

A Newsletter of Polo Faith United Methodist Church

Words of Faith

Loving, Growing, Serving in Faith

JULY 2017

Dear Members and Constituents of Faith United Methodist Church of Polo,



Thank you for your warm welcome to my wife Kathy and I to Polo. The Trustees have worked on updating the parsonage with new countertops, lighting, paint, cleaning and repairs. Thank you so very much for your service! The Staff Parish Relations Committee has been welcoming us. Even on the streets during Polo Town and Country Days we were warmly greeted. Together we will grow closer to God and each other as the days, weeks, and months unfold. We have been fed not only by the staff at Kidz Café but have been recipients of food treats since we walked in on moving day.

In my first 30 days, I am focusing on learning to understand the specific opportunities and challenges of Faith United Methodist Church and the personalities and abilities of the people we have come to serve. We are learning about the culture, politics, financial situation, condition of the building and many other factors inside the church, as well as the community it serves.

We are looking forward to meeting with you in a variety of ways. In worship on July 2nd we lead off our season together with an installation and communion service at 10:00 am. Further there will be some informal meet and greet cottage style sessions in some homes where we can talk face to face in a more casual and closer setting. I will be asking some key questions including:

What do we as a church do well?

What is the greatest challenge/opportunity facing this church in the next 12-24 months?

If you had a magic wand that could perform mid-sized miracles, what miracle would you perform for our church?

How has this church, specifically, helped you grow spiritually?

Key leaders have provided me with historical reports, financial reports, membership information, and program highlights to help me get a snapshot of the church situation. I look forward from hearing from many about your thoughts and feelings about the vision, mission, ministry of loving, serving and growing together as disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of ourselves, our church and community.

As we settle in please do not hesitate to reach me by text or call at 815.541.4207 or drop me an email at pastorbrianlebaron@gmail.com or become my friend on Facebook and send me a personal message.

Your partner in the Harvest,

Pastor Brian LeBaron

Growing in Faith

We are committed to growing as disciples of Jesus Christ.
Some of the ways we live this out are through

MEET AND GREET PASTOR BRIAN AND KATHY



for
Pastor Brian and Kathy

July 2, 2017
Faith United Methodist Church
welcomes
Pastor Brian Le Baron
and his wife Kathy

We hope you will have a
blessed ministry here in Polo.

To help everyone get to know Pastor Brian and Kathy the SPRC will be hosting a series of "Meet and Greets" at various members' home. We will be setting the times and dates up, with times in the morning, afternoon and evenings. The SPRC members will be phoning every single person on the Church Mailing List (if we have your number) to personally invite you to a meeting. If you would prefer to receive an email invitation, please email Randy Hayes, chair of the SPRC : rahayes1950@comcast.net. We will also be making announcements about these meetings during church services in July and August.

Randy Hayes, Chair - SPRC

MOVING ON UP- FUNDRAISER

SAVE THE DATE



Pulled Pork Supper at FUMC
Saturday, July 29 5:00-7:00 pm

MOVING ON UP--FUNDRAISER



PULLED PORK SANDWICHES, SWEET CORN, & DESSERT
TICKET PRICE; \$10--ADULTS \$5 CHILDREN

Bring your family and friends and help us raise money for the elevator fund.

COMMITTEE--John Deuth, Jean Deuth, Marla Buskohl, Judy Norris

SUMMER MUSIC AT FAITH UMC



Scheduling summer music for worship involves many persons within and outside of Faith UMC. Below is listed the talented individuals and groups who are planning to share their gifts of music with us.

- June 25 Gary Chipman, (violin), Naperville
- July 2 Ron Hammer
- July 9 The Back Row Singers (Tenors and Bases from our choir)
- July 16 Michelle Goeking
- July 23 The Ladies Chorus from our Choir
- July 30 KMC Trio
- Aug. 6 Randy Hayes
- Aug. 20 Nellie Winters (flute)
- Aug. 27 The String Alongs (dulcimer choir)

You see that several Sundays will have a TBA release and will be filled soon. In the meantime, enjoy the Summer Music!

Jean Frey

POLO FAITH UMC FINANCIAL INFORMATION

May 2017 Polo Faith UMC Financial Information

Monthly Income (General Fund)	\$ 9,118
Monthly Expenses Paid	\$ 11,624
Balance Current Fund	\$ (11,262)



Expense amount does not include elevator or our outreach projects.

Thank you for your generosity throughout the year. If you are able to give a little extra now to support the basic costs of running the church, it will be greatly appreciated.

Serving in Faith

We are committed to serving the people of Polo and the world.

Some of the ways we live this out are through our giving of time, talents, and financial gifts.

JULY MISSION FOCUS

*Pennies
from
Heaven*

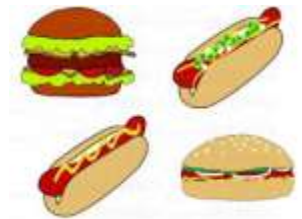
July's serving focus is Pennies from Heaven. Pennies from Heaven is an emergency fund available to all members of the Polo community. This is a program of help to those who find themselves in need of temporary assistance for things like gas, medicine, or utility bills. The Faith United Methodist congregation has been very generous to support this community outreach. Thanks for making a significant difference in people's lives.

Your donations are greatly appreciated!



Fifth Sunday Picnic Lunch At Prairie State Apartments July 30, 2017 at 11:30 am

Come and join us
for lunch at Prairie State Apts.
as we grill
hot dogs, hamburgers, and brats and enjoy
fellowship with our neighbors.



ROCKFORD WORK CAMPS



An Opportunity to Serve
Rockford Work Camps (RWC)
Thursday, July 20, 2017



The Serving Team is going to camp this summer. We are inviting youth and adults to attend Rockford Work Camps for one day, Thursday, July 20. Mark Maginnis will drive the bus. We'll leave the church soon after 7:00 a.m. and return around 5 that afternoon. The tentative plan is to work in the morning at Northern Illinois Food Pantry and the afternoon on site clean-up. Fees are \$35 per participant. We will also take a donation with us from the congregation. Youth fees will be fully covered through the YF fund. Contact Nancy Ocken, Robin Jefford, or call Marilyn at the church office if you would like to attend.

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KIDZ CAFÉ



WE  **VOLUNTEERS**

Meals are served every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 11am to 12:30pm. Over 1,126 meals were served in the Summer of 2016. Kidz Café is funded through donations from churches, area businesses, and individuals. Donations of paper products and drink mixes would be appreciated. Thank you for helping us make this ministry happen with your time and resources.

If you know of someone or you would like to volunteer your time and talents, please contact Marla Buskohl at 815.622.6162.

WHEELS OF FAITH



*DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO
NEEDS A RIDE?
WHEELS OF FAITH
815.677.8194*

Our Wheels of Faith bus is making 3-5 trips a week taking people shopping and to the doctor. If you know of anyone who could use this wonderful service, please share the new flyer with them or the new number. The newest bus has a wheel chair lift and is air conditioned and will be comfortable for everyone.

COMBAT HUNGER



July needs for the Polo Lifeline are these:

Coffee	Canned carrots, kernel corn
Spaghetti & Spaghetti sauce	Canned peas
Mac & cheese	Canned tomato products
Fruit (no peaches)	Canned chicken
Cheese	Tea bags
Pancake & cake mixes	Toilet Paper
Cream of mushroom soup	Deodrant
Cream of chicken soup	Child's large diapers
Boxed potatoes	Wipes
Pork-n-beans	Pain Relievers

Kathy asks that as you plant your vegetable garden that you add extra seeds and donated vegetables to the pantry this Season.

STRENGTHEN COMMUNITY

**VOLUNTEER for
Kidz Café!!!!**



Call Marla at
815.622.6162

RADIATION UPDATE FOR JEAN FREY



Thanks for the Prayers!

It is with great pleasure that I report that I finished my radiation series Tuesday, June 30! YAAAAAY!!

Now I move into the 3 month check-up regimen that will help to keep all systems “go” for the rest of the summer and fall. I don’t know what is planned after that, but I am so-O-O-O thankful to God , the Great Physician, and to each of you who prayed, encouraged, baked, hugged, sent cards, and tended after our needs as I was being treated for the cancer.

You have been mighty Prayer Warriors for us, and we will forever be grateful. “We could never thank you enough for your kindnesses to us, so we are asking God to.” God’s Blessings to you, Church Family, for your Tender Loving Care!

Jean and Phil Frey

SECOND HAND ROSE



ADDITIONAL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
for June 27-July 1, 2017, August 1-5, 2017



Faith UMC provides workers for the Tuesday-Saturday weekly schedule every 5 weeks.

The schedule is:

- Tuesday & Wednesday 11 am-2 pm & 2-5pm
- Thursday & Friday 1 -5 pm, (or you can work 1-3 or 3-5 if 4 hours is too much)
- Saturday 9-12 noon

If you are willing to learn this fairly easy but important job, we will have you work with someone who has more experience.

If you would like to join our team, please call Ginny Snodgrass at 779.770.6393 or the church office.

THANK YOU!!!

Loving in Faith

We are committed to loving God and all people.

Some of the ways we live this out are through our praise, prayers, and fellowship.

WE LIFT UP IN PRAYER

<u>Ongoing Prayers:</u>	Annabelle Muench	Growing tensions and divisions in our country
Verla Attig	Viola Myers	Our need for thoughtful political discourse
Lenora Bakener	Eldon Ports	
Kay Dillard	Arvilla Siddens	
Bill Ehmen	National and World Leaders	
Jean Frey	Our struggles to love our neighbors	
Faith Glaman		
Betty Good		
Harlan Long		
Nancy Mackey		
Wallace Mackey		



JULY BIRTHDAYS

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

01 Brent Good	16 Ken Soltow	02 Phil & Jean Frey
02 Jean Frey	20 Bernie Goeking	02 Jeff & Melissa Frey
04 Craig McGuire	21 Jan Bessert	10 David & Lori Galor
07 Chris Nelson	21 Phil Frey	18 Jack & Marla Dennis
07 Donna Dyer	23 Daniel Deuth	22 John & Michelle Gilbert
08 Sue VanOosten	23 Julie Bowers	23 Dan & Anita Ford
08 Marc Rogers	24 Justin Diehl	26 Toby & Becky Handel
09 David Bartelt	24 Jamie Gorzny	30 Matt & Kate (Terry) Messer
10 Billy Hammond	25 Michael McDaniel	
10 Zach Henson	27 Dorothy Kjolsing	
10 Terry Colcord	29 Linda Fossler	
14 Rae Diehl		
14 Nancy Parke		
14 Sarah (Rackow) Siler		
15 Betty Deuth		



JULY 2017 WORSHIP SERVANTS

JULY UMW MEETING

Greeters:

7-02-17	Daniel & Ashley Deuth Ron & Julia Hammer
7-09-17	Melissa & Karlea Frey Drew & Tena Terry
7-16-17	Jim & Robin Jefford Julie Bowers, Linda Colcord
7-23-17	Paul & Beverly Wiemken Judy Norris, Nancy Ocken
7-30-17	Dan & Laura McKean Tim & Jodi Merrell



July 20
Scout Room
1:30 pm

Hostesses: Dorothy Kjolsing
Program: Travelling Book Report
Presenter: Jean Frey
Devotions: Ginny Snodgrass

THANK YOU TO THE OCKENS FOR 35 YEARS OF CHURCH ON THE FARM



No more clearing and cleaning and setting up - enjoy your retirement!

We thank you for sharing your beautiful barn sanctuary, gardens and fields with all of us for so many years!



30th Annual Farm Sunday 2012

Watch calendar, website and bulletins for upcoming committee meetings

August Newsletter Deadline is July 17

Copies of the Ad Council minutes and financial reports are available in the green folder on the table outside the office.

This newsletter is created by human hands directing Technology. If you notice any errors, kindly let us know. We will be happy to make any corrections. We reserve the right to change the wording of any articles submitted to reflect kindness, consideration, and the best intentions of all.

STAY IN TOUCH

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