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Newsletter for October 2026



CRAFT SHOW

Come and check out all the amazing craft items for sale!

It's never too early to start Christmas shopping!

Hot dogs will be available on Saturday.



- Barb Fink is currently at Elderwood in Hamburg and appreciates your cards and prayers. Her address is: 5775 Maelou Drive, Hamburg, NY 14075.
- Janet Taber is at home. She appreciates our prayers and calls. Cards may be sent to her home address: 5845 Scherff Road, Orchard Park, NY 14127.
- Sally Schutt is now living with her son D.J. and his wife at 6181 Rice Road, Boston, NY 14025.



CONCERNS & PRAYERS

For peace in our country and the world, for our military, for those who have lost loved ones recently and are grieving, and for those whose needs we may not know.

For Vickie Bieger, Stephen Dearth, Barb Fink, Scot Kish, Carol Mueller, Claudia Renzi, Leroy Rockwood, Chuck & Sheila Recktenwalt, Tom & Marilyn Rucker, Joe Ryan, Sally Schutt, Janet Taber, Pat Granville.

For those in the Military: Jacob Braun, Zachary Braun, Justin Buczek, Sophia Rappl Raso, Justin Slighter, Jamie-Lynn Smerka and Mark Williams.

Prayer Concerns

Please email your prayer concerns to the church secretary (secretary@faithunitedchurchucc.com) or stop by the church office when it is open and write your concerns on the prayer request sheet in the narthex.

Name tags

The name tags are updated. If you are missing your name tag, please let Gail Berger know so a new one can be made.

Update on Sunday school activities... - Cris Palczak, Sunday School Superintendent

Sunday school is off to a great start. The children are helping with the bulletin boards. May God Be With You. Ms. Katherine and the children are working on the one downstairs across the Fellowship Hall. We hope you enjoy them. Please look at the children's work. Thank you Ms. Katherine!

Mission

The fall food drive will begin in October and run through November. Collected food items will go to Bread of Life in Colden, so donations are staying local. Please let us not forget that others may not be as fortunate as we are and need help.

Thanks to everyone that donated to the school supply drive in August and to Undie Sunday in September. Your donations are appreciated.



Thank you notes

We have received a very nice thank you note:

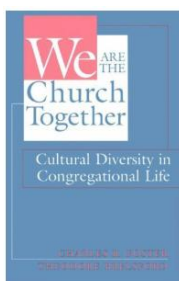
Maplewood Cemetery sent a note: "We truly appreciate your kindness and generosity to help us keep Maplewood Cemetery a beautiful place for our "past" & "future" residents. This donation will get us to our goal of a new tractor. Thank you!" – Vanessa Miller

FeedMore WNY sent a beautiful note: "We would like to thank you for your generous donation. During this time of increased need throughout Western New York, your congregation's compassionate leadership will provide relief for our neighbors of all ages who face food insecurity."

FELLOWSHIP

Men's Group – The Men's Group will meet Saturday October 10th at 9:00 at the church. As always we will talk about the small tasks at hand and then proceed to complete the tasks if possible! Then we gather back in the Fellowship Hall for coffee, pastries and conversation. If you have any questions, feel free to speak to Bruce Lounsbury on a Sunday morning or call him at 716-662-7357.

Women's Support – The Women's Group Pork BBQ held on Saturday, September 26th was a success. The Women's Group will be making dinner for Grace House on Wednesday, October 7th.



Library – We Are The Church Together by Theodore Brelsford and Charles R. Foster explores the cultural diversities of a church. It is these differences, and how they are overcome and accepted, that gives each church its own identity. This book helps to recognize the differences and to truly become the church together.

This book can be found in the Church Library, located in the Gathering Room.



Faith Church Campfire – Thank you for your attendance and participation in our 1st Faith s'mores/community campfire event!



Photo releases

Occasionally, pictures taken at Faith Church are used in the newspaper, and on Facebook. Faith Church assumes that this is acceptable to adults 18 or older if you have not notified the church office not to use your picture. Parents of children 17 or younger are given a photo release that is to be signed at the start of the Sunday School year. If you do not want you or your children's photo used, be sure to contact the church office.



News

Sunday, October 4th **World Communion Sunday/Neighbors in Need offering/Coffee hour** following worship.

Tuesday, October 7th – **Stewardship meeting** 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, October 7th – **Woman's Group** prepare meals at Grace House.

Saturday, October 10th – **Men's Group meeting** 9:00 a.m.

Sunday, October 11th – **Fall Food** drive begins.

Friday, October 16th – **Craft show** 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 17th – **Craft show and hot dog day** 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Sunday, October 18th – **Congregational meeting** following worship for the purpose of voting on the **2027 church budget** and the **church refresh project**.

Tuesday, October 20th – **Board Meeting** 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, October 21st – **Stewardship Meeting** 10:00 a.m. to stuff envelopes.

Sunday, October 25th – **Stewardship Kick-off. Blessing of the costumes. Trunk or Treat** will be held in the church parking lot and following worship there is an **Endowment Committee Meeting**.



Highlights

Sunday, November 1st – **All Saints Day/Communion/Remembrance Sunday**.

Saturday, November 7th – **Men's Group meeting** 9:00 a.m.

Sunday, November 8th – **Children's appreciation for Veterans**.

Sunday, November 15th – **Food drive ends**.

Sunday, November 22nd – **Communion/Hat and glove drive begins/Turkey soup luncheon/Pledge Sunday**.





Turkey Soup Day – will be held on Sunday,
November 22nd following service.

Remembrance Sunday - Sunday, November 1st
during worship we will be lighting a candle and
naming aloud loved ones and members of our
congregation who have died over the past year.
Please give the name of those you would like to
honor to Angella
(secretary@faithunitedchurchucc.com,
716-941-3529) or write the name on the list on the
bulletin board outside the church office.

BOARD MEETING Recap

September 15, 2026

The Meeting was opened by board President Cathy Kobel at 7:02pm

The Minutes from August 18, 2026, meeting were reviewed. -Minutes approved

Reports:

Financial Secretary's Report – given by Corky – income for August was \$15,816.65

Year to Date income \$89,395.65

Treasurer's Report – given by Mary Beth – expenses for August were \$5,680.00

All reports approved

Old Business:

- **Church Refreshing Committee** – Update on obtaining official proposals to replace Sanctuary lighting, painting and carpet
 - **Estimates**
 - **\$1585 Bellinger Electric** – remove and replace 6 chandeliers, remove and replace 4 dimmers with 4 new Decora Dimmers – chandeliers to be provided by the church
 - **\$2590 Valley Floors & Carpet Cleaning** –includes NRF Select Carpet Prestige I blue color, remove and dispose old carpets & metals- installation of carpet, ¼"pad, tap down metals in runner area
 - **\$8200 PDQ Painting**
 - Alter block wall and wood alter \$1350
 - Church block walls except for alter wall \$2800
 - Radiator covers (all covers in church) \$1200
 - Fellowship Hall \$2,200
 - Kitchen \$650
 - **\$4200 – light fixtures** 6 x \$700
 - A certificate of insurance must be supplied by each contractor
 - Funding for this project is being donated by an anonymous donor



A motion was made by Zach to move forward with these projects presented by the refreshing committee by getting approval from the congregation contingent on the donation from an anonymous donor.

The motion was seconded by Corky. All in favor – motion passed unanimously.

After discussion, it was decided that the congregational vote will take place on Sunday, October 18, at the same congregational meeting to vote on the budget. Cathy will ask Pastor Tina to have a shorter sermon, skip a hymn, on that day.

- **Ice cream social** – went well – some folks that are not members attended
- **Campfire event** – went well, everyone made their own s'more. Good fun. Maybe have Tim bring his guitar to sing some songs next year
- **Fall fundraisers** –
 - **Craft Show** sign-up sheets are posted for help, several crafters have already signed up. Katherine will make a flyer. Maybe include a flyer with pork dinners
 - **Pulled Pork Dinner** – 92 tickets distributed. We will be having 225 dinners. We need to sell 123 dinners to make a profit. Linda is coordinating folks to bake cookies
- **Search Committee update**
 - No response from Rev. Gary Ferner. Committee will meet at 9:30 September 20th

New Business:

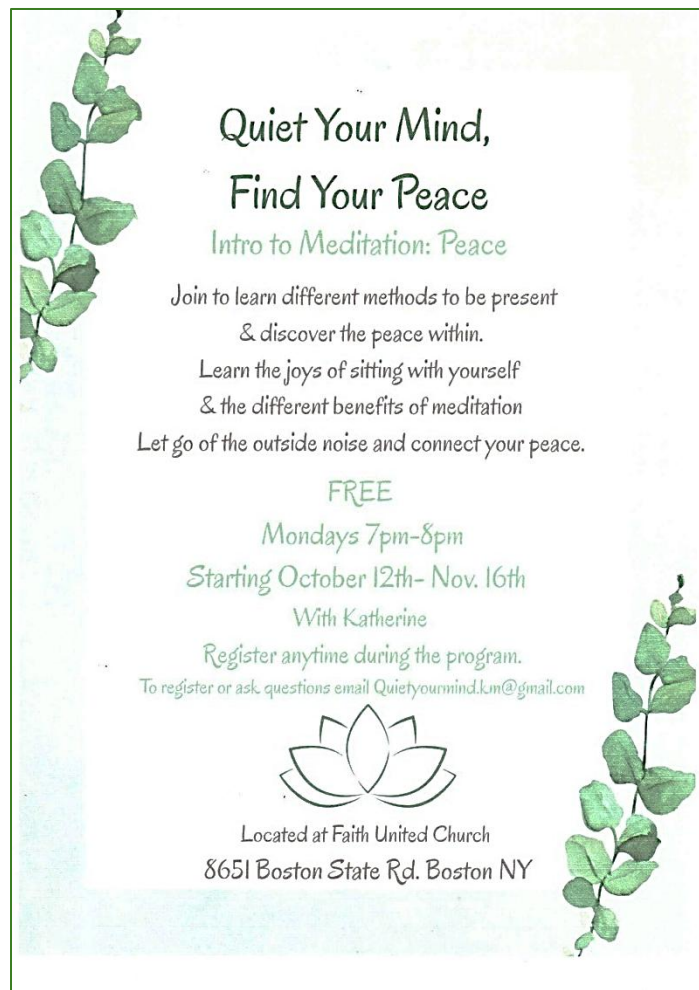
- **2027 Budget approval** –
 - copies of the proposed budget were distributed with the agenda
 - Trustees will be available after church service on September 20th & 27th to discuss the budget with congregants
 - Mary Beth made a motion to accept the budget as prepared by the trustees, seconded by Corky – All in favor – Motion passed
 - The congregation will vote on the budget at the congregational meeting on Sunday, October 18th
- **Stewardship**
 - The theme for this year's stewardship campaign is **"There Are Hearts Will Be"**
 - Letters have been written
 - The stewardship committee will meet next Thursday
 - Kickoff is October 25th
- **Congregation feedback** – Gail commented that she was disappointed in the turn out for the potluck luncheon on Rally Back Day. Only 19 people attended the luncheon
- Mary Beth would like Ken to have a debit card as Ted's card is not active and she would like someone else to have a card in case she is not available



Respectfully Submitted,
Ginny Taber, Faith UCC Board Secretary

August 2026		TREASURER'S MONTHLY FINANCIAL SUMMARY					
Operating Fund	Start Balance	Receipts	Interest	Total Income	Expenses	End Balance	
Current Account	11,762.97	15,688.65		27,451.62	5,680.00	21,771.62	
Benevolent Account	1,089.44	128.00		1,217.44		1,217.44	
Operating Fund Total	12,852.41	15,816.65	0.00	28,669.06	5,680.00	22,989.06	
2027 Prepaid Pledges						0.00	
Other Funds (not included in Operating Fund or Budget)						0.00	
WACIC Grant (Griefshare, Grace for the Journey) \$2643	1,489.71	0.00		1,489.71		1,489.71	
Special Benevolent	205.00	0.00		205.00		205.00	
Major Repairs Long Term Fund	43,671.53	0.00		43,671.53		43,671.53	
Memorial Fund	7,057.57	0.00		7,057.57		7,057.57	
Other Funds Total	52,423.81	0.00		52,423.81	0.00	52,423.81	
Total of All Funds	65,276.22	15,816.65	0.00	81,092.87	5,680.00	75,412.87	
Asset Accounts - Evans Bank - Checking, Savings, CDs	65,276.22	15,816.65	0.00	81,092.87	5,680.00	75,412.87	
Weekly Income	8/2/2026	8/9/2026	8/16/2026	8/23/2026	8/30/2026	Total	
Current Account	1,069.00	5,630.65	1,537.00	5,282.00	2,170.00	15,688.65	
Benevolent Account	3.00	15.00	55.00	55.00		128.00	
Operating Fund Total	1,072.00	5,645.65	1,592.00	5,337.00	2,170.00	15,816.65	
2027 Prepaid Pledges						0.00	
Pay Pal fees						0.00	
WACIC Grant (Griefshare, Grace for the Journey) \$2643						0.00	
Special Benevolent						0.00	
Major Repairs Long Term Fund						0.00	
Memorial Fund						0.00	
Total Weekly Income	1,072.00	5,645.65	1,592.00	5,337.00	2,170.00	15,816.65	
			2026 weekly income to date	89,395.65			
			2025 weekly income to date				
			2024 weekly income to date				

	ITEMIZED BUDGET AND EXPENSE REPORT					2026											
	BUDGET AMOUNT	EXPENSES January	EXPENSES February	EXPENSES March	EXPENSES April	EXPENSES May	EXPENSES June	EXPENSES July	EXPENSES Aug	EXPENSES Sept	EXPENSES Oct	EXPENSES Nov	EXPENSES Dec	% Spent to Date	Remaining Budget Amount	Totals	
CURRENT ACCOUNT																	
1. Pastor's Salary	39,600.00	6,600.00	6,600.00	6,600.00	6,600.00		2,000.00	2,000.00	800.00					79%	8,400.00	31,200.00	
2. Pastor's Medical	2,000.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00								125%	(500.00)	2,500.00	
3. Pastor's Travel	400.00	208.60					340.03							137%	(148.63)	548.63	
4. Pastor's Professional Expenses and Continuing	500.00		125.00											25%	375.00	125.00	
5. Pastor's Pension 14% of salary	3,000.00	631.17	631.17	631.17	631.17									84%	475.32	2,524.68	
6. Pastor's Disability 1.5% of salary	150.00	67.63	67.63	67.63	67.63									180%	(120.52)	270.52	
7. Parsonage Utilities - Electric, Gas, Water	2,700.00	365.37	411.11	336.26	794.99	237.11	77.65	354.54	164.26					102%	(41.29)	2,741.29	
8. Supply Pastor	1,500.00		150.00											10%	1,350.00	150.00	
9. Organist and Choir Director	9,600.00	800.00	800.00	800.00	800.00	800.00	800.00	800.00	800.00					67%	3,200.00	6,400.00	
10. Church Office Secretary (18.00/hr.)	15,000.00	1,026.00	1,140.00	1,558.00	1,159.00	1,158.07	1,634.00	1,349.00	1,596.00					71%	4,379.93	10,620.07	
11. Church Sexton (\$300 per month)	3,600.00	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00	150.00					63%	1,350.00	2,250.00	
12. Social Security and Medicare	2,600.00	368.35			537.34			562.05						56%	1,132.26	1,467.74	
13. Workers' Compensation and Disability Insurance	2,000.00			72.64				74.04						7%	1,853.32	146.68	
14. Church & Office Supplies	2,000.00	580.35	39.38	238.85	299.88	282.27	152.50	304.50	678.60					129%	(576.33)	2,576.33	
15. Church School Supplies and Program	500.00													0%	500.00	-	
16. Music Supplies	200.00	-				25.00								13%	175.00	25.00	
17. Sexton Supplies	400.00													0%	400.00	-	
18. Church Fellowship/Invitation Team	200.00													0%	200.00	-	
19. Church Utilities	9,000.00	1,552.66	2,308.89	1,122.69	421.70	627.96	624.53	504.23	460.91					85%	1,376.43	7,623.57	
20. Insurance (Fire, Theft, Liability)	13,500.00	3,333.00		3,334.00				3,656.00						76%	3,177.00	10,323.00	
21. Taxes - County and Town	2,500.00			2,778.58					-					111%	(278.58)	2,778.58	
22. Maintenance and Repair	2,250.00				1,159.00	152.95		184.36	1,225.00					121%	(471.31)	2,721.31	
23. Grounds Maintenance - Snowplowing and Yard	4,200.00													0%	4,200.00	-	
24. Our Church's Wider Mission	1,500.00													0%	1,500.00	-	
25. Churches in Covenant	750.00													0%	750.00	-	
26. Dunkirk Conference Center	500.00													0%	500.00	-	
27. Love INC	400.00													0%	400.00	-	
28. Bread of Life Outreach	400.00													0%	400.00	-	
29. Boston Valley School	400.00													0%	400.00	-	
30. Colden Elemtary	400.00													0%	400.00	-	
31. Plymouth Crossroads	750.00													0%	750.00	-	
TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET	122,500	16,333.13	13,073.18	18,339.82	13,270.71	4,083.36	5,928.71	10,088.72	5,874.77	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	245%	35,508	86,992.40	



OCTOBER GREETERS 2026

Date	Elevator Entrance	Main Entrance
Oct 4	Lois Thurnherr/Linda Bishop Herb Berlin, Bobby Bishop, Kathy & Bruce Lounsbury	Helen Zittel
Oct 11	Carol & Ken Ottaway Herb Berlin, Linda & Bobby Bishop, Kathy & Bruce Lounsbury	Helen Zittel
Oct 18	Corky & Sharon Forney Herb Berlin, Linda & Bobby Bishop, Bruce Lounsbury	Kathy Lounsbury
Oct 25	Linda Bishop Herb Berlin, Bobby Bishop	Michele Rappl



Please call the church office, 716-941-3529, or Lois T., 716-941-3248, should you need to change the schedule. We appreciate you taking time to share your love of Christ with others by welcoming them to our worship service.

October Birthdays & Anniversaries

Happy Birthday To:

3 – Marilyn Rucker
5 – Loretta Rishel
7 – Kim Williams
8 – Donna Lisowski
11 – Larry Cornwall
17 – Kathy Lounsbury
18 – Zenia Munger
19 – Stan Werner
20 – Owen Williams

21 – Nicole Johnson
23 – Christina Bishop
Rem Meyer
25 – Priscilla Granville
Mark Lounsbury
26 – Barb Biddle
28 – Logan Morris
31 – Cathy Gustafson

Happy Anniversary To:

5 – Gary & Linda Stisser
8 – Dave & Natalie Recktenwalt
13 – Zack & Zenia Munger
14 – Mark & Leanne Lounsbury
21 – Mark & Kim Williams

