

# FAITHFUL follower

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## From Your Moderator

It seems like we have been speaking about it and preparing for it for some time but at last the Sabbatical has arrived for Brian and Jude – and the congregation as well. Thank you to Sheryl for the send-off party of the 'Bon Voyage Soiree' on Brian and Jude's last day of service prior to their departure.

With the Sabbatical, we welcome back Reverend Donna Papenhausen. For some, Donna is a familiar face, and for others (like myself) a new addition. Either way, if Donna is a familiar face to you or a new face, I'm sure the Faith Church family will welcome her in the friendly manner that Faith is known for.

If you have a need to speak to Donna, she will be having the Pastor's cell phone and will be in the office on Wednesdays. I plan to also be in the office one day a week, but the day may fluctuate by week.

We did it! If you have not heard, we welcomed over one hundred people to the worship service on Easter Sunday – and that is no April fool's joke! Of course, now as the 'snowbirds' start their return to the north our numbers, as expected, will be lower. To our many traveling friends, we wish you well. Although you may not be in attendance, you will be in our thoughts.

Thank you to Bob and Deb D'Angelo for hosting the Dinner & Dessert in April, and a reminder that the May Dinner & Dessert will be at the Beef O Brady's in Parrish. Don't feel left out. If you want the opportunity to host a Dinner & Dessert, just see Sheryl. There are still months available; just pick a month and go for it!

As always, I thank you for your continued support, and I wish you a happy Mother's Day!

Richard

## Applause and Appreciation

A huge thank you to the members and friends of Faith whose hard work made the rummage sale a success!! Donna B., Jean C., Dorathy G., Pete G., and Anita P. were fantastic cashiers. Kudos to our muscle men: Pastor Brian, Denny W., Richard D., Tom C. and members of the Apostolic Church. Our baked goods table was capably chaired by Ron S. Special thanks to Judy W., Linda V.B., Pastor Jude, Jenny C., Marge H., Earleen N. and Joan S. for providing their time and energy wherever it was needed. We appreciate all the members who donated such wonderful items, especially Anita Porter

and her family for their generosity. The profit from the sale totaled \$2,582.00 and 10% was tithed to missions and the rest is earmarked for the operating fund. The left over donations were distributed to Downtown Ministries, Out of the Closet, and Goodwill. We are blessed to be a blessing to Faith Church and others!

**Steering Committee**  
**Richard Dilts,**  
**Sheryl Overheidt-Smith,**  
**Linda Van Buskirk,**  
**Judy Wetter**



**WE  
WELCOME**

**Rev. Donna!  
Papenhausen**

**on  
~ May 6 ~**



# THE PASTOR'S DESK

## A Time for Everything

As I write this, Jude and I are one week away from our time away. We want to congratulate you and thank you for having a sabbatical policy at Faith UCC. It will be of great benefit to all of us, remember that the sabbatical is not just for the pastors. The definition of a sabbatical is:

*A time for clergy and congregation to step back, pray, find renewal and be open to new visions and ideas.*

You have heard Jude and I preach and teach for 5 years now, and great as we are, it is good to hear a new voice. Rev. Donna Papenhausen is looking forward to being here with you for this time. Donna will be here every Sunday and Wednesday mornings and is available for Pastoral visits.

One of the books about sabbaticals suggests an agricultural metaphor for the tasks we face:

**Sowing:** *reading in new areas, having new spiritual experiences.*

**Brian & Judy:** we will be worshipping at different places, experiencing different types of spiritual practices including labyrinths and pilgrimage.

**Congregation:** is invited to go to one or two other churches during this time to experience some new worship experiences.

**Reaping:** *a new course design or a new sense of vocational clarity.*

**Brian:** readings on reaching Millennials and Generation Z.

**Judy:** Enneagram - a spiritual tool for understanding ourselves and others.

**Congregation:** consider what

you liked in your visits to other churches and pray about how we might incorporate it at Faith.

**Lying Fallow:** getting in touch with one's soul: connect to God, self and others.

**Brian & Judy:** Time together and with family (our son in Oregon and our French exchange student), worshipping without leadership responsibility, relaxation and renewal.

**Congregation:** There are no studies or special programming during this time, which gives you a chance to spend some conscious time on relaxing and reflecting. Watch out for the temptation to fill up your calendar! This is a great opportunity for spiritual space!

## Where we will be:

In May we will be in England, France, Spain, Italy and Wales. We will be sending a couple pictures to Faith every week to be included on the screens and in the Follower.

In June and July we will be in Eugene, Oregon, and surrounding areas. We will be back for the last Sunday in July.

May God guide and direct us all in this special time, so that when we meet again, we can move forward with new energy, vision, and love to be God's people here in Bradenton,

Vaya con Dios,  
Brian and Judy

*Pastor Brian  
and Judy*

**Financials month end March 2018**

# WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

If you are interested in signing up to be a greeter, usher or scripture reader, please 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

### MAY 6, 2018

Flowers:	Council- Donna Blakey
Greeters:	Council
Scripture:	Marge Hooie
Ushers:	Council
Nursery:	Karen Daugherty
Sunday school:	Hatti Damianos and Earleen Nutting

### MAY 13, 2018

Flowers:	Carnations for Mothers
Greeters:	Available
Scripture:	Jeff Felix
Ushers:	Available
Nursery:	Babs Brownell/Marge Hooie
Sunday school:	Hatti Damianos and Earleen Nutting

### MAY 20, 2018

Flowers:	Available
Greeters:	Available
Scripture:	Joan Sheehan
Ushers:	Available
Nursery:	Babs Brownell/Marge Hooie
Sunday school:	Hatti Damianos and Earleen Nutting

### MAY 27, 2018

Flowers:	Available
Greeters:	Available
Scripture:	Available
Ushers:	Available
Nursery:	Babs Brownell/Marge Hooie
Sunday school:	Hatti Damianos and Earleen Nutting

# This May

## WOMEN'S BREAKFAST SAT, MAY 5, AT 9AM

We will meet at KeKe's Breakfast Café located 1121 Cortez Rd W, Bradenton, FL 34207. The phone number is (941) 345-4463. Please sign up if you would like to attend.

## MEN'S BREAKFAST SAT, MAY 5, AT 9AM

We will meet at D's Breakfast and Burgers, formerly Norma Rae's. D's is located at 423 10th Ave W, Palmetto. Sign up on the bulletin board if you want to attend.

## DINNER AND DESSERT FRI, MAY 17, AT 6PM

The May Dinner and Dessert will be held at Beef O' Brady's, located at 8913 US-301, Parrish, FL 34219. Please sign up to attend.

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Do you want to see Faith's children's ministry grow? Then let's be prepared. Please sign up to serve once a month, in either the nursery or Sunday school class. Please contact Babs Brownell if you would like more information.

Call: 941.747.964

## 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.**

# CHURCH HAPPENINGS

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## A Call for Hosts!

We are looking for individuals or couples who would like to host the June or the July Dinner and Dessert. At its simplest, hosting Dinner and Dessert is picking a restaurant and then calling them to give them a count of how many people will show up. If you love to entertain, you have the option to have dinner at a local restaurant and then dessert in your home. Maybe you would like a potluck at your home instead? Dinner and Dessert is a way for us to have fellowship with each other over a meal.

If you would like to host a June or July Dinner and Dessert, please call Faith at the church office (941-746-8890). She will need to know which restaurant you have picked and if you will have dessert there or at your home, or whatever your plans will be. She will then make up a sign-up sheet and advertise it in the church. Call Faith for a final count the Monday before the event. Dinner and Dessert is usually the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month at 6pm, but if you have a different Friday that works better for you, we can be a little flexible on that. Thank you for your participation!

## Kiwanis Against Hunger

Faith UCC Social Action and Mission's generous grant of \$1,000 will not only go for creating 4,000 meals for hungry Kids, but a matching grant will also expand our and other's efforts to provide 80,000 meals. Yes, you heard it right! Our community efforts are being multiplied like loaves and fishes.

Thank you to Mighty Spark Food Co. for their matching grant of 40,000 meals. Our generous matching donors are Bradenton Kiwanis and Blake Medical Center.

If you would like to participate in the marathon packing event, here is the information:

***Kiwanis Against Hunger food packaging event - 80,000 meals!!***

**August 11 • \*\*TWO SHIFTS 8-10 am and 2-4 pm**

**At Kendrick Auditorium at the Manatee County Fairgrounds in Palmetto.**

\*You must be registered to volunteer at this event.

Email [mark@kiwanisagainsthunger.com](mailto:mark@kiwanisagainsthunger.com) to volunteer.



# SOCIAL ACTION & MISSIONS

Babs Brownell and the SAM team

## DOWNTOWN MINISTRIES

The Social Action and Missions Committee reminds everyone that the Downtown Ministry Warehouse needs our help! We have committed to help them sort donated clothes, make sandwiches, and generally do whatever they need for 90 minutes on the first and third Tuesdays of every month. **In May, that is the 1st and the 15th from 6:30pm-8pm.** The warehouse is on the corner of 8th Street and 17th Avenue in Palmetto. (turn west on 17th and go behind the building to access the unit S6).

## FOOD BANK

In **May**, we are collecting **soups and stews** for the food bank.



## STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH OFFERING

On Sunday, **May 20**, 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](mailto:justworld@ucc.org))

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

d) All of the above! ☺

## OGHS TOTAL \$

Our collection for One Great Hour of Sharing totaled \$694.88! A nice healthy amount!!!! Thanks to all who were able to give. We continue to rack up the numbers in our mission giving. Also, the Rummage Sale Committee tithed \$252.00 (10%) to SAM, so we will be sending that on to one of our missions very soon.

## INTERESTED IN JOINING US?

If you are interested in being a part of SAM, contact Babs at [bgb310@aol.com](mailto:bgb310@aol.com). Consider joining the next meeting. We have lots of fun and feel really good about the work we are able to do.

## HABITAT INTER-FAITH BUILD

"SAM would like to remind everyone that Habitat for Humanity's Interfaith Build has broken ground and will soon be looking for helpers to nail, saw, paint, "hold things" and help with refreshments. (something for everyone!) at their Saturday Work Days.....So polish up your tools or favorite cookie recipes and stay tuned for the day they will need us to help build a permanent home for one of our Bradenton Neighbors We will be needed!"



# FAITH PRESCHOOL

Wendi Steinbach, Director

Faith Preschool's Annual Art Show and Silent Auction fundraiser was a success! Everyone enjoyed viewing the children's art work and spending time together. Thank you to Denny Wetter, Robin Wentz and the Quici Family for donating items to our silent auction and to those who attended the event from Faith UCC. We appreciate your support!

Our next big event will be our "Moving On" Ceremony. It will be held on Wednesday, May 23, at 11:30. The children will sing a few songs 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 2017/2018 school year will be Friday, May 25. We will say goodbye to twelve of our students who are moving on to kindergarten. We wish them much success!

## An Artistic Evening!





# Salt, Sand and Service

~ Beach Service and potluck April 2018 ~



**BIRTHDAY**  
  
**BOY**



# CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Faith United Church of Christ April 9, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 PM. Those present were, Richard Dilts, Brian & Jude Bagley-Bonner, Donna Blakey, Marge Critelli, Denny Wetter, Sheryl Overheidt-Smith, Barbara Brownell, Marge Hooie and Judy Wetter. Pastor Brian opened the meeting with prayer.

A motion was made to accept the minutes from the March 12, 2018, Council Meeting as printed. The motion was seconded and passed.

Donna Blakey, Financial Secretary, reported that the rummage sales income of \$2,582 helped show a positive balance for March. A discussion was held concerning a donation to a charity chosen by the Apostolic Church in appreciation for their help in getting the sanctuary ready for the rummage sale. Pastor Brian is going to check with Pastor Ramon. A motion was made by Pastor Brian to accept the report as given, the motion was seconded by Babs Brownell and passed.

Pastor Brian reported that the beach worship service was a huge success with approximately 45 in attendance. He also reported on the success of the Adult Study Group with 6 participants in one class and 14 in another. Pastor Brian and Pastor Jude are making a list of responsibilities they do that someone else will need to do while they are on sabbatical. Pastor Brian, Pastor Jude and Richard will meet with Pastor Donna Papenhausen on April 18 to discuss the transition.

Treasurer, Marge Critelli discussed when she would be leaving and when Donna Blakey would be taking over her duties and Dorathy Gallo would move to the position of Financial Secretary. It was decided that May 1, 2018, would be the best time for the change to be made. A motion was made by Babs Brownell for Donna Blakey to become the Treasurer and Dorathy Gallo to become Financial Secretary, effective May 1, 2018. The motion was seconded by Marge Hooie and was passed. Marge gave the Treasurer's report noting a balance in the Bank of America checking account of \$15,903.06 at the end of March. A motion was made by Denny Wetter to accept the Treasurer's report, seconded by Marge Hooie and passed.

A discussion was held concerning the cleaning of the carpets in the Narthex at a cost of \$160. The company offered a discount price to anyone needing their carpet cleaned in the month of April.

A discussion was held concerning a potluck prior to the pastor's sabbatical. It will be held on April 29 immediately following worship.

A discussion was held concerning the renovation of the women's restroom.

A discussion was held concerning the change in Council meeting dates for the summer. A motion was made by Babs Brownell and second

by Denny Wetter to meet on June 18, and again on August 6 with no July meeting. The motion passed.

A discussion was held concerning the chairs in the sanctuary. It was decided to get estimated to have the chairs cleaned.

**Building & Grounds:** Denny Wetter reported that the back wall has been repaired.

**Community Outreach:** N/A

**Events and Fellowship:** Sheryl Overheidt-Smith mentioned that Deb and Bob D'Angelo would be hosting the April Dinner and Dessert at Perida Country Club. The May Dinner and Dessert will be held at Beef O'Brady's in Parrish. Various Hospitality events will take place in the next few weeks.

**Faith Care Team:** N/A

**SAM:** Babs Brownell reported that she has received notes or email from the recipients of the grant money recently distributed.

**Worship:** Communion for May 6 will be by intinction with Sheryl Overheidt-Smith serving with Pastor Donna. Marge Hooie will ask Faith to order carnations for Mother's Day. Pastor Jude led the Council in prayer and the meeting adjourned at 8:12pm.

The next Council Meeting will be held on Monday, May 14 at 6:30PM.

Respectfully Submitted  
Judy Wetter, Secretary

## MOTHER'S DAY

God gives us the gift of mothers to provide us nurturing, comfort, and support. If you are missing your mother this year, we are here for you. God can still provide what you need from your mother, but he'll do it in a different way.



## I'll Celebrate Instead of Cry

Another Mother's Day is here, And I still miss having you near.

You were the best mom you could be, And I never once doubted your love for me.

I could spend each Mother's Day in sorrow, Crying and wishing you were here, But instead I choose to celebrate your life, A life I still hold so dear.

I know you'd rather see me smile than stand here with tears in my eyes. So I'll do my best to honor your memory, And you'll live on as long as I am alive.

# Your Staff

## Pastors

Rev. Brian and  
Rev. Judy  
Bagley-Bonner



## Sabbatical Pastor

Rev.  
Donna  
Papenhausen



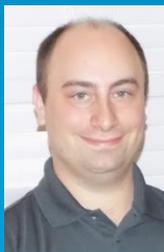
Cell:  
941-718-3132

## PASTORS' OFFICE HOURS

Wednesdays- *Other times by appointment*

## Music Director

Tom Durante



## Secretary

Faith Quici



## Office Hours

MONDAY-FRIDAY  
9 AM - 12 PM  
746-8890  
Fax 746-0670

**Faith UCC Email:**  
faithchurchucc@verizon.net

**Faith Website:**  
[faithchurchucc.com](http://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

**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](mailto:faithchurchucc@verizon.net)

## 2018 Church Council

**Moderator:** Richard Dilts

**Faith Care Team:** Teddy Soits

**Deputy Moderator:** Richard Card

**Community Outreach:** Linda Van Buskirk

**Secretary:** Judy Wetter

**Church Events & Fellowship:**  
Sheryl Overheidt Smith

**Financial Secretary:** Donna Blakey

**SAM:** Babs Brownell

**Treasurer:** Marge Critelli

**Building & Grounds:** Denny Wetter

**Worship Team:** Marge Hooie

**Christian Ed:** OPEN



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# May 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 6:30pm Downtown Ministries	2 7:00pm BAC	3 7:15pm NA 7:15pm Nar- Anon	4 7:15pm NA 7:30pm BAC	5 9am Women's Breakfast -?  9am Men's Breakfast – D's in Palmetto  10am NA & Nar- Anon
6 10:30am Service with <b>Communion</b>  Donna Papenhausen first Sunday with us!  1:30pm BAC 7:15pm NA	7	8 4pm Building and Grounds Work Day	9 7:00pm BAC	10 7:15pm NA 7:15pm Nar- Anon	11 7:15pm NA 7:30pm BAC	12 10am NA & Nar- Anon
13 10:30am Service  MOTHER'S DAY- hospitality  1:30pm BAC 7:15pm NA	14 6:30pm Church Council Mtg	15 11:30am Prayer Team Mtg  6:30pm Downtown Ministries	16 9:30am Faith Care Team Mtg.  7:00pm BAC	17 7:15pm NA 7:15pm Nar- Anon	18 6pm Dinner and Dessert – Beef O'Brady's in Parrish  7:15pm NA 7:30pm BAC  Follower Reminder	19 10am NA & Nar- Anon
20 10:30am Service Strengthen the Church Special Offering  1:30pm BAC 7:15pm NA	21 Follower Deadline  7pm BR HOA	22	23 7:00pm BAC	24 7:15pm NA 7:15pm Nar- Anon	25 7:15pm NA 7:30pm BAC	26 10am NA & Nar- Anon
27 10:30am Service May Birthday Hospitably  1:30pm BAC 7:15pm NA	28 7pm Inlets HOA	29 6pm San Lorenzo HOA mtg. - new	30 7:00pm BAC	31 7:15pm NA 7:15pm Nar- Anon	<h2>HAPPY BIRTHDAY!</h2> <p>5/5 Joan Sheehan 5/9 Bruce Covey 5/14 Linda Van Buskirk 5/26 Pete Groth 5/31 Bob Hofmann 5/31 Sherri Lee</p>	

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

**If your birthday was missed, please contact the church office**



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**MAY 2018**

## 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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