



# Parish News

February 2018

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## First United Church of Christ

### Update

As we welcome in the New Year with bitter cold and heavy snow falling, I hope we will keep in our prayers those in the west who are in a world of hurt, shock, and loss. For some there seems nothing left but hope. I hope as we turn our calendars to the new year we will not look back to mistakes we made, opportunities missed, or losses we may have suffered in 2017.

On January 13 Milly Atkins' family had a celebration of her life. They spoke of her kindness, love of family and church, and golf. Pastor Gammon represented First U.C.C. with a very personal and meaningful service.

January 7 was our annual congregational meeting. The 2018 budget was approved and nominations were accepted for the two Elders positions and the one Deacon position. Thank you, Betty Jamison, Don Longworth, and Homer Wiland. These three were installed during the service on January 14.

Consistory met after church this month saving everyone a trip out in the cold. Come spring we will see how this is working.

Thanks to our congregation, the Boomers were able to donate boots, coats, hats, scarves, and gloves to children in need (Adopt-a-School and the Warren Family Mission).

The First Ladies will meet on January 24 at 12:00 p.m. at the church. Come enjoy fellowship and see what project they will be doing!.

Our Search Committee has made some good progress in search for the part-time pastor position. This is a hard job, so keep them in your prayers.

If we do our best, God will do the rest.

Beverly Desavigny  
President of Consistory

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## First Ladies

In spite of some cold winter weather, seven ladies met at the home of Joanne Bode for our annual Christmas party. We thoroughly enjoyed an afternoon of a buffet of special foods and holiday treats—sharing special memories, much laughter, and a white elephant gift exchange to “The Night Before Christmas”.

Joanne’s home is a treasure house of Christmas decorations and collectibles—so warm and inviting—and we thank you, Joanne, for sharing it with all of us!

The next meeting is Wednesday, January 24 @12:00 p.m. at the church. We invite all ladies to bring a sack lunch. Drinks & dessert provided. Hostess: Karen Fumerola.



## Heart-to-Heart Sunday

On Sunday, February 11, we will get together for a simple chili lunch with heart-shaped cookies after morning worship. This tradition began back in 1989 as a way to contact all members/friends at least one time that year to maintain a church connection. We can use some help with food donations. A sign up sheet is on the lounge table.





## **Thanks**

*The Boomers*

Thank you for your donations to our coat and boot drive and also to the Mitten Tree during the Christmas season. Because of your generosity, we were able to deliver over a dozen brand new coats, several pairs of boots, over a dozen hats and gloves, and many miscellaneous items to the Adopt-a-School program and the Warren Family Mission. These will be greatly appreciated during this bitter cold winter. Thank you again.

## **Prayer List**

Esther Clark, Aiden Elder, Don Howren, Doug Leonard, Betty Mark, Ray McLean, Search Committee, James Warren

## **Altar Flowers**

If you would like to honor someone with flowers, please see the sign up sheet on the office door or call the church office. The cost is \$15 per vase, \$30 for both.

## **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 or Karen Schoch 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.





# Annual Christmas Party





## Let it Snow

*Beverly Desavigny*

'Twas a month after Christmas as I lay in my bed;  
 Visions of sunshine danced in my head.  
 Husband and I were thinking of warm - no shoveling snow;  
 After bad winter storms hard to imagine 70 degrees;  
 While here in Ohio we continue to freeze.  
 As we watch the news and check on the weather;  
 We're wrapped in a blanket all snuggled together.  
 We made up our minds right then and there;  
 We're packing our clothes and going somewhere.  
 As we bask in warm sunshine we'll think of dear friends;  
 And pray for the winter weather to end.

## Prayer Ministry

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 anyone would like to be added to the Prayer Chain, do not hesitate. There is always room for more. Just notify the church office (330) 394-4741 or fill our a prayer request card.





# Rev. Sabella's Farewell Party



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*The church with the “golden dome”*

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**Pastor Emeritus:**

Joe Doran  
Everett Gould

**Elder Emeritus:**

Al Conklin  
Don Howren  
Ed Gilbert  
George Schneider  
Bill Schoch  
Charles Weller  
Ken Wright

**Deacon Emeritus:**

Dick Leiby



**Consistory**

<b>President:</b>	Beverly Desavigny	<b>Elders:</b>	Keith Burger	12/31/18
			Betty Jamison	12/31/20
<b>Vice President:</b>	Mike Stephens		Donny Longworth	12/31/20
			Bill Paxson	12/31/18
<b>Secretary:</b>	Nancy Hamrick			
		<b>Deacons:</b>	Joanne Bode	12/31/19
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Donny Longworth		Melanie Burger	12/31/19
			Bev Desavigny	12/31/18
<b>Financial Officer:</b>	Keith Burger		Judy Fabian	12/31/18
			Jeff Robinson	12/31/19
<b>Financial Bookkeeper:</b>	Donna Mark		Mike Stephens	12/31/18
			Homer Wiland	12/31/18