

FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Sunday, April 28, 2024
Sunday School 9:45 a.m./Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Pastor: Rev. Gerald Gammon (330) 306-8965
Director of Music: Karen Fumerola
Organist: Barbara Edwards

(*Please stand, if you are able, at each asterisk.)

Welcome to our Sunday service. Please use the time during the Prelude to prepare yourself for worship in quiet reflection and prayer and allow others to do the same. We also ask that you refrain from conversation during our service.

Prelude "Joy Unending" *Lani Smith*
(Lighting of the Candles)

Greeting
Pastor: "The peace of Christ be with you."
People: **"And also with you."**

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Gerald Gammon

Let us begin our worship today:

Choral Introit "He Is Lord" *arr. Tom Fettke*

*Call to Worship: Sheryl Cozad

Leader: Lord Jesus, You are the true vine!

All: We are the branches!

Leader: Holy Lord, through You all things are possible.

All: May we spread Your word and love to the world.

Leader: Son of the Father, You are the source of all good things!

All: Help us to grow only good fruit to glorify You and the Father!

Leader: Use us, O Lord, to raise a harvest for Your glory.

All: We pray in Your most holy name. Amen.

*Hymn #82 "Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens Adore Him"

*Unison Invocation:

All: Blessed Lord, though we are not worthy of You and Your love for us, we repent and give ourselves over to You. Shape us as You would have us so that we might grow Your church through all that we do. We pray in Your name, Jesus. Amen.

*Gloria Patri #812 "Glory Be to the Father"

Anthem "What Joy! He Lives!" *Robert Wetzler*

Joys and Concerns/Time of Silent Prayer/The Lord's Prayer (debt and debtors)
Prayer Response "Gentle Shepherd" *William Gaither*

Offering Prayer/Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory "Living for Jesus" *Harold Lowden*

*Doxology #815 "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

*Apostles Creed (May be found in the back cover of the hymnal)

Hymn #660 "I Will Serve Thee"

Scripture **Psalm 22: 25-31** (pg. 471 O.T.) *Sheryl Cozad*
Acts 8: 26-40 (pg. 127 N.T.)

Gospel **John 15: 1-8** (pg. 109 N.T.)
All Sing (After Gospel is announced) "Celtic Alleluia" *Fintan O'Carroll & Christopher Walker*

Pastor: "This is the Word of our Lord"

All: "Thanks be to God."

Sermon "Grow, Branches, Grow!" *Rev. Gerald Gammon*

*Hymn #434 "Revive Us Again"

*Benediction

Postlude "We're Marching to Zion" *Robert Lowry*
(Organ/Piano)

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NOTE: Scripture readings are from NRSV Bible

ANNOUNCEMENTS

04/28/2024

Please call the church office or fill out a prayer card if you would like to put someone on the prayer chain or prayer list.

The flowers have been placed on the altar to the honor and glory of God by Homer Wiland, and in memory of Angie Wiland for her birthday on May 1st and also for Helen Rossi (her mother) who shared the same birthday.

Thought for the Week: How do I spread the fruit of Jesus to others?

Next week: Liturgist/Lay Reader: Judy Fabian

Church Lawn: We are looking for people to mow the lawn once a month. Please use the sign-up sheet in the lobby. If you have questions, see Ron Schoch.

Outside Flowers: Again this year we are seeking donations to cover the cost of flowers to be planted outside our church. If you want to contribute to this effort, please place your donation in an envelope and mark it for “outside flowers”. Thank you.

Toy Drive: We are once again holding our Toy Drive from now until the end of November for the Warren Family Mission.

Congregational Meeting: A meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, May 20, 2024 in our sanctuary to discuss and vote on the course forward for our church. Please plan on attending!

Baby News: We have a new great-grandchild!! Edison Richard was born to Lee and Emily (Leiby) Hartman yesterday, April 17. His big brother and sister, Sully and Everly, are so happy to see him! Hope that continues! Lol!

Marilyn & Dick Leiby

CORRECTION ON 4/21/24 ALTAR FLOWERS:

The flowers have been placed on the altar to the honor and glory of God by Bob & Diane Lemasters and David & Tammy Boyle, and in memory of Riley’s mother/daughter/granddaughter, Nicole Boyle.

	4/7/24	4/14/24	4/21/24	4/28/24
Attendance	20	29		
Benevolence	\$ 50.00	\$ 5.00		
Building Fund	\$ 5.00			
Current Expenses	\$800.00	\$1,385.00	\$318.00	
Floating Five	\$ 76.00	\$ 120.00	\$120.00	
Easter	\$ 10.00			
Flowers		\$ 75.00	\$ 25.00	
Geraniums			\$ 90.00	
TOTAL	\$941.00	\$1,585.00	\$553.00	

March Income	March Expenditures	March Net
\$6,447.26	\$6,326.32	\$120.94

Prayer List

Shut-in

Becky Callahan	Marilyn Leiby	Donna Beavers
Jerry Currie	Dean Mahalick	Ruth Gilbert
Rodger Davis	Peggy Marshall	Betty Howren
Steve Doracin	Larry Mattison	Dick Leiby
Phil Fletcher	Norma Patchin	Marilyn Leiby
Donald Gammon	Kay Patrick	Glenn Mark
Wesley Gault	Jeff Robinson	Norma Patchin
Phil Graham	Mary Sabol	Barb Sponaule
Ruth Gilbert	Layes Wood	Family of Gregory Wiland
Dick Leiby		Family of Lisa Ambrosy
Those affected by the conflicts throughout the world		

IMPORTANT DATES

Wednesday, May 1

Men’s Fellowship breakfast 9:00 a.m.

Choir Rehearsal 12:30 p.m.

Sunday, May 5

Floating Five