



# Parish News

2024

## First United Church of Christ

### A Note from Your Pastor

Well, another month has gone by! The older I get, the more quickly time seems to pass. I find it hard to believe that the first quarter of 2024 is now behind us, it seems that we were just celebrating bringing in the New Year! I hope that the first months of this year have treated you all well and that you have all experienced great joy and prosperity.

As we continue on in our lives, we also continue on as a church family. Let us be mindful of those who are not as fortunate as we may be and carry them in our hearts and prayers. Let us also take time to nurture ourselves in the love we receive from our blessed Lord, ensuring that our relationship with Him continues to grow and prosper. How fortunate we are to have a Creator that wants to share in our lives, even in the minute details of what we do. Let us remember to keep our minds and hearts open to His will and grace so that we maintain ourselves in a manner that is pleasing to Him always. When we fail, let us seek His forgiveness and strength to do better. When we succeed at things let us be grateful for His assistance. For our Lord is with us always. Ready to help, to console, and to celebrate our joys. We are all truly blessed! Let us be mindful of the Lord in all we do and say, and pray for His divine guidance, praising Him as we go along with our lives.

As we have informed you through letters and from the pulpit, our church is facing dire times. We simply do not have the people to continue as we have done in the past. I want to remind everyone of the meeting to be held April 15<sup>th</sup> at the church. This meeting will take place at 6:30 p.m. and will allow to glean more information from the Living Water

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## A Note from Your Pastor (continued)

Association General Minister, Rev. Nayiri Karjian, regarding the necessary process to close our building and secure our legacy in our community. I strongly encourage all who are interested to attend.

Please remember that you are a wonderful creation of God. He loves you more than you can comprehend. You are unique, yet you are a member of the living Body of Christ. You are so much more than you realize. You matter. You are important. No matter where you are, or your current physical or financial state, you have so much to offer others. You are a child of God, a Christian, an emissary of the love Jesus revealed to the world. Go forth and share your knowledge and love of our Lord and help others to come to Christ.

May God bless you abundantly,

*Pastor Gerry*

February Income

\$4,975.45

February Expenditures

\$8,321.94

February Net

**-\$3,346.49**





## Just A Thought About Our Faith

by Bill Paxson

Remember the last time you ordered something on line? Maybe on Amazon or for that matter any business? The company wanted our shipping address, our credit card number and security code and expiration date. After we placed our items in our shopping cart we felt sure that we would receive our package on the guaranteed delivery date the company quoted us. We had great faith in Amazon and Fed-X.

Do we have the same rock solid faith when we pray to our Heavenly Father? He asks for no credentials, just our unconditional love. OH! I forgot one thing, Amazon gave us a confirmation number. That clinched the deal. But when we look around at our beautiful world and all of the wonderful blessings we have received without a confirmation number, shouldn't our faith be just as strong as we have for Amazon and Fed-X?

I think so, and our faith should continue to grow every time we say the Lord's Prayer or recite the Apostle's Creed. This is how we create a bond with our Heavenly Father that is for eternity.

P. S. Let's not forget about our music night with Hamilton Road on Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 p.m. Bring a friend!



Happy Spring





# Things We Love About Church

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## Word List

ATMOSPHERE	FOOD	LOVE	SCRIPTURE READINGS
BLESSINGS	GIVING	MUSIC	SERMONS
CHOIR	GRACE	PRAISE	SHARING
COMMUNION	HIS PRESENCE	PRAYERS	WINDOWS
FELLOWSHIP	HUMOR	SACRAMENTS	WORSHIP

## Toy Drive 2024

We are once again holding our Toy Drive, from now until the end of November, for the Warren Family Mission. If you wish to participate, there will be a bin in the lobby where you can drop off any new, unwrapped toys at any time.

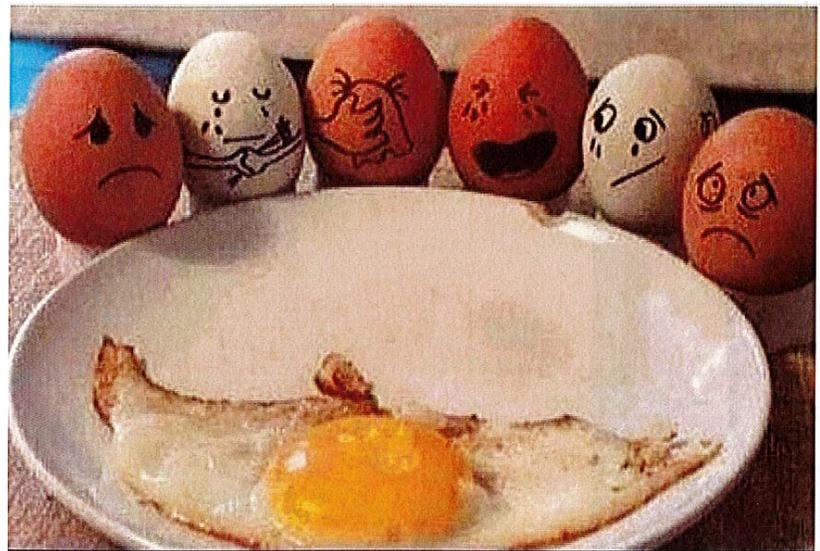
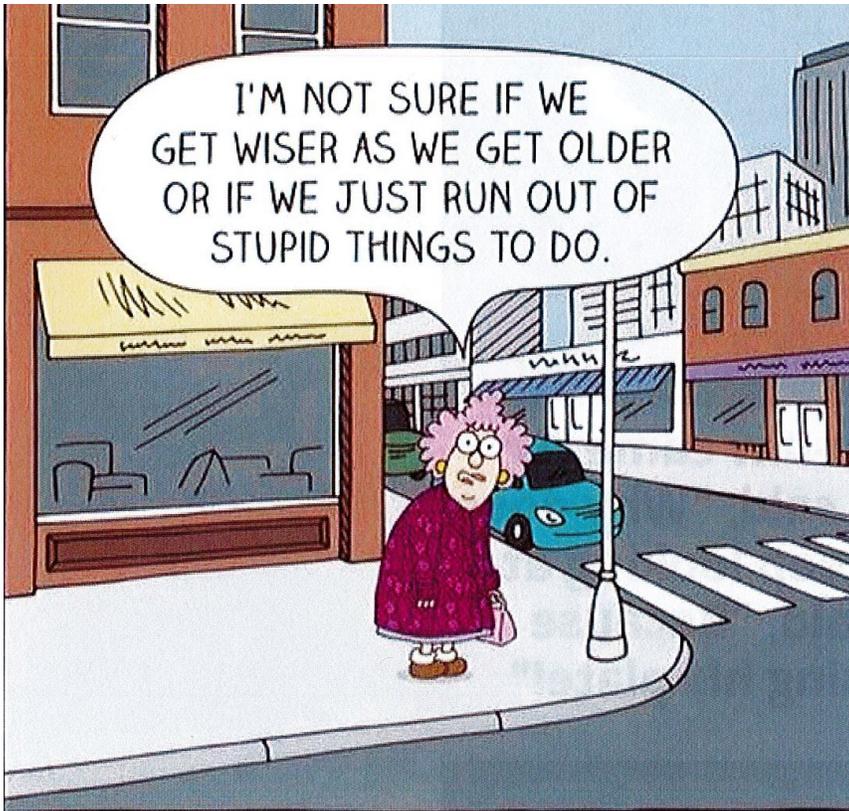
In late November or early December, we will take these toys to the Mission for their yearly Christmas give away. Please keep in mind that while it's fun to shop for the little ones, there are teenagers who need love and support at Christmas also.

Thank you in advance for your kindness. If you have any questions, please see Karen Schoch.





## Friday Funnies



He died last fry day. Thank God he wasn't beaten. Don't worry, he went over easy. He's now on the sunny side. He's definitely in a better plate.





## Prayer List

Donna Beavers	Phil Graham	Mary Sabol	<b>Shut-ins:</b>
Becky Callahan	Ruth Gilbert	Barb Ware	Donna Beavers
Dave Davis	Betty Howren	Layes Wood	Ruth Gilbert
Rodger Davis	Greg Leigh		Betty Howren
Steve Doracin	Dean Mahalick		Dick Leiby
Phil Fletcher	Peggy Marshall	Those affected by	Marilyn Leiby
Donald Gammon	Larry Mattison	the conflicts through	Glenn Mark
Gerald Gammon	Kay Patrick	out the world	Norma Patchin
Wesley Gauet	Jeff Robinson		Barb Sponaugle

## Floating Five Emergency Fund

In July 2009, the Floating Five Committee decided to start an emergency account to help those in the church having an unexpected need for money such as a car repair, medical bill, or legitimate need as recommended by church members or staff, etc. Please speak with Judy Fabian, Keith Burger, Karen Schoch, or Rev. Gammon should you have such a need.

This is a confidential service available to any church member, staff member, or anyone who attends regularly. This is not intended to be an ongoing source of income but rather for emergency situations which one might encounter.

## Prayer Chain/List

The Prayer Chain has been slightly revised. As a reminder, names of people for the Prayer Chain with specific messages are prayed for regularly for that person for seven days. Be sure to begin your request by calling the church office or by filling out a prayer request card.

Names on the Prayer List in the weekly bulletin will be carried for that month unless requested it be continued on or removed prior to the end of the month.

\*\*If you would like to be a caller and offer prayers for those on the prayer chain, please notify the church office (330) 394-4741 or fill out a prayer request card.



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**Pastor:**

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**Pastor Emeritus:**

Joe Doran  
Everett Gould

**Elder Emeritus:**

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Nick Fabian  
Ed Gilbert  
Don Howren  
Glenn Mark  
Sylvia Moyes  
Bill Paxson  
George Schneider  
Bill Schoch  
Charles Weller  
Ken Wright

**Deacon Emeritus:**

Dick Leiby



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