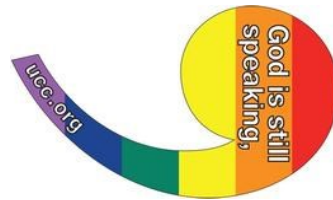


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## MAQUOKETA UNITED CHURCH of CHRIST

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OCTOBER, 2021

We have installed a new mailbox in the choir hallway. Please check your own mailbox for items and feel free to grab mail for someone else. You can either mail it to them, or personally deliver their mail....

Thanks Much!!!



### Contemplative Procedure

If this is something you might be interested in, there is an opportunity for people in our conferences to gather for the purpose of engaging in contemplative practices together, to set intentions for another week, and to become equipped to lead similar gatherings in their own communities and contexts. The gatherings will happen every Monday on Zoom from October 4—November 8. Please contact Maxx for registration information.

Maquoketa's Tapestry Singers will be using the sanctuary for rehearsals on Thursday at 11:30 beginning Sept. 30 until the Maquoketa Art Experience building has re-opened.



## From the Pastor: Change, Challenge and Promise

Greetings in the name of our Teacher, Jesus Christ,

I hope this finds everyone in good health as once again we are struggling through an era of CoVid as the numbers for Iowa are on a quick increase. Many of us are frightened, many are despondent, and some are not worried; but there are changes taking place in all of the settings in which we live. My hope for you is that if you feel troubled, you will reach out to each other. As the Post-Pentecost year continues and we reflect on the work of the Spirit around us, may we remember we are a resurrection people. Take a good look around you and you will still see the Holy at work through the people.

God is good, God is good always!

Several months ago, I was approached by the Micronesian pastor of the United Church of Christ, Maquoketa, of Pohnpei about sharing access to our sanctuary. At the time we were still under construction with our Sanctuary remodel and updates.

After many months, and a mostly completed sanctuary remodel, we finally were able to move forward and meet together. Their vision is one of church sharing. They need a church home that is appropriate for their necessities in a small, poor, church with only 30 members. Our council met to look at setting up a trial period and crafting a Memorandum of Understanding between our two entities with thoughtful reflection on how they would be using our sacred spaces within the church building.

After Mary, Sue and I met their Senior Pastor Eliam and Associate Pastor Boaz, our church council endorsed the idea of sharing our sanctuary with this additional congregation on Sunday afternoons.

## Neighbors In Need—NIN

NIN is a special mission offering that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. We will receive the NIN offering on Sunday, October 3, as part of our World Communion Sunday observation, but contributions can be made at any time.

This year, special consideration will be given to projects focusing on serving our immigrant neighbors and communities. 1/3 of the NIN funds support the Council for American Indian Ministry. 2/3 of this offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries.

Please consider a donation to support NIN with *"Unfailing Love"*. "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you." John 15:12

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As you look ahead and think about what you will contribute to our church in the coming year, please give some thought to what is important to you and how you can support the Maquoketa United Church of Christ. There will be more information and stories which the Stewardship Team will share. The 2021 Stewardship campaign theme is:

*"Rooted in Love"*  
"They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season."  
Psalms 1:3

## Church Office Hours

Tuesday-Friday

9am-12pm

## Pastor's Office Hours

Tuesday-Friday

9am-12pm or by appointment

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## Friends of Judy Scheer

Judy and her siblings held a memorial service on August 28 for their mother, Vera Huitt Baker.

Vera Hale Huitt Baker of Ankeny passed away on April 2, 2020. Her children Judith (Edward) Scheer of Grinnell, Iowa; Richard (Phyllis) Huitt of Des Moines, Iowa; and Diana Strait of Seattle, Washington, held a Celebration of Life at Simpson United Methodist Church in Des Moines, Iowa.

# OCTOBER 2021

## Maquoketa United Church of Christ



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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<b>3</b> 10:00 Worship, NIN 12-4, UCCMP worship WC– Steve Tubbs	4	5	<b>6</b> 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>7</b> 6:30pm Centering Prayer	8	9
<b>10</b> 10:00 a.m. Worship 12-4, UCCMP worship WC– Barry Francois	11	12	<b>13-T.sale</b> 10:00 Wom. Fellowship 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>14-T.sale</b> 5:00pm Council Meeting 6:30pm Centering Prayer	15	16
<b>17</b> 10:00 a.m. Worship 12-4 UCCMP worship WC– Tom Breuch	18	19	<b>20</b> 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>21</b> 6:30pm Centering Prayer	22	23
<b>24</b> 10:00 a.m. Worship 12-4 UCCMP worship Community Meal (UCC) WC- Mary Hayward	25	26	<b>27</b> 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>28</b> 6:30pm Centering Prayer	29	30
<b>31</b> 10:00 a.m. All Saints Day Worship 12-4, UCCMP worship WC- Tom Breuch						

### Service Chairs:

Sue Wagner

Connie Francois

From Dianne Barker:

Thank You for your cards, phone calls, prayers and words of sympathy in the loss of my sister Lorraine Dobson. You are such a caring and thoughtful church family.

On the evening of October 24, our church is in charge of preparing and serving the Community Meal. Karen Manning has volunteered to summon the troops of cooks and helpers. Please let her know how you will be involved. Our church has been doing this in June and October for the last couple years.



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

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Dan Anderson	3	Lige Yappen	15
Barry Francois	3	Renea Yarolim	16
Emily Oswalt	4	Nikko Francois	19
Debbie Pettyjohn	6	Phil Tabor	20
Madonna Sagers	6	Amber Yarolim	29
Sarah Dalen	11	Caroline Ehlinger	13



**TREASURE SALE NEWS:** The 3-day sale in September was very successful and raised over \$1100!! Thank You to everyone who donated items or worked.

Council accepted our offer to pay the \$1000 which our church pledged to the Heartland East playground project sponsored by Maquoketa Ministerial Association.

- ⇒ Many boxes of extra clothing taken to Salvation Army.
- ⇒ Some books were given to Library book sale.
- ⇒ Clothing shared with school nurses for their “extra supply”. Also spent \$50 for children’s underwear in many sizes.

We are always ready for “fresh” donations. NEXT SALE WILL BE October 13 and 14.

Thank You from Geni, Dianne, Karen McClintock, and Marie

## From the Pastor: Change, Challenge and Promise cont.

There has been much reflection on how to use our beautiful sanctuary, which is only used a few hours a week. As a congregation, we put forth much of ourselves and finances to have such a successful capital campaign. God is always calling us to live out our truths as an open and welcoming body of Christ. I believe this will be a unique opportunity for mission and sharing in each other’s journey as brothers and sisters in Christ as well as brothers and sisters within our UCC community.

I know this may feel sudden, but no more sudden than any other immediate needs in our lives. Although sometimes missions are in response to the needs of others, they are always done in love of the Kin-dom of Christ. As we look to our future, it is exciting to image the “what ifs” and “how”. We hope to blend our fellowship and some worship time together in the future.

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

**Prayer Shawl Ministry:** We were hopeful of getting to restart the Prayer Shawl Ministry group in person again this fall. Unfortunately with Covid numbers going back up it doesn’t seem wise at this point. I reviewed our current supply of completed shawls and there are 3 available. There is also a new tied fleece blanket available. Please feel free to share these with whoever you know who could use encouragement. In addition, there is a box of yarn and crochet hooks in a plastic bin. If you want to use any of this to make a prayer shawl, please do. We thank the Treasure Sale organizers for sharing these materials. If you need help with a pattern idea, please contact me at: [marilynpm.dean@gmail.com](mailto:marilynpm.dean@gmail.com). The shawls, blanket and supplies can be found in the room (Parlor) across from the Belva T. Duncan room. Marilyn Dean