

FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sunday, March 3, 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 "Thy Word" Ken Medema/arr. Jack Schrader
(Lighting of the Candles) (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:

Leader: Heavenly Father, You are the Creator of all that is!

All: **Blessed are we to be Your children!**

Leader: Heaven and Earth are Yours to command.

All: **Blessed are we to be Your children!**

Leader: We seek eternity with You, O Lord, through Jesus Your Son.

All: **Blessed are we to be Your children!**

Leader: Through Your grace may we find favor in Your sight.

All: **We pray in Jesus' most holy name, amen.**

*Hymn #184 "Thy Word"

*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"

Anthem "He Went about Doing Good" John Peterson

Joys and Concerns/Time of Silent Prayer/The Lord's Prayer (debt and debtors)

Prayer Response "Holy, Holy, Holy" Argentine folk song

Offering Prayer/Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory "Nearer, My God, to Thee" Lowell Mason/arr. Ethel Smith

*Doxology #815 "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

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

Hymn #324 "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

Scripture Exodus 20:1-17 (pg. 66 O.T.) Rev. Gerald Gammon
1 Corinthians 1:18-25 (pg. 166 N.T.)
"Celtic Alleluia" Fintan O'Carroll & Christopher Walker

Gospel John 2:13-22 (pg. 93 N.T.)
Pastor: "This is the Word of our Lord"
All: "Thanks be to God."

Sermon "Keep it Holy" Rev. Gerald Gammon

*Hymn #320 "Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

*Benediction

Postlude "When We All Get to Heaven" Emily Wilson
(Organ/Piano)

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NOTE: Scripture readings are from NRSV Bible

ANNOUNCEMENTS

03/03/2024

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 am I keeping myself holy?

Next week: Liturgist/Lay Reader: Sheryl Cozad

Floating Five: Today’s “loose offering (coins or cash)” will go to the Floating Five food vouchers. If you choose to write a check, please put it in an envelope and mark the envelope “Floating Five”. Thank you for your support!

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.

Toy Drive: 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 Sunday, March 10, 2024 and the pick-up date is Sunday, Sunday, March 24, 2024 between 12:00-1:00 p.m. There are order forms in the lobby and on the website (firstuccwarren.org) or you can call the office at (330) 394-4741.

Thank You: The chili, salad, and cookies were so good and a tasty meal for us! I had forgotten it was “Heart to Heart” Sunday. So very glad YOU all remembered! Our grateful thanks to all of you and to the Fumerolas for delivery! Times are difficult, but traditions keep us strong...we are with you in spirit.

Dick & Marilyn

First Ladies: 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!

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| | 2/4/24 | 2/11/24 | 2/18/24 | 2/25/24 |
| Attendance | 30 | 33 | 21 | 26 |
| Benevolent | \$ 55.00 | | | |
| Building Fund | | | | |
| Current Expenses | \$1,128.50 | \$733.00 | \$1,711.00 | \$701.00 |
| Floating Five | \$ 130.00 | \$130.00 | \$ 120.00 | \$220.00 |
| Flowers | | | | |
| Lilies | \$ 20.00 | | \$ 9.95 | \$ 20.00 |
| TOTAL | \$1,333.50 | \$863.00 | \$1,840.95 | \$941.00 |

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| February Income | February Expenditures | February Net |
| \$4,975.45 | \$8,321.94 | -\$3,346.49 |

Prayer List

Shut-ins

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| Donna Beavers | Greg Leigh | Donna Beavers |
| Becky Callahan | Dean Mahalick | Ruth Gilbert |
| Dave Davis | Peggy Marshall | Betty Howren |
| Rodger Davis | Larry Mattison | Dick Leiby |
| Steve Doracin | Norma Patchin | Marilyn Leiby |
| Phil Fletcher | Kay Patrick | Glenn Mark |
| Donald Gammon | Linda Paxson | Norma Patchin |
| Gerald Gammon | Jeff Robinson | Barb Sponaugle |
| Phil Graham | Mary Sabol | |
| Ruth Gilbert | Barb Ware | |
| Betty Howren | Layes Wood | |
| Those affected by the conflicts throughout the world | | |

IMPORTANT DATES

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| Sunday, March 3 | Floating Five |
| Monday, March 4 | Elders/Deacons 6:15 p.m./Consistory 7:00 p.m. |
| Wednesday, March 6 | Choir Rehearsal 12:30/Men’s Fellowship 9:00 |
| Sunday, March 10 | Bake Sale Pre Order deadline |
| Wednesday, March 13 | Choir Rehearsal 12:30 |
| Thursday, March 14 | Parish News deadline |