

FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Sunday, December 16, 2018
Sunday School 9:30 a.m. 10:45 a.m. Worship Service

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

Prelude

(Lighting of the Candles)

Greeting

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Welcome and Announcements

Sharon Longworth

Choral Introit

“Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”

Thomas Williams/arr. Lowell Mason

*Call to Worship

Leader: Almighty Father in Heaven, we call on You to hear our prayers.

All: May we be good servants of Your love.

Leader: Most Gracious God, may we be steadfast in our resolve to love.

All: Help us to love all people and share with them the joy of Your Son.

Leader: You have called us to mission, to love one another, and to share the Good News.

All: May we be worthy of Your trust and follow the example of Your Son.

Leader: Guide us to do thy bidding, O Lord.

All: We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

*Carol

#251

“It Came upon a Midnight Clear” (1, 3, 4)

Lighting the Third Advent Candle

(Ron & Karen Schoch)

*Unison Invocation

Lord, we come together today to praise You and sing of Your glory. Be with us today and always as we work to do Your bidding. Help us, guide us, and love us. May we, together with the Holy Spirit, bring the Good News of Your Son to the world. We pray that we lead others to Him through our words and deeds. We ask for Your blessing upon us and the work we do on Your behalf, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Gloria Patri

#812

“Glory Be to the Father”

Joys and Concerns

Time of Silent Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

(debt and debtors)

Prayer Response

#292

“O come to my heart”

Timothy Matthews

Anthem

“Chosen One”

Don Besig

Children's Message

Joanne Bode

Offering Meditation

Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

*Doxology

#815

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

*Offering Prayer

Scripture

Isaiah 12:2-6 (pg. 641-642 O.T.)

Brenda Hibbard

Scripture

Philippians 4:4-7 (pg. 198 N.T.)

Sermon

“We are Called to Lead”

Rev. Gerald Gammon

Communion Carol

#287

“A Communion Hymn for Christmas” (1, 4, 5)

Invitation to Communion

The Breaking of the Bread (*Please wait to partake together*)

Taking the Cup (*Please wait to drink together*)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Carol

#265

“The First Noel” (1, 2, 4)

*Benediction

*Parting Blessing

#245

“Rejoice!”

Plainsong/adpt. Thomas Helmore

Postlude

ANNOUNCEMENTS

12/16/18

If you want to put someone on the prayer chain or prayer list, you must call the church office or fill out a prayer card in church.

The flowers have been placed on the altar to the honor and glory of God by Junior & Karen Fumerola, and in honor of the Choir.

Next Week - Liturgist: Donny Longworth Lay Reader: Sheryl Cozad

Pledge cards: I would like to encourage those who have not handed in their pledge cards to do so before the end of the year.

Congregational meeting: We will meet after church today to go over the proposed 2019 Budget and vote on the new Deacons & Elders

First Ladies: Next Wednesday, December 19th at 11:30 a.m., they will meet for their Christmas party at Melanie Burger's house, 8183 Fairhill NE, Warren. Everyone is asked to bring a finger food and a "white elephant" gift.

Parish News Deadline: Please have your articles, photos, poems, etc. in by next Wednesday, December 19th. Thank you!

Angel Tree: The deadline is today. Your wrapped gift should be returned to the church with the tag attached.

Christmas Fund Offering: Sunday, December 23rd, is the Christmas Fund Offering for the Veterans of the Cross which helps provide pension and health premium supplementation to low-income retirees, emergency assistance to the families of clergy and lay employees and Christmas "Thank You" Gift Checks to hundreds of annuitants. Envelopes will be provided in the bulletins.

Offering Envelopes: Please pick up your envelopes for the 2019 year in the lobby. Thank you!

Thank You: Dear Church Family, thank you so much for the beautiful flowers, your prayers and phone calls, and the lovely cards that really touched my heart. See you as soon as I am able.
Beverly DeSavigny

Communion Schedule: Preparing communion is an honor and a privilege that we should all participate in at one time or another. Please look over the Communion Schedule in the lobby and choose a Sunday when you can take part.

Sunday School: There will be No Sunday School on Sunday, December 30th.

Choir: There will be no Choir Practice on Thursday, December 26th.

Dear Church Family & Friends,

This is both a Christmas greeting to you all as well as a thank you for the overwhelming support, concern, and prayers for Linda during her ongoing health concerns. Thank you for the flowers, the hospital visits, and absolute, avalanche of get well cards. (She cherishes each and every one and has compiled quite a stack which she reads through nearly every day).

Linda is currently building up her strength for further medical procedures at the Cleveland Clinic. Currently she is an outpatient looking forward to medical treatments that will return her to the healthy Linda you have all been praying for.

We both miss being with you at this joyous time in our church year and our wishes are for you, our family, to have a great holiday season and hope to be with you soon into the new year.

Our trees are all lit for the season. Although Linda is not up for visits, if you want to see the rainbow, take a drive by.

In Christian Love,

Linda & Bill

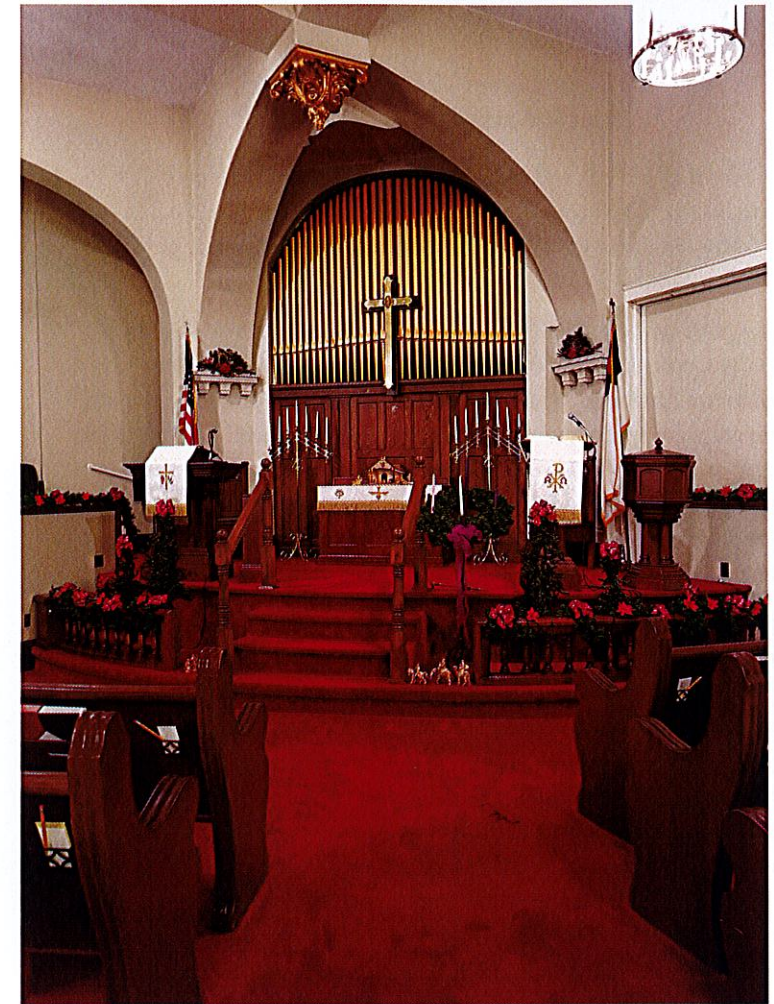
	12/2/18	12/9/18	12/16/18	12/23/18	12/30/18
Attendance	43	35			
Benevolent	\$ 65				
Floating Five	\$ 110				
Flowers	\$ 30				
Building Imp	\$ 10				
Current Expens	\$1505				
WFM					
Poinsettias					
SM Mem.	\$ 150				
TOTAL	\$1870				

PRAYER LIST

Beverly DeSavigny	Norma Patchin
Aiden Elder	Linda Paxson
Don Howren	Florence Simons
Becky Kunkel	Doris Whitmore
Marlin Martin	Joan Wimer
Peggy Marshall	Mary Kate Zweidinger

IMPORTANT DATES

Sunday, December 16	Communion
Wednesday, December 19	First Ladies Christmas Party @11:30 a.m./ Parish News deadline
Thursday, December 20	Choir Practice @6:30 p.m.
Sunday, December 23	Christmas Fund Offering
Monday, December 24	Christmas Eve Worship @6:30 p.m./ OFFICE CLOSED
Tues/Weds Dec. 25 & 26	OFFICE CLOSED
Sunday, December 30	No Sunday School
Monday, December 31	OFFICE CLOSED
Tuesday, January 1	OFFICE CLOSED



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