



Faith United Methodist Church 2023 Church Charge Conference

Agenda

WELCOME

Pastor

CALL TO ORDER

DS/Presiding Elder

OPENING PRAYER

Lay Leader

HYMN

"Many Gifts, One Spirit"

(UMH #114)

SCRIPTURE

Lay Leader

1 Corinthians 12:12-13

¹² For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³ For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. (NRSV)

MESSAGE

DS/Presiding Elder

"I believe the tables of the gospels suggest God's dream for us and they call us to become whole people who live in a healing and whole community. Our best parables are about inviting those in the highways and hedges to the table, about taking the last seat and putting others before us. . . Perhaps the most remembered scripture about the table is: 'Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies.' The psalm suggests God is preparing the table and calls us to: 'come to the table and be God's table people even in the presence of hurt and division.'"
(Bishop Dan Schwerin during his State of the Church address at the 2023 NIC Annual Conference)

HOLY CONFERENCING

- How have you experienced God's love and grace at a table?
- How do you extend Christ's table in your life and through your mission and ministry?
- How do we become one body in Christ?

Litany (Unison)

We are called to be God's table.

We gather as a beloved community

Blessed with a theology of abundance

To equip vital faith communities

That we would make disciples of Jesus Christ

For the transformation of the world.

First and foremost, we believe God is preparing this table and that collectively, we are at a moment in time that our prayer could be framed as, 'by Your Spirit make us one in Christ that we may be one in ministry.' This is, first, God's table, a table of life in Christ as one body.

(Adapted from Bishop Dan Schwerin's State of the Church address)

HYMN "One Bread, One Body"

(UMH #620)

BUSINESS:

1. Leadership Nominations and Election
1. Clergy Compensation
2. Ministry Recommendations
3. Lay Servant Reports
4. Additional Business

SACRAMENT OF THE HOLY COMMUNION Hymnal pages 15-16

DS/Presiding Elder

(The host pastor prepares the elements. Communion is served in accordance with the church's practice.)

DISMISSAL AND BLESSING Pastor

Accessibility Audit 2023

*required field

District *

Lake South

Church *

Orland Park: Faith - 2057

Name of person filling out the form *

Randall Chapple

Email *

rchapple82@gmail.com

1) Is your church accessible to those using wheelchairs, walkers or with other mobility challenges? *

- ☒ Yes
☐ No

If yes, please provide specifics.

We have accessible parking and routes throughout our building including one toilet room.

2) Does your church provide large print worship materials such as Bibles, bulletins and hymn sheets and/or projection on screens? *

- ☒ Yes
☐ No

If yes, please provide specifics.

We provide large print worship materials (Bibles) and projections on screens.

3) Does your church provide hearing assistance via personal devices or hearing loop? (If you need info on this, please contact the NIC Committee on Accessibility Ministries) *

- ☒ Yes
☐ No

If yes, please provide specifics.

We offer personal hearing assistance devices.

4) Does your church offer special accessibility ministry services such as sign language interpretation? *

- ☐ Yes
☒ No

If yes, please provide specifics.

5) Does your church offer any special ministry programs such as support groups (i.e. grief; divorce, mental illness, AA) etc? *

- ☒ Yes
☐ No

If yes, please provide specifics.

We host about a dozen support groups (including AA, OA, and CODA) throughout the week. We post the list of support groups (and meeting times) on our website.

6) Does your church have a fully handicap accessible restroom(s)? This includes an exclusive single user restroom or an extra-large stall; both need to have grab bars, a high-rise toilet with auto-flushing valve, sink or vanity that allows for a wheelchair to roll under, a mirror that angles downward, reach-under activated faucets, paper towel dispenser and/or air powered hand-dryer located at a level that is easily reachable from a wheelchair and a power-assisted entry/exit door that opens outward. (for additional information, please contact the NIC Committee on Accessibility Ministries at accesstogodshouse@gmail.com) *

- ☒ Yes
☐ No

If yes, please provide specifics.

Faith offers fully handicap accessible restroom with extra-large stall and grab bars.

7) Does your church promote its accessibility capabilities via the church website, publications, and signage? Signage includes an indication of items such as hearing assist devices, large print bulletins being available and HCA restroom & elevators or lifts, ramps etc.

☒ Yes
☐ No

To continue working on this form before submitting, click the Save and Continue button in the upper right and a link will appear.

****Please copy and save the link you are provided - you may use this link to re-enter your session at any time by pasting it into your browser address bar. Once a form is submitted the link will no longer be available.****

We recommend printing a copy of each completed form to retain for your records and share with the church office. Please click on the print button at the top of each form before selecting 'submit'.

Save this link to restore in progress forms:

<https://registration.umcnic.org/api/forms/restore/92709e919fe12547f02ad1ba7307322e>

Athletic Committee Church Conference Report

Submitted by Ed Bayles

Going forward, we are seeking suggestions from the congregation for programs and activities for children, youth, and adults that we can review as a committee and implement if there is sufficient interest.

In the past, we have had various youth programs including Bitty Basketball, Family Fun Night, and Open Gym time. There also had been a Men's Basketball program.

Children and Youth Programs

In the past year we did not sponsor any programs for children or young adults.

Adult Programs

Witness to Fitness (Monday, Wednesday & Friday)

A Special Thank You to **Darryl Wertheim**.

Darryl created this program and enhanced it over the years

Program is celebrating 10 + years

Over the years, 100+ people have participated

Currently the average Class Size 40 to 50 participants

Tai Chi (Monday, Wednesday)

Average Class Size 8 to 10 participants

Coed Golf League

12 Participants

AUDIO/VISUAL REPORT

to
FAITH UMCOP CHURCH CONFERENCE 2023

MEMBERS			
Announcements: Beth Kawczynski Church Photographer: Ed Kawczynski Director: Michelle Babics (Paid Position)	Audio: Chris Bryce, Director Kevin Palmer* Chelsea Castaneda Cassie Belock Barry Barnett through 7/22 (*Paid thru RISE budget)	Video Recording: Diane Barnett through 7/22 Wendy Connolly Live-streaming Technologist(s) Chuck Campbell Chelsea Castaneda	Visuals: Laura Cardinal Bob Lazarz Diane Barnett through 8/22 Wendy Connolly Video Editing: Anna Hopper* (*Paid position)

The AV Team has been in in need of volunteers to help out. We need sound people on Saturday and for a substitute. We need a visual person and video editor/recorder. Vacancies occurred the Barnett's stepping down.

AUDIO: Chris Bryce is primarily in charge of the audio during services.

VIDEO RECORDING/STREAMING: We continue to have a solid connection for streaming. Sermons are also being uploaded to the website.

VIDEO EDITING:

Anna, Diane and Wendy continue to create videos for, and edit videos from, Sunday services for upload and publishing on YouTube, Facebook and forwarding to our Faith Website once every week. Many individuals do personal recordings then send them to Diane, Anna and Wendy for editing.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & SPECIAL VISUAL PRESENTATIONS:

Beth & Ed Kawczynski continue to do a wonderful job preparing announcements and special presentations (Stewardship in October, All Saints in October and Veterans in November) for Sunday/Saturday services, the newsletter and our website. Ed does an amazing job on photographing special occasions. Diane Barnett did an exceptional job on Pastor Caleb's Farewell presentation. This year baptisms were held during services in which Ed takes beautiful pictures for the families and our services.

SPECIAL EVENTS FOR AV:

Besides our weekly Sunday services, our Team worked hard to assist in events that occurred here at Faith this year.

- 2023 Special Lenten Services (Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, and Good Friday)
- Baptisms were still scheduled during services.
- Live streaming for a few of the funerals that were held here.
- Laity Convocation 2023
- Swift Speaker Forum

SOFTWARE:

We currently use Power Director, Open Broadcast System and ProPresenter 6 for services. There are still plans to upgrade to ProPresenter 7.

EQUIPMENT:

We purchased a desktop to use strictly for live streaming. This will eliminate using various laptops with different settings. We will be ready to go live quickly.

AV WISHLIST:

More Volunteers!!!! We will train!!!!

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:

We again thank Chuck Campbell from Argyle Technologies for continually installing, training and trouble-shooting our new software and hardware. He is an integral part of the FUMC team.

Respectfully Submitted,
Michelle Babics, Chairperson A/V Team

Christian Education Report for 2023

Kitty Chapple, Chairwoman

Christian education committee is proud to offer the following programs this year:

Perennial small group programs: These groups are mainstays at Faith. UMC

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|-----------------|--|
| Upper Room | every Wednesday morning in person at Faith UMC. Upper room bimonthly booklets are available in the Narthex for anyone. |
| Women's Bible | Tuesdays via Phone conference Fall '23 and are studying the Gospel of Matthew |
| Literary Ladies | once a month to have book discussion and fellowship |
| Quilters | make baby quilts for church members and babies baptized at Faith. |

Winter/ Spring 2023 classes:

Lenten '23 small group book study, video and sermon series was *Five Things God Uses to Grow Your Faith* by Andy Stanley. This was a six-week class and there were approximately 55 participants meeting in 5 small groups including a Zoom class.

New class this year: We had a 3-week class on Intercessory Prayer lead by Dr. Jim Sandberg that received very good comments. Thank you, Dr. Sandberg.

Fall 2023 classes:

Small group book study is currently being held through the end of October. It is *Chasing Vines* by Beth Moore. We have about 45 participants in 4 small groups. Thank you to our loyal group leaders, they are the backbone of this program.

Disciple 1 class will be launched this month and is being lead by church members Nancy and Dale Carver. The Disciple 2 was completed this year with the group that had began pre-covid. We are very proud of the Disciple 2 class for their perseverance.

CPR certification classes will be held at Faith UMC in November. CPR will be open to anyone interested, 6 person minimum per class.

Advent 2023 Independent book reading

We have a lovely church library established at Faith UMC in room 13. We offer Holiday reading book loan options for all ages off a book cart in our Narthex. This was well received last year and will be offered again this December.

Our committee will be meeting in November to plan for 2024 programs. Our young adults have expressed an interest in forming their own small group. They have a vision of how they'd like to meet but haven't been able to choose a time that's convenient for them. We will continue to ask for small group suggestions (and have already received some) and recruiting new group leaders.

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
CHURCH CONFERENCE REPORT – 2023
CHURCH AND SOCIETY COMMITTEE

The Church and Society Committee continues to encourage our congregation to exercise their right to vote during all elections in their towns and villages.

We continue to support SWIFT (Southwest Interfaith Team) by attending events, paying our membership dues and contributions.

A special collection was taken one weekend this year to support our sisters and brothers in Ukraine.

Though we did not announce it, Jim Simmons, has always supported the annual Crop Walk. Thank you, Jim.

Other issues the committee prays for and supports are: The increasing availability of “On-Line Gambling” websites. Human Trafficking issues. Suicide Prevention Support Groups. Domestic violence Support Centers. Ending Gun Violence. Any many others. We ask that you continue to pray and support these issues and other concerns.

The pandemic put a hold on some projects the Church and Society Committee had been working on in the past, like the “Books for Kids” program. And unfortunately we never started them up again.

Because so many issues and concerns, Church and Society support, overlap those of the Mission Committee, our Church Counsel has elected to merge these two committees together.

So in 2024, the Mission Committee will replace any issues Church and Society has previously supported. Please continue to support the Mission Committee with your prayers, your gifts, your time and your talents.

Respectfully submitted,

Rita Bartak

Chairperson
Church and Society Committee

Faith United Methodist Church
Church Conference Report – October 2023

Church Council

The Church Council is the governing body of the congregation and shall review all new policies and approve new ministries that require changes in facilities, staff and budget. The current membership of the Church Council is listed elsewhere in the FUMC Church Conference packet. Each major committee chair that serves on the Council provides a report to the Church Conference.

There has not been a formal Church Council Conference report since 2021. New leadership of the FUMC Church Council began in June 2023 and this report will reflect from June 2023 to October 2023. Minutes are taken at every meeting and are filed with the church office. These minutes are now published in Faith Matters and can be made available to any member by contacting the church secretary.

The 2023 Budget has not yet been approved by Council. The budget approval meeting is expected to be held in November/December after the Stewardship Drive.

There have been several staff changes over the past two years. The most recent is the change of pastors as of July 1st of this year. The Church Council supported the farewell to Pastor Caleb Hong and the welcoming of Pastor Jaques Conway. The Council thanks all those who were responsible for these celebrations and assistance with transitions.

With the guidance of the Finance Committee, the Council was able to establish and approve the following policies:

- Finance Committee Roles & Responsibility Policy
- Bank Account Policy
- Credit Card & Charge Account Policy
- Check & Electronic Fund Transfer/Disbursement Policy
- Gift Acceptance Policy

The Church Council Co-chairs would like to acknowledge the work/outcomes of staff and volunteers to create the Intentional Discipleship System and Organizational Chart of Faith United Methodist Church of Orland Park. These tools assist in effectively communicating with each other and help us to successfully establish and carry out the mission, goals, ministries of FAITH.

Respectfully submitted by: Greg Bradach and Wendy Connolly, Church Council Co-Chairs

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
2023 CROP Hunger Walk Report

The Southwest Suburban CROP Hunger Walk was held on Sunday October 8, 2023. The Walk was a 1 mile walk against hunger for Church World Service using the loop trail around Lake Katherine in Palos Heights. No report on the amount raised for this walk, number of walkers or churches that participated. I was not able to attend this year because of a scheduling conflict. 25% of the amount raised will be given to local pantries.

Jim Simmons

Faith United Methodist Church
Church Conference Report 2023
Endowment Committee

The goal for the Endowment Committee is to provide grants to Not For Profit groups and organizations usually but not limited to our local or Chicagoland communities. The amount of monies available to the Endowment Committee are based on a percentage of the prior years earnings on the Endowment Investment funds.

All requests must be submitted to our committee on a completed "Request for Endowment Fund Request" which can be found on our church website. Copies of the request form are also available at the church. Once we receive a completed form it is reviewed by all committee members and a majority vote must be received for approval and funding to that group. Letters are sent to both the approved requests along with the check, and letters thanking groups for their request but at this time we are not able to support their request. I have been able to personally deliver checks to some of our local organizations including:

The Bridge Teen Center

My Joyful Heart

What a wonderful opportunity this has been & how fortunate we are to have this Endowment Fund to provide monies to these groups of people who help & support those in need.

The Endowment Committee meets every other month so I am able to get an update of the Endowment Committee's activities & also share with the church through the monthly Faith Matters newsletter which organizations that we have provided funding for at our last meeting.

A copy of all grants that have been approved & checks that have been sent as of September 2023 has been provided in this report.

Our last meeting for the year is November 12th

Respectfully submitted,
Paula Morrone
Chair of Endowment Committee

Approved & Funded Endowment Grant Requests for 2023
As of September 12, 2023

Bridge Teen Center-	\$5000.00
Church of the Resurrection - Honduras School	\$ 474.00
Feed My Starving Children	\$1500.00
HHH (Hands, Hooves & Hope) Ranch	\$5000.00
H.O.M.E.- Housing Opportunities & Maintenance For the Elderly	\$3000.00
Jennifer S. Fallick Cancer Support Center	\$1000.00
My Joyful Heart	\$3000.00
NIC (Bishops Appeal- Migrant Care)	\$1000.00
One Love Global Wellness	\$3000.00
Operation Blessing	\$4000.00
P.A.X.A.-Parents Against Child Sexual Abuse	\$2500.00
Share Your Soles Foundation	\$2500.00
Together We Cope	\$3000.00
United Methodist Men- Society for St. Andrew's	\$ 500.00
Veterans Voices - for Kruse's Crew	\$2500.00
2023- Budget for Endowment Grants	\$48,700.00
Approved & Funded current grants	\$37,974.00
Remaining available grant funds	\$10,726.00

Family Ministry

Church Conference 2023

Sunday school begins in September and runs through May. During the hour that parents are participating in worship, children begin the service in the Sanctuary and following Faith Kids they are dismissed to Sunday school. Each week children read the Bible, play games, share stories, use technology, make crafts, learn to serve others and pray for one another. We have several new volunteers who have committed to teaching as well as a number of returning volunteers.

We planned a youth service trip with confirmation in the spring and visited Jesus People USA on the North Side of Chicago. We learned about their homeless mission, served in a soup kitchen, and helped in their free thrift store. We also learned about the different ministries they provided.

VBS this year happened in person for the first time since 2019. We had 52 children attend and over 20 volunteers. Children came from our congregation, both from members families as well as some associated with members, and from our community. The breakdown was about 1/3 were from member families, 1/3 associated with the church in some way, and 1/3 from the community. The theme was "Changemakers Lab" and students learned how they could change the world. They raised over 600\$ for "Together We Cope" to put together backpacks for local kids in need.

The Youth Mission trip this year was a week of serving with local mission partners. We partnered with The Bridge Teen Center by sorting and stocking clothing for their thrift store. We worked at HHH Ranch in Manhattan by helping build a new fence and gazebo. We also went to Feed my Starving Children and helped pack meals for kids in need abroad.

We are continuing to look for new ways to create connection points for our families. This summer we had "Family Excursions" to different local parks to create fellowship time for people to meet. This fall we will be trying "Family Open Gym's" to create space for fellowship for our members as well as the community.

The Family Ministry team also participates in many other activities at Faith. We work with the Missions committee to host mission opportunities for children and families. In the fall we host a community Trunk or Treat event. In December we host the annual Santa Jamboree for the church and community. During the summer we host a free week of Vacation Bible school. Family ministry is an exciting and fun place to be!!

Jamie Sladkey Meehan, Director of Family Ministry

(Family Ministry report edited from 2022 to reflect ministry in 2023)

FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT FOR 2023

Our first two events for 2023 turned out to be fun events, despite the fact that our numbers were much lower than last year. We only had 22 at our Pie Day event and only 12 at the Family Casserole Day event. We believe this was due to Taste of Faith being held this year. Plans are in the works with the Worship Committee to see if we can plan our events on days when we do not have "Taste". More information will follow as we get closer to our first event for 2024.

Our third event was the Church Picnic which was rained out. Thanks so much to our custodian Renee for getting the Fellowship Hall set up at the last minute and for Randy Chapple for volunteering his time and grill to cook lots of hamburgers! Despite the weather, we still had 38 people attend.

Our last event for the year is the Chili Cook-off. Last year we had around 50 people and everyone enjoyed the good food, fellowship and Bible trivia. We plan to repeat this for October 28.

For 2024 we hope to increase our average attendance at our events and perhaps throw in some new things!

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Clemenson and
Nancy Carver, co-chairs

Intentional Discipleship System

Making disciples is the reason we exist as The United Methodist Church. That includes being intentional in developing ways to teach our people that discipleship and disciple making are lifelong journeys. Faith's mission statement is to bring people to Jesus Christ through worship education, mission, and fellowship. That makes us disciples – one who knows Christ, is growing in Christ, serving Christ, and sharing Christ.

A committee made up of Rita Bartak, Kathy Jones, Steve Velten, and Sandy Ward developed a plan of Intentional Discipleship for Faith UMC. A graphic and specific ideas using our mission statement help illustrate moving through and strengthening our stages of discipleship.

The complete Intentional Discipleship System chart is available in the lobby.



FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Annual Church Conference Report for 2023
Lay Member to Annual Conference

The 184th Session of the Northern Illinois Annual Conference with 850 clergy and laity present was held on June 6th-8th at Renaissance Schaumburg Convention Center. The theme of this year's conference was "Connected in Christ Come to the Table". The Conference included 3 days of business, voting, reports, Bible Study, and worship services.

The Conference began with a Laity Session hosted by the NIC's three Co-Lay Leaders. How to approach people we disagree with was presented. We are to approach people with humility. Second, we need to understand the person. Finally, we should choose a kingdom culture of grace. A breakout session followed by showing how to apply these principles. This training will be offered to all laity in the fall/spring.

The first Plenary Session was led by Bishop Dan Schwerin. The Daily Procedures Motions and Organizing Motions were approved. The Historic Reports were accepted. Eight churches from the NIC were approved for disaffiliation. These churches made up 2% of the conference membership.

The second Plenary Session began with the introduction of the Ordination Class for 2023 with them answering the historic questions. A Bible Study was presented by Dr. Rolf Nolasco. He used Bible verse Psalms 46:10 as an invitation to God's banquet and how we are asked to come to the table of God. The Legislation Session was next with all members being assigned to one of seven sessions for review of the documents assigned to your session. Documents receiving 80% or more of the votes in a session were put on a Consent Calendar for voting as one document.

The final session of the first day was the Celebration of Ministry including a Service of Commissioning and Ordination. This is always a highlight of the conference. Bishop Dan Schwerin preached that "ministry takes imagination which requires wisdom and courage". Recognition of one consecrated Deaconess, 11 Local Pastors were received, 2 pastors from other Methodist denominations were received, 3 were commissioned for work as an Elder, 1 ordained as a Deacon, and 7 ordained as Elders.

The third Plenary Session started with a report from a representative from UMCOR. They collected 27 million dollars for Ukraine from churches across the US General Church of which \$823,000 was from churches in the Northern Illinois Conference. Bishop Schwerin's Episcopal address was about tables in our lives, about being pulled apart by outside demands, about Anti-Race demands, about Conference Shepherding Groups guidelines, and the need to share a Bishop. A video of a Civil Rights pilgrimage by members of the Northern Illinois Conference was presented. The Shepherding Teams report was presented with the urgent need to make changes in our thinking of church for our communities. It was requested that each church pledge 1% of its annual budget -spread over 3 years- to the Repair the Harm to Children campaign. This is a campaign related to accusations of sexual abuse of Boy Scouts. A Retirement Service was held to honor retirees. The class of 2023 had 381.25 service years among its 16-retiring clergy.

I (Sandy) was honored to open the fourth Plenary Session with prayer. The conference adjourned so UM Foundation could hold an annual meeting. The meeting started with a video presentation. The Foundation has changed its name to Midwest Methodist Foundation. (One of Faith's members, Debbie Gruetzmacher, serves on the Foundation Board.) A revised Purpose statement for the Foundation was presented. The Foundation meeting was adjourned and the conference resumed. The Black Methodist Church Renewal presented a video on their programs. A vote on the Consent Calendar was approved. (see attached 2023 Consent Calendar Voting Report)

The fifth Plenary Session was the second Bible Study by Dr. Rolf Nolasco using Bible verse Psalms 27:4 "That I may dwell in the house of the Lord. All the days of my life." The General Board of Higher Education presented the five colleges and universities in our conference. A total of \$36,372 was raised for the Bishop's Appeal for migrant needs. (Faith contributed \$1800). Churches also sent 7,000 pounds of supplies to Midwest Mission.

Plenary Session #6 began with the presentation of the Laity Address by Mark Manzi, one of the Co-Lay Leaders. He said, "Local churches are the strength of the conference. While there are training and resources available in districts and the conference, it is the churches where the ministry is happening, disciples are being made, and people going into the community to see the people and minister to them." Document 650.01 was presented for vote. The final presentation on the second day was the Korean Peace Reflections and Prayers service. Korean-American pastors led the annual conference in prayers, songs, and personal testimonies for peace in this 70th anniversary of the Korean Armistice. It was a deeply moving service.

The seventh Plenary Session was the introduction of Staff and Cabinet. The Board of Pensions report was given. The current health care for the conference for the pastors & retirees is expected to have a 13% increase next year. Clergy will be asked to absorb some of the increased costs. The announcements of new appointments were presented. A Memorial Service clergy and lay members of Annual Conference was presented.

The final session included a report on Campus Ministry. Legislation for the equitable compensation for full-time clergy was sent to a committee which will report to CCFA. The 2024 budget was approved at \$4,855,942. This is a decrease of \$154,314 from 2023. Two pieces of legislation were not addressed because of lack of time.

We would like to thank the church for the opportunity to serve as your representatives to the 184th Session of the Northern Illinois Conference.

Jim Simmons and Sandy Ward

2023 CONSENT CALENDAR VOTING REPORT

CONCURRENCE

DOC#	SEC	TITLE	VOTES NEEDED (80%)	VOTES FOR	VOTES AGAINST	ABSTEN- TIONS	TOTAL
640.01	2	Special Sundays	52	65	0	0	65
680.01	1	2024 Pensions Ann Conf Petitions	54	67	0	1	67
700.01	7	Discontinuation of Grace Calvary	53	66	0	0	66
700.02	7	Discontinuation of Chicago Epworth	54	67	0	0	67
700.03	7	Discontinuation of Sterling Trinity	54	67	0	0	67
700.04	6	Affirmation of the Queer Delegates Call to Center Justice & Empowerment for LGBTQIA+ People	52	62	3	1	65
700.05	6	Concerning the Rise of Child Labor Resolution	51	63	1	1	64
700.06	6	Concerning the Current State of Attacks on Transgender People in US	50	57	6	2	63
700.07	5	Encouraging Leadership With Integrity	58	69	3	0	72
700.08	5	Support of a Parole Pathway for Illinois Resolution	58	71	1	0	72
700.09	5	In Support of the Pretrial Fairness Act Resolution	59	72	2	0	74
700.10	4	Supporting Creating a US Regional Conference	48	60	0	0	60
700.11	4	Supporting the Removal of Discriminatory Policies	47	59	0	0	59
700.12	2	Standing with our Immigrants, Refugees, and Asylum Seekers Communities	53	66	0	0	66
700.13	3	A Resolution in Response to the Overturning of Roe vs Wade	53	59	7	1	66
700.15	3	Identifying and Opposing Apartheid In the Holy Land	49	61	0	4	61

LAY SPEAKER
ANNUAL REPORT TO THE CHARGE CONFERENCE
Initial Application or Request for Renewal



Report for year ending 2023

SECTION I: DATA ON THE LAY SPEAKER

Name (Mrs. ☐ Ms. ☐ Mr. ☒) Bruce Person
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Telephone 708-601-6980 E-mail personbk@att.net
Name of District Lake South
Name of Church Faith UMCOP
Church Address 15101 S. 80th Ave City/State/Zip Orland Park, IL 60462
Church Telephone 708-444-8560

SECTION II: STATUS OF THE LAY SPEAKER

☐ **For initial application** as a Lay Speaker

1. Are you currently a Certified Lay Servant? ☒ Yes ☐ No
2. What year did you complete your Basic Course? _____
3. What year did you complete your Advanced Course for certification as a lay servant? _____
4. What was the title of your Advanced Course? _____
5. Which of the following required Lay Speaking courses have been completed?
☐ Leading Worship ☐ Leading Prayer ☐ Discovering Spiritual Gifts
☐ Preaching ☐ United Methodist Heritage ☐ United Methodist Polity

(Upon completion of the required course work, the Lay Speaker candidate will be examined by the district committee on Lay Servant Ministries and recommended to the conference committee on Lay Servant Ministries to be considered for certification.)

☒ **For renewal** as a Lay Speaker

1. What year did you first become certified as a Lay Speaker? 2008
2. Date of last review of Lay Speaker status: October 2022 Approved: ☒ Yes ☐ No
3. What year did you complete your last Advanced Course? March 2021
4. What was the title of your last Advanced Course? Called to Preach

SECTION III: REQUEST OF THE LAY SPEAKER

I request recommendation of my pastor and my charge conference to begin/renew as a Lay Speaker for the ensuing year.
Date October 22, 2023 Lay Servant Bruce D. Person

SECTION IV: RECOMMENDATION OF THE PASTOR

I recommend concurrence with the request of this person to begin/renew as a Lay Speaker for the ensuing year.
Date _____ Pastor _____

SECTION V: RECOMMENDATION OF THE CHURCH COUNCIL/CHARGE CONFERENCE

The church council/charge conference of _____ (church/charge)
recommends the above person begin/renew as a Lay Speaker for the ensuing year.
Date _____ Church Council Chair or District Superintendent _____

(To be completed by those requesting renewal as a Lay Speaker)

SECTION VI: MINISTRIES BY THE LAY SPEAKER

During the past year, I have participated in ***caring ministries*** as follows:

- ☐ served as a volunteer in a care-giving institution ☒ provided one-on-one caring
☒ at a hospital, nursing home, or to a shut-in ☒ in membership/evangelism visitation
☐ served in caring/outreach projects (food pantry, prison ministry, etc)
☒ other caring activities (Please list) Stephen Ministry Leader
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During the past year, I have participated in ***leading ministries*** as follows:

- ☒ served as member of committee, board, commission, council, task force, etc.
☐ as a volunteer at a community agency
☒ at my local church
☐ beyond my local church
☐ on my District ☐ Conference ☐ Jurisdiction ☐ General Church level
☒ other leading activities (Please list) Chairman SPRC
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During the past year, I have participated in ***communicating ministries*** as follows:

- ☒ brought message in 1 worship services
☒ served as worship leader in 2 services
☐ delivered _____ devotional messages
☐ taught _____ classes
☐ shared my faith story _____
☐ other speaking activities (Please list) _____
-

During the past year I have participated in additional opportunities for ministry as follows (*Additional writing space below*):
Attended small group classes local church

SECTION VII: PERSONAL AND SPIRITUAL GROWTH BY THE LAY SPEAKER

In what activities have you engaged and/or what books have you read or used during the past year to help you develop your devotional life; improve your understanding of the Bible; improve your understanding of The United Methodist Church; and to improve your skills in caring, leading, communicating and speaking?

SECTION VIII: FEEDBACK BY THE LAY SPEAKER

1. Do you feel called to be in service in any area of ministry, either in the church or outside the church, in which you are not currently involved? ☐ Yes ☒ No (If yes, please list those areas below.)

2. What additional training or support do you need or would suggest to further your ministry:
Certified Lay Servant Certification

3. Give any recommendations you have for improving Lay Servant Ministries in your District or Conference:

(Note: District Directors are encouraged to respond to any comments within this section.)

NOTICE: After this form is completed and signed by those listed above, the Recording Secretary of the Charge Conference is requested to reproduce THREE copies: (1) Lay Speaker, (2) District Director of Lay Servant Ministries, (3) District Superintendent. The Recording Secretary of the Charge Conference keeps the ORIGINAL. (Revised September 2016)

Faith United Methodist Church

Membership Report October 13, 2022-October 22, 2023

Baptisms	New Members	Deaths
Noah Marquez	Ann & Ron Libs reinstate	Ron Kulak
Patrick Jakubiak	Rita Littman	Rutha Gruetzmacher
Winston Matthews	Debbi Sumner	Pearl Cooper
Lucy Kubillus	James Robinson	Tom Sjo
Liam Reid		Darryl Wertheim
Noland Pochinskas	Confirmands	Doris Fenton
	Rylan Bottom	Wendy Koch
Withdrawals	Lynnea Ngorima	Ray Doctor
Mikaela Cristofaro	Isaac Roque	
Monique Gallagher		
Lois Vaughn reported in error		

2022 Total Membership	447
New Members	5
Confirmands	4
New Members not recorded in 2020	7
Withdrawals	(3)
Deaths	(8)
Totals	452

Faith United Methodist Church
Church Conference Report 2023

Memorial Committee

Committee Members: Pat Loebe (Chairperson), Tom Goforth, Terri Goforth, Joan Gruetzmacher, Rich Jones, Judy Iwinski, Rita Schuldt, Marla Smith, Lynda Odigie, and Ron Taylor.

<u>Starting Balance Jan. 2023</u>	\$ 2,323.15
<u>Deposits Jan. 2023 through Sept. 2023</u>	\$ <u>5,352.20</u>
	\$ 7,675.35

Withdrawals: Jan. 2023 through September 2023

1/3/2023	Final payment furniture Narthex remodel	\$ 851.60
4/16/2023	Child Safety Registration System	\$ 751.77
9/15/2023	Free Standing Lucite Pulpit	\$ 608.88

Total Withdrawals: \$ **2,212.25**

Balance in Memorial Fund Ending Sept. 2023: \$ 5,463.10

Procedures For Memorials received at Faith UMC:

Donations for Memorials go directly to the Office Manager at the church office. They are deposited in the Memorial Fund which is held in the church account. A list is made as checks or cash arrive. This list of donations is given to the chairperson of the Memorial Committee. The Committee is responsible for sending out a preprinted thank you for these donations. They also send a List of Donors to the contact person of the deceased.

When requests are made for use of these funds a request form must be sent to the chairperson in writing. The Committee must vote on approval of the expenditures.

Pat Loebe, Chairperson

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
CHURCH CONFERENCE REPORT 2023
MISSIONS COMMITTEE

Faith UMC's Missions Committee continues to develop relationships with many local organizations that we can help financially and with volunteers to be the hands and feet of Jesus Christ! We still have some organizations that still aren't accepting in-person volunteering, but we can help in many other ways.

Throughout the year, our congregation has supported all of the disaster programs through UMCOR. We had more than 40 adults and youth volunteer on March 17th & 18th to work for Feed My Starving Children through LAMP (Lincoln-Way Area Mobile Pack) held at Lincoln-Way West High School in New Lenox. Thanks to the Endowment Committee who donated \$1,500 and to the Missions Committee who donated \$500 to help us partner with LAMP. We had three people volunteer to help Together We Cope load up and deliver donations from vendors after the Home Show at McCormick Place. On March 25th we had two people volunteer to work the Pediatric Oncology Treasure Chest Gala at the Odyssey Country Club in Tinley Park. This event is their biggest fundraiser every year. They raised over \$71,000!!

In April we purchased new totes for our Micro Food Pantry which is located right outside the front of the church. We have continued this ministry since the beginning of COVID. Recently, we asked for volunteers to help with the shopping. We were able to get volunteers for August, September and October so far! Missions supplies the volunteers with a \$100 Walmart gift card for each week they shop. The money for the gift cards is provided by the Pastor's Emergency Fund and purchased through our RaiseRight gift card fundraiser program. The RaiseRight program raises money for youth and adult mission trips. People are constantly using our Micro Pantry! In July Missions sponsored a hole for \$150 for our Tee Up for youth golf fundraiser which supports our youth programs throughout the year.

In September Missions donated \$300 in Walmart gift cards to help a local PADS. This year we plan to continue to support a student at the Juan Wesley School in Honduras through their scholarship program. The cost is \$570. This November we hope to start volunteering again with Night Ministry to help feed the homeless on the streets.

We will continue this year to collect Christmas gifts for Angel Tree and Together We Cope. Missions has also taken over our Operation Christmas Child gift box fundraiser.

In 2024 members of our Church & Society Committee will be joining our Missions Committee. I'm looking forward to finding more ways for our congregation to volunteer to be the hands and feet of Jesus Christ! I am so proud of how generous our congregation is when it comes to helping others in need!

Respectfully submitted,

Genie Lang, Chairperson
Missions Committee

New Members Report
Church Conference 2023

Three new members were welcomed into the church in the past year during two membership events:

- 1) April 2023-(2) Rita Littman, Debbi Sumner
- 2) September 2023-(1) John Robinson

The next membership event will be planned in early 2024.

Each membership event incorporates participation in a new members class which includes content from the pastor on Christianity 101, A Process for New Members, and United Methodist Church 101. Information is presented on the history of Faith United Methodist Church, the groups and programs available, and how to support the church through presence, participation, and financial offerings. New members are provided with a Church Directory, the most recent Charge Conference Report, and other introductory materials.

All new members are partnered with a mentor. Each new member completes a Spiritual Gifts Assessment and meets with Sandy Ward, program Director, to discuss church participation opportunities.

Respectfully submitted

Nancy Clemenson and Michelle Warszalek
Co-Directors of New Membership

Faith United Methodist Church of Orland Park

2024 Nominations Report

Church Council

Chair	Greg Bradach-2026, Wendy Connolly - 2026
Secretary	Hannah Zarbuck - 2024
Staff/Pastor Parish Chair	Bruce Person – 2023
Finance Chair	Lynn Low- 2024
Endowment Chair	_____ - 2024 (chosen by Committee)
Trustee Chair	_____ – 2024 (chosen by Committee)
Worship Chair	Dorothy Wertzbaugher – 2024
Christian Education Chair	Kitty Chapple - 2024
Mission Chair	Genie Lang – 2024
Fellowship Co-Chairs	Nancy Clemenson
Family Ministry Rep.....	_____ – 2024 (chosen by Committee)
At Large Members	Lorie Bradach – 2024
	Vanessa Leon - 2025
Lay Leader	Cliff Eade – 2024, Rita Bartak - 2024

AV

Director, _____

Cassie Belock, Chris Bryce, Chuck Campbell, Laura Cardinal, Chelsea Castaneda, Wendy Connolly, Anna Hopper, Bob Lazarz, Kevin Palmer

Photographers: Ed Kawczynski (2024), Beth Kawczynski (2024)

Website: Michelle Babics

Christian Education

Chair, Kitty Chapple (2024)

2024

Janice McBride
Jill Damrow

2025

Jan Taylor
Kathy McGahan
Zach Jakubiak
Nancy Carver

2026

Kitty Chapple
Alice Mossman

Church Library: _____

Endowment Fund Committee

Chair, _____ (chosen by Committee)

2024

Terry Velten
Joe Purpura
Greg Bradach

2025

Marla Smith
Genie Lang
Debbi Sumner

2026

Paula Morrone
Austin Zarbuck
Laura Schuldt

Family Ministry Council

Chair, Liz Brice **(2024)** chosen by committee)

Kevin Bottom, **Liz Brice**, Grace Duffin, Michelle Warszalek, Hannah Zarbuck

Fellowship Committee

Chair, Nancy Clemenson **(2024)**

2024

Nancy Clemenson

Nancy Ruppert

2025

Beverly Morgan

Chelsea Castaneda

2026

Adrienne Hirsch

Debby Sumner

Finance Committee

Finance Chair

Lynn Low – **2024**

Church Council

Greg Bradach/ Wendy Connolly

Endowment Fund

Chosen by Committee

Financial Secretary Co-Leaders

Sue Eade '24 / Lois White '24

Lay Member to Annual Conference

Sandy Ward

Memorial Chair

Pat Loebe

Staff Parish Relations Chair

Bruce Person

Stewardship Chair

Greg Bradach - 2024

Treasurer

Sharon McCasland ('24), Fran Carmichael ('26,) Lynn Low ('25)

Trustees Chair(s)

Chosen by Committee

At Large: Carole Terlep (2023), **Debbie Gruetzmacher (2024), Debby Fuller (2024)**

Fundraiser Coordinators: Sandy Ward **(2025)**, Denny Damrow **(2025)**

Counting Team: Brenda Madding **(2024)** & Denny Damrow **(2024)**

Hospitality Team

Supplies: Al Anderson (2023)

Taste of Faith Scheduling – Beverly Dowdle **(2024)**

Special Events – Diane Pochinskas **(2024)**

Igniting Ministry

Chair – Pastor Jacques Conway

Congregational Care Ministry

Birthday Cards Coord.

Beverly Dowdle **(2024)**, Dawn Zeitz **(2024)**, Barb Kellogg **(2024)**,
Bev Morgan **(2024)**, Vicki Kleinow **(2024)**, Gwen Svoboda **(2024)**, Marla Smith **(2024)**
Ann Libs (2024), Tina Fischer (2024)

Food for Faith Families

Jan Kubillus **(2024)**

Funeral Food Coordinator

Mary Kough **(2024)**

Funeral Steward(s)

Sue Eade **(2024)**, Elaine Eubank **(2024)**

Prayer Shawl

Mary Bukovi **(2024)**

Stephen's Ministry Coord.

Bruce Person **(2024)**

Welcoming Ministry

New Members coord(s)

Nancy Clemenson **(2025)**, Michelle Warzalak **(2024)**

Lay Members to Annual Conference

Jim Simmons (2024), Rita Bartak (2025), Sandy Ward (2026)

Lay Worship Leaders

Coordinator: Steve Velten (2026)

2024 – Jill Damrow, Bruce Person, Theresa Philosophos, Jan Rybolt, _____

2025 – Greg Bradach, Sue Eade, Sarah Kubicki, Jim Sandberg, Dorothy Wertzbaugher

2026 – Rita Bartak, Steve Velten, Bill Zeitz, Sue Roessler, Chelsea Castaneda

Membership Committee

Chair, Kathy Jones (2025)

2024

Bev Morgan

Lois White

2025

Kathy Jones

Nancy Ruppert

2026

Memorial Committee

Chair, Pat Loebe (2025)

2024

Rich Jones

Rita Schuldt

Marla Smith

2025

Lynda Odigie

Ron Taylor

Pat Loebe

Judy Iwinski

2026

Terri Goforth

Tom Goforth

Joan Gruetzmacher

Men of Faith (elected annually by Men of Faith)

President: Dale Carver

Vice-President: Gary Lang

Secretary: Bill Zeitz

Treasurer: Clyde Blanke

Prayer Advocate: Jim Simmons

Mission Committee

Chair, Genie Lang (2024)

2024

Dennis McGahan

Peggy DeNormandie

Kim Clifton

Genie Lang

2025

Peggy Gillespie

Kim O'Connor

Linda Bitzer

Jim Simmons

JoEllen Simmons

2026

Bill Zeitz

Linda Odigie

Jan Housinger

Mimi Housinger

Lil Wertheim

Blood Drive: Debbi Sumner (2025) (coordinator), Lita Hudik (2024)

Youth Mission Trip: Director of Family Ministry

Nominating and Leadership Development

Chair, Pastor Jacques Conway

2024

Rita Schuldt

Sandy Ward

Debbie Gruetzmacher

2025

Theresa Philosophos

Gwen Svoboda

Lynn Low

2026

Rita Bartak

Publicity Committee

Chair, Barb Hendrickson (2025)

2024

JoEllen Simmons

2025

Barb Hendrickson

Kip Hendrickson

2026

Safe Sanctuary Committee

Chair, Clyde Blanke (2024)

2024

Clyde Blanke

Linda Bitzer

Sandy Ward

2025

Glenda Bayles

Kim Clifton

2026

Kitty Chapple

Emergency Response Team – Staff Parish rep., Lay Leader rep., Pastor,
Trustees rep., Director of Family Ministries, Safe Sanctuary chair

Safety Committee

Chair, Kim Clifton (2024)

Church Council – chosen by committee _____

Director of Family Ministries – Jamie Meehan

Safe Sanctuary – chosen by committee _____

Security – Jim Simmons

Staff – Sandy Ward

Trustees – chosen by committee _____

Women in Faith – chosen by committee _____

Special Needs Committee (Thankful Thursdays)

Coordinator, Dorothy Wertzbaugher (2026)

Sue Eade, Nancy Duracka, Genie Lang, Marla Smith, Lois Vaughn, Elizabeth Whitcher,
Peg Gillespie, Peg DeNormandie

Staff Pastor Parish Relations Committee

Chair, Bruce Person (2024)

2024

Beth Bryce
Marge Pantaleo
Cliff Eade

2025

Reggie Ngorima
Ed Kawczynski
Fran Carmichael

2026

Bruce Person
Steve Wertzbaugher
Molly Sharma

Tee Up for Youth Committee

Coordinator, Michelle Babics

Sandy Ward, Linda Bitzer, Kim Clifton, Kim O'Connor, Chris O'Connor, Cliff Eade,
Michelle Babics, Connor Powell, Sue Eade

Trustee Committee

Chair, _____ (chosen by Committee)

2024

Phil Bitzer
John Kotal
Bruce Person

2025

Diane Lahti
Frank Broadhurst
Rich Jones

2026

Randy Chapple
Karen Friker
Sandi Kucharski

Mother's Garden: Peggy DeNormandie

Memorial Garden: Vicki Brudnicki (2024)

IT: Randy Chapple

United Women in Faith Leadership Team (elected annually by UWF)

President: Donna Petersen

Vice President: Lynn Low

Treasurer: Lois White

Secretary: JoEllen Simmons

Circle Leaders: Mary Circle – Dolores Genis

Eve Circle – Beth Bryce

Ruth Circle – Adrienne Hirsch

Worship Committee

Chair, Dorothy Wertzbaugher (2024)

Altar Decoration/Hanging Greens	Sue & Frank Roessler (2024)
Banner Coordinator(s)	Beth Bryce (2024), Janice McBride (2024)
Baptism Steward	Joan Gruetzmacher (2024)
Choir Director	Rolf Moan
Communion Stewards	Glenda Bayles/Jackie Konidaris/Sally Puzon (2024)
Director of Music Ministry	Beth Ridderhoff
Greeter Coordinator	Linda Bitzer (2024)
Lay Worship Leader Coordinator	Steve Velten (2024)
Nursery Coordinator	Kathy Broadhurst (2024)
Puppet Ministry Coordinator	Bob Lazarz (2024)
Church Security Team	Jim Simmons (2025)
Usher Coordinator	9:00 a.m. – Mike Kubicki (2024) 11:00 a.m. – Ed Bayles (2024) & Lee McCasland (2024)
Video Editing	Anna Hopper
Wedding Coordinator	Karen Friker
Welcome Center	Sally Puzon(2024) 9 AM /Theresa Philosophos 11 AM (2024)
Pastor	Rev. Jacques A. Conway
Director of AV	Michelle Babics

**Parsonage Report 2023**

2016 Disciplinary paragraph 2533.4, "The chairperson of the board of trustees or the chairperson of the parsonage committee, if one exists, the chairperson of the committee on staff parish relations, and the pastor shall make an annual review of the church-owned parsonage to ensure proper maintenance."

District *

Lake South

Church *

Orland Park: Faith - 2057

Name of person submitting report *

Philip Bitzer

Email of person submitting report *

phlip.bitzer@att.net

This parsonage is presently used by:

- ☐ Senior Pastor
☐ Associate Pastor
☐ Rental
☒ Other

Address of Parsonage *

8549 W. 144th PL

City

Orland Park

State

Illinois

Zip

60462

Inspection of Parsonage

Date of Annual Inspection *

July 30, 2023

By signing below, you are saying you were present for the inspection.

E-Signature of Pastor (type First and Last Name) *

Caleb Hong

☒ By checking this box you verify your signature.

E-Signature of Chair of Trustees Committee (type first and last name) *

Randy Chapple

☒ By checking this box you verify this is your signature

E-Signature of Chair of Staff-Parish Relations Committee (type first and last name) *

Bruce Person

☒ By checking this box you verify your signature.

Age of House *

59

Date Purchase by Church

1975

Purchase Price/Cost

\$80,000

Remaining Debt

-0-

In one paragraph, give a "real estate" listing of the house: Number of bedrooms, other rooms by name or function, fireplace, study, basement condition, air conditioning, garage, landscaping, etc. *

Three bedroom, two bath, brick and frame ranch. Includes: living room, dinning room, kitchen, family room, den, utility room and attached two car grage.

On a scale of 1 to 10 (1 being inadequate, 10 being ideal) rate the following features of the parsonage.

Rate the size of home in general

9

Rate the size of living room for entertaining

8

Is the floor plan conducive for both church-related use and family privacy?

9

Rate Bedroom 1 condition

9

Rate Bedroom 1 size

9

Rate Bedroom 2 condition

9

Rate Bedroom 2 size

8

Rate Bedroom 3 condition

9

Rate Bedroom 3 size

6

Rate Bedroom 4 condition

Rate Bedroom 4 size

Rate Kitchen condition

9

Rate Kitchen size

8

Please list age of appliances and any other comments

All appliances are relatively new and in good working order

Rate Bathroom 1 size

8

Rate Bathroom 1 condition

9

Rate Bathroom 2 size

7

Rate Bathroom 2 condition

8

Please list condition of plumbing and any other comments

plumbing is in good working order

Rate Laundry Appliances

6

Rate Interior decorating (drapes, carpets, painting)

8

Rate Exterior decorating

8

Comments

Rate Room for study/counseling

9

Who is the contact person for emergency needs? *

Philip Bitzer

Are there working smoke detectors?

☒ Yes

☐ No

Are there working carbon monoxide detectors?

☒ Yes

☐ No

Who determines annual parsonage repairs and improvements?

Trustees

When were the last updates made to the parsonage (maintenance and remodeling?)

Parsonage was sold in August of 2023.

What is the current church budget figure for parsonage maintenance/repairs, excluding utilities

There is no current budget for repairs as home was sold.

Present maintenance needs for this parsonage include: (e.g., inadequate wiring, wet basement, worn carpets, failing appliances, garage or driveway problems, other conditions).

N/A

What maintenance is planned for next year?

N/A

In the event a member of the parsonage family becomes disabled or has a disability, in what ways would the house need to be modified?

N/A

2023 Pastor's Report – Pastor Jacques Conway

In the year, 2022, I was the Presiding Elder for Faith United Methodist Church Charge Conference. Today, I am the church's new pastor and this is my first Charge Conference. Our God is good and wonderfully loving and faithful.

I first must thank the staff, lay leadership and all of the faithful worshipers who have ensured my transition be successful as well so very encouraging and inspiring. There has not been one worship service or funeral where I have not received words of encouragement and gratitude for my preaching and leadership. Each week I find myself becoming more familiar with the members of the church. I also appreciate the countless lay servants I see several days each week in the church for one reason or another. The truth is Faith is an extension of their homes and family.

For a time, such as this, I am grateful for this opportunity and the faith God has in me as the under shepherd of God's people here at Faith Church. I look forward to greeting the new members headed our way and the new ministries that will attract the unchurched. All in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Your Pastor and God's Servant
Jacques A. Conway



Northern Illinois Conference

The United Methodist Church

Profile of the Local Church 2023

This profile will be on file with the District Superintendent to expedite the appointment process, if and when necessary. The form should be filled out by the Staff/Pastor-Parish Relations Committee annually.

District *

Lake South

Church *

Orland Park: Faith - 2057

Name of person submitting report *

Pastor Jacques A. conway

Email of person submitting report *

pastorconway@faithumcop.org

Current church membership *

457

Average worship attendance *

215

Sunday school membership *

85

Sunday school average attendance *

10

Worship Service times and styles *

Saturday @ 4 pm Blended

Sunday @ 9 am Traditional

Sunday @ 11 am Contemporary

Brief history of congregation *

Established from a merger in 2008 with Orland Park, Oak Forest, and Midlothian UM churches

does the congregation feel about itself? *

Missions for evangelism with a heart for bringing people to Christ and serving our God in every way possible.

Description of the congregation. (What brings it alive? Goals? How

What are your core values as a congregation?

Worship, Mission, Fellowship, and Education

What is the racial / ethnic / cultural diversity of the church and the community (who are your neighbors)? (Include positives and challenges) *

community is a predominately Caucasian on the southwest suburbs of Chicago, Located in a predominate Catholic community.

What does the congregation need to accomplish in the next 5 years? *

Attracting families, the unchurched and starting relationships with other UM churches for a larger missional impact.

In what ways do you envision the pastor helping the church reach these goals? *

Through faithful preaching and teaching while empowering laity to live true to their calling of making disciples for Jesus Christ

In what ways do you envision the laity helping the church reach these goals? *

Self disciplined prayer and bible study with faithful using of their time, talents and treasures for the Lord

How does your church make a difference in your community and the world? (be specific) *

Food Pantry

Community use of the building by numerous people and organizations

Financial and Spiritual Resources

What are your congregation's on-going needs, concerns, and opportunities?

Their is an immediate need to attract children and families to our church as this facility has much to offer with a great location

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Faith United Methodist Church

Church Conference Report for 2023

Program Coordinator

The following is a list of the major responsibilities and accomplishments during the past year.

- Worked with Pastor Conway for his smooth transition as pastor
- Helped develop and coordinate an Intentional Discipleship System
- Met with and facilitated connection of new members
- Coordinated insurance claims and accident reports
- Oversaw church calendar scheduling
- Conducted background checks for Safe Sanctuary participants
- Liaison with Elim Christian School student workers
- Served as contact person for 12-step/outside groups using the church
- Keeper of the "keys"
- Nursery liaison
- Worked with church committees
- Kept congregation informed through Calling Post phone messages and text blasts
- Proofread *Faith Matters*
- Set up daily room assignments
- Custodian liaison
- Contact for building usage by outside groups
- Liaison to church safety committee
- Chaired celebration luncheon/activities for Pastor Caleb's reassignment
- Presented information at Leadership Training event
- Other tasks as assigned by pastor

Submitted by Sandra Ward

Recommendations and Reports to the Charge and Church Conference 2023

The annual reports of elders, deacons, diaconal ministers, and lay Servants, who relate to your local church, should be attached to this report. This information is supplied to enable the work of the appropriate district committees, conference boards, and the District Superintendent. Unless otherwise noted, references are the 2016 Book of Discipline. Please attach additional sheets to list additional names/information at the end of the report.

District *

Lake South

Church *

Orland Park: Faith - 2057

Name of person submitting report *

(Jacques Conway)

Email *

(pastorconway@faithumccop.org)

1. Recommendation by written ballot to the District Committee on Ordained Ministry as a Candidate for Ordained Ministry (310, 311.2e)

1. Recommendation by written ballot to the District Committee on Ordained Ministry as a Candidate for Ordained Ministry (310)

Type

First

Last

Address

City

State

Zip

Cell Phone

Remarks

If you have additional Ordained Ministry as a Candidate for Ordained Ministry (310), please attach a separate sheet here.

Title the page with the question and church name, and upload in a PDF.

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2. Deacons & Elders of the United Methodist Church who relate to this Charge Conference, retired (357), honorably located (358), Appointed in extension ministries (344)

Type

Candidate for Ordained Ministry

First

Last

(Jan)

(Shauls)

Address

211 North Spring St

City

Franklin Grove

State

Illinois

Zip

61031

Cell Phone

708-717-3908

Email

jghauls@yahoo.com

Remarks

First

Last

Address

City

State

Zip

Email

Remarks

First

Last

Address

City

State

Zip

Email

Remarks

Please attach a written report of any retired clergy.
Drop files here to upload

If you have additional reports attach here
Drop files here to upload

If you have additional reports attach here
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If you have additional Deacons and Elders, please attach a separate sheet here.
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**3. Recommended to begin or renew as Certified Lay Servants, Certified Lay Speakers, or Certified Lay Ministers
(para. 266-268)**

Type

First

Last	Address
()	()
City	State
()	Zip
	()

Additional names attach file
Drop files here to upload

Remarks

4. Please list all clergy widows/widowers who are members of your congregation

Type	
First	Last
()	()
Address	City
()	()
State	Zip
	()
Email	Phone Number
()	()

Additional names attach file
Drop files here to upload

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Please type the first couple letters of the city where your church is located to search dropdown

Safe Sanctuary 2023

"Children are our present, our hope, our teachers, our inspiration. They are full participants in the life of the church and in the realm of God." (from Safe Sanctuaries-Reducing the Risk of Child Abuse in the Church, by Joy Melton)

"God calls us to make our churches safe places, protecting children and vulnerable persons from sexual and ritual abuse. God calls us to create communities of faith where children and adults grow safe and strong."

Tragically, churches have not always been safe places for children. Child sexual abuse occurs in churches, both large and small, urban and rural, cutting across all economic, cultural and racial lines. It is real, and appears to be increasing." (from the Book of Resolution of the U.M.C – 2000)

The object of our Safe Sanctuary Committee is to have adults working directly with children to be Safe Sanctuary trained and to make our church facilities safe for activities of children and youth and their adult leaders.

Trainees have included new staff members as well as mission trip volunteers, VBS workers, program leaders and coaches.

The ushers have been Safe Sanctuary trained and act as "roamers", covering the building during Sunday School, VBS, Bitty Basketball and other activities. We are continuing to place more emphasis on "roamers". The Safe Sanctuary Committee has provided more safety and security for our children.

News from the Safe Sanctuary Committee

Church should be a community of faith where everyone feels secure in the abiding love of God. Sadly, some congregations have fallen short of this goal and failed to keep children safe from abuse and exploitation. In response to this, Faith U.M.C. has implemented a Safe Sanctuary policy, to make our congregation a safe place for children, youth and vulnerable adults. In addition to reducing the risk of sexual abuse, this policy also protects our staff and volunteers from potential allegations of abuse.

In order to be a Safe Sanctuary approved volunteer, you must:

- Be at least 18 years old
- Complete an application & attend Safe Sanctuary training
- Pass a background check

As of 2021, Safe sanctuary trained adults must renew their training every three years. This year we have had a number sessions where members renewed their training as well as a number of new members and other adults receiving the training. Thanks to those who took part!

Faith UMC must meet Safe Sanctuary requirements before being allowed to work directly with youth.

For activities involving children, 2 or more Safe Sanctuary trained adults, who are not related, must be present at all times. This is called the "Two Adult Rule". Guests and youth (under 18 years of age) may serve as helpers; however, 2 or more Safe Sanctuary approved adults must be present. All activities should occur in open view. In some circumstances, the 2nd adult may be a Safe Sanctuary approved person as a roamer; walking from room to room observing activities.

In case of alleged or suspected abuse, the Safe Sanctuary policy details response criteria. An emergency response team takes immediate action to determine the necessary steps to be taken to resolve the situations, such as; communication with the family, contacting authorities and communicating with the media.

If you would like to be a Safe sanctuary approved volunteer or have any questions, you are welcome to contact the Safe sanctuary committee; Clyde Blanke, Glenda Bayles, Linda Bitzer, Kitty Chapple, Sandy Ward or call the church office at 708-444-8560.

Clyde Blanke, Chair

2023 Annual Report for the Staff Parish Relations Committee

The year began with a new staff member. Jamie Sladkey Meehan joined our church family as the Director of Family Ministry. Our children are fortunate to have a gifted, experienced minister to lead them.

The committee accepted the resignation of Don Lowry, our custodian. After an extensive search, the committee was pleased to offer Renee Powers the position. Renee has been a real asset to our congregation and is an excellent caretaker for our facility.

The committee met with Pastor Caleb and together we completed the Annual Clergy Evaluation and submitted it to the district in May. Pastor Caleb received exemplary grades for all aspects of ministry in the survey.

The Staff Parish Relations Committee was notified that our Senior Pastor, Caleb Hong was to be reappointed to another congregation effective July 1st. Our church was blessed to have had such a passionate, caring, and competent spiritual leader shepherding our church throughout the past thirteen years. We wish Pastor Caleb and his family Godspeed as he begins his new calling in Rockford.

The SPRC met with the acting District Superintendent Jeffrey Bross on May 1st. It was at this meeting that we were introduced to our new pastor, the Rev. Jacques Conway. Our committee had an informative exchange with Pastor Jacques and his family. Our church is certainly blessed to have such a well-qualified and experienced Elder to lead our congregation. Pastor Jacques was introduced to our congregation on July 8, 2023.

Respectfully submitted, Bruce Person, Chairman

SINGLES FELLOWSHIP MINISTRY

To date we have held six events separate from the four Fellowship Committee events. Our average attendance at these events was about 11. Bunco was held twice in the spring and was well attended. I hope to have one more Bunco event this fall. There are two more events scheduled before the end of the year: Elvis Tribute at the Jacob Henry Mansion and our annual brunch at the home of Sandy Ward.

After the first of the year, I will again ask for volunteers to help set up a schedule of events for the year.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Clemenson

Stewardship 2023

The weekend of October 21 and 22 has been designated as Stewardship Weekend. Letters and Estimate of Giving Cards were mailed to members in late September. We are asking that completed Estimate of Giving Cards be returned during this weekend.

This year's theme is "Growing our Vision" and will focus on the many programs and activities through which our church carries out our collective Vision. Leading up to Stewardship Weekend, special videos will be shown on the weekends of October 7 and 8 and October 14 and 15. Each video will be a slideshow set to music with pictures from various children's activities, worship, mission initiatives, and fellowship events that took place during the year.

The Stewardship campaign will also be supported by weekly bulletin inserts on the weekends leading up to Stewardship Sunday.

A few weeks after Stewardship Sunday, we will begin to provide updates to the congregation regarding the number of cards received and Estimate of Giving totals. Thank-you letters will be sent out to everyone who returns an Estimate of Giving Card.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Stewardship Committee,

Chuck Svoboda

Tee Up for Youth 2023

Our Tee Up for Youth event was held on August 6th. We had 24 golfers at White Mountain Golf Course & 71 mini golfers at Tinley Junction. Mini golf was included this year to encourage families to participate & it was a success. We also had 130 people back at the church to enjoy a delicious pizza dinner. There was a magician that entertained us. Everyone who attended had a lot of fun. We had numerous monetary donors & businesses that supported Tee Up and our profit for the event was \$13,113.73. We want to thank all who supported the Tee Up for Youth golf outing, dinner & silent auction at Faith UMC.

Linda Bitzer & Sandy Ward Co-Chairs, Tee Up for Youth

Trustees Report

2023

The Trustees continued to meet in 2023 to make needed arrangements for the upkeep and upgrades of the church property. One of our main focuses was to be install a much needed new roof on the building. This has been major undertaking and has occupied must of the trustees time this year. We also needed to employ a new custodian as our previous one left mid year. The Trustees assisted in the job search and hiring process. We were also tasked with organizing volunteers necessary to maintain the church in the interim.

The following are the main undertaking of the Trustees during 2022:

- Repair of the entrance canopy to fix the damage that had been done by multiple collisions with vehicles. This included repairs to the soffit and the metal fascia panels. We will continue to upgrade the canopy roof as part of the overall roofing project.
- As of the time of this report, the Trustees have completed the necessary preparation work necessary to install a new roof on the church. We are currently under contract to begin work on the installation of a new roof on the majority of the building that will begin in November. The wok will include the installation of 2 inches of additional insulation and a new single ply membrane roof. This work will not only keep the building dry but will also decrease the cost of our utility bills.

As we move into 2024 the Trustees will continue to look for areas we can improve within the church. The majority of our major systems have been replaced or upgraded but there is always the possibility of unexpected repairs to the building going forward. However, with the outstanding generosity we continue to receive from the congregation, in support of the Maintain Faith Fund, we will do our best to assure the building will continue to be place where we can do the work of Christ and a welcoming facility for all who enter.

Respectfully Submitted,

Randall Chapple – Trustee Chair

Trustee's Report 2023

Additional reports should be made as requested by the Charge Conference or Church Council or equivalent. Numbers in parentheses refer to paragraphs in the 2016 Book of Discipline.

District *
Lake South

Church *
Orland Park: Faith - 2057

Email *
rachapple82@gmail.com

Name of person submitting report
Randy Chapple

1. Please list the names of the church's trustees (no less than three and up to nine) with the effective date and term expiration. Please separate by commas.

Randy Chapple, Karen Friker, Sandi Kucharski, Phil Bitzer, John Kotal, Bruce Person, Diane Lahti, Frank Broadhurst, Rich Jones

2. Is the local church incorporated (para. 2529.1a)? *

- ☒ Yes
☐ No

3. List address, name on title and type of property owned by the church and church-related entities.

Church Buildings (please list name on title and address)
Church Lot 13 in Silver Lake Garden Unit #1 Roof County, IL
Catholic Cemetery 8-11 Church Lot #3 Autumn Leaves, Cook County, IL

Parsonage 1 name on title and address (if the church doesn't own one please indicate that)

Parsonage 2 (if applicable please list name on title and address)

Other property i.e. ministry center (please list name on title and address)

3a. Does the church own any other property that is under another name besides the church? If so, please list name on title and address.

3b. Who is the custodian of deeds and other legal papers? *

Trustees

3c. Where are they kept? *

Fireproof safe in the church office

4. Does each deed contain trust clause (para. 2503)? *

- ☒ Yes
☐ No

5. What are the three most urgent building matters that your congregation is facing?

Replacement of the flat roof

Replacement of the balance of the parking lot

Replacement of the flooring in the fellowship hall

6. Do you have a long-term plan for the replacement of facilities and equipment as they deteriorate? *

- ☒ Yes
☐ No

Insurance

7. Does your church carry the NIC-wide property and liability insurance? If yes, skip to question 7b. If no, continue to 7a. *

- ☒ Yes
☐ No

7a. If your church has been waived from the mandatory coverage in the Northern Illinois Conference program, please upload a Certificate of Insurance from your insurance broker. Be sure the "Northern Illinois Conference" is listed as an additional insured.

Attach Certificate of Insurance
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7b. Have you assessed the replacement value within the last 5 years? *

- ☒ Yes
☐ No

7c. Who performed the assessment?

Insurance agent

7d. Is the amount of insurance adequate? *

- ☒ Yes
☐ No

7e. Have the buildings been inspected for fire and other safety hazards within the past year? *

- ☒ Yes
☐ No

8a. Has an annual accessibility audit for church properties been conducted? *

- ☒ Yes
☐ No

8b. If needed, have you developed an accessibility plan? *

- ☒ Yes
☐ No

9. Has the pastor and other leaders in the church charged with the supervision of children, youth, and other vulnerable adults completed Safe Gatherings training? *

- ☒ Yes
☐ No

10. Provide a detailed list of income-producing permanent funds. Please provide for each fund - 1) Name of Fund or Fund Category i.e. Memorials 2) Where it is held/invested 3) End of year balance 4) How fund is to be used 5) Is the fund restricted by donor, designated by church action or undesignated? *

None

Upload file if need more room. Please put the name of your church and the form title at the top of the document.
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11a. Please list any organization legally related to the local church.

11b. Are certificates of insurance required by long-term users of the building? *

- ☒ Yes
☐ No

E-signature Chair of Trustees

Randall A Chapple

Date

September 8, 2023

2023 United Methodist Men Report
Charge Conference
(Report as of October 10, 2023)

The goal of the Men of Faith UMC of Orland Park since the 2022 report was to provide men of the church with fellowship, spiritual growth & men's ministry opportunities to support the purpose of the United Methodist Men & Promise Keepers. This report covers the period from 1 October 2022 thru 10 October 2023.

The above purpose was met through the following events and activities:

- Sunrise Breakfasts: Eleven breakfast meetings. Average attendance: 7 men. 12 different men attended the various meetings.
- Promise Keepers' Breakfasts: 12 meetings. Average attendance: 6 men. 12 different men attended the various meetings.
- Quarterly Meetings: 2 meetings attended by 5 men & 7 men, respectively.
- Northern Illinois Conference Annual Meeting (3/25/23) at Kingswood UMC, Buffalo Grove. Two men attended.
- Northern Illinois Conference Spiritual Congress 2023: 4 men attended.
- Lake South District UMM Monthly Meetings:
 - Two meetings via Zoom. The same man attended each meeting.
 - Seven in-person meetings were held at various locations in the district. Average attendance was 3 men. Men of Faith hosted the January meeting. Nine members of Men of Faith attended.
 - The annual Wednesday Night Bible Study celebration dinner was held 8/13 in Hammond, IN. Two men, their wives, and Pastor Hong attended

Financial Activities: 2023 (as of 10/10/23): Current balance: \$2098.76

Income:

Men of Faith breakfast free will offerings:	\$319.00
Promise Keepers breakfast free will offerings	\$188.00
Men of Faith Recognition Sunday net proceeds	\$150.00
Church donations for custodial functions	\$957.00

Total Income	\$1614.00
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Outgo:

Breakfast reimbursements	\$290.00
New Lenox UMM Potato Drop Donation	\$300.00
EMS Dues	\$360.00
Donations (Tee-Up for Youth, Life Award, etc.)	\$400.00
Spiritual Congress Coffee Station	\$101.00

Total Expenses	\$1451.00
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2023 Charge Conference Report

United Women In Faith

If you're looking for the United Methodist Women's report, you've come to the right place, but the name been changed to United Women in Faith.

Our large group has participated in a number of small groups and fundraising activities. We have a reputation for be excellent Bakers. Again, this year, we all came together to make our Palm Sunday Bake Sale a huge success and have another sale at the Quilter's Show in November. It is one of our major fundraising events. The proceeds go to mission projects for women children and youth locally, nationally and internationally.

As you know, we have smaller groups within WIF, called circles. These groups often come from within a common demographic.; but not exclusively. This Spring, Rachel Circle merged with Mary Circle. This has been an exciting and invigorating merger. Currently we have Eve Circle, Ruth Circle and Mary Circle. Mission, fun and support for one another is the hallmark of each group,

Please note, the groups always welcome new faces, ideas, friends and members.

Our second annual Fall Breakfast will include celebrating our time together, great food, wonderful fellowship, election of officers, a review of ideas and goals for the coming year and planning how we will move forward in the coming year.

Looking so forward to the year ahead, serving out church, community and those in need around the world.

We are

United Women in Faith

We believe love and action

Can change the world!!

WEBSITE COMMITTEE REPORT

to

FAITH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH CHURCH CONFERENCE 2023

The Website committee continues to focus on producing and maintaining a website which delivers the mission statement of Faith United Methodist Church of Orland Park. The information provided on the site will be designed to attract new people throughout the community who are looking for a church home. In addition, the site will be updated as a resource for current church members and their families, providing timely, accurate and appealing information to all who view it.

THE WEBSITE COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Michelle Babics – Chairperson/Director of AV & Web Ministries

Ed Kawczynski – Photographer

Beth Kawczynski – Announcement Coordinator / Photo Archivist &
Image Webmaster

Laura Cardinal – Website Critic / Proofreader

- ❖ The website address: www.faithumcop.org.
- ❖ The website consists of 5 main menu categories with 15 subcategories.
- ❖ The weekly sermon video is added to the website.
- ❖ Links are provided for each weekly 9 AM service (live).
- ❖ Photos were taken for baptisms, new church members, weddings, individual fellowship events, and confirmation class.
- ❖ We continue to manage Faith's email accounts and domain.

Respectfully submitted, Michelle Babics, Website Committee Chairperson

WORSHIP COMMITTEE

2023 REPORT TO CHURCH CONFERENCE

Faith continues to have three service per week, Saturday, 4 p.m.; Sunday 9 a.m., Traditional Service with live choir September through May, 11 a.m.; Contemporary Service with Praise Band, "Rise". We continue to offering live-stream services at 9 a.m. Sundays.

- Communion will continue with the pre-made cups and wafer, with people coming to the altar to receive and then return and everyone takes the elements together. Occasionally we will have full communion Litany at the Pastor's discretion.
- We have continued with suspended childcare at 4 p.m. Saturday service until we have a need.
- Anne Manchester gifted a new banner for the sanctuary she handmade.
- Easter Season
 - ◊ A Lenten Devotional was available on line created by Jamie Sladkey Meehan.
 - ◊ Palm Sunday had a palm precession with the children and Bumble the miniature horse, (courtesy of Christine Beechler).
 - ◊ Maundy Thursday was a inspirational drama with our own members about being part the Last Supper. The congregation was waiting with bated breath to see the outcome of this dinner.
 - ◊ Good Friday was a Tenebrae service.
 - ◊ Easter Sunday offered four services: Sunrise service in parking lot, 7a.m.; 9 a.m, and 11 a.m. in the sanctuary.
- We gave flowers to women on Mother's Day and pen and bookmark to the men for Father's Day.
- Bright Sunday's sermon, "The Gospel According to Toy Story." The narthex was decorated with Toy Story decorations and Pastor Caleb was Woody for the day. Very joyful day.
- We gave a fond farewell with a special dinner for Pastor Caleb as he moved to a Rockford United Methodist Church. He was a wonderful Pastor and will be missed.
- We welcomed Pastor Jacques Conway as our new Pastor with a special reception between Sunday Services.
- The church's recent Ministry Fair has helped educate our congregation about options for connecting and reconnecting to the workings of the church. We did receive several new volunteers.
- We have a group of Lay Worship Leaders to present prayers of the people, scripture, offering and announcements at all three services. The Pastor gives the opening words. We no longer have liturgists.
- Puppet ministry continues to give great live performances on the third Sunday of the month and on special occasions
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- We continue offering live music at all services. This includes hymns, Faith Rise Band and

Chancel Choir. The third Sunday of the month we will be singing the Lord's Prayer.

- Our committee donated the cost of a hole for the Tee Up For Youth fundraiser.
- A new podium for the altar with the flame and the cross has been acquired per request of Pastor Jacques.

We are thankful for all the people that work to make our church a safe sanctuary with great ministry that offers meaningful Worship and Christian fellowship.

Respectfully submitted,

Dorothy Wertzbaugher

Worship Chair