

MAQUOKETA UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



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# From the Pastor—Change, Challenge and Promise

Blessings Church Family and Friends in the name of the Triune God.

May the glory of God's grace, peace, and justice be with you all! I hope this letter finds you all in good health as our summer begins to wane. In August I had two weeks vacation. Before I left there started to be an increase in the Delta variant of the Coronavirus that has attacked our world.

As we lament and worry "what will happen next," I want to urge everyone to "lean on the everlasting arms of God." It sounds pat, but as Christians we know that we are called to be God's children, even when life is tough, especially when life is tough. We also have each other. We are not just a congregation of strangers, we are a family. We are God's hands and feet upon the earth as disciples of Jesus Christ our Savior. Truly the rules did not change, love God, Love one another, all in God's kin-dom. We will walk forward in our journey together upon the earth, yes we will stumble, yes it may seem somewhat unsurmountable; but we have each other here with us, perhaps not on the same exact path, but on the same journey. I pray that you cling to your loved ones, cling to your belief in God, and vent when you need to, excuse your humanness when things go awry.

### Announcements:

We will collect loose offerings for the next few weeks in order to support the Heartland East Playground. Our church has pledged \$1000 toward the goal. The Maquoketa ministerial association is sponsoring this project. Please be generous.



#### Appeal for Haiti The United Church of Christ is issuing <u>a call to</u> action to help the people of Haiti A massive

action to help the people of Haiti. A massive 7.2 earthquake on August 14th has killed nearly 1,300 people. To donate to this appeal, use this link and designate the gift to "Haiti Appeal." One can also mail a check made payable to the United Church of Christ, to 700 Prospect Ave., Cleveland, OH 44115. Be sure to note "Haiti Appeal" on your check in the memo section, or in an attached letter.

## **Reminder:**

On September 4th @ 3:00p.m. is the Celebration of Life for Marilyn Deegan here in our sanctuary. We are once again masking for worship services.
 Following there will be music and fellow-

ship at the Maquoketa Art Experience, from 5:00 –9:00 p.m.

#### **Church Office Hours**

Tuesday-Friday

9am-12pm

**Pastor's Office Hours** 

Tuesday-Friday

9am-12pm or by appointment

563-652-4296

## Thank you

http://www.facebook.com/magucc/

For keeping those in need, in your thoughts and prayers!

#### **Attention Members:**

Anyone wishing to sing with the choir, we rehearse every Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m. Please Join us! Sue Sandburg

		Se	eptember :	2021			Service Chairs:
			- eta United Chui				Marie Holst Carol Breuch
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
			1	2	3	4	Thank you!!!
			7:oopm Choir Rehearsal	6:30pm Centering Prayer		3:00pm Celebration of Life—Marilyn Deegan	From the Ecumenical Jackson     Co. School Supplies Project
5	6	7	8	9 Treasure Sale	10 Treasure Sale	11 Treasure Sale	Co. School Supplies Project, for all the donations!!
10:00 a.m. Worship WC- Mary Hayward			7:oopm Choir Rehearsal	8:00–5:00 5:00pm Council Meet- ing 6:30pm Centering	8:00 –4:00	8:00 –noon	<ul> <li>Please keep all the teachers and students in your prayers.</li> </ul>
12 10:00 a.m. Worship WC– Tom Breuch	13	14	1510:00 a.m. Wom- en's Fellowship 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	1б 6:30pm Centering Prayer	17	18	back to
19	20	21	22	23	24	25	School
10:00 a.m. Worship			7:00pm Choir	6:30pm Centering			
WC– John Dague			Rehearsal	Prayer			
26	27	28	29	30			
10:00 a.m. Worship WC– Barry Francois			7:oopm Choir Rehearsal	6:30pm Centering Prayer			

Weekly Community Events: Monday & Thursday—Karate @ 6:30pm Wednesday @ 7pm AA & Al-Anon



Delaney Clark—14

Jacob Nabb—15

Karen Garien—16

Anna Miller—19

Bel Tubbs-28

Roberta Roshiem—29

Kiri Barker—2	
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Sherri Oswalt—3

Marilyn Dietz—5

Ronelle Clark—7

Mel Tone—10

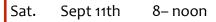
Jennie Stewart—12

Jim Mayberry—13

#### **TREASURE SALE**

Thurs. Sept 9th 8 - 5

Fri. Sept 10th 8-4



A portion of the sales goes to local missions.

Volunteers appreciated!!

Committee: Geni Carr, Dianne Barker, Karen McClintock and Marie Holst



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The Church's leadership will keep your safety in mind and remain fluid as circumstances change, monthly, weekly, daily. For those of you with internet access we hope to begin a Bible study and other ways to be in fellowship with each other.

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And remember beloveds, if you are in need; reach out to me or the office, I am here for you and only a phone call away.

Shalom! Pastor Maxx

Sunday September 5, 2021, we will be having a special Blessing for our Students, Teachers, and Workers during our regular monthly communion Worship. Please bring in your; backpacks, briefcases, monthly planners, work-boots, and/or hats, and set them on the chancel space indicated before worship.

September is Suicide Prevention Month

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline: 1-800-273-8255