FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST **Sunday, March 10, 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 (Lighting of the Candles) "Lead, Kindly Light"

John Dykes

(Organ/Piano)

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

"This is My Commandment"

Unknown

*Call to Worship:

Sheryl Cozad

Leader: Lord Jesus, You are the Light of the World!

Shine on us. Savior! All:

Leader: Help us, O Lord, to escape the shadows of evil.

All: Shine on us, Savior!

Leader: May Your divine light illuminate our path to Heaven!

Shine on us, Savior! All:

Leader: Help us to reflect Your light to others!

We pray in Your most holy name, amen. All:

(insert) "The Light of the World is Jesus" *Hymn

*Unison Invocation:

All: We pour out our hearts before You. We have known You, but have not always loved You. We have wounded one another and sinned against You. We have not always recognized the Holy Spirit dwelling in each of us. Remember Your covenant. Renew Your creation. Restore us that we might proclaim Your Good News to all. Amen.

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

"The Beautiful Garden of Prayer" J. H. Fillmore Anthem

Jovs and Concerns/Time of Silent Prayer/The Lord's Prayer (debt and debtors) Prayer Response "Lord Jesus, Who Through Forty Day" Psalter, 1592

Offering Prayer/Giving of our Tithes and Offerings/One Great Hour of Sharing Offertory "I Believe in a Hill Called Mount Calvary" William Gaither "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" *Doxology #815

"Amazing Grace" Hvmn #343

Scripture **Numbers 21: 4-9** (pg. 139 O.T.)

Ephesians 2: 1-10 (pg. 192 N.T.)

Fintan O'Carroll & Christopher Walker "Celtic Alleluia"

John 3: 14-21 (pg. 94 N.T.) Gospel

Pastor: "This is the Word of our Lord"

"Thanks be to God."

"See the Light?" Sermon

Rev. Gerald Gammon

Sheryl Cozad

"Revive Us Again" *Hymn #434

*Benediction

"Send the Light" Charles Gabriel Postlude (Organ/Piano)

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NOTE: Scripture readings are from NRSV Bible

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

03/10/2024

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.

Thought for the Week: How do I reflect the light of Jesus to others?

Next week: Liturgist/Lay Reader: Judy Fabian

2024 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 located on the lobby table and choose a Sunday when you can prepare the elements for Holy Communion.

<u>Toy Drive</u>: 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: The Deacons are taking pre-orders for kolache (apricot, walnut, and poppy seed) at \$12 each. The deadline for orders is today and the pick-up date is Sunday, March 24, 2024 between 12:00-1:00 p.m. There are order forms in the lobby and on the website (firstucewarren.org) or you can call the office at (330) 394-4741.

<u>First Ladies</u>: All ladies are welcome to a luncheon at Sunrise Inn on Tuesday, March 19, 2024, at 12:30 p.m. We hope to see you there!

<u>NEW ADDRES</u>: Donna Beavers, Windsor House, W3259 Vistal Road, Room 246, Youngstown, Ohio 44509

	3/3/24	3/10/24	3/17/24	3/24/24	3/31/24
Attendance	21				
Benevolence	\$ 55.00				
Building Fund					
Current Expenses	\$2,390.00				
Floating Five	\$ 74.00				
Flowers					
Lilies					
TOTAL	\$2,519.00				

February Income	February Expenditures	February Net

\$8.321.94

Prayer List

\$4.975.45

Shut-ins

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Donna Beavers Becky Callahan Dave Davis Rodger Davis Steve Doracin Phil Fletcher Donald Gammon Gerald Gammon Wesley Gauet Phil Graham	Ruth Gilbert Betty Howren Dean Mahalick Peggy Marshall Larry Mattison Norma Patchin Kay Patrick Jeff Robinson Mary Sabol Layes Wood	Donna Beavers Ruth Gilbert Betty Howren Dick Leiby Marilyn Leiby Glenn Mark Norma Patchin Barb Sponaugle

Those affected by the conflicts throughout the world

IMPORTANT DATES

Sunday, I	March 10	Bake Sale Pre Order deadline
Wednesd	ay, March 13	Choir Rehearsal 12:30
Thursday	, March 14	Parish News deadline
Sunday, I		St. Patrick's Day
Wednesd	ay, March 20	Choir Rehearsal 12:30
Sunday, I		Bake Sale pick up from 12:00-1:00 p.m.

The Light of the World Is Jesus 636

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