



The Mustard Seed.

A newsletter from Holy Faith Church

Summer 2022

Looking Back In Order to Look Ahead



Aerial Image of Holy Faith's Memorial Garden - July 2022 - Michael McVey

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10:00 AM Online (Zoom Link Provided Each Week)

From the Pastor



The Rev. Andrea Martin

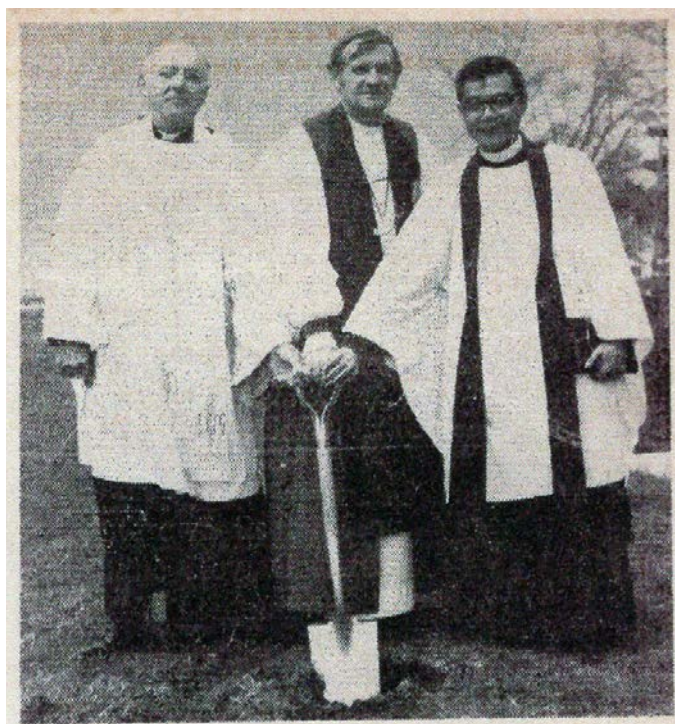
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“A Spirit of Cooperation is In Our DNA.”

Dear Holy Faith Friends,

This past January, I received a hand-written letter from the wife of the Rev. Chisato Kitagawa (a priest who served Holy Cross Episcopal Church in the 1970s). She was writing to tell me that Rev. Kitagawa had died. Into her letter she had tucked a yellowed newspaper clipping from his tenure. The article celebrates a new partnership between Holy Cross and Faith Lutheran. Reading this article, I marveled at the bold and risky decision the two congregations made to team up.



Pastor Henry Yoder (left), Episcopal Bishop H. Coleman McGehee (center), and Rector Chisato Kitagawa (right) at groundbreaking.

(From the archives of the Saline Reporter newspaper.)

Whenever we enter into a joint project with either another person or a group (whether that's co-teaching, co-parenting, or co-existing as two faith communities at the same address), each party gives up some control. That's the risk. The gain is that more often than not, two people (or two groups) can do more together than one could do alone.

Certainly that has proven true at Holy Faith. Ever since 1972, when the leaders of two separate denominations teamed up for a groundbreaking at 6299 Ann Arbor-Saline Road, God's people at this location have demonstrated an amazing willingness to cooperate, collaborate, and forge partnerships.

I see this today in:

- our sharing space with Saline Cooperative Preschool;
- our partnership with Dementia Friendly Saline and EHM in order to host monthly Memory Cafés;
- our long-time work with Saline Area Social Service (donating fresh vegetables from our garden to SASS's food pantry, for example);
- our Listening Team's going into the Saline community to build relationships with neighbors and community leaders;
- and most significantly, in our identity as a federated ELCA-Episcopal congregation.

A spirit of cooperation is in our DNA.

Fifty years after Pastors Yoder and Kitagawa shared the shovel, our congregation is flourishing, and we are able to do more for God and neighbor because of visionary risks and decisions made by leaders that came before us.

Almost 18 years into our federated status – and on the other side (we hope) of the major disruptions caused by a global pandemic – we can give thanks for this congregation's enduring willingness to cooperate and think creatively when faced with a challenge.

I hope you will enjoy this look back at some of Holy Faith's history so that we might continue offering Christ's hope and help into the future.

With deep thanks for our past, and with excitement for our future,

Andrea +



Saline Cooperative Preschool



May 2022 Memory Café



Fresh Vegetables for SASS Food Pantry

In Loving Memory of the Rev. Dr. Chisato Kitagawa



The Rev. Dr. Chisato Kitagawa
Seattle, WA

On January 14, 2022, Chisato Kitagawa peacefully completed what he called his Homecoming. Chisato was born in Tokyo on July 29, 1932 to Chiaki and Sumi (Ishii) Kitagawa.

After attending Rikkyo University, he emigrated to the United States in 1958 and earned a Master's in Linguistics from the University of Michigan in 1961. During this time he met Mary Messinger. They married June 17, 1961, and Kristen Sumi and Jeffrey Chiaki were born in 1965 and 1967.

Chisato was the grandson of Reverend Chiyokichi Kitagawa, an early Christian priest in Japan, and the nephew of the Reverend Daisuke Kitagawa and the Reverend Joseph Kitagawa who emigrated to the United States just before World War II. He, too, had felt drawn to the study of theology. He attended Episcopal Theological School in Cambridge, MA,

was ordained in 1964 and served as curate in Grace Church, Amherst until 1967.

In 1972, Chisato completed his doctorate in Linguistics from the University of Michigan. He embarked on a career in teaching and scholarship, first at the University of Massachusetts, where he helped establish programs in Japanese and Asian Studies, and later at the University of Arizona, where he taught from 1976-1989.

In addition to his publications about linguistics, Chisato coauthored a book with Mary on seikatsu tsuzurikata, a grassroots writing education movement in Japan that had not previously been introduced to the rest of the world. He returned to Amherst and completed his teaching career at UMass before retiring in 2002.

Chisato considered academic work his profession, but priesthood was his vocation. He served parishes in Massachusetts and Arizona and as vicar of Holy Cross in Saline, Michigan. He especially loved his association with the beloved community of All Saints in South Hadley.

He and Mary moved to Seattle in 2021. Many friends will remember him for being an avid sci-fi fan and stubborn foodie, with a quirky sense of humor.

Chisato is survived by his wife Mary Kitagawa, daughter Kristen (Cameron) Caughlan, son Jeffrey (Cristina McCabe) Kitagawa, son-in-law Cameron Caughlan, and grandchildren Connor (Danielle Titus) Caughlan, Yuji Caughlan, Elisa Caughlan, and Jocelyn Caughlan; and siblings Yukiko Ito, Makiko Kitagawa, and Kimiko Kitagawa in Japan.

A private service was held at St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Seattle. In lieu of flowers, people were asked to make a donation to their favorite charity.

Faith, a Lutheran Church in America mission, and Holy Cross, Episcopal, are preparing to put up a new building which they will use jointly. The structure is to be funded by Faith on a site provided by Holy Cross.

The Faith congregation was founded in 1966, the year before Ford Motor Company established a huge plant here in this town of 5,300 persons, next door to Ann Arbor and 40 miles from Detroit. For a long time the mission held services in a school. But when the school board recently refused to continue this arrangement, Pastor Henry O. Yoder and his 238-member flock began looking around for a place to build.

They had enough money for a modest building, but not enough for both a building and a good site. Anyway, no suitable site seemed to be available. At this point Holy Cross heard of Faith's plight. The Episcopal congregation had a dilemma of its own: it



Pastor Yoder (left) and Episcopal rector Kitigawa (rt.) at groundbreaking. Third man on spade is Episcopal Bishop H. Coleman McGehee.

had outgrown its building. Nevertheless the rector, the Rev. Chisato Kitigawa, was authorized to invite the Faith group to share the facility—temporarily.

Eventually both congregations put their heads together. Holy Cross possessed three acres of land—more than enough to permit the construction of a larger church adjacent to its present one. It agreed to give the site if Faith built a church that both could use. Operating costs would be shared, and Holy Cross's present building would be jointly used as an education building.

Both congregations approved, and ground was broken recently. —MARIAN L. FAUPEL



THE COOPERATIVE NATURE of two congregations was typified by this ritual of friendship during groundbreaking ceremonies last spring. At left, the Rev. Chisato Kitigawa, then pastor of the Episcopal mission, assists the Rev. Henry Yoder as the first shovel of soil for the building program is about to be dug.

How Holy Cross
(Episcopal) + Faith
Lutheran in
Saline, MI joined
in 1972 - in the
closing time of
Chisato's ministry
there.

History of Holy Faith Church



Holy Faith's Unique History: The Story of Two Congregations Becoming One

In 1966 (as the population grew), the Village of Saline officially became a city. At about the same time, Faith Lutheran Church and Holy Cross Episcopal Church began as separate congregations sharing our current building with each congregation having its own separate worship space. In the late 1990s, talks began between the national bodies of the Episcopal Church and the ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America) to develop a true Christian fellowship.

In July 2000, an agreement entitled "Called to Common Mission" (CCM) was drafted and approved, and our two denominations achieved full communion. This officially opened up the possibility of sharing pastors and combining congregations to worship together as one.

In 2005, Faith Lutheran and Holy Cross Episcopal embraced CCM and combined to form one congregation, Holy Faith Church. Thus began our new life worshipping together in joy and faith. We enjoy voice and vote in the decisions of both the Southeastern Michigan Synod of the ELCA and the Episcopal Diocese of Michigan. Today, Holy Faith Church is one of a handful of combined Episcopal and ELCA churches in the United States.

History of Flexibility & Risk-Taking for the Gospel



From the very beginning when the two separate congregations agreed to share space, Holy Faith has been marked by a spirit of cooperation, flexibility, and a willingness to take risks for the sake of sharing Christ's love with neighbors. Holy Faith's enduring capacity for innovation and flexibility helped the community thrive even during COVID. Without missing a beat, the congregation established a hybrid worship service and found new ways to care for one another and serve our neighbors.

Pastors of Faith Lutheran, Holy Cross Episcopal & Holy Faith (combined ELCA & Episcopal)

Through the years, many pastors have served here, including many women. Lutheran and Episcopal Churches began ordaining women in the 1970s. Almost as soon as women could be ordained, Faith Lutheran and Holy Cross Episcopal began calling women to lead. Most notably, the Reverend Carolyn "Cally" Tanner Irish, who led Holy Cross from 1986-1988, was later elected the 10th Diocesan Bishop of Utah. Pastor Dale Truscott (2003-2006) is credited with helping the two congregations merge and rename themselves Holy Faith. Truscott's successor, the Reverend Ian Reed-Twiss (2007-2014), helped the newly federated congregation become financially self-supporting.

Pastors of Holy Faith Church

Special thanks to Jane Darling, Carolyn Schneider, and Norlaine Tinsey for finding this list during their winter cleaning of parish archives and files.

	 Lutheran	 Episcopal
1964		Episcopal Mission established in Saline
1965	Lutheran Mission established in Saline	
1966	The Rev. Herbert Reed 1966-1970	The Rev. Charles Sturm 1966-1970
		Current location purchased as vacant lot
1969		Holy Cross Episcopal Church new building dedicated
1970	Pastor Henry Yoder 1970-1973	The Rev. Chisato Kitagawa 1970-1972
1972	Articles of Agreement for Venture in Faith	
1972	Dedication of Faith Lutheran Church at current location	The Rev. William Tom Smith 1972-77
1973	Pastor Ralph E. Flatt 1973-1976	
1976	Pastor Henry Yoder 1976-1977	
1977	Pastor Wayne Harrison 1977-1980	The Rev. Claudia Wolf 1977-1979
1978		The Rev. Kate Meade 1978-1985
1980	Pastor Kay Keller 1980-1992	
1983	Venture in Faith Incorporated Joint management of physical property	
1985	New Addition Built	
1986		The Rev. Cally Irish 1986-1988
1986	The Saline Cooperative Preschool begins operations in Venture in Faith	
1988		The Rev. Barbara Cavin 1988-2001
1993	Pastor Jeffrey Crane 1993-1994	
1995	Pastor William Steude 1995-2001	
2000	Lutheran and Episcopal Congregations Called to Unite in Common Mission Holy Faith Episcopal and ELCA Lutheran Church	
2002	Pastor Eugene Nisson 2002-2003	
2003	Pastor Dale Truscott 2003-2006	
2005	Ceremony of Joint Congregation, ELCA and TEC	
2007	Pastor Ian Reed Twiss 2007-2014	
2014	Interim Pastor Stan Eckermann 2014-2016	
2017	The Rev. Andrea Brooke Martin 2017-present	



Interview with The Rev. A. Dale Truscott

The Rev. A. Dale Truscott served at Faith Lutheran / Holy Cross / Holy Faith from 2003 through 2006. He was appointed by the two bishops, Wendell Gibbs and Robert Rimbo, first as interim for both parishes, then as mission developer for the Lutherans and Priest-in-charge for the Episcopalians. This interview gives some background history on the merger of the two congregations.

During your tenure, the two congregations (Faith Lutheran and Holy Cross Episcopal) became a united parish, Holy Faith. Both congregations would have had to give up some things. What were some of the losses as you remember them, and what were some of the gains?

When I arrived at Faith Lutheran and Holy Cross Episcopal, there was concern that both parishes might need to be closed. Numbers had dwindled. Enthusiasm was low. As interim, my role was simply to maintain.

But, as time went by, I discovered a vibrancy in both parishes that was still there and a hope for the future. Certainly, in a growing suburb of Ann Arbor, there was potential. I then became Priest-in-Charge and missionary with the charge to unite the parishes.

I think the most important first decision was the use of the building. We were worshiping in two different rooms, a "Lutheran" and an "Episcopal" sanctuary, alternating Sundays worshiping together with alternating liturgies and books – very complicated and certainly not welcoming. I negotiated a decision by leadership to make the "Episcopal" sanctuary the place of worship and the "Lutheran" sanctuary the fellowship hall and educational space.

With council/vestry approval, with my experience in liturgy in both traditions, I promised to develop a liturgy that would incorporate important elements

of both traditions in such a way that, after some time, folks "would not be able to distinguish which parts came from which tradition."

We put all the service books in the closet and produced a printed service that varied by the liturgical season incorporating the Lutheran Book of Worship, the Book of Common Prayer, and hymns from both as well as other sources. It worked! AND, it freed up space for education and fellowship. AND, it made Sunday morning welcoming.

The next big challenge was to devise a way to unite the parishes. When I arrived, there were three "boards" – Lutheran church council, Episcopal vestry, and a Board of Trustees that owned the property.

We held new elections and conducted congregation/parish meetings to elect a slate that would serve as all three groups and made the members of the two parishes members of both parishes. I then began to work with the Synod and Diocese, and ultimately with national structures, to try to devise a document (constitution or by-laws) that would support the plan. I left the parish before that work was completed.

I think there was some grief on both sides in giving up identity and tradition and a bit of power, but I did not detect that it was serious. All saw the necessity of uniting and sharing for survival and for outreach and a future.



“Both congregations had strong leadership that was cooperative, friendly, and centered on the mission [to achieve the merger].”

What strengths in the people here made it possible, do you think, for the two communities to overcome the challenges inherent in merging?

Both congregations had strong leadership that was cooperative, friendly, and centered on the mission. There was very little, if any, resistance, at least not openly and not causing any problems. I was intent on assuring everyone of the commonalities that we shared. And, after all, they had shared the space for 20 years already.

By the way, how was the new name decided?

The name was primarily my idea, but I floated it around until it kind of became the name and was officially adopted.

What’s one of your favorite memories from your time at Faith Lutheran / Holy Cross / Holy Faith?

As for parish memories, I can’t think of one thing that stands out. It was simply a delight to lead worship there and to share in the trials and joys of the people. I think they understood intuitively my personal life and respected me. I thank them for that.

Hopefully everyone who spends time in a congregation – whether as a parishioner, pastor, or staff member – will be transformed spiritually. How did God change you during your ministry at Holy Faith?

How did I change? This united congregation reintroduced me to the Episcopal Church. While in college at Wittenberg University in Springfield, Ohio, I often attended Christ Episcopal Church because they communed weekly, which was not being done in any of the Lutheran parishes, nor on the campus. I joined their choir and was active in the parish even though my intentions were for ordination in the Lutheran Church.

When I retired from Holy Faith and moved to Orlando, FL, I discovered St. Richard’s Episcopal Church where I am now a member with my spouse, Kin Xuxa, and the local Diocese licensed me to serve as Assistant Priest to our Rector.

I also sing in the St. Richard’s Schola. It has become my spiritual home, and some thanks has to go to Holy Faith for the joys we shared there.



Interview with The Rev. Ian Reed-Twiss

The Rev. Ian Reed-Twiss started at Holy Faith as a transitional deacon in January of 2007, was ordained to the priesthood here in June of 2007, and served until November of 2014. (Ian “the Elder” Brown handled the priestly liturgics during those first 6 months.) Before that, he had been a struggling fiction writer and writing teacher at U-M. This discrepancy turned out to be an early message from God about where his life should head.

While you and your family were at Holy Faith, what were some of the greatest challenges facing the congregation at that time, and what were some of the greatest accomplishments?

Related to our financial challenges (see below), the greatest challenge was to find ways to connect with the broader community and advance the Kingdom of God in an impactful way, while at the same time building the programming (Sunday School, youth group) that would attract and retain families. We were blessed with a core group of kids and willing adult volunteers around whom we could build those programs. I think those programs, plus our mission trips to Appalachia, were great accomplishments.

On the mission/service side, we had members who started wonderful ministries like the food donation garden and the paper pantry. I’m also really proud of the congregation’s openness in our process of claiming welcome to LGBTQ folks: I’m pretty sure we held the first gay wedding in Saline.

What did you see as the great strengths of this community?

Holy Faith’s great, great gift is the warmth of its community. Over and over again I heard from new people how welcomed they felt. I noticed it too. There is truly a sense of inclusion-without-pressure, and of deep care for members new and long-stand-

ing, which, as far as I can tell, has been part of the church’s character since its beginnings. Along with that, there is room for shared leadership and a minimum of negative gossip or other unhealthy patterns. The church is a healthy, accepting community.

During your tenure at Holy Faith, the congregation became financially self-sustaining. What made that achievement possible, do you think?

We had several years of mission funding after which we had to be self-sufficient. I think everyone just really put their oars in and we all pulled together: we grew in service and programming, became more committed in our stewardship, and were able to attract new members. There was a great willingness to try new things and “make excellent mistakes.”

As the pastor, I also made an effort to participate in Saline’s civic life, interact with community leaders, and draw attention to our work in local media.

What is one of your favorite memories while you were at Holy Faith?

The kids’ Advent Pageants were a ton of fun for all involved, and we also had some very moving worship services.

I remember particularly the use of art projects for All Saints’ Day. One artist in the congregation



Memory Garden Dedication



Appalachia Service Project



Blessing of the Pets

taught parishioners how to make shadow box “memorials” to a loved-one who had died. Another created a “cloud of witnesses” of grey and blue streamers to which names of saints were affixed.

During the service, worshipers moved around the space interacting with the art and lighting candles on the altar. It was a time of “good grief” and beautiful memory through the artistic expression of congregation members.

Hopefully everyone who spends time in a congregation, whether as a parishioner, pastor, or staff member, will be transformed spiritually. How did God change you during your ministry at Holy Faith Church?

God showed me what true hospitality looks like at Holy Faith—and also acceptance, including of me!

The congregation was very gracious in making space for my mistakes and in accepting me as their pastor even when they didn’t agree with my decisions or the ways I thought God called on us to express Christian values in the world.

I found true acceptance at Holy Faith, and that gave me the confidence to grow as a leader and as a person of faith.

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Update from Pastor Andrea about the Rector Call Process

PLT President Noelle Milkey announced in church on May 1st, that at the PLT's April 26 meeting, the PLT extended an "exuberant" call to Pastor Andrea Martin to become Rector of Holy Faith. Pastor Andrea "exuberantly" accepted.

Early in July, the executive assistant for our Episcopal Bishop Bonnie Perry emailed me to start a conversation about scheduling at Holy Faith a **"Celebration of New Ministry"** this fall. Since last month marked my 5th anniversary as Pastor at Holy Faith, the "new" designation struck me as funny.

What will be new is at that service, I will be installed as Holy Faith's first Rector. Rector is an Episcopal term, and it is significant because only financially self-sustaining congregations install Rectors.

The PLT's ability to extend a call to me as Rector represents a collective achievement over decades, fully realized during the tenure of my predecessor, the Rev. Ian Reed-Twiss. He would have been installed as Rector had he stayed.

Don't worry, by the way – whatever you've called me up until now, you can keep calling me: Andrea, Pastor, or Pastor Andrea. My name will not change. And neither will my duties.

But Holy Faith's standing in the diocese will change by this public recognition that Holy Faith is a vital and financially healthy congregation.

This change in title, by the way, was intended to happen (if mutually decided by the PLT and me) in June 2020. At that time, of course, we were locked down for COVID, and the process was deferred. So this call to me – and the celebratory service that inaugurates it officially – also signals an end to the austere measures we took during the worst of the pandemic.

We don't have a date finalized for the service (both Bishop Kreiss and Bishop Perry will be participating, and their calendars need to be coordinated), but it will probably be September or October.

Invitations will be extended to former clergy and parishioners. It might be a reunion of sorts for Faith Lutheran, Holy Cross, and Holy Faith.

Hope to see you there to celebrate the enduring faith, love, and service of this congregation.

Andrea+



Bishop Bonnie Perry - EDOMI



Bishop Donald Kreiss - ELCA SEMI



Parish Leadership Team Meeting Minutes - June 21, 2022

*By Teri Kollath, Acting Secretary
Abridged for this Newsletter*

Rev. Andrea opened the meeting at 7:00 pm with a check in all around; the opening prayer was provided by Noelle Milkey.

The PLT considered the prioritization and scheduling of work for the remainder of 2022. After a prioritization exercise, the PLT named the following as the four most important tasks before us:

1. Discuss and Plan for Growth
2. Keep Community Hunger Before the Congregation
3. Preparedness Planning
4. Strategic Planning for Building and Facilities Needs

Rev. Andrea suggested, and it was agreed, that the PLT meet for a mid-year retreat in August or September to begin addressing these stated priorities.

We discussed the Pastor's Report made available to the PLT previously.

Highlights:

- A new website will go live 7/1/22, and we can enjoy a sneak peek ahead of time.
- We are looking to receive updates from the Music Search Committee.
- A Zoom Station went live on 6/19/22 in Coffee Hour, and Rev. Andrea and Noelle Milkey will once again provide the Listening Post during coffee hours when Rev. Andrea returns.
- Our donations requested list for "Stuff the Bus" is coming soon.
- A parent from the preschool owns an air duct cleaning business and cleaned our ducts!

Minutes for April and May were unanimously approved after motion by Noelle Milkey, seconded by Jane Darling.

Financials were approved unanimously after motion by Teri Kollath, seconded by Jim Mangi.

We discussed how we will allocate the funds we received from the Diocese for our December apportionment. We unanimously agreed to the motion made by Jim Mangi, and seconded by Jane Darling to tithe 10%, leaving us with \$656.83 to be put to miscellaneous income.

Andy Amstutz/Christen Mitchell agreed to draft a vision and policy to encourage use of Memorial Funds.

What we are working on, and what we are excited about includes:

- the new roof over the parish hall;
- the very positive results of the CAT survey;
- our enthusiasm around the upcoming service of installation;
- the plans for our Food Garden, Memorial and Butterfly Gardens, and the priorities we named at the top of tonight's meeting.



Buildings & Grounds Update

By Steve Jolliffe

It Was a Dark and Stormy Night ...

Early in the morning of June 14, there was a localized thunderstorm in the area, accompanied by a very heavy downpour of rain. The church's roof gutters could not handle this deluge and the rainwater overflowed and spilled down the Preschool stairs. Although there is a drain at the bottom of the stairs, it couldn't handle this amount of rain falling in such a short time. The water entered the Preschool and spread across the floor.

The next morning, Pastor Andrea entered the church and was greeted with a very strong smell. We soon learned that the rain water had dampened old dormant mold on the floor and in the lower walls of the Preschool. When dormant mold becomes wet, it blooms again and starts to grow (and smell)! Over the years, we have had small amounts of water come into the Preschool area and we have been able to mop it up and dry the carpeting with fans and dehumidifiers.

Unfortunately, this time was worse. Testing verified the presence of mold, but, fortunately, it was not airborne and did not pose any risk to the church.

We contracted with ServPro to clean up the mess and remove the mold. The old carpeting was torn out and the lower 24 inches of drywall was cut out to ensure no mold remained. Additional mold testing verified that it was completely eliminated. We plan to install new drywall, repaint, and replace the carpeting.



In order to prevent a repeat of this situation in the future, we will replace the old "residential" guttering around the social hall with six-inch "commercial" gutters and downspouts. The storm also damaged several of the old window well covers and we need to replace them with new, stronger, covers.

You have probably noticed the storage pod parked in the driveway. It contains boxed up contents of the Preschool while work is being done in the lower level. All repairs must be completed before school starts.

The expense of these repairs was not anticipated and the PLT is studying ways to pay for the repairs as it was not covered by our insurance. On the bright side, the new carpeting and freshly painted walls will make the Preschool a more attractive and inviting area. That musty smell that was sometimes present during days with high humidity will be eliminated. Watch for calls for volunteers when it is time to repaint!



Church Musician Search Update

By Lisa Reifert

This Summer, the Search Committee for a new Church Musician (Anne Beaubien, Kris Determan, Vicki English, Betsey Hubbard, Charlie Jacobs, Elaine Osterbur, and Lisa Reifert) have been meeting to craft a job description for our new musician. This job description has been placed in many hands and also put online to spread the word that Holy Faith is looking for the next person to enrich our spiritual lives

through music. We have already had some interest and will be following leads and conducting interviews in August.

I am very appreciative of the many talents of the Church Musician Search Committee and with God's help, we hope to invite someone this Fall.

Responding to Community Hunger



Fed Up Food Truck Cinco de Mayo Event

In collaboration with the ELCA's Fed Up Food Truck and Saline Area Social Service, Holy Faith sponsored the food truck to feed 200 of our neighbors on the rainy and chilly Tuesday, May 3rd, from 5:00-7:00 PM, at Mill Pond Park. Working with the Rev. Anna Taylor-McCants and her team, HFC volunteers helped to prepare food, mingle, and serve.

Thanks to:

Barbara Arnold and Lisa Reifert for helping chop veggies.

Mary Hogan, Betsey Hubbard, Steve Jolliffe, Teri Kollath, Ann Mayers, Dan McGraw, Christen Mitchell, Meredith Mitchell, and Carolyn Schneider who braved the cold and damp to help serve tacos to our neighbors.



Vegetable Garden 2022

Wow - our food garden is really growing! The tomatoes, potatoes, bush cucumbers, and beans look strong as do most of the flowers. The carrots, a few Sir Crunch Alot cucumbers, and the purple flowers look a little weak, but time and water will help. There are a few weeds around the beans and carrots, and no potato bugs so far. The landscape fabric is showing its worth!

The Garden Buddies have worked really hard this year in planning the garden, measuring, counting, laying landscape fabric, buying plants and seed, planting, hoping our new ideas will encourage a plentiful harvest and beautiful garden.



Meijer Simply Give

The next Meijer Double Match Day is on Saturday, August 13th!

Triple the impact of your donation and help SASS reach their \$15,000 goal! For every \$10 Simply Give card purchased at the Meijer located at 3145 Ann Arbor-Saline Road that Saturday, Meijer will double match the donation with \$20 for a total of \$30 to fight local hunger.

Money donated during Meijer Simply Give helps SASS purchase fresh produce, dairy, meat, diapers, and other essentials to fill the pantry shelves.

Milestones

SUMMER BIRTHDAYS

June

Suzanne Buchalski
Carol Church
Tish Dersnah
Harold Tinsey

July

Ruth Boenke
Jim Mangi
Dan McGraw

August

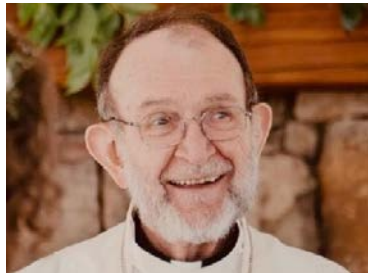
Richard Boulter
Mike Centlivre
Diane Jacobs

September

Anne Beaubien
Betsey Hubbard
Steve Jolliffe
Andrea Martin

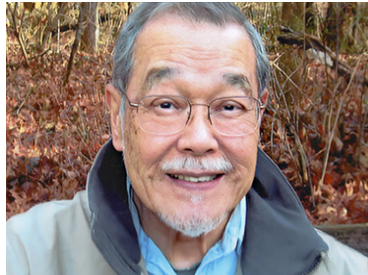
If we don't have your birthday recorded, and you wish your birthday to be known, please notify Laurie Tikkanen in the church office via phone: (734) 429-2991 or email at office@holy-faith-church.org

DEATHS



The Rev. Ian Brown

Born:
July 2, 1932
Died:
January 14, 2022



The Rev. Dr. Chisato Kitagawa

Born:
July 29, 1932
Died:
January 14, 2022



David Dubay

Born:
March 6, 1965
Died:
March 26, 2022



Marjorie Frank

Born:
November 6, 1921
Died:
July 26, 2022

UPCOMING EVENTS

August 12, 2022

SASS Stuff the Bus
The SASS bus will come to Holy Faith's parking lot to pick-up school supplies we have been collecting,

August 17, 2022

Memory Café

**Rev. Andrea Martin Called
as Holy Faith Church Rector
by PLT on April 26, 2022**



**Holy Faith Church Celebrated
Pride Month Throughout
the Month of June 2022**

