



# Parish News

January 2018

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## First United Church of Christ

### Update

Our congregation of First United Church of Christ celebrated Thanksgiving with friends and family. We also celebrated the season by providing food to the less fortunate by giving generously to the Warren Family Mission, encouraging and bringing comfort to those in need. We now share the Advent season with people all over the world. This is the time to put daily events in sharp spiritual focus. The busyness of the season often robs us of the hope, joy, peace, and love our world so desperately needs, but church is our anchor that holds us to the true meaning of Christmas. The prophet Isaiah some 700 years before the miracle birth of Christ, encouraged us to believe and receive Emmanuel.

On December 10, we enjoyed a delicious dinner and entertainment at our annual church Christmas party. Part of the guest entertainment fell sick, but we still enjoyed the program. Thank you Sharon and Don! The Boomers again made peanut clusters to sell and they were melt in your mouth goodies. Lots of fun for the willing hands that helped. We held a farewell party after church for Rev. Sabella on December 17. He will still minister to us until December 31. We were blessed to have this man of God with us this year. The Elders have filled our pulpit the month of January and February with dedicated supply pastors. We have several applications in for the permanent pastor position. Please keep the Search Committee in your prayers.

The positions for Elders and Deacons are filling and our annual congregational meeting will be in January. Check the bulletin for the date. This meeting will include the proposed 2018 budget. Again our church will meet the challenges of change. Remember there is always room at all times for willing workers.

Consistory sends to all best wishes for a blessed happy new year!

Bev Desavigny  
President of Consistory

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## First Ladies “Catching Up”

The October meeting was held at the church on October 27. We were greeted with flickering orange candles in a darkened room. The tables were festive with pumpkins, ghosts, and “goody bags”! Our dessert that day was a choice of delicious apple and/or pumpkin pies . . . um –m so good! Our hostess for the day was Judy Fabian.

After some Halloween fun we signed 100 cards for the veterans in the VA Hospital in Cleveland for Veteran’s Day. Thanks to Sally Spencer for the supply of computer-generated cards!

The November meeting was held at the church on November 17. A light lunch was provided. All were asked to bring a food item for Harvest Sunday and completed boxes for “Operation Christmas Child”.

We shared some anecdotes of some Thanksgiving memories and/or family traditions and serenaded Sylvia Moyes with a small memento and “Happy Birthday” song.

The December meeting will be at the home of Joanne Bode on Friday, December 20, at 12:30 p.m.

## Thanks

*by Karen Fumerola*

Thanks to the wonderful congregation at First U.C.C. for the very generous Christmas gift, beautiful poinsettia, and \$100 gas card. They are all appreciated very much. May God continue to bless us in the coming year as we remember the Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love the Christ-Child brought to us.





## Thanks

*by Rev. Ty Sabella*

I want to thank the church for giving me the opportunity to be your pastor. I have enjoyed getting to know you and worship with you. Thank you for your Christmas gift to me, the gas card and the lovely poinsettia. May God bless you now and into your future. I love all of you.

## Prayer List

Esther Clark, Aiden Elder, Janet Franz, Don Howren, Doug Leonard, Betty Mark, Ray McLean, Mark Pringle, 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.





## Thanks

*by Karen Fumerola*

You have a very blessed music director at First United Church of Christ. Where could we find such a marvelous and talented organist to make our spirits soar with the melodious strains of Bach, Beethovens, and Brubeck? No where, but First U.C.C. in Warren. Florence Simons and our dedicated Choir put in countless hours preparing for each season of the Christian calendar, continuing to give glory to God. A generous budget from the congregation has enabled us to enjoy new music, new folders, and instrumental guests this fall.

I feel very blessed again to have had the opportunity to work these ten months with a sincere servant of God, Rev. Ty Sabella. He’s been such a positive force, a great tenor in the choir, and willing soloist. We’re sorry to see him go, but wish him well as he continues to serve God at his own church.

Thank you, Florence, Choir, Congregation, and Rev. Ty Sabella from your “feeling-blessed” music director.

## 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.





## Thanks to all who helped make Peanut Clusters



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## Consistory

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