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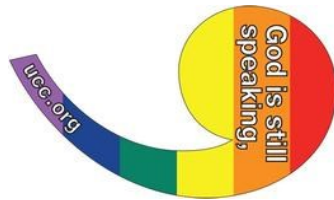
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From the Pastor—Change, Challenge and Promise

Greetings in the name of our Triune God,

Blessings on you and yours. We continue to have many changes affect us during this pandemic. Covid has challenged us here and while it has been quite the difficult trial, this vibrant church has met those challenges and our missions continue to grow! We have much to be thankful for in our church's lay leadership. Groups, committees, and council members have stepped up and into the unique new world we live in today.

While not everyone is ready to return yet, and we all respect that decision, we have moved ahead with our best Covid protocols in place. Communion, passing of the peace, and collection of pledges all are done in new and different ways. We wear masks in the building and honor those who are at greater risk. We hum to the music that the Choir sings in their N95 masks. These best practices show the loving concern we have for one-another. Adult Sunday School has begun on October 17th as well as a return to fellowship after worship. We continue to move slowly into who we will become as a congregation. This is a difficult time but you all have done so much as you honor God and one-another, thank you all for sticking with us during these changes.

It's harvest time again! A time to reflect on the many Gifts we receive from God. We celebrate as a nation, Thanksgiving Day, on November 25. Our church will be dedicating our pledges for the 2022 calendar year and celebrating our Harvest Day, "Rooted in Love", on November 21 with worship at 10:00 a.m. and a Thanksgiving Dinner at 5:00 p.m.

Friendly Reminder to All Who Support

The Maquoketa United Church of Christ

Please join us in worship on Nov 21, as we thank you for the gifts to the church during this past year and dedicate your pledges for 2022. You will receive information on the opportunity to make your commitment in a mailing in early November. We appreciate all the support you have each shown, in so many ways, to our mission.

Stewardship Committee:

Karen McClintock

James and Marilyn Dean



ATTENTION:

- * **Adult Bible Study and Fellowship has begun, following proper COVID protocol. Sunday Mornings at 8:45 a.m. in the Church Parlor.**
- * **Wednesdays 6:00-6:45 p.m. In person, Centering Prayer (Butterscotch Room) in the lower level.**
- * **The Maquoketa Community Cupboard has added Tuesday evenings to their schedule for those unable to get food on Friday mornings.**



Averi Barker	1	Sydney Clark	12
Allison Tubbs	1	David Manning	18
Sue Wagner	3	Ted Maze	22
Gina Ellerbach-Tone	4	David Rosheim	22
Chuck Jorgensen	9		

TREASURE SALE NEWS:

Yet another successful Treasure Sale! The mid October sale brought in close to \$1200, with early sales added into the total.

During the sale a large bag of clothes was donated to a person in need. After the sale 2 large totes of clothes were donated to the school nurses (they keep all sizes of extra clothing at each building). Many bags were sent to the Salvation Army.

A wish list for “how to disperse the proceeds” is being considered and will be presented at the November Council meeting. There will be a small shopping area set up in the basement for on-going sales with the honor system “money can”.

THANK YOU! to all who donated items and continue to donate items or worked for the Treasure Sales.

Treasure Sale Committee: Geni, Dianne, Marie, and Mary

From the Pastor—continued

This will also be our first joined dinner with the UCC Pohnpei folks, who now worship in our sanctuary. What an exciting time in the life of this church, who has always lived a culture of generosity. My heart smiles with the love and spirit that is our congregation.

Just a few reminders; November 1 is All Saints Day. This is a Christian celebration of all of the Saints of the church, whether they are known or unknown. It is our tradition to remember our loved ones on this day and celebrate in worship on the closest Sunday. We will honor our Saints who have passed this year. All members who have lost a loved one may place a picture on the Altar or bulletin board, light a candle, or meditate in worship with the congregation on October 31st, at the 10:00 Worship Service.

Also note that Daylight Savings time ends on November 7th.

On November 28, we begin our Advent Season. I am hoping some of you and your family would like to participate in the Candle Lighting Ceremony for Advent. I will need four families to help lead *Jesus the Light of the World*, a Responsive Litany and Prayer.

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

United Church of Christ Maquoketa Pohnpei

UCCMP: Pastor Eliam

Worship: Sunday at 1:00 p.m.

Fellowship: 3:00 p.m. For Special Occasions

November 21, 2021 (3rd Sunday) join the combined congregations for Thanksgiving Dinner - 5:00 p.m.



Spiritual Outreach Committee:

The following list of thoughts/ideas that might be helpful in moving forward as a church was created by the Spiritual Outreach committee. We decided to allow the Holy Spirit do her work and guide interested folks to pick up on any ideas with which they might want to become involved. They are given in love....may they be accepted in love.

- Make connections with persons who have not been in church....a phone call or a visit. Building a relationship with the pastor or a church member is a step toward opening up, if a person is having a difficult time.
- Invite people to any space away from the church building and have informal conversations on whatever anyone wants to talk about. Relationships can be built and loneliness lessened.
- Be aware of what congregants need and fill those needs when possible, such as a warm home cooked meal, monthly blood pressure checks, running errands for those who don't drive, etc.
- Talk with church community individuals one on one to see what is needed from the church.

It is our wish to have church members and guests excited about our church and experience a feeling of acceptance, excitement, and peace. It is hoped that with those feelings, we will talk to friends and neighbors about our church and that enthusiasm will be contagious !

Blessings,

Spiritual Outreach Team



Announcements:

- Thanksgiving Dinner will be held Sunday November 21, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.



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- Wednesdays 6:00-6:45 p.m. In person, Centering Prayer (Butterscotch Room) in lower level.
- Centering Prayer with Dan Thursday's online @ 6:30p.m. Join Zoom meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/95095685307>pwd=MU9SZTRMZkRyQ3FwY1MxMEZwZzVpUT09

Meeting ID 950 9568 5307 Passcode: 1me1Qd

Church Office Hours

Tuesday-Friday

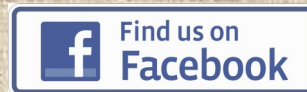
9am-noon

Pastor's Office Hours

Tuesday-Friday

9am-noon or by appointment

563-652-4296



<http://www.facebook.com/maqucc/>

Attention Members:

Salvation Army Bell Ringing Ministry/2021 Red Kettle Campaign.

Please call the Church Office to sign-up: 563-652-4296

Thank you Notes:

Spiritual Outreach Committee, thank you for keeping up the spirits of our shut-ins with fall mums. Thank you for all the caring and hard work you do!!



Thank you to all who provided food, help, or cash for the Sunday evening take-out meal on October 24. The weather was terrible, but 70 meals were requested and given out. Let's hope the next time our turn rolls around we are able to sit down with our guests in the First Lutheran fellowship hall.

Karen Manning

NOVEMBER 2021

Maquoketa United Church of Christ

SUN	MON	TUE	Wed	Thu	FRI	SAT
Every Sunday: 8:45am Adult Bible Study and Fellowship, Church Parlor. Coffee Fellowship after services	1	2	3 7:00 pm Choir Practice 6:00-6:45 pm Centering Prayer in the Butter-scotch room	4 6:30 pm Centering Prayer – online	5	6
7 10:00 a.m. Worship WC-John Dague 12-4 UCCMP Worship	8	9 Maquoketa Ministerial Association Meeting 9:30 am	10 Pastor Maxx Emergency Coverage DeWitt UCC 7:00 pm Choir Practice 6:00-6:45 pm Centering	11 Pastor Maxx Emergency Coverage DeWitt UCC 5:00 pm Council Meeting	12 Pastor Maxx Emergency Coverage DeWitt UCC	13 Pastor Maxx Emergency Coverage DeWitt UCC
14 Pastor Maxx Emergency Coverage DeWitt UCC 10:00 a.m. Worship WC-Steve Tubbs 12-4 UCCMP Worship	15 Pastor Maxx Emergency Coverage DeWitt UCC Newsletter Deadline	16 Pastor Maxx Emergency Coverage DeWitt UCC	17 7:00 pm Choir Practice 6:00-6:45 pm Centering Prayer in the Butter-scotch room	18 6:30 pm Centering Prayer –online	19	20
21 10:00 a.m. Worship WC-Tom Breuch 12-4 UCCMP Worship 5:00pm Thanksgiving Dinner	22	23	24 No Choir Practice 6:00-6:45 pm Centering Prayer in the Butter-scotch room	25 No Centering Prayer THANKSGIVING	26	27
28 10:00 a.m. Worship WC-Mary Hayward 12-4 UCCMP Worship	29	30				

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

Service Chairs:

Mary Hayward

Karen Manning

Come Join Us!

Coffee Fellowship following Sunday Church services in the Belva Duncan Room.

Nov 7, Marie Holst,

Nov 14, Marilyn Dean,

Nov 21, No Coffee/Thanksgiving Dinner,

Nov 28, Sarah Hobbs.

