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Maquoketa
United Church of Christ
God is still speaking



Transitions

At a recent lunch with some of my Maquoketa clergy colleagues, I joked that if you make one transition, you might as well make several. Well, Maquoketa United Church of Christ, we are succeeding on that front! We have said goodbye to Sherri Oswalt in her role as our church administrator and good luck in her new job at Imagine the Possibilities. Now she *just* gets to be a church member. Of course, I have given you my resignation as pastor, with a new ministry to begin in Niantic, CT come November. The council is beginning to review profiles for an incoming interim minister. We are welcoming Amanda Koch to our church team, who is easing into Sherri's job with aplomb. And to top it off, Buildings and Grounds are currently putting the final touches on our platform lift project. If you make one transition, why not make five?

In the midst of all this, I've had some moments of anxiety—as I'm sure you can imagine. I pray daily for our moderator Caroline Bybee, who is handling our transitions with grace and detail. On the whole, though, things are falling into place. The right people show up at the right time. When someone is tired, another person steps in to lead for a while. Decisions are being made, energy is moving forward, money is being spent, snafus are being negotiated. I'm not sure how I imagined the last three months of life to be here, but this is beyond my expectations. While I prepare to leave this community, our balloon is not slowly deflating. On the contrary, it's expanding. There's new energy afoot. A new sense that the Spirit is not done with us yet. And that inspires me. You—you inspire me.

Whether it's church or the change we can see coming around the corner, we have nothing to fear.

God has a hold of us, and all things—eventually—come to good.

Giving thanks to God for you, my church.

With love,

Pastor Stephanie



The Open and Affirming committee and the Maquoketa Public Library welcome you to a free public screening of "Love, Simon" on Friday, September 21st at 7:00 p.m. in the library. Popcorn and other refreshments will be served.

"Love, Simon" is a romantic comedy-drama about a gay teenager coming out in high school. A surprise hit and a critical success, join us to watch!



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312 Student School Supply Bags
40 Brand New Back Packs
Lot's of smile's From Kids and
Parents



Meal Deal

With the beginning of choir practice and our fall schedule, we will begin serving Meal Deal on Wednesday, September 5th.

As in the past, the first Wednesday each month will be a potluck. A volunteer is needed to be “coordinator” for organizing the potlucks each week.

The remaining Wednesdays folks will be asked to sign up to prepare a meal for everyone.

A sign up sheet for cooks and coordinators will be on the bulletin board outside Stephanie’s office.

Thanks to all who have helped in previous years whether it was coming to eat, cooking, or washing dishes. We look forward to seeing you in September!



Soon after the terrorist attacks on September 11th, 2001, a group of church folks in a meeting discussed a possible response.

A group began meeting at 7:00 a.m. on Thursdays to share a prayer time. At the present time we continue to meet on Thursdays, but now come at 8:00 a.m..

Those presently attending have wondered if other folks would like to be a part of this practice. If you would like to join us but prefer a different day or time, please leave your name and phone number or email address in the church office.



First day of Sunday School is September 9th.

Come join us for an intergenerational gathering in the downstairs room at 9am. The Education Board will provide a light breakfast, prayer, fellowship and perhaps a game.

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: The next Education Board meeting is Sept. 9th after the worship service. :
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A big thank you to our Church Family for taking part in the celebration of our 50th anniversary -- with good wishes, cards and sharing cake at Coffee Fellowship!

The Maquoketa UCC has been our Church Family for forty-five of these past fifty years!

Carol and Tom Breuch

September 20

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu
2 10:00 a Worship 11:45 a Qigong	3 6:00 p Karate Club	4 7:30 p Yoga	5 7:30 a Centering Prayer 10:00 a Spiritual Outreach 5:00 p Meal Deal (potluck) 6:00 p Centering Prayer 7:00 p Choir Rehearsal 8:00 p Alcoholics Anonymous	6 8:00 a 9:00 a 6:00 p 7:00 p
9 9:00 a Sunday School 10:00 a Worship 11:45 a Qigong	10 6:00 p Karate Club	11 9:00 a Ministerial Association Meeting 5:00 p PPRC 7:30 p Yoga	12 7:30 a Centering Prayer 9:30 a Women's Fellowship 10:00 a Spiritual Outreach 1:00 p Worship Committee 5:00 p Meal Deal 6:00 p Centering Prayer 7:00 p Choir rehearsal 8:00 p Alcoholics Anonymous	13 8:00 a 6:00 p 7:00 p
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23 9:00 a Sunday School 10:00 a Worship w/ Baptisms 11:45 a Qigong	24 6:00 p Karate Club	25 7:30 p Yoga	26 7:30 a Centering Prayer 6:00 p Centering Prayer 7:00 p Choir Rehearsal 8:00 p Alcoholics Anonymous	27 8:00 a 6:00 p
30 9:00 a Sunday School 10:00 a Worship 11:45 a Qigong Open House Celebration Time: TBA				

Service Committee

Marie Holst & Karen McClintock

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	Fri	Sat
		1 7:00 p Narcotics Anonymous
a Morning Prayer a By Laws	7	8
p Karate Club p Council meeting		7:00 p Narcotics Anonymous
Morning Prayer	14	15
Karate Club Church Council Mtg		7:00 p Narcotics Anonymous
Morning Prayer	21	22
Karate Club By Laws	7:00 p "Love, Simon" movie at the Maquoketa Public Library	7:00 p Narcotics Anonymous
Morning Prayer	28	29
Karate Club		7:00 p Narcotics Anonymous

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September 2

- WC Sam Sandberg
- GR David & Roberta Rosheim
- WL Chris Tubbs

September 9

- WC Mary Hayward
- GR Oswalt family
- WL Marilyn Deegan

September 16

- WC Bill Schwenker
- GR Jean Claeys & Joyce Den Herder
- WL David Manning

September 23

- WC Barry Francois
- GR Connie Francois & Elaine Tubbs
- WL Karen McClintock

September 30

- WC Steve Tubbs
- GR Ann Miller & Phyllis Rockwell
- WL Bonnie Schwenker



Sherri Oswalt	September 3
Marilyn Dietz	September 5
Ronelle Clark	September 7
Kaitlyn Luett	September 9
Jennie Stewart	September 12
Jim Mayberry	September 13
Delaney Clark	September 14
Jacob Nabb	September 15
Jacob Francois	September 16
Karen Garien	September 16
Anna Miller	September 19
Bel Tubbs	September 28
Roberta Rosheim	September 29



Dates to Remember:

Choir Resumes September 9th
 Sunday School Starts September 9th
 Open House September 30th

Need a ride?

If you need help in getting to worship,
 or other church events
 Please call David Manning at
 563-652-3089.



Council Minutes

The council minutes will be posted on
 the bulletin board outside Pastor
 Stephanie's office after they have
 been approved by the council.

Buildings and Grounds

A big “thank you” to Bill McClintock for mowing the grass all summer, it has been greatly appreciated!

Lift Project comes to an end.....

When the construction finally ended, there was a layer of dust on many areas of the church! Allison Bock shampooed the fellowship hall and entry way carpet. Volunteers began some of the cleanup Tuesday August 14th. Twelve people finished the top-to-bottom deep cleaning (and some rearranging) of the fellowship hall, chapel, basement Butterscotch (prayer) room, and the north storage room. It was a VERY productive day!

Thank you to ALL the volunteers who helped and also those who brought desserts. AS always, our custodian Carolyn does a great job keeping our church clean on a regular basis.

The new roll-up blinds were installed in the fellowship hall. Wall décor will be decided soon.

Congratulations to our, Noah Nabb, Jacob Nabb and Casey Bock for the success in their 4-H fair projects!

Submitted by Geni Carr



Beginning August 23rd, the secretary's office hours changed to Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. until noon. We hope that this will make answering mail and phone messages more timely. There will be times that those hours might be altered slightly and will be posted beforehand when possible. Feel free to call ahead to check hours before coming in if you need to see the secretary. ** Please note the secretary will not be in on September 3rd **

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