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Faith-Full Pledge Drive

The following is what was said at the recent Congregational Meeting concerning the Faith-Full Music Pledge drive. There is one thing that needs clarifying: this is a two year pledge for a total of \$10,000 or \$5,000 each year and a total of \$5,000 each year or at total of \$10,000 from the Weaver bequest. We will have a total of \$20,000 to fund the Music Leader position and other music programs.

Please keep in mind the purpose behind creating and funding the position of Music Leader is #1 to fulfill the vision the congregation had in 2013 with our Dreams and Vision Process. #2 As Pastor Brian said in

today's sermon, we seek to be a place where all can experience the healing power of music as we worship God, for those of us here now, and for the many who need a community like Faith. Church growth experts tell us people looking for a church come back because of three things: a connection with the pastors, a warm welcome from the congregation and inspiring music that lifts their spirits. We appreciate all of the wonderful volunteers who have provided us with beautiful music over the years. The Committee and Council feel it is time to build on this foundation with a professionally staffed music program to take us to the next step and to fulfill the dreams and visions of the congregation.

As you are all aware, we have a significant shortfall in our 2017 budget,

and there is no room in the budget for the added expense of a Music Leader. The Music Committee had been struggling with how to make this happen when a member of the Committee suggested we set aside \$10,000 from the generous bequest by Glen and Helen Weaver to have a matching pledge drive. So this is where we are today. The question is, are you willing to support the two year commitment to pledge money toward this goal?

Please prayerfully consider how God may be calling you to be part of this campaign. We have set a deadline of May 21 to receive your pledges. They may be emailed, mailed, or put in the offering plate.

As an update we have received pledges totaling \$1900 per year or a total of \$3800 for both years.

\$5,000 Music Leader Pledge (This is a two year pledge)

Per Year Pledge	Per Monthly Pledge	Per Weekly Pledge	Number Needed	Total Per Year
\$500.00	\$43.00	\$11.00	2	\$1,000
\$333.50	\$28.00	\$7.00	3	\$1,000
\$200.00	\$16.75	\$4.20	7	\$1,400
\$125.00	\$10.50	\$2.25	8	\$775
\$60.00	\$5.00	\$1.25	15	\$900
				\$5,075

From Your Moderator

Our members and friends from the north have left, but Faith UCC is still alive and well. We have lots of plans in the coming months including a book study with Pastor Brian, an Ice Cream Social to celebrate the 60th Anniversary of the UCC denomination, Dinner and Dessert, and Combined Men's and Women's breakfasts. We have had many visitors in the past month, and we encourage you to welcome them

warmly (as you always do), but not overwhelm them. There is that fine line we have to walk, allowing the visitor to set the pace and not monopolizing their time, making them feel welcome without pressuring them. Faith UCC is a wonderful place with caring, thoughtful, members and we hope we can share what we know about the Church to those who visit.

The Faith-Full Music pledge drive is

going on, please read the article elsewhere in the FOLLOWER, the deadline for receiving pledges is May 21. We are excited about the future music possibilities at Faith Church. If you have already sent your pledge in, thank you. If you are considering a pledge, please remember this is the #2 item in our Dreams and Visions process.

Judy

THE PASTOR'S DESK



Dreams and Visions Check-In 2017

Our recent discussion about music ministry at Faith made me realize it is time to revisit **all the Dreams and Visions** we developed way back in 2013; both to celebrate the progress with which God has blessed us, and to remember there is still work to do. Before looking at 5 of the 10 priorities that came out of the D&V process (we will do the rest next month), I want to highlight one comment that we can celebrate with great joy. Our dream in 2013 was that Faith UCC would be a **"Vital and Engaged Congregation."** Jude and I have watched with gratitude and amazement the growth in vitality, people, energy, ministry, and joy at Faith UCC over these four years. God has truly blessed us and we are indeed vital and engaged together in bringing the Gospel to Bradenton. Below are five Dreams and Visions priorities of 2013 and some specific comments that helped clarify and shape them. Each is followed by my thoughts on our current progress. I hope you will be able to add your own examples as you think about the progress we have made together..

1. Full time pastor

There is free and open communication between pastor and congregation. **For over 3 years Faith has had a full time pastor. Not only that, but that one full time position has become a shared one to the benefit of both the pastors and the congregation. I am happy to say that our Pastoral Relations Committee (PRC) has done an amazing job of allowing open and safe communication to take place during this time. They in tandem with the Church Council have helped us all navigate through potential conflict with grace.**

2. Quality Music Program

We have a professionally staffed music program.

We have a quality music program with soloists, instrumentals.

Many have blessed us with their gifts over these years; Kirt, Anita, Bob, singers and instrumentalists. The addition of the Melody Choir in

summer and the Sarasota Woodwinds were great new joys. We are making progress and now, as we move forward with our campaign for music, the sky is the limit!!

3. Small Group Ministries

- We have a variety of CE programs for various stages of adult life.
- Our programs are varied to give the community and members opportunity and outlets for their skills, interests and ambitions.
- We have support groups, Bible Studies, craft groups, social get togethers, book clubs, grief groups, friendship groups for those new to the community (Northern transplants etc) meditation and yoga classes.
- Members know each other well enough that we seek out and enjoy shared projects, activities.

Small Group ministry has blossomed over these four years. From iPad classes to storytellers; grief groups to book studies; we have welcomed many into Faith for study and drawing closer to God. We have many ways to get to know one another as well, Potlucks, Dinner and Dessert, River Services, and others. We have yet to have an official "new to the community" group, but perhaps 2018 is the year to try that!

4. Maintenance Fund

We make optimum use of our facilities to benefit others.

The sanctuary is enlivened by color, lighting, decorations, arrangements of seating, etc.

We have a newly painted sanctuary with new carpet.

We have a well-lit parking lot and building exterior.

Our land is used for a community garden to feed others.

Though this started as a financial dream, this dream has grown and become reality over these years. New AC, repainted sanctuary with new carpet, new roof and some recent exploration into new lighting

and other safety enhancements means our building is very different than it was 4 years ago. We continue to welcome NA and Nar-Anon, several HOA's and The Apostolic Church. This precious building, which many worked years to build and complete, is filled every day with people who are making life better for themselves and others. There is still some more ministry to explore with our building and grounds, but we are on our way.

5. Membership Growth--all ages

Our pews are full, our membership has increased.

We have younger, more energetic members.

Members are interesting and interested people.

We have found our "niche membership" and draw them in (early retirees, northern transplants)

Our attendance level is 100-150.

Our worship service is personal and varied, mixing traditional with updated worship.

Well, we are not at 100-150 yet, but we have had steady growth over these 4 years, and it is safe to say that we are successfully welcoming our niche membership and have met many new "interesting and interested" people these past 4 years.

Many who put this list together have gone to be with God. I wonder how they would feel about all we have done with God's help over these 4 years? I hope they would be pleasantly shocked and that they will continue to help us too as we journey together in Faith. I look forward to re-visiting the next 5 priorities in the July Follower.

Blessings,

Pastor Brian

Mark Your Calendars

Breakfast Bunch

9am SAT. JUNE 3

Over the summer, the men and women's breakfast groups combine to form the "Breakfast Bunch." In June the breakfast bunch will go to the Recipe Box located at 5207 33rd Street, Bradenton.

Dinner and Dessert

6pm FRI. JUNE 16

Thank you Donna Rusch for hosting the June Dinner and Dessert at Panda Buffet. The Panda Buffet is located at 3901 Manatee Ave W, Bradenton, FL 34205.

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**

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.

CHURCH HAPPENINGS

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Love Offering for Bob Cox

We are collecting a love offering for Bob Cox in appreciation for his help leading the choir during the season. If you would like to contribute to this offering, please do so by **May 30**. Thank you.

Finance Committee

We are forming a Finance Committee. If you would like to participate in this important committee, please contact Judy Wetter at djwet66@gmail.com.

Melody Choir

Last summer we started a new tradition of having a small "Melody Choir" for our Sunday Worship. For those who were not here, the Melody Choir:

- 1) Only sings familiar songs (all members have veto power) and
- 2) Most, if not all participants, sing the melody together.

You do not have to read music to be a part of this choir. We usually lower the key to make the songs as comfortable for our voices as possible. We will begin the 2017 Melody Choir Season with rehearsal on Thursday, June 1, at 7pm. We may change the rehearsal time depending on who comes and what the group decides. If you are interested but can't do that time, let Pastor Brian know. Also, any instrumentalists are invited to come to support/enhance our music making joy!

I Scream; You Scream; We All Scream for Ice Cream!

On Sunday, June 25, after service, we will celebrate the **60th Anniversary of the United Church of Christ** with an Ice Cream Social! We will have a sweet time as we celebrate this wonderfully inclusive, courageous, united and uniting, open and affirming denomination!

JOIN US WEEKEND SCHEDULE

June 4, 2017

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

June 11, 2017

Flowers: Available
Greeters: Available
Scripture: Jeff Felix
Ushers: Available
Nursery: Babs Brownell
Sunday school: Hatti Damianos

June 18, 2017

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

June 25, 2017

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



FAITH PRESCHOOL

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Faith Preschool's School Wide Art Show and Silent Auction fundraiser was a success! Thank you to Denny Wetter and Robin Wentz for donating items to our silent auction and to Faith Quici and the Brownell family for coming out to support our event. We look forward to using these funds in many ways in which to benefit our school and the children.

Our next big event will be our "Moving On" Ceremony. It will be held on Wednesday, May 24th at 11:30. The children will perform on stage for their families, and our graduates will receive their diplomas. Following the performance we will have a potluck luncheon. Our last day of preschool for the 2016/2017 school year will be Friday, May 26th. We will say goodbye to twelve of our students that are moving on to kindergarten. We wish them much success!

Wendi Steinbach
Director

Crop Walk UPDATE

This year, Faith UCC had 11 walkers and earned \$575 for the Crop Walk. In 2017 there were 19 churches in participation earning a total of \$20,962.69. The first fall planning meeting will be in October 2017 at Palmetto First United Methodist Church. The next Crop Walk is planned for Sunday, February 25, 2018, at 2pm.

Church Events & Fellowship

The first half of 2017 has been a great time for food and fellowship at Faith. From brunch to the chili cook-off, the pancake supper to dinner and dessert, breakfasts to hospitality and picnic at Emerson Point, there were plenty of opportunities to share our faith and friendship. Thanks to all who hosted an event and/or contributed delicious dishes and treats. A special thank you to Pastor Brian, Carol Knight, the Duncans, the Groths, the Coxes, the Crowells, and my incredible crew of Marge H., Jeff, Earleen, Donna and Linda Van Buskirk. Rest assured the get togethers will continue over the summer. I think there's even ice cream in your future. Enjoy!!



Sheryl Overheidt-Smith

2017 PER CAPITA

Per Capita is an obligation we owe yearly to the conference. The cost is now \$15 per member this year. 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.

Strengthen the Church

Carol Knight

On Sunday, June 11, we will collect a special offering to "Strengthen the Church". Strengthen the Church (STC) is a special mission offering to reimagine and build the future of the UCC.

Where does Strengthen the Church money go?

a) To seed brand new churches that bring hope to people on the margins who wouldn't set foot in church otherwise.

b) To help established churches begin projects working with refugees and immigrants.

c) To fund creative ideas experimenting with new way Christian millennials are gathering.

d) All of the above ... and so much more!

Will you join us through our special mission offering to Strengthen the Church? How?

a) Time - I will pray alongside my offering.

b) Talent - I will tell the stories of my own church's engaging a Just World for All. (justworld@ucc.org)

c) Treasure - I will donate towards Strengthen the Church.

d) All of the above! ☺

SOCIAL ACTION & MISSIONS

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Remember **FOOD BANK DONATIONS!** - In **JUNE**, we are collecting **RICE** for the food bank. In **APRIL** we collected 118 pounds of Mac & Cheese. The next SAM meeting is Tuesday, June 6, at 7pm.

Mission in ACTION:

A chance for everyone to be helpful!

The Social Action and Missions Team (SAM) has found a local ministry that we want to help out and get others involved in helping too!

The DreamCenter of Bradenton is a non-denominational ministry that serves community meals, has a clothes closet, and bike ministry, and helps people with basic needs. They are busy every day of the week serving people, without judgment, in the downtown area. They work out of Central Christian Church building.

On Tuesday evenings from 6:30-8PM, they have an Open Warehouse in Palmetto, where they store items and prepare for the week's ministries. In that 90 minutes, volunteers assemble bag lunches for their Wednesday "Reach Walk" in the downtown area, organize clothes for their clothes closet, work on bike repair and prepare hygiene kits to give away, among other things.

SAM members have decided to target two Tuesday evenings a month (the first and third) and see if we can give them some help! The people there are sweet and dedicated, and we really enjoyed working with them. There are "sitting" jobs in addition to those that require

a bit of moving around. Plenty for everyone!

Our next meeting will be Tuesday June 6. Please think about joining the fun! There will be a sign-up sheet at church and we will be reminding people weekly. We will arrange carpools from the church parking lot.....Please pray about it. This is local people helping our neighbors.

Matthew 25:40

'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.'



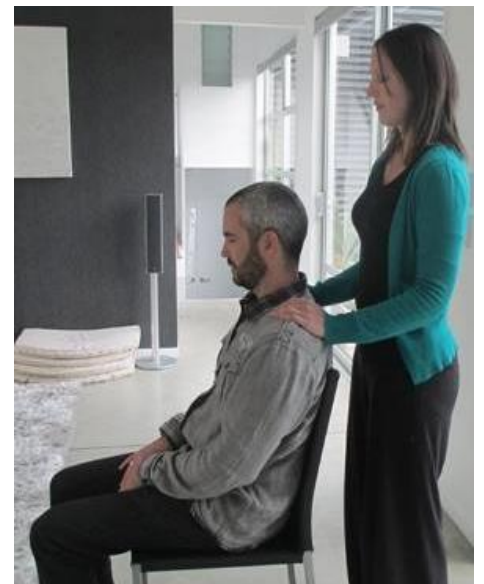
Prayer, Healing & Meditation Service

Twice a month we offer a 45 - 60 minute service that includes prayer, prayer with other modes of healing, and meditation. Some of these activities are very familiar to us from our Sunday Worship. Others are more helpful in a small group setting (We have had from 5-10 people). One of the modes of healing we use is Reiki, a form of energy prayer that Pastor Brian was taught while working for Hospice of the Western Reserve. Below is a brief description of Reiki from The International Center for Reiki Training.

Reiki is a Japanese technique for stress reduction and relaxation that also promotes healing. It is administered by "laying on hands" and is based on the idea that an unseen "life force energy" flows through us and is what causes us to be alive. If one's "life force energy" is low, then we are more likely to get sick or feel stress, and if it is high, we are more capable of being happy and healthy. The word Reiki is made of two Japanese words - Rei which means "God's Wisdom or the Higher Power" and Ki which is "life force energy." So Reiki is actually "spiritually guided life force energy."

A treatment feels like a wonderful glowing radiance that flows through and around you. Reiki treats the whole person including body, emotions, mind and spirit creating many beneficial effects that include relaxation and feelings of peace, security, and wellbeing. Many have reported miraculous results.

Reiki is a simple, natural and safe method of spiritual healing and self-improvement that everyone can use. It has been effective in helping virtually every known illness and malady and always creates a beneficial effect. It also works in conjunction with all other medical or therapeutic techniques to relieve side effects and promote recovery.



CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Faith United Church of Christ /// May 8, 2017

Minutes with changes:

Those in attendance: Judy Wetter, Richard Dilts, Donna Blakey, Barbara Brownell, Denny Wetter, Sheryl Overheid-Smith, Marge Hooie, Rev. Brian and Judy Bagley Bonner, and Faith Quici.

The meeting started at 7:04pm. Pastor Judy started the meeting with a reading. Marge Hooie motioned to accept the minutes as printed in the Follower, and Sheryl seconded the motion.

Financial Secretary, Donna Blakey reported that \$1104.50 has come in for One Great Hour of Sharing. We have \$2,800 more in donations this year than last year during this time period. Judy Wetter motioned to accept her report and Babs seconded the motion. Treasurer, Marge Critelli submitted her report to the council. In her absence, Pastor Brian went over the budget.

Pastor's Report: Pastors Brian and Judy gave their reports. There were six visitors on May 7. Many visitors find us through the website, meaning they have already researched and picked our church before they arrive. We just need to make sure they have a good experience and connect with them. Judy asks that the council be aware of newcomers and direct them to visitor bags and give them a friendly, short welcome and report back anything you find out so we can follow up with them in a positive way. The new books study starts in a couple of weeks and all the free books have been given out. We will see how this goes and might offer it as a community book study at another time. Melody Choir starts June 1 at 7pm and will continue through July and August. We are getting pulpit fill for July 16.

Secretary, Faith Quici, reported that the hard surface floors are being done by Quality Counts for \$678 on June 5. The preschool will cover the cost. We are switching to a cheaper plan and getting a second internet line from Frontier. We will have an install date soon. The calendar was presented for May and June and changes were made.

New Business:

BUILDING REPAIRS AND SAFETY: Denny met with the structural engineer about the back building. Soil samples will be taken. Safety issues have been investigated and we have quotes from our alarm company and another company who can install new security cameras, and change our locks to a better more secure system. Denny got quotes for a locking mailbox and for installing light poles in the parking lot. A motion was made by Judy Wetter that we get a locking mailbox as determined by the Building and Grounds team and it was seconded by Babs. A copy of his full report as well as his building and grounds report, is located in the church office.

SIGN: Judy met with a sign company who went over the details and prices for a new sign. Because we are in the city limits, there are different rules. She is finding out if there was a permit for moving the sign when Thornton's moved it. Then we can go forward with getting more information for this project.

LOVE OFFERING FOR BOB COX- Faith will put a notice in the Follower asking for donations for a love offering for Bob Cox.

LETTER: The council received a letter from Floy Peterson. It was read, discussed and we will send her a response.

MOTHER'S DAY/ FATHER'S DAY: We will have carnations for Mother's Day. We are asking for ideas for Father's Day. We usually do root beer floats, but we are having an ice cream social the weekend after.

60TH ANNIVERSARY OF UCC: We will have an Ice Cream social on June 25 to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the UCC. Some people were asked to help with this. **Finance Committee** is developing into a good team; we just need more people. Faith will post in the Follower about needing more members for this committee.

Sheryl reported for the Church Events and Fellowship Team. There was a lot of good feedback from those who attended the service at Emerson Point. We decided to establish the weekend after Easter to be our Emerson Point

service from now on. Here are some events coming up: July 22 will be the Pool Party/Potluck/ Dinner and Dessert at Richard's with co-hosts Denny and Judy; October 29, will be Oktoberfest on the Patio with a cookout potluck; November 26, is thankfulness Hospitality hosted by the Prayer Team; December 2, will be the women's Christmas tea hosted by Sheryl Overheid Smith; December 10, is the Christmas Potluck and December 15, is the Dinner and Dessert Holiday party hosted by Richard Dilts. Sheryl mentioned the need for a Memorial Committee, she will ask Jeff Felix to chair this committee. This committee will be called upon to provide a memorial service reception when requested.

SAM- Babs reported that SAM took a visit to the Bradenton Downtown Ministries and they found out they need help there. They serve breakfast daily and give out food and clothes to those in need. The SAM team helped sort and fold clothes to be given out. They would like to do this continually on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month and invite others. Babs will write an article for the Follower about this mission opportunity. There will not be SAM meeting in May, but there will be one June 6.

Marge Hooie didn't have anything to report from the **Faith Care Team** since they haven't met yet. They meet May 10.

Richard Dilts reported for the Worship team and stated he will not be here on Communion Sunday, June 4. Volunteers from the council stepped up to help take over his duties that Sunday and Richard said Pat Osborne might be available to help too.

Pastor Brian prayed us out at 9:20pm and the meeting ended.

Submitted

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



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Faith Quici

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Prayer Team

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



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Marge Hooie
941. 447.4193

Helen Nutting
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**Sheryl
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Smith**
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(winter)
269.673.7342
(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

Deputy Moderator: Richard Dilts

Secretary: Robin Wentz

Financial Secretary: Donna Blakey

Treasurer: Marge Critelli

Worship Team: Richard Dilts

Faith Care Team: Marge Hooie

Community Outreach: Deb D'Angelo

Church Events & Fellowship: Sheryl Overheidt Smith

SAM: Babs Brownell

Building & Grounds: Denny Wetter

Christian Ed: OPEN



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
HAPPY BIRTHDAY! 6/6 Karin Rosenfeld 6/11 Larry Taylor 6/12 Linda Anderson 6/16 Bridget Sessions 6/17 Reilly Nutting If you birthday was missed, please contact the church office so we can update our records. Thank you!				1 Melody Choir 7pm 7:15pm NA 7:15pm Nar-Anon	2 7:15pm NA 7:30pm BAC	3 9am Breakfast Bunch – Recipe Box 10am NA & Nar-Anon
4 9am Book Study 10:30am Service Communion 1:30pm BAC NA 7:15pm	5 8am Hard floors being cleaned and preschool floors	6 7pm SAM meeting	7 2pm Book Study 7:00pm BAC	8 Melody Choir 7pm 7:15pm NA 7:15pm Nar-Anon	9 7:15pm NA 7:30pm BAC	10 10am NA & Nar-Anon
11 9am Book Study 10:30am Service 1:30pm BAC NA 7:15pm	12 7pm Church Council Mtg 7:30pm BR Watch Mtg.	13 11:30am Prayer Service Building and Grounds Work Day 4pm	14 10:30am Faith Care Team Mtg 2pm Book Study 7:00pm BAC	15 Melody Choir 7pm 7:15pm NA 7:15pm Nar-Anon	16 Follower Reminder 6pm Dinner and Dessert – Panda Buffett 7:15pm NA 7:30pm BAC	17 10am NA & Nar-Anon
18 9am Book Study 10:30am Service 1:30pm BAC NA 7:15pm	19 Follower Deadline 7pm BR HOA	20 11:30am Prayer Mtg	21 2pm Book Study 7:00pm BAC	22 Melody Choir 7pm 7:15pm NA 7:15pm Nar-Anon	23 7:15pm NA 7:30pm BAC	24 10am NA & Nar-Anon
25 9am Book Study 10:30am Service 1:30pm BAC NA 7:15pm	26 7pm INT HOA	27 6:30pm Prayer Service	28 2pm Book Study 7:00pm BAC	29 Melody Choir 7pm 7:15pm NA 7:15pm Nar-Anon	30	

BAC: Bradenton Apostolic Church
Narcotics Anonymous (NA) and
Nar- Anon, NA hotline at 941.257.5055.
(HOA's) Home Owner Associations

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.**



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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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