

Annual Congregational Meeting Agenda

Sunday, January 26, 2020

Annual Meeting Followed by Potluck Luncheon

Call to Order	Karen McClellan
Invocation	Carole McClellan
Welcome to New Members	Joed hill
Moments of Remembrance	Linda Trapp

Annual Report

Clerk	Eilean McCauley
Treasurer	Dianne Pulley
Stewardship Report	Debbie Demuth

Old Business

2020 Budget Approval	Dale Arn
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New Business

Floor Open for Discussion	
President's Remarks	Dale Arn
Pastor's Remarks	Pastor Jim Oswald

Closing Benediction

Pastor Jim Oswald

Closing Hymn

We Are One in the Bond of Love

*We are one in the bond of love,
We are one in the bond of love.
We have joined in spirits with the spirit of God;
We are one in the bond of love.*

*Let us sing now everyone;
Let us feel His love begun.
Let us join our hands that the world will know
We are one in the bond of love.*

Blessing

Pastor Jim Oswald

Potluck Luncheon

Annual Congregational Meeting Minutes

February 3, 2019

The fifty-eighth Annual Congregational Meeting was held on Sunday, February 3, 2019 following the worship service.

Call to Order: Vice-President, Dale Arn, called the meeting to order.

Invocation: Joed Hill lead the invocation.

Welcome to New Members: Karen McClellan welcomed new members Clyde & Kathy Townsend, Moe and Melody Myer, Cindy Stucker, Kenneth and Marian Vogt, Greg, Pilar and Jessica Vogt, Ross Punzo, Krystle Moore and Cara Adams.

Moments of Remembrance: Karen McClellan recognized the four members who passed away in 2018. They are Marjorie Brumback, Madonna Dye, Ermal Gottswiller and Gwen Montgomery. She concluded with a reading by Helen Steiner Rice.

Clerk's Annual Report: Eilean McCauley, Clerk, presented the 2019 Clerk's Report. Membership at the beginning of 2018 was 186. Thirteen new members were received, four lost to death, one dropped by request and one member re-activated. Membership as of December 31, 2018 is 195. There were two baptisms, one baby dedication and one wedding.

Treasurer's Annual Report: Dianne Pulley, treasurer, presented the financial report for 2018. The year ended with a balance of \$15,967.32. The amount of \$11,975.05 was transferred to the Memorial Fund. The remaining amount of \$4,005.15 was divided equally among the AFL CIO, the YWCA Women's Abuse Shelter and the Food Kitchen account. The amount still owed to the Memorial Fund is \$7,423. Scholarships from the Iffert Fund for students total \$51,000 to date.

Stewardship: Jill Brant reported that the Stewardship theme for 2019 is "Fully Alive". A total of 96% of the budget has been pledged for 2019. She encouraged all members to faithfully keep up their pledges during the year.

Old Business:

2019 Budget Approval: Brent Hill presented the 2019 budget. A motion was made to add \$2,000 to the budgeted amount for insurance and accept the 2019 budget. Motion seconded and carried unanimously.

New Business: Floor opened for discussion. No new business was brought up.

President's Remarks: Brent Hill remarked that 2018 was a successful year and thanked everyone for their service. He also mentioned that adding sheet rock to the two new restrooms and the new classroom would be the next step in finishing the new addition.

Pastor's Remarks: Pastor Jim stated that our church is involved in a lot of active things. He feels honored to be our pastor and is thankful for everyone's help.

The meeting was concluded with the singing of "We Are One in the Bond of Love".

Pastor Jim closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Eilean McCauley, Clerk

Pastoral Report

Pastor Jim Oswald

Our theme for 2019 was **“FULLY ALIVE”** John 10: 10 says, *“I have come that you might have **life** and have it more **abundantly.**”*

Do you believe that you have spent the last year living “fully alive?” With the conclusion of this year comes the conclusion of me having served as your pastor for a decade. Looking back to where we started I could see the promise in this church and the goals that we set for ourselves so long ago. At the conclusion of 2009 we had hoped to add new doors and windows to the office area and to the front of the church...check. We had a fund started that so that we could add on to our building...check. We wanted to be able to take our students out to camps out of the state where they could do mission work and mingle with students from all across the United States...check. We started a camp for children and have seen it grow every year...check. We have continued to be involved in the Food Kitchen and to opening our church up for Easter Eggs hunts...check. We have even started new events over the last couple of years like the Harvest Party, the Good Friday Easter Event, and now even the Christmas event where we invite the community to come and join us for a meal and a chance to learn about who Jesus is, and what he has done for us, in a very comfortable setting. So let me take you, very quickly, through 2019 to see what God has done in the life of Faith Church.

In January, we started the year coming off of a very successful financial year in 2018. The “In Context” Bible resumed from its December layoff by studying “The Acts of the Apostles.” We had a tough time meeting regularly due to bad weather hitting our city every Wednesday. Despite the weather adversity, we plugged along and learned a great deal. Our group stayed at around 15-16 people each week. It was a great way to start off the year.

In February, we continued the tradition of inviting the members of our church to give to the Soup Kitchen by donating cans of soup toward the team they hoped would win the Super Bowl. We, again, collected a large quantity of cans and were able to make a large donation to the Food Pantry. We also had some people join our church this month, Leon & Mary Brinson as well as Wayne Bisig. It is always such a blessing to add such wonderful people, who have a heart to serve, to our church family.

We kicked off the month of March with our annual Ash Wednesday Service. I love this time of reflection as we enter the Lenten season rededicating ourselves to God’s wonderful plan. Ross and Krystle Punzo said their vows on the 16th and thus began their lives together. Our youth hosted their annual St. Patrick’s Day fundraiser that is always a hit with our congregation. This year our students served Beef Stew. They were able to raise quite a bit of money toward their Student Life Camp which made their portion of paying for the trip a lot easier. As always, a huge “Thank You” to all of you for helping out by eating and giving.

The month of April began with 15 women, from our church, going to Branson, MO., to attend the Women of Joy conference. As always, this conference was life changing for all who went. As we continued on through the month we built on a tradition that began last year for Holy Week by hosting a four day event. On the Thursday before Easter, we held our Maundy Thursday service that was well attended. On Good Friday, we hosted an evening called, "Walk With Jesus" and it was wonderful. We not only fed everybody who came and attended, but had everyone follow along the path that Jesus took that week from the triumphal entry, to eating with his disciples at the Last Supper, to his arrest and trial, to his crucifixion to the tomb experience and his Resurrection. It was a wonderful evening...an evening I hope that we can continue to build on in 2020. On Saturday, we hosted our Easter Egg Hunt. It was the largest egg hunt that we have hosted since I have been your Pastor. We even had a visit from the Easter Bunny! I think we can thank our large attendance due to our advertising on Facebook as well as by all who promoted it by word of mouth. And, because of the anticipated large attendance, we had to host the entire event outside by our garage. Our parking lots were full and spilled over into the grass. We had children everywhere and a beautiful day to go and look for eggs. I would like to, again, **THANK** everyone who helped with this event...whether you stuffed the eggs with candy... brought the candy to put inside the eggs...hid the eggs...helped with parking...served the cookies and juice boxes...dressed up like the Easter Bunny...or simply helped with crowd control. What an awesome way for us to present the Easter Story in a setting that is so laid back using the Resurrection Eggs. We capped off Holy Week with a beautiful Easter service. Our service was well attended and again we were reminded of why we are all here, because of the love that Jesus showed each of us by giving his life up on the cross...and then conquering death by rising again on the third day. God is good!

In May, we celebrated three members who graduated from high school; Cara Adams, Courtney Butcher and Madi Frakes. We also celebrated the graduations of several middle school students to high school; Gena Blanton, Deacon and Truman DeSchepper and Abby Tolbert. I continue to be amazed on how God orchestrates the flow of life and how blessed I am to be able to play a small part in the lives of our students. The stories of their lives will continue to add to the legacy of our church. No matter where God takes them they will carry with them what they have learned from us. And on that note of "learning from us," our Junior High and Senior High Sunday School classes have continued to meet at McDonald's each Sunday. They have averaged between 12-16 students each week and it has given them an opportunity to share Jesus outside the church walls. As I mentioned last year, there continues to be many Sunday mornings when a person, couple, or family has approached them and told them how much it meant to them to see this group unashamed to meet and talk about Jesus in a public place.

In June, we began our month by hosting the New Generation Singers as they prepared themselves for their annual tour of our great nation. We had a large attendance that Sunday and are always glad to open our doors to them. At the end of the month, our youth traveled to Student Life Camp in Estes Park, Colorado. We rented (3) large SUV's and had 22 students and adults attend. The trip was fantastic. For some of our group, it was the first time that they had ever been to the mountains. One sunny afternoon we made a trip to the top of the mountains

where there was well over four feet of snow on the ground! The beauty of God's creation was simply breath taking. Also, during the week, we took the students horseback riding. Again for some it was the first time they had ever got to ride a horse. They got to venture up and over the Continental Divide and spend a couple of more hours breathing in the beauty of God's creation. As always, we returned rested and refreshed after having grown closer to both God and each other.

At the end of the month of July we once again had the privilege of hosting our children's camp up in Bethany, Missouri, at Miracle Hills Camp. Our theme for the three days was the same theme our church had for 2019, "Fully Alive." We learned the stories of Creation, Elijah, Lazarus and Jesus. We were able to understand that being "Fully Alive" is living in the space that God has created for us. We need to breath in the life he has for us and pass it along to all of those who live around us. We, again, enjoyed one of the smoothest camps we have ever hosted and I would like to thank Alex first of all for all of his help in the planning stages as well as for the loading and unloading of camp. I want to thank, Heidi DeSchepper, for being our camp nurse, which involves taking care of a ton of people. She makes sure that everyone has their medicines and is there to take care of bug bites, sunburns and whatever else that may arise while we are at camp. I want to thank our kitchen crew of Missy, Michelle, and Kara for always having such great meals prepared for us; as well as the drinks and snacks they provide throughout the days. I want to thank Joed for all of the hard work she puts into the crafts. Each year she never ceases to amaze me with what she comes up with, and of how well our children love doing them. I want to thank our "Rec" crew for all of the games they oversee and put together as well as take down. This year it was Brent Hill, Jill Brant, Stetson Brant and Heidi. They do a fantastic job of setting up and making sure that everything runs along smoothly, as well as the constant pulling in and setting off of the canoes and paddle boats along the lake. Next, I want to thank our students for being the children's leaders over those couple of days and for helping set an example for all of the children who attend. Our students were Angela, Madi, Cara, Abby Krim, Matthew, Jordan, Montana, Brodie, Deacon, Truman and Josh. Finally, I would like to thank the parents who trusted us enough to allow their children to come with us and find Jesus at such a beautiful location. Sadly, the Sunday of our Miracle Hills Program marked the end of tenure for Alex King as our Youth Pastor. After serving our church and youth so well for long, he departed to finish up his education. We miss Alex and the mark he left on all of us. Also, this Miracle Hills Camp was the last camp for Missy West. She and Reggie retired and moved to Florida at the end of October. Missy's laughter and love for our children will be greatly missed. Reggie's leadership will also be missed here at Faith.

The month of August started well for me as my family and I got to visit our oldest daughter out in Buena Vista, Colorado. It was a beautiful trip and gave me an opportunity to rest after a very busy summer. We concluded the month of August with our Ice Cream Social. We were not able to meet outside this year because of the heavy rains, but we still go to enjoy Ice Cream so you can never go wrong with that.

In September, we resumed the Chronological Bible study, "In Context," as we studied Romans and 1 Corinthians. It is always so amazing and powerful to see how God's Word always seems

to find us where we are in that moment in time of our lives. Brotherhood moved its annual summer dinner at Bandana's Restaurant to this month and it was well attended. As is the usual case when there are people and food in the same room, laughter and fellowship abound.

The month of October began with Steve and I, once again, being given the opportunity attend the Catalyst Conference in Atlanta. Each year it continues to add new experiences, and speakers, and each year we come away refreshed, renewed, and with some great ideas. I'm so grateful to the church, the board, and the Iffert fund for providing us with this opportunity to not only grow in our faith, but to continue to grow together as a staff. We know that as we grow in our faith we cannot help but aid you in your growth as well. In the middle of the month of October we hosted our annual Harvest Party. This year, thanks to the advertising on Facebook and elsewhere, our attendance was again great. We had families from all over the city enjoying the food, the hayride, the games, the fire pits and the fellowship. It was the perfect evening, weather wise, and it was amazing to look around and see God's hand in providing us with the opportunity to show God's love in a practical way.

In November we started the month with the annual Brotherhood Ham & Bean Dinner/Women's Bazaar. It was also advertised on Facebook and was very well attended considering the extremely cold temperatures we faced on that day. The great food and fellowship continue to make it a great event each year. This year, again, we had a large group of people who rented booths and helped provide a wide range of items that people could shop through that were really nice. November is our stewardship month. As is the usual case, when we have accepted our proposed 2020 budget in October at Fall Membership meeting, we would like to see at least 90% of that budget pledged in order to move forward in November at our Stewardship Luncheon. Our church has responded with over 89% pledged as of this writing. Isn't God good!

The month of December marks the beginning of Advent. As always, the church looked beautiful after it was decorated during the Hanging of the Greens and throughout the Advent season. As we moved on through the month of December, I want to note that once again we had a huge turnout for the Brotherhood Christmas Dinner at Ground Round. We enjoyed yet another year of food, fun and fellowship. Christmas Eve is one of my favorite services of the year and it was again beautiful. To see the church all lit up when everyone is holding up their candles while singing, "Silent Night", is really something to behold. The voices were so loud this year that we pulled back the instruments and let our voices ring true! Closing out the year we find that God has been indeed very good to us as we finished the year in the black. We were able to pay down more on what we owed to our Memorial Fund. Finishing in the black is a trend that I pray will continue as we seek to follow, serve, worship, and continue to put our God first in 2020.

I would like to close with a few "Thank You's!" First, I would like to thank the church for its willingness and heart to live "**FULLY ALIVE.**" Our theme for 2020 is "**GIVE US THIS DAY!**" My prayer for each of us is that we begin to appreciate more what God is doing for us each day in and day out as he leads our church into the next decade. I would like to repeat what I said last year which was, "as we move into 2020 we need to remember that if we keep seeking His Kingdom first, then all these things will be added unto us!" What blessings He gave this year

with the addition of new members and ending the year financially sound. Second, I would like to thank each of you who are in leadership roles: first, to Brent and Dale, our President and Vice-President. It's not easy being "a leader." I'm thankful to work alongside both of these gentlemen as they make my life easier as we serve together. Their wisdom and leadership builds upon the leaders of the past to continually propel us forward to wherever God may lead us. To Dianne Pulley, our Treasurer, it's not an easy job and I'm thankful for her willingness to use her gifts in this area. To Eilean McCauley, who is our church clerk, she does a great job of getting us our minutes from each meeting and making a record of all that has taken place here at Faith. To Sharon Bannon, our church historian, who keeps records of the events that take place from year to year so that we can remember our past as we move forward into the future. To all those who have chaired a commission, it takes time to put an agenda together and to keep everyone on track. Thank you for your willingness to lead in an often thankless job! For each person who served on a commission, thank you for giving up your time, at least once a month for leader's night, and sometimes more often if you served on the Board or in other capacities. Serving takes time away from your family and sometimes you just don't feel like "getting out," but God has a reward for those who serve Him. To Melissa Roberts, our nursery worker, it's a thankless job and you are often not given the credit you deserve for being faithful to the "future" of Faith! Thank You! To Alex King, our Student Life Minister and I.T. person, thank you for using your gifts for the glory of God. May God bless you as you continue to serve Him wherever you may be! To Steve Haskey, our music and office administrator minister, as well as our custodian, thank you for what you have added to the music and worship of our church. We have only seen a small glimpse into your gifts and what is to come, and I thank you for bringing your gifts to Faith! The idea of "ReCharge!" has been a great addition to the ministry of this church and I am forever grateful to you for that. A big "Thanks" also for all the hard work you have put into the office this past year, you continue to find new ways to make us more efficient. May God continue to bless you and Debi as you continue to serve Him! May God continue to bless you as you study His word through seminary in order to be a better minister of the Gospel! Last, to my family. I'm not home a lot and I know that you have to share me with a lot of people for a number of reasons. Thank you for praying for me! Thank you for being a sounding board when I need ears! Most importantly, thank you for all of your love and support! I Love You!

As I reflect back on all that we have accomplished in the past years that I have served, I am looking forward to what God has in store for us in 2020 and beyond, thank you for allowing me to be your Pastor! As a church you have supported me and loved me as I have grown into this job! Thank you for the very generous gifts that you gave to me during Pastor Appreciation Month in October, and during the Christmas Eve service! As I have said before, I don't expect those kinds of things to be given and **I'm humbled by your thoughtfulness and love.** Thank you for what you did in 2019! In 2020, we are going to be more aware of what God is doing for us **EACH DAY!** Jesus told his disciples in Luke 11: 2-4, ***"This is how you should pray: "Father, may your name be kept holy. May your Kingdom come soon. ³Give us each day the food we need, ⁴and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And don't let us yield to temptation."*** So begin thinking this year about how you can give **EACH DAY** to God!

To know Christ and to make Him known is what we are about! We don't know the path that God has for us to travel on for this next year, or even during the next decade, but we do know that we must trust Him and not be afraid of the journey and to where it might lead us! Pray for God's blessing and guidance as we continue to embark on this incredible adventure together!

Be God's In All Things!

Pastor Jim

2020 Nominative Slate of Officers

President	Dale Arn
Vice-President	Karen McClellan
Clerk	Eilean McCauley
Treasurer	Dianne Pulley

Board of Stewards

Ronnie McCauley	2020
Carole McClellan	2020
Corey Vulgamott	2020 (unexpired)
Denny Cobb	2021
Larry Cole	2021
Teresa Kidwell	2021
Brent Hill	2022
Carolyn Sagaser	2022
Rose Mary Seuell	2022

Lay Life

Jessica Blanton	2020
Jill Frakes	2020
Scotty Sharp	2020
Moe Myer	2021
Cindy Stucker	2021
Kathy Townsend	2021
Angie Hernandez	2022
Joed Hill	2022
Steve Pulley	2022

Church and Ministry

Sharon Bannon	2020
(unexpired)	
Debbie Demuth	2020
(unexpired)	
Devera Lambing	2020
	2021
Beth Hernandez	2021
	2021
George Fischer	2022
Ross Punzo	2022
Ruth Sharp	2022

Christian Education

Steve Haskey	2020
Merry Sharp	2020
Kara Tolbert	2020
Kim Dilley	2021
	2021
Melody Myer	2021
Jill Brant	2022
Madi Frakes	2022
Krystle Punzo	2022

Nominating Committee:

Chairman: Ronnie McCauley

Committee: Steve Pulley, Corey Vulgamott, Linda Trapp, Ruth Sharp, Kara Tolbert

2019 Cabinet Report

This has been a good year. I would like to thank all those involved with the cabinet and for all their time and help making my job as vice-president and chair of the cabinet a very easy and enjoyable one.

We have seen the completion of the new addition and are able to use the new space. The new classroom and elevator are great additions and they are seeing good use.

Members of the cabinet are:

Debi Haskey	Church and Ministry
Michelle Nolan	Lay Life
Steve Haskey	Christian Education
Eilean McCauley	Cabinet Secretary
Brent Hill	President
Dale Arn	Vice-President
Jim Oswald	Pastor

Submitted by Dale Arn,
Chair

President's Annual Report 2019

It has been a quick two years as President of the Board at Faith United Church and I want to thank the congregation for all the successes the church has enjoyed. It takes a lot of people to work on the various commissions, lead Sunday School classes, and do the work for the youth camps and other activities. I want to thank every member for their hard work, financial support, and dedication to the church. Thanks to all the Board members for putting up with me and making my job a relatively easy one.

Thanks to all those that contribute by their attendance at Brotherhood and Women's Fellowship meetings and those that make up the various committees and groups that provide so much for the church.

Lastly, let me say that I'm thankful for Pastor Jim and Steve Haskey for work they do in the church office, that probably gets taken for granted. I know they both work hard during the week to make each Sunday service a success.

We have reached a major milestone in the new building addition since the new bathrooms are now functional and the classroom was finished out. It will be something that we can all enjoy for years to come.

I'm thankful that we again finished the year in the positive for the church budget. This was a great accomplishment, given the additional financial support going to the McClellan Building Fund for the new addition. Hopefully this continues to be funded for future improvements to the old bathrooms.

Let us all strive to continue to build on the successes of 2019.

May God continue to bless all of you,

Brent Hill, President of the Board

Report of the Church Clerk – December 31, 2018

MEMBERSHIP ON RECORD AS OF JANUARY 1, 2019..... 197

NEW MEMBERS RECEIVED:

By Confirmation.....0

By Affirmation.....3

TOTAL RECEIVED.....+ 3

MEMBERS RE-ACTIVATED (Garron Daniels & Krystle Punzo previously not listed) + 2

MEMBERS LOST:

By Death.....3

By Transfer.....0

By Inactivity.....0

By Request.....0

TOTAL LOST..... - 3

TOTAL MEMBERS AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2019.....199

MEMBERS RECEIVED: 3

Wayne Bisig
Mary Brinson
Leon Brinson

DROPPED BY INACTIVITY: 0

BAPTISMS: 0

DEATHS: 3

Mary June Book
Mary Root
Elizabeth Schoenlaub

CONFIRMANDS: 0

BABY DEDICATION: 0

WEDDINGS: 1

Ross & Krystle Punzo

MEMBERS RE-ACTIVATED: 0

Respectfully Submitted,
Eilean McCauley – Clerk

MEMBERS RECEIVED: 3

Wayne Bisig

DROPPED BY INACTIVITY: 0

Active Members

ON DECEMBER 31, 2019

Abersold, Grace
Adams, Cara
Arn, Dale
Arn, Janis
Bannon, Sharon
Beemer, Kara
Benight, Gage
Berten, Jacob
Berten, Kourtney
Berten, Sally
Berten, Scott
Bisig, Wayne
Blanton, Gage
Blanton, Genna
Blanton, Jessica
Blanton, Jimmy
Bollmeyer, Eddie
Bollmeyer, Stacy
Brant, Bart
Brant, Jill
Brant, Rawlins
Brant, Stetson
Brinson, Leon
Brinson, Mary
Bridenstine, Paul
Brooks, Donna
Bryson, Amy
Bryson, Larry
Bryson, Paula
Bryson, Steven
Butcher, Courtney
Butcher, Jeffrey
Butcher, Jennifer
Butcher, Kennedy
Campbell, Sharon
Carolus, Robin
Carpenter, Mark
Catron, Audrey
Catron, Locky
Catron, Sharon
Catron, Wilk
Cobb, Angela
Cobb, Denny
Cobb, Jennifer
Cobb, Jill
Cole, Larry
Cole, Phyllis
Daniels, Garron
Demuth, Debbie
DeSchepper, Brodie
DeSchepper, Heidi
DeSchepper, Jason
Dilley, Kim
Dye, George
Fischer, Dr. George
Frakes, Jack
Frakes, Jill
Frakes, Madi
Frakes, Mason
Franey, Michelle
Freeman, James
Gabriel, Rebecca (Dilley)
Gibson, Kayley
Goforth, Susan (Alden)
Haenni, Brayden
Hammond, Amy
Hernandez, Angie

Hernandez, Bethany
Hernandez, Rudy
Haskey, Debbi
Haskey, Steve
Hill, Brent
Hill, Courtney
Hill, Joed
Hill, Jordan
Hixon, Connie
Hoecker, Jacob
Hoecker, Johnathan
Hoecker, Shawn
Hoecker, Tammy
Johnson, Penny
Johnson, Tom
Kidwell, Brian
Kidwell, Teresa
King, Aaron
King, Alex
King, Drew
King, Jody
Kline, Sherri
Lambing, Devera
Langemach, Brenda
Langemach, Darline
Langemach, Gary
Lewis, Trudy
Sagaser, Carl Gregory
Lightle, Ashley
Lightle, Scott
Martinez, Nico
McCall, Daniel L.
McCall, Leonard
McCall, Mina
McCauley, Eilean
McCauley, Ronnie
McClellan, Carole
McClellan, Karen
Milbourne, Uva May
Miller, Beverly
Mollett, Chris
Moore, Krystle
Morgan, Faye
Myers, Melody
Myers, Moe
Nolan, Austin
Nolan, Kaylin
Nolan, Michelle
Nolan, Roy
Oswald, Jenna
Oswald, Jill
Oswald, Jim
Oswald, Joshua
Oswald, Julie
Pittman, Patricia
Portell, Carolyn
Prussman, Loretta
Prussman, Michael
Pulley, Dianne
Pulley, Steve
Punzo, Ross
Punzo, Krystle
Rockwood, Nancy
Root, Donald
Rumpf, Keith
Rumpf, Sharon
Rumpf, Travis
Sagaser, Carl Gregory
Sagaser, Carolyn
Schaaf, Debbie
Schubert, Joan

Schulz, Jon
Seuell, Cynthia
Seuell, Rosemary
Sharp, Katharine
Sharp, Matthew
Sharp, Merry
Sharp, Nancy
Sharp, Richard
Sharp, Ruth
Sharp, Scotty
Shores, Frances
Slaybaugh, Ann
Slaybaugh, Scott
Smith, Dorothy
Spitzer, Glenn
Stroud, Daniel
Stroud, David
Stucker, Cindy
Sunderland, Donita
Sunderland, Stan
Sweat, Samuel
Taylor, Joan
Taylor, Tom
Tolbert, Karamaneh
Tourbier, Alene
Townsend, Clyde
Townsend, Kathy
Trapp, Linda
Trapp, Maci
Trapp, Mason
Trapp, Michael
Trapp, Traci
VanLone, Regina
Vogt, Greg
Vogt, Jessica
Vogt, Kenneth
Vogt, Marian
Vogt, Pilar
Von Biela, Donna
Vulgamott, Cameron
Vulgamott, Colton
Vulgamott, Corey
Vulgamott, Jean Gayle
Vulgamott, Kyle
Wells, Margaret
West, Ashley
West, Missy
West, Rachael
West, Reggie
Wheeler, Benny
Wheeler, Susan
Wickam, Anthony
Wickam, Melanie
Wickam, Miranda
Wilson, Dorothea
Wilson, Sandra
Wood, Carol
Wood, Darren
Wood, Donna
Wood, James
Wood, Katherine

**TOTAL MEMBERS 199
DECEMBER 31, 2019**

Church and Ministry Report 2019

Highlights of our year

Collected \$184 as well as clothing items for Edison Elementary

Put together a Christmas Pageant with the help of Mary Brinson

Found 1 volunteer as nursery backup

Purchased Walkie Talkies for nursery workers to notify ushers of an emergency

Purchased a large coffee urn and a coffee cart for use in the narthex

Held a very successful Taco Bar in August serving 98 people!

Began work restoring the WWII memorial in the foyer

Purchased a new Blessing Tree

Joed Hill kindly volunteered to take over the Cradle Roll

In the Works

Letter to inactive members

Asked Board of Stewards to look at hiring a pianist

Visitor packets are being reviewed for update

Looking for ways to store the banners

Struggles

To have a quorum

Have commission members attend meetings

Debi Haskey

C&M chair 2019

Christian Education 2019 Annual Report

As I look back over this past year we as a church did many great things to grow the kingdom for Christ and strengthen our bonds as members of Faith United Church.

The Christian Education Committee helped support the children and youth of our church throughout the year in many ways. In March the St. Patrick's fundraiser to help pay for our youth to go to student life camp was a success, raising \$1,038.00. In March we started 5th Sunday to encourage children who come to the church service with their family to find out what Sunday school is all about, with crafts, games, stories, and snacks and did it again in September. In April we again had activities throughout Holy Week and on Good Friday we provided a meal for the Walk with Jesus program that was a big success. The children's Sunday school teachers were interested in finding new curriculum for Sunday school. We brought in a new program and the children really enjoy it. VBS was cancelled this year because we couldn't find a time that would fit into everyone's schedule and fit into the schedule of the church, so we decided to do a Christmas program like we do for Easter. We again provided the food for the Harvest party while attendance was down a little; it was still a huge success. We wrapped up the year in December with our Miracle of Jesus program with a meal, activities, and stories from Bethlehem at the time of Christ's birth. In August we lost a member of our committee and a huge part of our church when Alex King resigned. His contributions to our Christian Education committee, the youth department, and all the other things he did throughout our church will be greatly missed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steve Haskey, Chair

Stewardship Committee 2019

The 2019 Stewardship theme was “**Fully Alive**”. This theme hopefully made you ponder and evaluate the times in your life that you felt the most fully alive. Too many of us have accepted fear, doubt, routine, and mediocrity as common ways of being. We asked for many to commit 2019 to approach new ideas and opportunities with a sense of adventure, exploration, and most importantly your faith. God made you in a unique way so use your gifts and talents to serve Him.

Allow God to work on your heart and use you to serve Him. Our 2019 Bible verse was **John 10:10 (NIV)**

“The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they that may have life and have it to the full.”

The song used for our theme was “O Come to the Altar” by Elevation Worship. This song focuses on how Jesus is calling us to Him. We need to reach a point in our lives where we recognize our need for God.

The goals budget for 2019 was \$139,185.00. We had 96% of our budget accounted for with our pledges. This was such an amazing blessing for Faith United.

Our 2020 Proposed Goal budget is \$148,454.00. As of December 16, 2019, we have 84% of our budget pledged. We have so many blessings at Faith United. There are so many ways to serve and help build the kingdom. Our church serves monthly at the Valley Community Center Food Kitchen. We have a Visitation Committee that visits many individuals that are presently unable to attend church. We have a Harvest Party and December Christmas outreach that plants seeds in our local community. We send the youth on a summer mission trip and the women go to a conference every year in April. These missions help plant seeds in the community, and they help develop our faith. We are called to build the Kingdom! Please think of where you want to serve at Faith United and how you want to grow your faith for 2020.

In His Mighty Love,

Jill Brant

FAITH UNITED CHURCH PROPOSED GOAL BUDGET FOR 2020

	<u>Monetary</u>		<u>Change from 2019</u>
	<u>2019 Budget</u>	<u>Differ- 2020 Budget</u>	
<u>Leadership And Service</u>			
PASTOR'S COMPENSATION	\$69,260.00	\$2,078.00	3.00%
GUEST SPEAKERS	\$100.00	\$50.00	50.0%
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION & YOUTH	\$300.00	\$0.00	0.0%
YOUTH DIRECTOR SALARY	\$8,930.00	-\$930.00	-10.4%
LAY LIFE & WORK COMMISSION	\$250.00	\$0.00	0.0%
MUSIC COMMITTEE	\$4,610.00	\$132.00	2.9%
	2019	2020	
Music Coordinator	\$4,410.00	\$4,542.00	
Miscellaneous Supplies	\$200.00	\$200.00	
Subtotals	\$83,450.00	\$1,330.00	1.6%
<u>Operating Expenses</u>			
CHURCH & MINISTRY COMMISSION	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	0.0%
CUSTODIAN'S WAGES	\$3,090.00	\$2,910.00	94.2%
SECRETARY'S WAGES	\$5,150.00	\$155.00	3.0%
NURSERY ATTENDANT WAGES	\$1,545.00	\$46.00	3.0%
SOCIAL SECURITY TAX	\$3,250.00	\$98.00	3.0%
PASTOR'S BUSINESS ALLOWANCE	\$200.00	\$0.00	0.0%
OFFICE SUPPLIES & POSTAGE	\$7,000.00	\$750.00	10.7%
BUILDING SUPPLIES & MAINTENANCE	\$5,500.00	\$2,000.00	36.4%
UTILITIES	\$16,000.00	\$0.00	0.0%
INSURANCE	\$7,000.00	\$2,430.00	34.7%
VEHICLE & GROUNDS EXP.	\$6,000.00	-\$450.00	-7.5%
Subtotals	\$55,735.00	\$7,939.00	14.2%
Goals Budget	\$139,185.00	\$9,269.00	6.7%
TOTAL GOALS BUDGET	\$139,185.00	\$9,269.00	6.7%

THE LIVING MEMORIAL FUND

The Living Memorial Fund is a part of the history of Faith United Church, and all gifts given in memory or honor of someone are recorded in the “Memorial Book” kept in the Memorial Cabinet in the Narthex.

Anytime a donor wishes their gift to be designated to a particular item for the church it should be discussed with the Furnishings Committee as to the need and appropriateness or to get suggestions of needs known by the Committee. These items should enhance the beauty and worship atmosphere, or a need in a classroom or on the grounds of the church building. The Board of Stewards votes on the recommendations of the Furnishings Committee.

Members and friends of Faith Church may give gifts in memory of a loved one who has died or to honor a friend or family member on a special occasion such as a birthday, anniversary, graduation, birth, etc.

THE REV. C. ROSS McCLELLAN MEMORIAL BUILDING FUND

This fund has been in existence for a number of years and is named to honor our Pastor Emeritus, the Rev. C. Ross McClellan, who served this church for 29+ years. The older Building Fund has been combined with this Memorial Fund. We are currently working to finish off classroom space and handicap restrooms that are in the new “elevator” addition. Some families have requested that memorials for their loved ones be made to this fund to help with finishing this addition.

When donating a gift in memory or in honor of a friend or loved one, please note on the gift which Fund you want credited. Thank you.

Library Report

Faith United has a number of books, both non-fiction and fiction, available to our members and friends to be checked out of our Library. They are located on the northwest end of Fellowship Hall and in the Narthex. If you choose a book to take home to study and/or read for pleasure, please fill out the card and place it in the container marked for that purpose. When you have finished with the borrowed book, please bring it/them back and place them in the basket marked for them. Do NOT try to reshelv the book yourself please. Please be mindful that these are property of the church and need to be returned in a reasonable time – two to six weeks.

There are books for all ages. When checking out children’s and juvenile books, we ask that parents sign the cards and are responsible for their return.

There are donated “Chicken Soup for the Soul” books on the Narthex shelves that may be borrowed on the “honor” system – there are no cards to sign. When you return them, please be sure to place them in the same location with the other “Chicken Soup” books. There is also a “Free” shelf. Books on that shelf can be taken and kept if you desire.

There are a number of new books that have not been processed because the program we were using is no longer available. I would appreciate your opinion – should we put the entire library on the honor system. The books would be listed in our records and marked as Faith Church property, but they would not have cards to sign. Please let me know what you think. If you have any further suggestions to make these materials and their use more “user-friendly”, please let me know. Thank you.

Penny Johnson

Finance/Scholarship Committee:

This committee consists of the following persons:

Bart Brant

Debbie Demuth

Brent Hill

Eilean McCauley

Ronnie McCauley

Carole McClellan

Diane Pulley

Carol Wood

Reggie West, has moved to Florida

Ex-Officio Members:

President of the church

Pastor of the church

Treasurer of the church

A standing committee of the church, we meet annually to prepare the proposed budget to recommend to the Board of Stewards for approval to present to the congregation for adoption at the meeting in October.

The committee administers the Hilda Rumpf Loan Fund as interest money becomes available and we have applicants for the no interest loan. It was set up to assist those going into ministry*, but is made available for others on a need basis. The loan is to be paid back so others may apply. Applicants must be a member of the church, maintain a 2.0 grade point average or above, pass all classes and be enrolled in a credited seminary, as a full time student. Money is made out to the educational facility.

Herbert and Peggy Iffert provided the funds for scholarship grants for undergraduate students seeking degrees at an approved college/university and /or trade school. Applicants must be a member of the church, under age 26, maintain a 2.0 grade point average, pass all classes, and carry at least 12 hours. We are grateful to the Ifferts and Miss Rumpf who cared enough to provide this legacy for our young persons to receive help to continue their education. Many have been recipients over several years. I thank the members for faithfully administering the funds entrusted us by their generosity.

Thank you to Reggie West who served many years.

Respectfully submitted,

Christ's Servant: Carole A. McClellan, Chairman

*Special circumstances apply to one entering the Ministry.

The Fellowship & Visitation Committee

If you long to serve others in a very meaningful way, we invite you to join this Committee. It is our joy to visit and/or call those in our membership who are no longer able to get out for worship or who are ill or who are missed at our worship and activities here at Faith Church. We meet to compare information on the first Tuesday of every month at 11:15 in the Narthex of the church. We welcome all who are interested in this ministry. Our visits and calls are in addition to the visits and calls from Pastor Jim. It is just to let them know they are still a part of our church family and important to us. We try to answer any questions they may have and encourage them to continue serving in ways big and small where they are. Please consider being a part of this group.

Furnishings Committee Annual Report

The Furnishing Committee is a member of the Board of Stewards, appointed by the President for a term of 1 year but not limited to a one year term. If the need arises, they will select 5 others to help them, subject to approval of the Board.

Members of the Committee – Joed Hill, Eilean McCauley, Carol McClellan, and Mina McCall, Chairman.

At the Board Meeting in February we were asked to find flooring and to pick out tile for the new addition. That included both new bath rooms, hallways, and new Sunday school room. We were asked to find paint for the walls, window coverings, and stain to match for wood doors.

We picked out the new cabinets, sinks, and faucets and mirror for the bathrooms. We also kept in mind the cost of what we were doing. We choose the cabinet, sink, faucet, and refridge for the new Sunday school room.

I want to thank my committee for all the meeting they attended and all the times we went looking for just the right item. This will be my last year on the Furnishing Committee, I am resigning, effective December 31st, 2019. It has been my pleasure to serve.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mina McCall

Chair of the Furnishings Committee

2019 Brotherhood Annual Report

The men of Faith Church continue to gather on the third Tuesday of each month. While our numbers remain small, there is always plenty of Christian Fellowship in evidence as we gather. We continue to gather (summer and Christmas) for fellowship and food (Dutch treat) that are well attended by the church membership. We must not forget the renowned "Ham and Bean Dinner" which occurs in Nov. This year will be Number 25. Please come join us.

George Fischer,
Secretary

2019 Building Committee Report

It has been a busy year for the building committee. We started out the year with a shell building with only the elevator completed. We saw the classroom, mini kitchen, and bathrooms sheet rocked and finished. Then the ceilings were installed and the flooring done. Then the painters came and painted the walls. We installed plumbing fixtures, cabinets, mirrors, and stall dividers. The hot water heater was installed and the electrical all finished. It has been both exciting and very frustrating at times. It is all useable at the present time, it wasn't always smooth going, but we got it done and so far have not had to borrow any money to do so. This was our goal. We had the outside and trim painted also.

I would like to thank the building committee and furnishings committee for their help, without them we couldn't have gotten it all done.

Submitted by,

Dale Arn

2019 Women's Fellowship

Women's Fellowship is an organization within the church to increase, develop and coordinate the activities and participation of women in the church as a means of witnessing for Jesus Christ. This includes serving as well as fellowship. We meet quarterly on the 1st Tuesday of March, June, September and December. All women who are members of Faith Church are members of Women's Fellowship and are welcome to attend our meetings and get involved in Women's Fellowship. And guests are always welcome so bring a friend or family member (men are welcome as well).

There are several committees within Women's Fellowship to serve the needs of the church such as care of the bereaved, receptions, etc.

Our fund raising event for the year is a bazaar and bake sale which is held in conjunction with the Brotherhood Ham and Bean Dinner in November. We also host a garage sale in the spring. The money raised is used for various projects around the church and donations to charitable causes. Each year a directory is made of all members, their address and phone number which is given to all women in the church.

Each meeting consists of a business meeting, a program selected by the officers and refreshments. Hostesses provide the refreshments and table decorations at each meeting. The June meeting includes a Salad Supper where all the women bring a salad offering to share.

Programs for 2019 consisted of:

March – Steve Gingerly presented a program on The Civil War/Fort Smith. A donation of \$2,000 was proposed to the C. Ross McClellan building fund.

June – This meeting consisted of a salad supper and a program on the AFL-CIO which was presented by Becky Gach. The meeting concluded with an installation of officers for 2019 to 2020. Officers are President – Teresa Kidwell, Vice President – Donna VonBiela, Secretary – Carol McClellan and Treasurer – Debbie Demuth.

September – Jamie Roe presented a program on the Senior Abuse Hotline. A donation of \$30 was made to InterServ on behalf of Jamie.

December – This meeting was held at Eilean McCauley's house where all attending brought a snack to share. Stacy Kerns presented a program on Sisters of Solace. Donations were presented to Stacy for Sisters of Solace of personal hygiene items (travel size), underwear, sports bras and socks as well as a monetary donation of \$300. In addition donations were proposed to be made of \$250 to the YWCA and \$1,000 to the C. Ross McClellan building fund.

We would like to thank everyone who helped as an officer, committee member or hostess this past year. Without the contributions of everyone, our purpose could not be achieved. There are many opportunities to get involved and help with the work of the church.

Teresa Kidwell, President 2019 – 2020 & Linda Trapp, President 2018 - 2019

Historian Report 2019

Having completed my 70th birthday in October 2019, I have decided to write my final Historian Report and resign from the position. I want to write about the history of Faith Church. For those who were here for the 50th Anniversary, the information should be familiar. For members who have joined Faith Church in the last ten years, it may be of interest to know how we came to be.

The beginning of Faith United Church in St. Joseph, MO in 1961 was actually the joining together of three local congregations, all with rich histories and many similar traditions and beliefs. Four years earlier, the new denomination of United Church of Christ was born by a union of the Evangelical – Reformed Churches and the Congregational -Christian Churches in the United States. The Evangelical – Reformed Church dates to in 1725 Pennsylvania with their lineage back to Calvin, Luther, and Zwingli in Germany and Switzerland. The Congregational and Christian Churches date back to the Pilgrims and the Puritans in the early 1600s.

During the year 1959 four church in St. Joseph, who found themselves in changing neighborhoods and starting a period of decline, talked together and decided to begin individual studies of their situations. Those churches were First Evangelical and Reformed Church at 10th and Lincoln, Trinity Evangelical and Reformed Church at 14th and Lafayette, and First Congregational Church at 13th and Jules. The members of these congregations voted to move forward with a merger. The merging date was to be on October 15, 1961.

On the Sunday of the merger each congregation met at its own building to hold a brief closing service. Three young people from each church went to the altar and took the Holy Symbols – the Candlesticks, the Bible, and the Cross. They carried them from the church building and along with all of the members formed caravans traveling to 13th and Jules where members of that church met them on the front steps. They sang “Onward Christian Soldiers”, and led by the young people carry the symbols, they marched into the sanctuary together. A closing prayer was prayed together.

The cornerstones from all three original churches were removed and have now been placed in a monument outside the front doors of the church building. The three original church buildings were sold and are still existing as churches today.

The congregation chose the new name “Faith” and they approved a purchase agreement of 5 acres at Karnes Road and Ashland Avenue to build the new Faith United Church of Christ. There were 351 Charter Members of Faith Church. Ten of these Charter Members are still living today. Our current church building was dedicated in May of 1967. There have been 9 Ministers who have served Faith Church. In 1992 Faith Church members voted to leave its affiliation with the United Church of Christ and become a non-denominational church. In October of 2021, Faith Church will celebrate its 60th Anniversary.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Langemach Bannon