

A Newsletter of Polo Faith United Methodist Church

Words of Faith

Loving, Growing, Serving in Faith

OCTOBER 2017

From the desk of Pastor Brian LeBaron

Dear Members and Friends of Faith United Methodist Church,

We are now into the fall season of football and thinking about our favorite teams such as the Packers, Bears, Fighting Illini, Marcos, Cardinals, Panthers, etc. When I go to games I like to watch the coaches strut the sidelines and guide the team in playing the game and making the tactical and strategic calls. We know the players gather in huddles, line up at the sidelines and even march in together as a team. May the best team win!

We have a saying “there is no “I” in team; not so fast! At first glance this truly seems to be the case, but on closer examination you see there is no Team without “I” in the middle. The team is composed of **I’s**. Each person is uniquely gifted, talented and trained to be their best in their team position. The team is full of individuals working towards common goals, with shared plans and execution of the plays to be active in the game, hopefully to win or make their best effort to do so.



One of my favorite hymns is “I am the church! You are the church!”
The first verse goes as follows:

I am the church! You are the church!
We are the church together!
All who follow Jesus,
all around the world!
Yes, we’re the church together!

1. The church is not a building
the church is not a steeple;
the church is not a resting place;
the church is a people.



Yes together as a group of **I’s** that come together following Jesus and become a team!
Go Team Faith UMC! It’s for you, you, it’s from me! It’s our cheer. We are in this together, not just the preacher, not just Ad Council, not just committee members, but all of us from filling communion cups to brewing coffee pots are important. I’s in our Faith UMC team.

Sometimes in church the pew gets confused with the bench. We become bench warmers and not team players. Many are in the game already, but let’s clear the bench like a baseball dugout brawl and all get on the field, passionate for following Christ, making disciples and transforming the world. Please consider how you may “get in the game.” If you would like to be involved in some aspect of service in the church then Get of the Bench!

Growing in Faith

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

LOOKING AHEAD

Pastor Brian will be on vacation from September 28 until October 14, 2017.

Randy Hayes (815. 622.5118) will cover Sept.28 -October 6
Jerry Martz (815.622.4222) will cover Oct. 7 - October 14.



OCTOBER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

October 1	Randy Hayes preaching
October 8	Michelle Knight
October 15	Laity Sunday, Communion
October 22	Cookie Sunday
October 31	Bring your pillow to church for PADS in Dixon



ANOTHER ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS TO CONSIDER

Adult Sunday School Class at 9:00 am

Join the study of *Moses In the Footsteps of the Reluctant Prophet*
by Adam Hamilton

Teacher: Barbara Sims

Join Adam Hamilton as he travels from Egypt to Mt. Sinai, the Nile, the Red Sea, and the **wilderness, exploring the sites of Moses' life.** Using historical information, archaeological data, and biblical text, Hamilton guides us in the footsteps of this reluctant prophet who grew in his relationship with God and by the end of life had successfully fulfilled the role he was given.

Turn your own reluctance into boldness as you examine the significant challenges facing Moses and how God shaped his character and life in powerful ways.

Call the office if you need to order a book.





December 10 at 2 pm

With choir practice now in full swing this fall, my next thoughts have turned to the 2017 Christmas cantata!

“We’re Glad You Came,” written by Joel Lindsey and Jeff Bumgardner, is a heart-felt Christmas musical that is full of new music and Christmas carols that will bless your holiday experience. The cantata celebrates Jesus, the Son of God, Who was born that we might know Him as our Savior and Lord and the joy of His presence in our lives.

Rehearsals will begin on Sunday, Oct. 8 from 3:30 – 5:00 p.m. in our sanctuary and follow on each subsequent Sunday afternoon through November. The cantata will be performed Sunday, December 10 at 2:00 p.m.

Additional singers are always welcome, and if this Sunday rehearsal fits your schedule, I surely hope you will join us in this Music Ministry event. Like last year, all the Polo churches will be invited to sing with us, as well as singers in the area.

Remember—our first rehearsal is Sunday, Oct. 8 from 3:30 – 5:00 p.m., in our sanctuary. Join us, won't you?

Feel free to call me if you have any questions..

Jean Frey (815-946-3179) or pjfrey@hotmail.com.

DIXON MUSIC CLUB at FAITH UMC on October 24



Carol Brown will be hosting the Dixon Music Club at Faith UMC on Tuesday Oct 24 at 7pm. All members of Faith are invited. Music numbers from club members will be featured in the sanctuary followed by refreshments in the lounge.

POLO FAITH UMC FINANCIAL INFORMATION

August 2017 Polo Faith UMC Financial Information

Monthly Income (General Fund)	\$ 8,324
Monthly Expenses Paid	\$ 9,666
Balance Current Fund	\$ (1,485)



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.

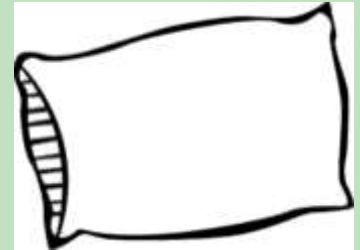
Some of the ways we live this out are through our giving of time, talents, and financial gifts.

OCTOBER MISSION FOCUS



SUPPORT
Dixon PADS homeless shelter

Bring a Pillow to Church
On October 29



The Serving Team focus for October is the Dixon PADS homeless shelter. PADS provides temporary emergency shelter for the night, 7:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. The shelter is located in a four bedroom Lee County Housing unit under the direction of the Dixon Area Church Council. There is room for 8 people and food is provided. The guests are visited by volunteers from the local churches two hours a night and provided information about the area resources. **This spring the shelter's longtime goal of acquiring a second home to serve especially women and children was realized with the donation of the house at 203 W. Everett St.**

A need for pillows was mentioned in a recent conversation I had with a PADS staff member. He said that often a shelter resident will ask to take the pillow with them. On October 29, bring a new pillow to church to be donated to Dixon PADS. A pillow case is optional. If you can't make it to church on the 29th, you may leave a pillow by the coat racks.

Nancy Ocken, Serving Team

OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS

Have you ever said to yourself, "I wish my Church would _____." Or, "I would like to _____, but nobody asked me." Well, here's your opportunity!



At the September Ad Council meeting, we had discussions about reviving some of the past traditions of the two former congregations and/or starting something new. That's where opportunity is knocking for you! We need and want you to step up with ideas and/or help to implement new events or rejuvenate old activities (parade float, fritters, pancake supper, etc.). The people of Faith have been and are actively serving God and our community. We all have experienced the 'feelin' good ' of working together and accomplishing goals, and by renewing our energy together will bring blessings to our church and our community and glorify God.

Talk to any member of the Ad Council with your ideas: Phil Frey, Randy Hayes, Marla Buskohl, Nancy Ocken, Marge Shore, Judy Norris, Ron Hammer, Laura McKean Mark Maginnis, Pastor Brian. Let us know your thoughts and ideas so we can further serve God together!

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WHEELS OF FAITH



**DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO NEEDS A RIDE?
CALL 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.

COOKIES!!



Is there anyone who loves homemade goodies anymore than young people away from home?

Eighteen of our young men and women in college or service will receive cookies from Faith UMC in late October, and the Loving Committee would like your help! If anyone would like to bake 3 dozen cookies to donate for this project, please bring the goodies to Faith Sunday, Oct. 22. We'll have a box for them in the Narthex. The cookies will be mailed that week.

Thank you in advance for your help in putting a smile on the faces of our young people!

The Loving Committee: Marla Buskohl; Donna Gillingham; Jan Bates; Barb Sims; Jean Deuth; Karen Scholl; Pastor Brian, Jean Frey.

COMBAT HUNGER



September needs for the Polo Lifeline are these:

Coffee	Cream of Chicken Soup
Tea bags	Bread
Cereal	Cheese
Spaghetti & sauce	Canned fruits
Canned tomato Products	Canned chicken
Mac & cheese	Canned carrots
Ketchup	Cake mix
Any boxed potatoes	Pancake mix
Soup	Deodrant, pain reliever
Peanut butter	Toilet Paper, wipes
French Style Green Beans	Deodorant

Monetary donations are always welcome. Thank you for supporting our local food pantry!

STRENGTHENING COMMUNITY

Mentoring Makes a Difference

The after-school study programs has been improved in several ways. We are initiating this program at Aplington Middle School to meet during the last period of Tuesday's, Wednesday's, and Thursday's at 2:15pm. The first day we had 5 students with some involved mothers. These kids were doing their homework. We need additional volunteers. Please consider meeting with these young people 1 day a week, every 2 weeks, one week a month, or whatever fits your schedule.

WE WANT ADULTS TO BECOME INVOLVED TO SHOW THESE YOUNG PEOPLE THAT WE CARE ABOUT THEIR FUTURES.

Please email Margaret Tyne at matyne511@yahoo.com or call [815.288.5351](tel:815.288.5351).

HAPPY 90TH BIRTHDAY, CATHRYN!

When the United Methodist Women met Thursday, September 21 for their salad luncheon and business meeting, one member was especially surprised! For dessert, an angel food cake with “90” candles and strawberry ice cream were served, and “Happy Birthday” was sung to a dear UMW member, Cathryn Styczynski. Enjoying the afternoon was Cathryn Styczynski, Jan Bates, Donna Deets, Jean Frey, Dorothy Kjolsing, Shirlene Lowe, Chris Printz, Margie Shore, Barb Sims, Ginny Snodgrass, Carolyn Sterenberg, Rosemary Troxel, Gladdy Typer, Kathy LeBaron and Diana Maginnis.



Catherine Styczynski



An Invitation For You...

United Methodist Women will have their next meeting October 12 at 1:30 in the Scout Room. The program will be presented by Gene and Sue Klock from East Jordan UMC about their work on the Board of the Midwest Distribution Center, Chatham, IL. This is one of the UMCOR “stations” in the midwest.

We extend the invitation for Faith UMC members and friends to hear this program, especially with all the UMCOR news on Facebook and social media since the floods, hurricanes, fires, and earthquakes in the news. You will hear up to date information from the Klocks about this benevolent organization supported by United Methodists. This will be an informal learning time, and questions will be welcomed.

The program will be at 1:30, and the regular business meeting will follow. United Methodist Women usually meet in the Scout Room, but if the room will be too crowded, we will meet in the sanctuary.

Jean Frey, Secretary

SECOND HAND ROSE



ADDITIONAL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
October 10-14, 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>	Annabelle Muench	Growing tensions and divisions in our country
Verla Attig	Eldon Ports	
Lenora Bakener	Arvilla Siddens	Our need for thoughtful political discourse
Kay Dillard	National and World Leaders	
Bill Ehmen		
Jean Frey	Our struggles to love our neighbors	
Faith Glaman		
Betty Good		
Harlan Long		
Nancy Mackey		
Wallace Mackey		



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

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

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



OCTOBER 2017 WORSHIP SERVANTS

Greeters:

10-01-17	Drew & Tena Terry Jim & Robin Jefford
10-08-17	Julie Bowers, Dorothy Kjolsing Beverly & Paul Wiemken
10-15-17	Judy Norris, Nancy Ocken Dan & Laura McKean
10-22-17	Tim & Jodi Merrell Tom & Marla Buskohl
10-29-17	Toby & Becky Handel Donna Gillingham, Jan Bates

OCTOBER UMW MEETING

	OCTOBER 12 1:30 pm Scout Room
Hostess:	Irene Attig
Program:	Midwest Distribution Center - part of UMCOR
Presenters:	Sue & Gene Klock
Devotions:	Jean Frey

AD COUNCIL MINUTES SEPTEMBER 18, 2017

Attendees: Nancy Ocken, Laura McKean, Ron Hammer, Margie Shore, Randy Hayes, Marla Buskohl, Phil Frey, Pastor Brian, Marilyn Sura

Phil Frey opened the meeting and led devotions. Pastor Brian offered a prayer.

August 21, 2017 minutes were approved.

Finance: Balance current fund (1,485.47). We need to pray for increased offerings. Ron passed out the estimated expenses budget for 2018 for review. Ron made a motion we adopt this budget to take to charge conference and Randy Hayes seconded it. Motion carried.

Serving: \$336 was raised for the Bill Hare Honduras fund and to date \$1,070 has been raised for UMCOR Hurricane Relief. Crop Walk will be on October 1, 2017. October Mission Focus will be the PADS shelter in Dixon and we are asking for pillows to be donated and brought to church on October 29.

Growing: Pastor Brian is still working on finding people to restart a children's Sunday School program. He welcomes suggestions. Dan and Ashley Deuth will be hosting a 5th Quarter Event after a football game in October.

Loving: Funeral Lunch policy is being reviewed. Cookies are being sent to college students in October. Pastor is visiting shut ins and will next go to Pinecrest. Marla is working on getting the PCCC Christmas Basket info from Karen Merlak.

Worship: The new TV's in the sanctuary were given by an anonymous donor.

Staff Parish: All the Meet and Greets were held and were well attended. People enjoyed connecting in a more informal environment. Church Conference will be held on November 26, the Sunday after Thanksgiving immediately following our worship service.

Trustees: The committee will be working on swapping a long pew for a shorter one to create space for people who use a walker or a wheelchair.

UMW: Sept. 21 there will be a salad luncheon and they will be celebrating Cathryn Styczinski's 90th birthday. Margie reported the group is getting smaller and it is hard to find people to contribute.

Pastor Brian asked about our past involvement in Town & Country Days. He suggested it could be a good idea to participate again as a way to acquaint our community with our church. More discussion was held about possibly doing a pancake supper as that had been so successful in the past. We need to get more people involved.

Pastor Brian is working on a Trunk or Treat event with the Boy Scouts for Halloween.

Next meeting is October 16, 2017.

Meeting closed with 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.

November Newsletter Deadline is October 16

STAY IN TOUCH

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5th Quarter Party!!!

after the Marco's–Wildcats football game

Friday October 20th



Doors open at 9:30PM or after the game is over

We will dismiss at 10:30 PM

Join us for FREE pizza,

pop and snacks

at Faith United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall

hosted by Pastor Brian LeBaron and friends

in the Lower Level.

For any and all Polo Students

High School, Junior High,

Come hang out and have FUN!!!

Trunk or Treat



WHY: To Provide A Safe and Fun Alternative !

WHEN: OCTOBER 31, 2017 4:30 - 6:00 pm

WHO: Children of all ages

WHAT: Trunks, Truck Beds, back of Vans, decorated
With various themes & stories and filled with treats.

****Volunteers Needed, Candy Donations Welcome****



Where: Pol o Methodist Church



Parking Lot
702 E Dixon, st
Pol o, IL 61064

