

# *Summit Congregational United Church of Christ*



## **“SUMMIT SPARKS”**

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summit calendar

Sep 2019 (Central Time - Chicago)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9 am - Adult Bible 10 am - Worship	2	3 1 pm - Pastor's 7 pm - Barbershoppe	4	5 5 pm - Exhibit Set-up	6 10 am - Embroidery	7 10 am - Embroidery
8 9 am - Adult Bible 9 am - Portraits for 10 am - Worship 11 am - B&G Meeting 11 am - Portraits for	9 9 am - Pastor's 12:30pm - Trustees 6:30pm - Diaconate	10 7 pm - Barbershoppe	11 7 pm - Opening	12 4 pm - American	13	14
15 9 am - Adult Bible 9 am - O/M/E 9 am - Portraits for 9 am - Sunday 10 am - Food Pantry 10 am - Worship 11 am - Portraits for	16 9 am - Pastor's 10 am - Christian 6:30pm - Council	17 7 pm - Barbershoppe	18	19 10 am - Women's	20	21
22 9 am - Adult Bible 10 am - Worship	23 9 am - Pastor's	24 7 pm - Barbershoppe	25	26	27 Sparks Articles Duel	28
29 9 am - Adult Bible 9 am - Sunday 10 am - Worship 11 am - Potluck	30 9 am - Pastor's	1 7 pm - Barbershoppe	2	3	4	5

## ***Sweet Inspirations ...***

***“How good and pleasant it is when God’s people live together in unity!”*** (Psalm 133:1 NIV)

In the United Church of Christ, though we have the autonomy of governing our individual churches, we vow to live in a covenantal relationship with the other churches and entities in the denomination. By living in covenant with the wider denomination we have the opportunity to join in celebration with each other’s successes and to uphold each other in times of struggle. It also allows us to work together through the various entities to join resources in order to provide opportunities and relief efforts much more so than we can do on our own.

This September 22<sup>nd</sup> will be one of those opportunities to live out that covenantal relationship as the Eastern Iowa Association of the Iowa Conference of the UCC gathers for its annual meeting to elect new officers, share happenings of the Association since the last meeting, and to look forward to how we are called to be the church as we step into the future. It is also an opportunity to learn and even grow. I will be attending that meeting and I welcome others to join me in this venture. Our church based on membership is allowed the minimum 2 adult delegates and 1 youth delegate with as many other visitors as we desire to send. Last year our youth who attended the regional youth event attended and shared their experience with those gathered at the annual meeting so that the Association could see how some of their dollars were spent in supporting our youth attending this event and to hopefully inspire others to get their youth involved with the wider church.

Besides the business portion of the meeting there will also be a workshop beginning at 1:30 given by Richard Bruxvoort Colligan. Richard is a psalmist making adventurous and imaginative music for the ever-evolving church.

A composer and musician, he serves across denominations inviting a perspective of lifelong spiritual formation to community singing.

Since 2004, his central vocation has been immersion in the Psalms, studying, teaching, singing and creating new congregational songs for all 150. He teaches Psalms at several seminaries, in workshop at events and local churches and he is the weekly Psalm Correspondent for the Pulpit Fiction podcast. This is a great opportunity to get to know our brothers and sisters in Christ as well as using our combined monies through our dues to learn and grow in both knowledge and spirituality; it may even spark our imagination and inspire us to live out our faith in a closer walk with God. Please let me know if you would like to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity so I can send in our reservations for the event. The actual meeting begins at 2:30 immediately following the workshop and is held at Zion UCC in Lowden where former student pastor Steve Stepp is serving as Pastor.

Also, our youth ages 12 – 22 will also have another opportunity to gather with the wider denomination this coming summer at the National Youth event which will be held at Purdue University in Indiana on July 22-25. Throughout the year they will be doing some fund raising in order to fund this trip beginning with helping with the church’s new pictorial directory. There they will have to meet other youth throughout the nation, worship, attend workshops and do community service projects as they take their faith beyond the church building.

In these times of so much divisiveness let us take these opportunities to come together to serve God, one another and all of creation. Above all may we always remember and live out the psalmist’s proclamation,

***“How good and pleasant it is when God’s people live together in unity!”*** (Psalm 133:1 NIV)  
***God’s peace be with you! – Pastor Karen***

**Women's Fellowship**

Judy Trent

**SAVE THE DATE!**

Thurs, Sept 19th

A 10 AM meeting at church w/lunch to follow at Happy Joes

**SAVE THE DATE!**

Starting Sun, sept 22nd can bring sale items to church for Thrift Sale

**SAVE THE DATE!**

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11<sup>th</sup> ... Summit Church Thrift and Bake Sale 8 AM to 1 PM

Saturday, October 12<sup>th</sup> ... Sale 8 AM to noon

Work days are Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday 10 to 3 PM, Oct 7th, 8th, 10th with  
Wed, Oct 9th as a baking day at home.

Come help set-up and join us for lunch each workday and coffee anytime! The  
Fellowship is awesome, the lunches delicious (sign-up if you want to bring a  
favorite dish or dessert to share for lunch).

ALL ARE WELCOME!

**SAVE THE DATE!**

Thursday, October 17th Women's Fellowship meeting at church w/celebration of our  
mission to do God's work.

**SAVE THE DATE!**

Thursday, November 21st meeting at church at 10 am w/potluck to follow and Bingo.  
Please bring at least 2 white elephants wrapped for prizes.

Thursday, December 12th a 10 AM meeting at church w/Christmas devotions and  
festivities.

Come join us!  
Hope to see you!  
God Bless

**Building and Grounds**

At, this time we are getting estimates for a new coffee door price range is 2,000 - 3,000 dollars or  
possibly more.

Parking lot needs some repairs and lines painted will be getting estimates for this job also.

Fellowship Hall and hall ways need another estimate before they can be painted. Thanks to all the people  
who help keep our church looking beautiful.

Carrie

<b><u>September Birthdays</u></b>		20 <sup>th</sup> Ellie Craff
5 <sup>th</sup> Jo Green		21 <sup>st</sup> Carolanne Schuster
9 <sup>th</sup> Jan Avenarius		Adrienne Bode
11 <sup>th</sup> Andrew Donner		29 <sup>th</sup> Brian Donner
14 <sup>th</sup> Evelyn Guerske		30 <sup>th</sup> Fran Jones
15 <sup>th</sup> Dona Rogers		<b><u>September Anniversaries</u></b>
		1 <sup>st</sup> Julia & Joe Feltes
		24 <sup>th</sup> Henry & Carrie Peppmeier

**Scheduled Committee Meetings** Please remember that **ALL committee and council meetings are open to the congregation.**

Sunda8, Sept. 8	11 am	Building and Grounds meeting
Monday, Sept. 9	12:30 pm	Trustees meeting
Monday, Sept. 9	6:30 pm	Diaconate meting
Sunday, Sept. 15	9 am	O/M/E meeting
Monday, Sept. 16	10:30 am	Christian Ed. meeting
Monday, Sept. 16	6:30 pm	Council meeting

**Important Calendar Dates:**

Friday, Saturday, Sept 6,7	10 am—4 pm	Embroidery Guild of America Exhibit
Sunday, Sept, 8, 15	9 am, 11 am	Portraits for Directory
Wednesday, Sept. 11	7 pm	Opening Doors Presentation
Thursday, Sept. 12	4 pm	American Legion Auxiliary meeting
Thursday, Sept. 19	10 AM	Women's Fellowship

## Let's Celebrate the Beginning of the Church School Year!

*On Sunday September 29<sup>th</sup>*

*We will be celebrating the beginning of the church school year beginning with Sunday School at 9:00 a.m.. Then we will have a special worship service to be held in Fellowship Hall followed by a potluck with Christian Education Committee providing chicken from the Pizza Ranch and a Cake for dessert. Following the potluck there will be a sing-along as well as supplies for games and crafts activities. Come and be a part of this celebration and bring a friend!*

## ***All Saints Day Worship Service-Sunday November 2, 2019***

*On this day we will be remembering those who have gone on before us and have passed on their faith to us. In particular we will be naming and lighting a candle for those who have died since November 1, 2018 to the present. I have the information of church members who have passed on, but if you have a close relative who has died since that date and would like that person lifted up in this service, please send a note or email to the church or drop a note in the offering plate stating the individuals name, birth and death date and how the individual is related to you.*

## **CROP Walk 2019** **Sunday October 6<sup>th</sup>**

The walk will begin at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church at 1:00 p.m. and will go to Murphy Park where walkers will turn around and end at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. A lunch will be served at noon prior to the walk. We will be needing walkers, sponsors and prayers.

Greg Hansen will be our walk recruiter  
with the assistance of Steve Bruse.  
Please see Greg or Steve for more details.

## **AUG. 2019– Diaconate Sparks**

Diaconate met on Monday August 12. Its been a quiet summer, the biggest things for us have been Pastor's Surgeries. Two down one to go.

A big thank you to Pastor Greg Parker, and Revs Ken and Nancy Bickel who helped cover for Pastor's second surgery. Also would like to thank Steve Bruse and Terry Boleyn for being able and willing to help them out. THANK YOU!!!

Also want to give Christie a big shout out for tackling revising and updating our activity bags for the youth. Thanks for your help with this, it is much appreciated.

We will be planning ahead for Pastor's last surgery. After that she will be good as new! (right??)  
We are also looking for volunteers to learn the sound system and how to record the services. So if you feel you would like to give it a whirl let Pastor, any Diaconate member or Merlin know and we will set something up for training

Its that time of year that all the committees will be looking to replace those that will be vacating their current positions. (We will have 2 terms that will be completed in Diaconate alone). So if there is a committee that you want to try on for size, I highly encourage you to do so. Be prayerful about it, and God will help direct you to best serve him and his Church.

Dates to keep in mind November 2 we will have a special service for "All Saints Day". More info to come. And believe it or not, Advent is right around the corner, so stay tuned for more.....

Diaconate is planning on meeting on September 9th at 6:30pm.

Respectfully submitted by: Beth Boleyn

## **It's a Brand New Day!**

As of early this month, Summit has crossed a boundary as we paid off our mortgage! WE ARE NOW DEBT FREE! We are working on plans to have a formal "mortgage burning celebration".

The trustees have decided to continue having the BUILDING FUND as a line item on our pledge and giving opportunities. The change is that those so designate funds will be used for building maintenance instead of mortgage. If you have been paying attention, we are now seeing a significant number of repair/replace items popping up in our discussions and minutes. There are some items being discussed that have not been committed to yet. Let's face it, our building is 22 years old! None of the maintenance projects are low cost.

The bottom line is that we are asking you to continue to give to the building fund and ponder how we might expand our ministry if we should determine that we ave the funds to do so.

## Farewell to Pat Scott

*"In our end is our beginning ... In our death a resurrection at the last a victory"*

*Pat's Journey on earth began on May 24, 1937*

*and ended on Saturday July 6, 2019*

*"I am the resurrection and the life.*

*The one who believes in me will live, even though they die;"*

*John 11:25 (NIV)*

## ***It's Time for a NEW Photo Directory!***

***Sunday, September 8 & 15***

*The MS/HS Youth will be taking photos for the new directory. We will be set up in the fellowship hall and available 9-10am and 11-noon each day to take your photo. We will be using the green wall as a background to show off your smile. Dress is up to you - formal or informal we just want to make sure you are included, members, family of members, and those of you who consider Summit your church family! If you are unable to attend - let Steff know and she will make other arrangements with you. You can also provide a photo for us to use if you have a recent image you like. Digital files of the images will be made available when we are done so you can print what you want. If you need help with that let us know!*

*We will also be updating addresses, phone numbers, & emails for inclusion in the directory and birthdays and anniversaries for a separate document. You will be able to state which information can be shared. Birthdays and anniversaries are shared in the newsletter monthly so we can help you celebrate if given permission to share that information. Can't wait to see your smile!!*

***WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 11, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.***

***Opening Doors Presentation with a Q & A to Follow***

***Hosted by O/M/E***

*Come and learn about their programs, especially their Third Door and how we might support this important mission work.*



## **CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES** August 26, 2019

Present: Pastor Karen, Everett and Fran Jones, Marty Wepking, Carrie Peppmeier, Shirley Hansen, Judy Trent, Terry Boleyn and Flora Brown

Pastor Karen opened the meeting with a prayer. Minutes from the June meeting were reviewed, Fran motioned to accept the minutes as written, Carrie seconded and the motion carried.

### **Trustees:**

A CD from Premier Bank came due in July. It was for 13 months @ \$10,279.58. After some discussion it was decided to go with another 13 month CD at Premier Bank with an interest rate of 1.0%. It will come due on August 4, 2020. After discussion, it was approved that Judy Prochaska would call Premier Bank to obtain the mortgage payoff. The receipt of \$5000 from Jackie Daykin's Trust and \$15,305.00 from Arlene Dieterich has all been placed in the savings account. The back flow has been completed. \$50.00(partial payment) has been received from Ruth Lyons for rental of the Fellowship Hall in September. The Dubuque Fire Equipment came on July 15 to inspect the fire extinguishers. Regarding the painting of the Fellowship Hall ceiling, it was suggested that B & G obtain an estimate to remove the popcorn ceiling prior to the painting. The Community Development Foundation informed us that their annual payout starting in 2020 will be reduced from 5% to 4.25%, The committee looked at their roster for the upcoming year and will be checking/asking for possible members.

### **Diaconate:**

Pulpit supply was taken care of during Pastor Karen's absence. The committee is working on getting the piano tuned. The committee also discussed how taking up the offering has changed--(placing offering in plates as you exit the sanctuary)--they haven't heard any complaints. The youth will have some involvement in church service once a month. Upcoming event is All Saints Day on November 2.

### **Christian Ed:**

Pastor Karen has purchased new Sunday school material called, "All In One Sunday School" that can be used for children 4-12 years of age. This could last for two years as they meet every other week. Sunday school starts on September 15. Worship will be in Fellowship Hall on September 29, followed by a potluck meal. Christian Ed will provide the chicken. This committee will check their supplies at the next meeting and purchase what is needed. The Tuesday "House Group" bible study is looking to start the first week of October. The adult class continues to meet.

### **B & G:**

The committee is currently working on getting quotes to fix the coffee door. The parking lot needs to be checked again and the lines need to be painted before winter. Also still looking into the track lights for Fellowship Hall. The gutters need to be checked and there are a couple trees that need to be removed before winter.

### **O/M/E:**

The committee finalized plans for the upcoming presentation on September 11. Ann from Opening Doors will be speaking at 7 pm. Dan Zauche will be coming to speak about the Growing Hope Project, which helps with various projects in Third World countries. This committee will be donating \$250(from their budget) to be put towards the Crop Walk. Greg Hansen will be the chairperson for Crop Walk.

### **Women's Fellowship:**

The ladies are discussing/getting bids for repairs and painting of the two main halls, the library and Pastor's office. This committee has agreed to fund this project. Two oven liners have been purchased for use in the kitchen. Dates were reaffirmed for the Fall Thrift and Bake Sale which are, October 11 and 12. The committee is still collecting basket items for the basket sale at the thrift sale. Also collecting

school supplies that will be for Jefferson. Show and tell at the last meeting was very interesting and fun. The November meeting will include white elephants and a potluck. The ladies are looking for ideas for the December meeting. The committee discussed possibly doing something for the shut ins for birthdays/anniversaries, beginning in January 2020.

### **Pastor's Report:**

Marty Wepking, George Lawver and Pastor Karen have agreed to serve on a committee to discuss church safety and have met on two occasions and came up with some recommendations not only about adult violent intruder but for fire safety and tornado and severe weather precautions and will present those to Council. Maxine has completed her SPM with us but Pastor is still serving as her mentor as she continues through the denominational process for Member in Discernment. Pastor Karen completed an evaluation for Maxx for CCAM which is the committee responsible for reviewing her progress and assessing her fitness for ordained ministry. Maxx will be meeting with the committee on September 14, 2019 @ 9:40 am. in Des Moines for her ordination interview. As her mentor, Pastor will be accompanying her to that meeting. As a church that helped support Maxx during this discernment process, Pastor asks that we keep Maxx in our prayers. She has already begun a motorcycle ministry in the Dubuque area and has a Facebook page for it.

The Pastor Congregation Relations Committee met on Sunday, July 14, after worship. Overall, they felt that all was going well. Pastor Karen expressed her gratitude for the support and patience that she received from this congregation through all her current health issues. Pastor had her hernia surgery on August 14 and has returned to work on August 26. The left hip replacement surgery is scheduled for October 8. Kaity Kemp will fill the pulpit on October 13. We will be updating our pictorial directory and doing it in house. Pastor texted Steffany about the church directory and since the school year got away from her she is suggesting September 8 and 15 for pictures. Our youth will do most of the work for checking in and finding out who wants access to be able to get their own pictures printed to keep things running smoothly. Even Milana knows how to take pictures so she may have her assist with this aspect. We will give her fee to the youth as a fund raiser toward their trip to Purdue for National Youth Event in 2020. Steff will still be there and oversee what is going on and put the directory together. Church Council agreed this was a good idea. Pastor has asked Steffany to put together an announcement for the Sparks and Sunday announcements. Christy Heller has gone through the art bags in the sanctuary and cleared them of used items and got them restocked so we can give them out to youth who come to worship. We only needed to get 5 clipboards and 9 pencil/crayon sharpeners for the bags. Pastor officiated a non-member wedding on July 27 at the Arboretum for Ashley McAllister and Brandon Holz.

### **Old Business:**

Checking into having the audit of Women's Fellowship books done at the same time Trustee's gets theirs done. An information sheet/guideline to follow will be put together to go into the pictorial directory. Also, still looking into following up with Prevention and Awareness Policy Committee.

### **New Business:**

October 20 is the election meeting. Committee rosters need to be reviewed. Sparks articles are due Friday, August 30. Next meeting—Monday, September 16 at 6:30 pm. Marty adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted, Flora Brown, Clerk

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