



A Newsletter of Polo Faith United Methodist Church

Words of Faith

Loving, Growing, Serving in Faith

April 2017

books that have nurtured, entertained and informed
kitchen gadgets I love to use
tennis shoes stuffed with socks
art supplies for creative outlet
candles that offer warmth
furniture collected over the years
pictures that grace my walls
dishes that hold memories of family and friend gatherings
pictures and letters that remind me of times gone by
things that my children have given me over the years
do I really need this and that, or maybe not??

During this Lenten season I have been sorting and packing, packing and sorting...
What an experience! – and such an appropriate experience for the Lenten journey.

We don't 'give up' much for Lent anymore – most people these days are encouraged to 'add' something – a new discipline, time away, good deeds, time for meditation and prayer... And these are worthwhile, fulfilling options. But I have been busy 'giving up'. As I prepare to move to the west coast to answer the call to renewed life, I have decided that I will also go with only what is necessary – taking no more than 1/3 of what I have – and hopefully less.

Other moves have been an experience of getting everything into boxes. This move is about looking at everything I have, remembering, thinking, deciding – which pile?

And I have been surprised how freeing an experience it actually has been. I feel so ready and liberated from stuff to do that which the Spirit calls me to next.

So today I say that 'giving up' is still a great Lenten practice. I have been challenged to think about the entirety of my life, who has been my blessing and who has not, what experiences have shaped me and how, and discovered what really is important to me and why.

I will come to the experience of Easter with new life, new joy and promise... not just hope, but promise.

And for that I rejoice!

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

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



Lola Jeanne Brantner	In memory of Bill Brantner	lily
Jim & Robin Jefford	In honor of their grandchildren	tulip
Dawn & Mike Foster	In honor of Harriet Hutchinson	tulip
Ron & Julia Hammer	In memory of Russ & Bev Hammer Bill & Alberta Bertelson	hyacinth lily
Mike & Karen Scholl		hyacinth
Virginia Snodgrass	In memory of Mom, Jennie and two older sisters-Marie & Anita	hyacinth
Betty Stoner	In memory of Carl Stoner	hyacinth
Marilyn Sura	In honor of family and friends	tulip
Drew & Tena Terry	In memory of Terrie Edwards In memory of David Byrd	hyacinth hyacinth
Gladys Typer	In memory of Bill Typer, and Nancy Lynn Peltz & Bryan Peltz	lily

RUMMAGE SALE to BENEFIT ELEVATOR PROJECT April 28 & 29

Rummage Sale in Fellowship Hall April 28 & 29



Mark your calendars for the All Town Rummage Sale April 28 and 29. Bring your items to FUMC by Wed. 4/26. All proceeds go to the elevator project. We need volunteers for setup on Thursday 4/27 and during the sales on Friday and Saturday.

Call Mark Maginnis (815.677.8194) if you need anything picked up. He will collect items the week before the sale.

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.

APRIL MISSION FOCUS



Polo Kidz Café has become a popular summertime meeting place at lunch time for kids and their families.

2017 will be the 5th year of Kidz Café.

Kidz Café will begin on Monday, June 5, 2017

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. 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.

COMBAT HUNGER



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

April needs for the Polo Lifeline are these:

Coffee	Cheeseburger-Hamburger helper
Rice and sauce or noodle and sauce mixes	Canned carrots
Spaghetti sauce	Canned tomatoes
Mac & cheese	Canned chicken
Tea bags	Toilet Paper
Juice	Child's large diapers, wipes
Cake mixes	Diapers larger sizes
Canned Fruit	Deodorant

STRENGTHEN COMMUNITY



Our Table
Community
Meal

5:30—7pm

What: Free home-cooked meal
When: The last Monday of the Month

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.

WE CELEBRATE WITH

April Birthdays

April Anniversaries

- 01 Amanda Montross
- 01 Jim Ports
- 02 Dave Bucher
- 04 Pat Gilbert
- 05 Lucille Woodin
- 05 Dave Ditzler
- 10 Jackson Buskohl
- 11 Christine Ditzler
- 13 Ralph Richards
- 14 KeeLey Meyer
- 17 Toby Aguilar
- 19 Chuck Long

- 19 Dorothy Vallandingham
- 20 Ellie Dyer
- 21 Katie Ports
- 22 Roger Palmer
- 22 Judy Hite
- 22 Sandy Holbrook
- 23 Charlotte Heavener
- 27 Sandy Hummel
- 27 Wyatt Queckboerner
- 29 Bernice Horton
- 30 Reagan Elizabeth Terry

- 07 Pam & Scott Fluck
- 20 Ron & Julia Hammer
- 25 Amy & Paul Piatek
- 28 Jeff & JoDee Van Oosten



WHEELS OF FAITH MINISTRY

SHARE OUR NEW NUMBER



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.

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



SECOND HAND ROSE



ADDITIONAL VOLUNTEERS
 NEEDED for April 18-22, 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.

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> Verla Attig Lenora Bakener Kay Dillard Totsie Dykema Bill Ehmen Faith Glaman Betty Good Gladys Haring Harlan Long Nancy Mackey	Wallace Mackey Kenneth Miller Annabelle Muench Viola Myers Eldon Ports Arvilla Siddens National and World Leaders Our struggles to love our neighbors	Growing tensions and divisions in our country Our need for thoughtful political discourse
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APRIL 2017 WORSHIP SERVANTS

Greeters:

4-02-17 Mike & Karen Scholl
Daniel & Ashley Deuth


4-09-17 Jim & Robin Jefford
Ron & Julia Hammer

4-16-17 Bud & Lucille Woodin
Melissa & Karlea Frey

4-23-17 Drew & Tena Terry
Tristan & Megan Strickler

4-30-17 Julie Bowers & Linda Colcord
Beverly and Paul Wiemken

APRIL UMW MEETING



April 20, 2017
1:30 p.m.

Hostesses: Donna Gillingham & Barb Sims
Program: From Program Book
Presenter: Carolyn Sterenberg
Devotions: Carolyn Sterenberg

APRIL 30th FIFTH SUNDAY LUNCHEON

Meat loaf and Mac & Cheese Luncheon
at
Prairie State
Apartments



Please plan to join us at 11:30 am for a meat loaf and mac & cheese lunch. We will be asking for donations of salad and dessert later in April. It's a good time to get to know our neighbors at Prairie State Apartments.

The Serving Team: Nancy Ocken, Robin Jefford, Margie Shore, Beverly Wiemken, Shawn Willis, Kate Messer, Mark Maginnis and Pastor Karen

POLO FAITH UMC FINANCIAL INFORMATION

February 2017 Polo Faith UMC Financial Information

February 2017

Monthly Income (General Fund)	8,793.98
Monthly Expenses Paid	12,314.22
Balance Current Fund	(4,350.12)

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 MARCH 20, 2017

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

Phil Frey opened the meeting. Judy Norris led the devotions.

Nancy Ocken moved to approve the February 20, 2017 minutes and Ron Hammer seconded. Motion carried.

Finance: February's balance is a negative \$4,350.12 (not counting the \$5,000 borrowed in Dec. 2016) All February bills are paid.

Staff Parish: No meeting held. Randy Hayes will ask Rev. Young Mee Park if she will preach a Sunday in June and he said he is available for the other Sundays. Phil will see if the Barbershop Chorus will perform one Sunday in June too.

Trustees: Next meeting will be March 27 at 7:00 pm. Mark Maginnis reported an outdoor outlet at the parsonage shorted out a week ago and a fire was avoided because the home is brick. Lee County Electric reported the wiring in the parsonage is fine but a new breaker box needs to be installed in June.

Serving: Nancy Ocken indicated we will have the 5th Sunday luncheon at Prairie State Apartment on April 30. The serving committee will be working on the personal mission kits for the Midwest Mission and she will also be talking to Urban Ministries in Rockford about a future one day work camp.

Elevator Project: Sample placemats to be used for fundraising were passed around for review. Several changes suggested included making Polo Faith's name larger and to be definite about asking for funds for the elevator project.

Loving: They will meet in April and get Kidz Café going for 2017.

Phil mentioned the food pantry could use volunteers in April and May.

Judy mentioned the PCHS alumni committee inquired if FUMC would want to serve at the alumni banquet. This year it is being catered. We would need 15 - 20 servers.

Mark Maginnis announced we'll have tables in Fellowship Hall for the All Town Rummage Sale weekend April 28 & 29. Sales from all items donated will go to the elevator fund. Call Mark if something needs to be picked up.

Next Meeting: April 24 at 7:00 pm. Meeting closed by repeating the Lord's Prayer.

*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.

May Newsletter Deadline is April 17

STAY IN TOUCH

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