAC & CHEESE** for the food bank. In **February** we collected **95 lbs.** of peanut butter. Let's top that in April! The next SAM meeting is Monday, April 17 at 7pm.

MACARONI & CHEESE



CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Faith United Church of Christ /// March 13, 2017

Those in attendance: Judy Wetter, Denny Wetter, Pastor Brian, Pastor Jude, Babs Brownell, Sheryl Overheidt Smith, Deb D'Angelo, Faith Quici, Marge Hooie and Donna Blakey.

Meeting opened at 7:05pm with prayer by Pastor Judy. A motion was made to accept the minutes as printed in the last "Follower". The motion was made by Marge Critelli and seconded by Deb D'Angelo. They vote was carried through unanimously by the council.

Financial Secretary Donna Blakey discussed that in a comparison from last year to this year we are doing well. We opened a new Money Market account at Fidelity Bank to place the legacy gift from Helen Weaver. It had the highest interest at 1.25%. Despite having only 4 Sundays instead of 5, like January, February was a fair month for incoming funds. There was discussion about where to allocate the Chili-Cook-Off fundraising money. Babs made a motion to give \$47 to the Church Event and Fellowship Team and the remaining \$300 to go to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund. Deb D'Angelo seconded the motion. The motion was carried through unanimously by the council.

Treasurer Marge Critelli noted that we collected \$582.50 so far for per capita. This year we will owe the UCC Conference \$1,140 (76 members x \$15 per member). Marge will get with Arlene to make sure she has online access to the Bank of the Ozarks bank statements, instead of waiting when they are mailed. She went over a few notes on the profit and loss sheet. Discussion took place about making sure Arlene has a monetary buffer in order to pay bills and make payroll without being behind. The problem we are facing is timing. When bills and payroll are to be paid it often doesn't match the same time that funds are available. The funds tend to arrive after these things need to be paid, so a buffer would help her pay everything on time. A motion was made by Marge Critelli that she would transfer a maximum of \$3,000 in the Bank of America account for Arlene to pay everything on time. Marge Hooie seconded the motion and it was carried through unanimously by the council.

Pastors report. Pastor Brian stated that the group studies have been going well. They meet just twice more for the current study. Pastor Jude noted there are a possible 2 people interested in membership. There are also some newcomers who have been coming regularly and seem like they would

like to be involved if they can get connected. There are currently 16 people who are receiving visits and care. Pastor Brian mentioned it is in the works to possibly do an evening prayer service to pray for the sick and it would most likely take place on a Tuesday night after the book study ends.

Secretary report. Faith brought a quote from Doug's Telephone Service and which states it would be over \$1,500 to establish a voicemail system at the church. Because she got a price quote from Frontier, the current communication network, Frontier will give us a deal and install a new router for the back of the building for a savings of \$144 monthly. This will be done as soon as possible. Faith discussed she would like to reorder pens for the church. An order of 250 pens lasts about 2 years and is a great marketing tool. A motion was made by Babs that we use the money from the marketing fund to pay for cost of the pens. It was seconded by Sheryl and carried through unanimously by the council. The calendar was looked over and it was noted that Hospitality will be on Easter Sunday and hosted by Sheryl, also that the Maundy Thursday service will be at 7pm and there is a SAM meeting March 20 at 7pm. It was asked by several council members to add the birthday's back into the Sunday morning script. This will start again right away on Sunday, March 19.

Old Business:

By-Laws Committee- Will start up again after M.R. returns.

Meeting with Pastor Ramon- Judy and Brian met with Pastor Ramon and it went well.

Police Audit is March 20 at 1:30pm the information learned in the meeting will be shared with the Apostolic Church.

Pride Festival- is March 18 and there are several people who will be there from our church to support the booth and love on people. Pastor Brian will email a schedule to the volunteers. If you are car-pooling you will meet at the church at 10:30am.

Lent: Maundy Thursday is April 13 at 7pm. Easter is April 16 at 10:30am. The Easter Egg hunt and filling of Easter Eggs will be spearheaded by Carol Knight. Babs volunteered to bring the palms in for Palm Sunday on April 9 and extra palms will be harvested from our own supply on church grounds.

Emerson Park Worship service is April 23 and will include a potluck afterwards.

Blessing of the animals is at 11am on Saturday, April 1. All animals are welcome.

Junk in the Trunk sale will continue on and will start at 9am on Friday, March 24 and

25. \$10 for one day or \$15 for two. There are three people who are interested so far.

New business:

Holocaust Museum Visit. A group trip to the Holocaust Museum will be planned for April. This is to support our Jewish brothers and sisters who are under attack currently around the world. It's \$9 per person if we get a group of 15 to go as a group.

Music Committee: They have met 4 times so far and there has been great discussion about eventually hiring a music director as part of fulfilling our dreams and visions for Faith UCC. The first step is a job description which is in the works of being written.

Crop Walk: Marge Hooie mentioned that our participation in the crop walk this year brought in \$575.

Department and Committee Teams:

Building and Grounds- Denny presented a written report on work completed, work scheduled and long term capital improvements. A copy of this written report is available upon request at the church office.

Church Events and Fellowship- Sheryl announced that 15 people attended the women's outing in February. Next year the flower show and festival will be opened to the whole church to attend. Dinner and Dessert is at Carmen's Italian Café and Dessert will be at Encore RV Park. Dorothy and Linda need a final count by Monday, March 20 for the dinner and dessert event. Peg O'Sullivan will host the Dinner and Dessert in April. Location is to be determined.

Community Outreach Programs: Deb D'Angelo will write an article about the Flower Cross for "The Follower". She was given a website where she can advertise our church events and will look into that in further detail. She will also be advertising the Blessing of the Animals events ASAP.

SAM- Babs mentioned the team will meet every month and that the next meeting is 7pm on March 20.

Faith Care- Marge Hooie said that the Faith Care meetings have been going well. They collectively scheduled who would be visiting and helping who. They are working very well together as a team.

Worship- Communion will be served in the pews on April 4.

Pastor Brian led us out in prayer by singing the doxology.

The meeting ended at 8:45pm.

Submitted, by Faith Quici

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 9:30am – 12:30pm
(also available 6-6:30pm)
Wednesday 9:30am- 12:30pm
Thursday 6:00pm -7:00pm

Other times by appointment
**3rd Thursday at UCC meetings*



Office Hours
MONDAY-FRIDAY
9 AM - 12 PM
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Secretary

Faith Quici

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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
(winter)
269.673.6676
(summer)

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

2017 Church Council

Moderator: Judy Wetter

Faith Care Team: Marge Hooie

Deputy Moderator: Richard Dilts

Community Outreach: Deb D'Angelo

Secretary: Robin Wentz

Church Events & Fellowship: Sheryl Overheidt Smith

Financial Secretary: Donna Blakey

SAM: Babs Brownell

Treasurer: Marge Critelli

Building & Grounds: Denny Wetter

Worship Team: Richard Dilts

Christian Ed: OPEN



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APRIL 2017

SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

April food bank collection

MACARONI & CHEESE



Sat, April 8
9am -12pm



Adopt an Easter Egg!

See Carol Knight for more info.



1 9am Men's Breakfast- Norma Rae's
9am Women's Breakfast-
10am NA & Nar-Anon



11AM Blessing Of the Animals

<p>2 9am Messiah Study 10:30am Service Communion Woodwind Performing in Worship 1:30pm BAC NA 7:15pm</p>	<p>3 Church Carpet's Cleaned</p>	<p>4 Prayer Service, time TBA </p>	<p>5 7:00pm BAC</p>	<p>6 7pm Choir 7:15pm NA 7:15pm Nar-Anon</p>	<p>7 Church Women United Meeting 7:15pm NA 7:30pm BAC</p>	<p>8 9am -12pm SPRING CLEANING  RELAY FOR LIFE 10am NA & Nar-Anon</p>
<p>9 PALM SUNDAY 9am Messiah Study 10:30am Service One Great HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING 1:30pm BAC NA 7:15pm</p>	<p>10 7pm Church Council Mtg 7:30pm BR Watch Mtg.</p>	<p>11 Building and Grounds Work Day 4pm</p>	<p>12 7:00pm BAC</p>	<p>13 7pm MAUNDY THURSDAY 7:15pm NA 7:15pm Nar-Anon</p>	<p>14 GOOD FRIDAY Lilies delivered Preschool off 7:15pm NA 7:30pm BAC Follower Reminder</p>	<p>15 10am NA & Nar-Anon</p>
<p>16 EASTER SUNDAY Flower Cross 10:30am Service Easter Egg Hunt after service Hospitality by Sheryl  1:30pm BAC NA 7:15pm</p>	<p>17 Follower Deadline 7pm SAM meeting 7pm BR HOA</p>	<p>18 11:30am Prayer Mtg</p>	<p>19 7:00pm BAC</p>	<p>20 7pm Choir 7:15pm NA 7:15pm Nar-Anon</p>	<p>21 6pm Dinner and Dessert 7:15pm NA 7:30pm BAC</p>	<p>22 10am NA & Nar-Anon EARTH DAY! </p>
<p>23 BEACH SERVICE 10:30am & Picnic Potluck afterwards Holocaust Remembrance Day  1:30pm BAC NA 7:15pm</p>	<p>24 7pm INT HOA</p>	<p>25 6pm Preschool Art Show & Silent Auction </p>	<p>26 7:00pm BAC Pastors are out of town until May 3</p>	<p>27 7pm Choir 7:15pm NA 7:15pm Nar-Anon</p>	<p>28 7:15pm NA 7:30pm BAC Arbor Day </p>	<p>29 10am NA & Nar-Anon</p>
<p>30 10:30am Service 1:30pm BAC NA 7:15pm</p>	<p>BAC: Bradenton Apostolic Church Narcotics Anonymous (NA) and Nar- Anon, NA hotline at 941.257.5055. (HOA's) Home Owner Associations</p>					

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- 4/3 Ray Stoll
- 4/9 Rev. Brian Bagley-Bonner
- 4/10 Richard Dilts
- 4/15 Fred Rhines
- 4/27 John Wentz
- 4/29 Barbara Willcox
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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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