



Parish News

2024

First United Church of Christ

A Note from Your Pastor

March of 2024 promises to be a busy month! We will be celebrating the Passion of our Lord and His resurrection. We will have a coffee hour Easter Sunday to enjoy goodies and fellowship. Of course, there is also St. Patrick's Day (when everyone is Irish!)

But our focus should be preparing ourselves for the coming of our living lord! We should use our time to prepare ourselves for His glorious return and to help others do the same. Attending church services is important, but there are other measures we should take advantage of as well. Spending time in prayer and reflection, confessing our sins to our Lord and seeking His forgiveness, reading the Scriptures to gain a better understanding of our relationship with our Lord, and sharing our faith with others.

The heart of our Gospel is to love. Love our God with all of our heart, mind, and soul. And to love one another as we have been loved. This includes us! We must take the time to get ourselves strong in our faith, take care of our bodies, and those that are important to us. We cannot help others well if we ourselves are not up to par.

I am sure we all have been in a situation where we find ourselves wanting to do more for someone than we can. If we do not take the time to care for ourselves and our own situations, we are even more limited in what we can do for others. This is true for our spiritual well-being as well! We must re-energize our faith from time to time. For me one of the best tools for this is silent prayer. Actually, it is more like silent conversation with our Lord. I ask what He wants of me and quietly sit and listen for His answers.

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These “conversations” give me the opportunity to rest my mind and seek the will of God. They restore my faith energy. I also use these times to repent and ask for the Lord’s forgiveness and strength. I trust in Him to prepare me for whatever comes my way.

I pray that each of you find time to re-energize your faith and to become even stronger in your love of our Lord. We know that Jesus is coming back to us, but we are uncertain of the timing. Let us commit to being prepared for His glorious return!

Marian and I wish you all a happy and blessed Easter!

Pastor Gerry

Sunday School

There will be no Sunday School on Easter Sunday, March 31, 2004. We will be having a coffee hour commencing at 10:00 a.m. in the lobby. Please join us in fellowship and sweets.

January Income

\$3,278.50

January Expenditures

\$7,167.14

January Net

-\$3,888.64





March Update

Hello Christian Brothers and Sisters. March is here and hopefully the worst of winter is behind us (at least that's what Punxsutawney Phil says.). No matter, winter has been relatively kind to us so far. The beginning of March puts us two weeks into Lent. This is one of those years where Easter is in the month of March. When Easter is in March we often refer to it as being early, but Easter is observed in March more often than you might think. The last time it was in March was in 2016 but the next time after this year it will be 2027 followed by 2032. Incidentally the earliest it can be March 22(very rare) and the latest is April 25 (also rare.)

Now that I've put all those crazy numbers in your head (and you're probably yawning) I'd like to invite you to attend these important dates—Palm Sunday on March 24, Maundy Thursday on March 28 and of course Easter Sunday on March 31. These are all very meaningful services at First UCC which help inspire us in our relationship with our Savior.

Thanks so much to the Deacons once again for the Heart to Heart luncheon on February 11. The food was excellent and cookies were a nice thing both to eat and pass along to those who couldn't be here. Also a thank you to Reverend Gammon for the very meaningful Ash Wednesday service.

A sneak peak into the month of April gives us the return of Hamilton Road. This group of Christian singers has been here a number of times and put on a tremendous program of gospel music. If you have not heard them before, mark Saturday April 13 on your calendar. And tell your friends and neighbors.

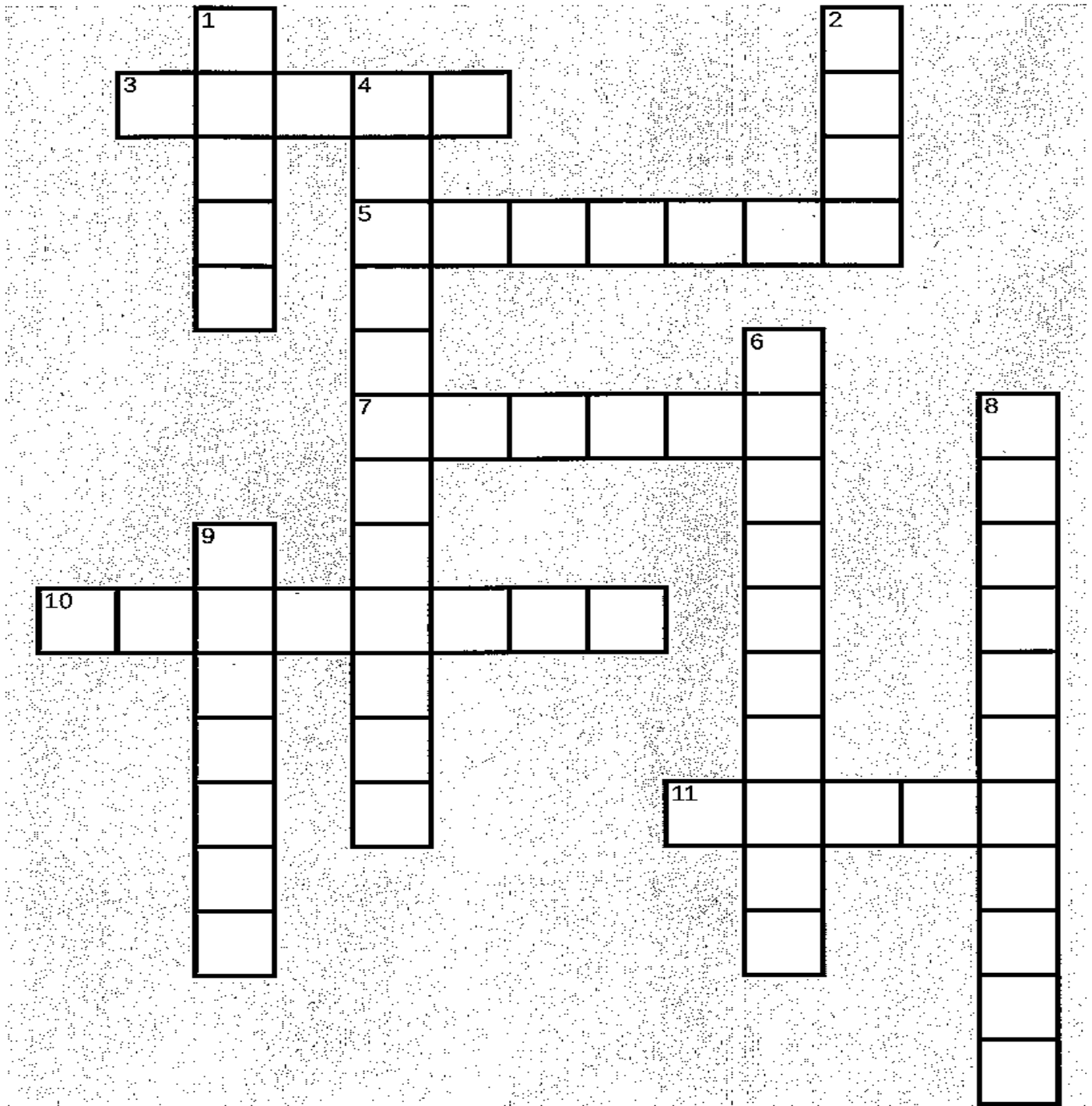
Till next month, please remember our shut-ins and see you in Sunday School.

Ron Schoch





Saint Patrick's Day





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Across

- 3 Saint Patrick's Day is celebrated by the people of Ireland, otherwise known as the _____.
- 5 The country where Saint Patrick's Day was first celebrated.
- 7 In New York City, there is a _____ to celebrate Saint Patrick's Day every year.
- 10 The lucky 3-leaf clover is also known as the _____.
- 11 What month is Saint Patrick's Day on?

Down

- 1 The lucky color for Saint Patrick's Day is _____.
- 2 There is a pot of _____ at the end of the rainbow.
- 4 This holiday is named after this person.
- 6 The mischievous mythical creatures from Irish folklore. Notable by their green outfits and a hat with a black buckle.
- 8 There is a Leprechaun on this cereal.
- 9 Because there is so much nature in Ireland, one may see a _____ after it rains.

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.





Easter Bake Sale

First United Church of Christ
Bake Sale Pre-Order Form
Easter

Pickup is: Sunday, March 24, 2024
between 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Kolachi			
Walnut	_____	\$12.00	_____
Poppyseed	_____	\$12.00	_____
Apricot	_____	\$12.00	_____
		Total Order	_____

Deadline for Orders: March 10

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Order Taken By: _____

Pickup is at: First United Church of Christ
280 E. Market Street
Warren, Ohio 44481
330-394-4741





Prayer List

Donna Beavers
Becky Callahan
Dave Davis
Rodger Davis
Steve Doracin
Phil Fletcher
Ruth Gilbert
Greg Leigh
Dean Mahalick

Peggy Marshall
Larry Mattison
Kay Patrick
Mary Sabol
Barb Ware
Layes Wood

Those affected by
the conflicts through
out the world

The family of Robert
Battison

Shut-ins:

Donna Beavers
Ruth Gilbert
Betty Howren
Dick Leiby
Marilyn Leiby
Glenn Mark
Norma Patchin
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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The church with the “golden dome”

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Pastor:

Rev./Dr. Gerald Gammon

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Joe Doran

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Al Conklin

Nick Fabian

Ed Gilbert

Don Howren

Glenn Mark

Sylvia Moyes

Bill Paxson

George Schneider

Bill Schoch

Charles Weller

Ken Wright

Deacon Emeritus:

Dick Leiby

Consistory

President: Ron Schoch

Vice President: Bill Paxson

Secretary: Nancy Hamrick

Treasurer: Rev. Gammon

Financial Officer: Sheryl Cozad

Bookkeeper: Sheryl Cozad

Elders: Keith Burger 12/31/26
Jr. Fumerola 12/31/24
Linda Paxson 12/31/24
Bill Paxson 12/31/24
Karen Schoch 12/31/26

Deacons: Melanie Burger 12/31/24
Sheryl Cozad 12/31/25
Judy Fabian 12/31/24
Marian Gammon 12/31/25
Candy Lemasters 12/31/25
Sharon Longworth 12/31/25
Debbie Wimer 12/31/24