



A Newsletter of Polo Faith United Methodist Church

Words of Faith

Loving, Growing, Serving in Faith

March 2017

Dear Friends –

March 1st is Ash Wednesday, and Sunday, March 5th is the first Sunday of Lent. There are 6 weeks in Lent, **culminating in Easter**. I don't know how important this is to you, but the seasons of the spirit – the seasons of the liturgy – have always spoken to me. That time that is set aside to have my thinking directed towards contemplation and renewal is something I appreciate. It is a discipline I welcome.

The Bible verse which will reach over the entire season of Lent for us is Ephesians 4:29:

Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear.

I believe that in these times we are in need of renewal in our communities, families, attitudes, congregations, friendships, and our cyber relationships. We are in need of renewal between male and female, black and white, gay and straight, rich and poor, old and young, and the list goes on.

We do only have 6 weeks, but the Biblical text offers us some important basics that will help us.

The Temptations of Jesus – what really matters

Nicodemus Visits Jesus – trusting the power of the Spirit

Woman at the Well – you cannot dismiss someone or leave them out no matter what the culture around you has decided

Healing the way we see

Lazarus, Mary, and Martha – friendship and family

Palms – how we welcome others



As the geese bridge the gap between open sky and those of us on earth, let us bridge the gap that exists between people.

I offer you this prayer to use during this Lenten season, written by Dorothy Johnson:

O Lord, give me ears to hear as you hear, discernment to understand others as you understand, and fitting words of wisdom for those I encounter today. May I speak life, hope and love instead of suspicion, judgment, and criticism. Let the words of my mouth and my heart honor you. Amen.

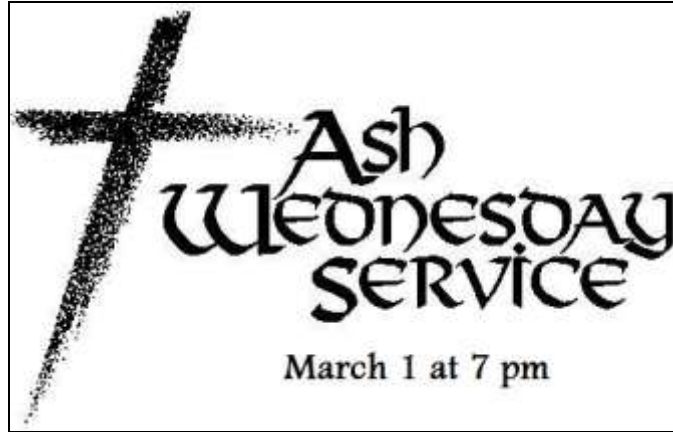
See you Sunday!

Pastor Karen

Growing in Faith

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

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE AT POLO FAITH UMC



2017 HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

April 13, Maundy Thursday Service	7:00 pm	BEEP at Faith UMC
April 14, Community Good Friday Service	7:00 pm	Faith UMC
April 16, Easter Sunrise with Communion	8:00 am	Faith UMC
April 16, Easter Worship	10:00 am	Faith UMC

EASTER FLOWERS ORDERS



Easter flowers this year will be \$13 each and orders are due by March 27.
Please pay when you order, making checks payable to Faith UMC.
Place order form in offering or drop off at the office.

Easter Lily _____ Hyacinth _____ Tulip _____

In memory of: _____

In honor of: _____

With thanks to: _____

Purchased by: _____

If you have any questions, please call Marilyn at the office 815.946.3212

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.

MARCH MISSION FOCUS

Personal Dignity Kits for Midwest Mission

The Serving Team needs your help to respond to an appeal from Midwest Mission midwestmissiondc.org for personal dignity kits. Kid Panda has already volunteered to construct two kits. Please check the list of items below if you would like to purchase items for the kits. You may place items in the tub by the coat racks during the month of March. If you prefer, you may donate money to be used to fill out the kits. \$1 is needed for postage for each kit.

MMDC Personal Dignity Kit (\$14 Value) –

- hand towel
- wash cloth
- comb – no rattail, pocket size or piks
- nail clippers
- toothbrush
- shampoo w/conditioner
- deodorant
- bar soap
- razor - individually wrapped
- toothpaste - 2.5 oz. or larger

Place all items in a one gallon sealable plastic bag.



COMBAT HUNGER



Polo Lifeline numbers have increased substantially since October. They appreciate any additional help we may give. Monetary donations are always welcome.

March needs for the Polo Lifeline are these:

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| Coffee | Canned pork & beans |
| Rice and sauce | Canned carrots |
| or noodle and sauce mixes | Canned tomatoes |
| Any type of noodles | Canned chicken |
| Spaghetti sauce | Paper Towels |
| Tea bags | Toilet Paper |
| Juice | Child's large diapers, wipes |
| Pasta (not spaghetti) | Diapers larger sizes |
| Canned Fruit | Deodrant |

STRENGTHEN COMMUNITY



Our Table
Community
Meal

5:30—7pm

What: Free home-cooked meal

When: The last Monday of the
Month

March 27, April 24
May 22

Where: Faith UMC, 702 E. Dixon,
Polo, IL

We hope you will join us for this opportunity to get to know our neighbors better. Bring your friends.

THANK YOU #kidpanda

POLO FAITH UMC YOUTH IN THE NEWS!!!

Thank You!



To everyone who helped to clean out the youth room!
We like the open space!
We like how clean the floors are!
We love having our own space!
We like how it looks a lot bigger now!
Thank you for cleaning and organizing!!!
#kidpanda

We are pleased to recognize Faith UMC youth who have been named to the Honor Roll for the First Semester.

A Honor Roll at Aplington School: Grade 6: Cody Buskohl; Grade 8: Abby Gorzny.

B Honor Roll at Aplington School: Grade 6: Avery Grenoble and Alexis Moore.

Straight A Honor Roll Grade 6: Cody Buskohl.

1st Semester High Honor Roll: Sophomores: Ethan Phillips and Allison Rhodes; Seniors: Justine Gorzny, Jenna Handel, Lauren Rhodes.

1st Semester Honor Roll Sophomores: A J Williams and Justin Young; Juniors: Baylee Wiemken; Seniors: Zach Hensen and Ben Peterson.

Congratulations to each of you and to your families!

POLO FAITH UMC FINANCIAL INFORMATION



January 2017 Polo Faith UMC Financial Information

January 2017

Monthly Income (General Fund)	10,564
Monthly Expenses Paid	13,227
Balance Current Fund	1,350

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.

AD COUNCIL MINUTES FEBRUARY 2017

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Ad Council Minutes February 20, 2017

Attendees: Mark Maginnis, Ron Hammer, Judy Norris, Laura McKean, Nancy Ocken, Phil Frey, Marla Buskohl, Pastor Karen, Margie Cox, Randy Hayes, Marilyn Sura

Phil Frey opened the meeting. Randy Hayes led devotions.

Pastor Karen received a letter indicating that Melissa Frey has resigned from the Growing Team and Ad Council effective immediately.

Randy Hayes motioned to approve the January 23, 2017 minutes and Nancy Ocken seconded it. Motion carried unanimously.

Serving: Pennies was able to help one couple this month. The March Mission money will go to Midwest Mission (midwestmissiondc.org) It will be used for personal dignity kits.

Growing: They will schedule a meeting to choose a new chairman.

Trustees: Cleanout of 3rd floor went smoothly. A work day at the parsonage will be held the first part of June. Mark will be in charge of a garage sale in Fellowship Hall held during the town wide April garage sale. Anyone is welcome to bring items. All sales will go to the elevator project.

Staff Parish: Three meetings were held: a discernment meeting, a regular meeting and a meeting with the new pastor, Brian Le Baron who will start July 1st.

UMW: Next meeting will be March 16 at noon. UMW will give money directly to Midwest Mission for personal dignity kits.

Finance: January balance is a negative \$1,349 (not counting the \$5,000 borrowed in Dec. 2016.)

PCCC: Marla Buskohl will be the new representative. Faith UMC will be in charge of the 2017 Christmas Baskets.

Website: Phil mentioned it needs to be kept up to date. Marilyn just learned how to make additions & corrections and has updated the newsletter info.

Elevator project: Nancy Ocken passed around mockup placemats that we might use for fund raising. Marla, and Jean and John Deuth met and are tentatively planning a fund raiser for the end of July. **The menu would be pulled pork, sweet corn, salads, chips and dessert. They will talk to Culver's about donating ice cream for this event.**

Marla mentioned a big thank you for the piano that was rolled down the street to Aplington School.

Next meeting: March 20, 2017.

WE CELEBRATE WITH

March Birthdays

March Anniversaries

04 Dakota Meyer
 06 Avery Grenoble
 07 John Deuth
 09 Dick Styczynski
 10 Diana Maginnis
 11 John Grenoble
 11 Matt Rogers
 11 David Ford
 13 Tony Norris
 17 Viola Dykema
 18 Megan Strickler

19 Jan Bates
 19 Dawn (Naylon) Glassburn
 20 Jonathan Witmer
 23 Cameron Folk
 25 Renee Grenoble
 27 Julie Fossler

14 Bernie & Cheryl Goeking
 27 Paul & Beverly Wiemken
 28 Ryan & Misty Buskohl

Happy Birthday!



 **SECOND HAND ROSE**



ADDITIONAL VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED for March 14-18, 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.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for POLO HIGH SCHOOL STUDY

The After-school study group has been successful! The group of volunteers is going strong, but we could use additional people who want to show students that people other than teachers and parents care. Could you spare one hour weekly, biweekly, or monthly? The main role is to show you care and to keep busy yourself. PLEASE consider volunteering. If you have questions or want to volunteer, please contact Margaret Tyne at [815.288.5351](tel:815.288.5351) or matyne511@yahoo.com.



Mentoring
Makes a Difference



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

Ongoing Prayers:

Verla Attig
Lenora Bakener
Kay Dillard
Totsie Dykema
Bill Ehmen
Faith Glaman
Betty Good
Gladys Haring
Harland Long
Nancy Mackey

Wallace Mackey
Kenneth Miller
Annabelle Muench
Viola Myers
Eldon Ports
Arvilla Siddens
Situation in Israel/Palestine
National and World
Leaders
Military and Law
Enforcement Personnel

Immigration Crisis
Our struggles to love our neighbors.



MARCH 2017 WORSHIP SERVANTS

Greeters:

3-05-17 Diana and Mark Maginnis
Roger and Jane Palmer
3-12-17 Matt and Margie Shore
Barb Sims, Ginny Snodgrass
3-19-17 Rebecca Jacobs, Dorothy Kjolsing
Shawn and Tiffany Willis
3-26-17 John & Jean Death
Karla Merdian, Marilyn Sura

Altar Flowers and Fellowship dates are available for the month of March. Sign up sheet is in the narthex.

MARCH UMW MEETING

March 16, 2017

Scout Room



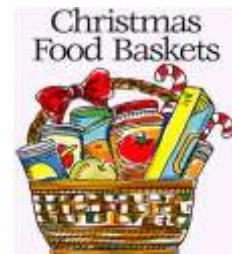
12:00 Noon Soup & Salad Luncheon. Table service & dessert provided. Bring a salad to share. If you want to make soup please call Margie

Hostesses: Margie Shore
Program: Winter Mission u
Presenter: Nellie Winters
Devotions: Jan Bates

2017 POLO COUNCIL OF CHURCHES CHRISTMAS BASKETS

Faith UMC in Charge of PCCC Christmas Baskets 2017

It is Faith UMC's turn to organize the Council of Churches Christmas Basket project this year. If this is a special interest of yours, please let Nancy Ocken know that you would be willing to help.



NEW PHONE NUMBER for WHEELS OF FAITH MINISTRY

SPREAD THE WORD!



WHEELS OF FAITH
has a New Phone Number
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.

Our wonderful drivers have been Mark Maginnis, Phil Frey and Pastor Karen.

MOVE CLOCKS FORWARD on MARCH 12



*Watch calendar, website
and bulletins for upcoming
committee meetings*

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.



April Newsletter Deadline is March 16

STAY IN TOUCH

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