



A Newsletter of Polo Faith United Methodist Church

Words of Faith

Loving, Growing, Serving in Faith

October/November 2016

The Church is full of people
in the Autumn of their years.
Some have led colorful lives
leaves bronzed and golden
through exposure to the elements
their appearance the center of attention.
Others have been exposed
to more extreme conditions
branches bowed and scarred.

Some go unnoticed,
yet stand tall and steadfast
against wind and rain.
All have a story to tell
all can offer support and shelter
for saplings which grow beneath
their leafy canopy. *John Birch*

This summer has been full of stories and pictures shared with me about what life used to be like in Polo – especially for those who used to be members of the Aldersgate class. Those folks who all had young families at the same time and became friends. And in those friendships all of life was shared. Those friendships were important for the everyday issues of life, as friendships for young families are, but were also important to survival. These folks were **God's gift of community for each other.** And the depth of those friendships is evident in the tears of those who were children then when yet another of that class passes on. So many life-giving, life-enhancing, and life-growing memories.

I have been touched by the tenderness that you each share with your parents and their friends at each point in life. **The connection you have with those folks from your parents' social/church group to this day is deeper than words and pictures.**

You are blessed because you were encouraged to care, to become, to dream, to love others, to share all you are and have, and to do it with confidence and courage.

You all have blessed my life these last few months more than you will ever know. During this time of changing leaves and landscapes, I hope you will remember that there is a dimension to our faith that speaks of life after death, about beauty that comes from change, about the seeds we plant and the harvest we will not see that was taught to you by your elders and that is now in your hands to share.

Share this gift you have been given with confidence.

We bless you,
God of Seed and Harvest
And we bless each other
That the beauty of this world
And the love that created it
Might be expressed though our lives
And be a blessing to others
Now and always

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
our personal devotion, small groups, and worship.

Looking Ahead at Worship and Study

November 6th - 10 am Worship - All Saints Day – This is a special worship service during which we celebrate those who have gone before us. We have been gifted much to take into our own futures, and it is important to set a time to be thankful for those gifts.

November 20th – 7 pm - BEEP Thanksgiving Service at Brookville United Methodist Church. Join us for this time of giving thanks for the blessings God continually bestows on us. This service is one of several services during the year that we celebrate together with our sister churches in Brookville and Elkhorn.

Advent Study with Pastor Karen – Thursdays at 10 am or 6:30 pm – December 1, 8, 15 and 22. We will be using *Not a Silent Night* by Adam Hamilton. Please let Marilyn know by Nov. 15th if you want to participate so we can order a book for you. Books also available in large print. *Please choose either the 10 am or the 6:30 pm time slot. The evening class is a repeat of the morning class.*

December 11th – Christmas Cantata – see article

December 24th – Christmas Eve Services at 4 and 7 pm.



WELCOME, JISOO LIM!



JiSoo Lim is the young lady from Daejeon, Korea who is living with Greg, Ginger, and Tessa Morhardt this school year.

She attends Milledgeville High School with Tessa and is a junior there.

She plays volleyball and has learned the skills of fishing already. She and Tessa participated in Spirit Week at school and attended the MHS Homecoming Dance.

The bulletin board at the east entrance of Faith UMC has some of her items from Korea plus a map of Korea so you can see where her home town is. There are many beautiful photos of her town on the Web; check it out-it is a beautiful area!





All singers in the church are welcome to attend rehearsals for the 2016 Christmas cantata, **“O Night Divine; Dawn of Love’s Pure Light.”**

Rehearsals will be Wednesday evenings, beginning Oct. 5, from 7 – 8 p.m. The cantata will be performed Sunday afternoon, Dec. 11, at 2:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Saturday, Dec. 10, from 9:00 to 10:30, we will hold our one morning practice that will focus on the entire cantata and narration.

I have sent out invitations to Polo area churches for singers in their congregations to join us in order to make this a community Christmas cantata. It will be wonderful for Faith UMC to host such an event!

Please let me know if you are wanting to sing with us; I will need to have additional copies of the cantata books available for each singer.

Mark your calendars and plan to bring others with you for the cantata this year; you’ll be filled with the Christmas Spirit for sure!

HONORING OUR RETIRING SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS



Ginger Morhardt




Donna Deets




John Deuth

UMW MEETINGS



October 13
1:30 pm
Hospice -Serenity Home

Program: Peggy Richards
Hostesses: Dorothy Kjolsing & Barb Sims
Devotions: Margie Shore



November 17
1:30 pm
World Thank Offering

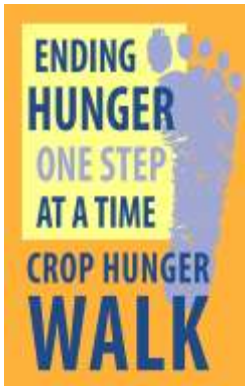
Program: Shirlene Lowe
Hostesses: Donna Deets
Devotions: Chris Printz

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

OCTOBER MISSION FOCUS: CROP WALK OCTOBER 9



Crop Walk October 9, 2016
At Brookville United Methodist Church
Registration: 1:30 pm
Walk: 2:00 pm

We will be walking in the country this year! There will be a 5 mile as well as a 1 mile walk. They will be mapped out for you and you will get one the day of the walk.

There will be someone to bring water and quick pickup snack for you on the routes. But there also will be refreshments at the church after your walk.

We will try to get your shirt to you before the walk. This is why we need shirt sizes ASAP. Any and all walkers will get a shirt. Also the sponsors, if they choose to get one.

Let's try to make this Crop Walk the best ever. You can collect money donations or set-up an online donation site in your own name or as a group. The online website is: <https://youtube/YQdigmTw6Tk>. Follow the directions they give and GOOD LUCK to all walkers!

Margie Shore-Crop/Walk-Chairperson
Telephone: 815.631.9154

COMBAT HUNGER



Shelves
are
nearly empty!

October/ November needs for the Polo Lifeline are these:

Coffee	Canned Mixed Vegetables
Juice any kind	Canned baked beans
Fruit any kind	Canned chicken
Pasta any kind	Cake mixes
Spaghetti sauce	Body wash
Soup any kind	Kleenex
Toilet Paper	Paper towels
Diapers larger sizes	Pain reliever, Tylenol,
Toothpaste	Aspirin, Advil etc
Canned carrots	Any boxed potatoes
Canned mixed vegetable	

Donations needed for 95 Thanksgiving baskets for families in our area this year. Each basket will cost \$16 per family.

STRENGTHEN COMMUNITY



Our Table
Community
Meal

5:30—7pm

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

October 24
November 30, December 28.

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.

RALLY DAY SUNDAY PHOTOS



Facing forward: Jackson Willis, Mylo Willis, Pastor Karen, Reagan Terry, Liam Messer, Aiden Messer
Backs to us: Elinore Zettle, Caylee Jo Strickler, Alexis Moore, Karlea Frey



From left to right: Karlea Frey, Alexis Moore, Caylee Jo Strickler, Mylo Willis, Jackson Willis, Melissa Frey, Abby Gorzny, Amy Piatek



Patrick Anderson provided special music.

Wilson Family News



Miriam Carol Wilson Brewer, died Sunday, Sept. 11, 2016, in Stanton, CA. She had been living with her son, John Brewer and his wife Lisa, who had been caring for her for a number of years. The daughter of Rev. Ira and Elizabeth (Betty) Wilson, Miriam was born on December 16, 1942, in West Salem, IL. Later the Wilson family moved to Redbird Mission in Beverly, KY, where her parents served for five years as Evangelical United Brethren missionaries. Then the Wilsons relocated to Polo in 1951 after Ira became the pastor of Emmanuel EUB Church. Miriam was active in church activities and congregation groups and served as one of the church organists during her high school and college years. After graduating from North Central College, she taught in Oswego for a few years and then went to China, serving there several years as a missionary teacher. Upon returning to the States, she became a valued employee for over 20 years at the family store, Koontz Hardware, in West Hollywood, owned by her brother Russ. She worked there until multiple sclerosis forced her to quit.

Miriam was the third child in the Wilson family of siblings Dean, Russell, Sharon, David, Jonathan, and Dwight. She is survived by her two sons and a daughter and was predeceased by her parents and brother David.

Condolences to the family may be sent to Dean and Norma Wilson at 2019 W. Summer Wind, Santa Ana, CA 92704.

WE CELEBRATE WITH

October Birthdays

October Anniversaries

01 Michael Collins	16 Don Ditzler
02 Pam Fluck	17 Julia Hammer
03 Karlea Frey	17 Cynthia Squibb
03 Ashley (Miller) Rieber	18 Abbi Merrell
04 Knox Chesnut	18 Frances Van Oosten
05 Sue Long	19 Kim Adcock
05 Mazy Queckborner	20 Steve Grossnickle
07 David Ackeberg	20 Rebecca Arreola
08 Ron Hammer	21 Angie Good
09 Ed Strauss	21 Bob Merdian
11 Julie Saunders	26 Harold Garber
13 Betty Good	26 Hanna White
13 Jean Sterenberg	27 Eric Engelbarts I
13 Bill Saunders	29 Debra Gassman
15 Marilyn Sura	30 Donna Soltow

10 Brent & Angie Good
19 Dennis & Donna O'Hara



November Birthdays

November Anniversaries

2 Arvilla Siddens	12 Brian Kenney
3 Linda Colcord	12 Alice Rebuck
3 Jonathan Cross	12 Dorothy Springer
5 Scott Meyer	12 Sebastian Arreola
6 Matt Shore	14 Ron Kalas
7 Madison Merdian	14 Colleen Stauffer
7 Jim Rogers	14 Michael Deuth
7 Ethel Woodin	15 Becky Handel
7 Marvin Van Oosten	16 Lola Jeanne Brantner
8 Darla Turner	17 Justin Young
8 Sheila Montross	19 Erin Deets
8 Carla Wagner	20 Phil Fossler
9 Melissa Collins	20 Roger Gassman
10 Gladys Typer	21 Anita Ford
11 Emily Kenney	21 Simber Bartelt
11 Aiden Messer	22 Cassidy Terry

23 Peggy Bucher
 23 Sarah Hird
 27 Ramsie Grenoble
 27 Dan Hartman
 27 Renee Livingston
 27 Nancy McGuire
 27 Rachel Ports

 13 Karen & Mike Scholl
 16 Margie & Matt Shore



SECOND HAND ROSE



ADDITIONAL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for October 25-29

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

This is an urgent plea because we lost 6 workers in 2015. 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

Ongoing Prayers:

Verla Attig
Lenora Bakener
Kay Dillard
Marian Ditzler
Totsie Dykema
Bill Ehmen
Faith Glaman
Betty Good
Gladys Haring
Avis Hayes

Harland Long
Nancy Mackey
Wallace Mackey
Kenneth Miller
Annabelle Muench
Viola Myers
Eldon Ports
Arvilla Siddens
Lois Voss
Situation in Israel/Palestine
National and World

Leaders
Military and Law
Enforcement Personnel
Immigration Crisis
Our struggles to love our neighbors.



OCTOBER 2016 WORSHIP SERVANTS

Child Care Assistants OCTOBER 2016

OCTOBER

10-2-16 Melissa Frey
10-9-16 Beverly Wiemken
10-16-16 Nancy Ocken
10-23-16 Rebecca Jacobs
10-30-16 Toby Aguilar

Greeters:

10-2-16 John & Jean Deuth
Shawn & Tiffany Willis
10-9-16 Mike & Karen Scholl
Harold & Lucille Woodin
10-16-16 Daniel & Ashley Deuth
Dorothy Kjolsing & Shirley Gentry
10-23-16 Greg & Ginger Morhardt
Tristan & Megan Strickler
10-30-16 Drew & Tena Terry
Donna Gillingham, Jan Bates

NOVEMBER 2016 WORSHIP SERVANTS

Child Care Assistants NOVEMBER 2016

NOVEMBER

11-06-16 Ginger Morhardt
11-13-16 Jodi Merrell
11-20-16 Tiffany Willis
11-27-16 Donna Deets

Greeters:

11-06-16 Jim & Robin Jefford
Julia & Ron Hammer
11-13-16 Julie Bowers, Linda Colcord
Beverly & Paul Wiemken
11-20-16 Nancy Ocken, Judy Norris
Tim & Jodi Merrell
11-27-16 Dan & Laura McKean
Tom & Marla Buskohl

RAMP NEEDS A NEW HOME

The temporary ramp from east side of church needs a new home. If anyone knows of anyone or an organization that is local that could use it, please call Mark Maginnis at 815.677.8194. He will remove it and is able to deliver it.

ALL CHURCH WORK DAY

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
8 AM TO 12 NOON



Help renew our church yard and plantings. Please share your raking, digging, and clipping skills on Saturday, October 8 to help transform our weed patch to a lawn!. Bring your own rakes, shovels, and hedge clippers. Call Mark Maginnis at 815.677.8194 to volunteer. Your help will be appreciated!

RALLY DAY SUNDAY PHOTOS (continued)



Alexis Moore, Mylo Willis, Abby Gorzny, Jillian Gorzny, Jackson Willis, Any Piatek, Blake Strickler, Aiden Messer, Liam Messer



From left: Reagan Terry, Pastor Karen, Aiden Messer, Liam Messer, Alexis Moore, Caylee Jo Strickler, Blake Strickler, Amy Piatek, Abby Gorzny, Mylo Willis, Karlea Frey, Melissa Frey



Rally Day Open House



TURN YOUR CLOCKS BACK
Nov. 6

Watch calendar, website
and bulletins for upcoming
committee meetings

Mark your Calendar

Church Conference
for Polo Faith UMC
will be
October 23 at 3:00 pm

December Newsletter Deadline is November 14

STAY IN TOUCH

Faith United Methodist Church
Pastor Karen Hundrieser

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FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

FUNERAL LUNCHEON COMMITTEES

TEAM A – TEAM LEADER DONNA DEETS

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Betty Deuth 946-3608
Barbara Dubois 440-7176
Linda Fossler 946-2245
Cheryl Goeking 946-2630

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Katie Chesnut 509-6873
Karla Merdian 946-2981
Betty Miller 631-0396
Ginger Morhardt 535-3780
Jane Palmer 946-2079
Sandra Rackow 938-3195
Karen Scholl 946-2649
Tena Terry 973-3085
Rosemary Troxel 946-2029
Tiffany Willis 946-3022
Diane Maginnis 677-8341

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Linda Colcord 946-3756
Jean Deuth 946-3234
Donna Dyer 946-2993
Melissa Frey 946-3728
Angie Gorzny 946-4157
Julia Hammer 946-3011
Megan Strickler 975-4430
Dorothy Kjolsing 946-4145
Julie McGuire 946-2225
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Jeannie Kyker 973-3162
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Kate Messer 973-3086
Sheila Montross 946-2074

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Colleen Stauffer 946-3370

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Julie Bowers 766-0011
Ginny Snodgrass

779-770-6393

Concerning the Funeral List.... The names of the ladies who are either members or friends of Faith UMC are on this list to help with the funeral luncheons. We will designate a vegetable, a salad, or a dessert that would **serve 12-15 persons**. If you cannot provide food, a cash donation for meat, buns or potatoes and beverage is appreciated. We also need help with the lunch on the day of the funeral or with the set-up before the luncheon. If anyone would like to have her name removed from the list, please let Marla Buskohl know at 815-622-6162 and it will be deleted.

Judy Norris (815-946-2137) is available to cover for a team leader if she is unavailable.