



# Parish News

March 2018

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## First United Church of Christ

### Update - "Time Out"

A football coach sometimes calls his team to a time out. He needs to settle his players down, check the signals, and make sure his team is focused. Lent for us can be a time out. A time to slow down our busy lives, and refocus on spiritual matters. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday for many Christians. It is a call to repentance and a change of heart and mind. This period of lent encourages us to live out God's teachings. Lent came into being around the fourth century, a short fast to remember the sad events of Good Friday, and to remind us of the coming Easter morning.

Our Elders and our Search Committee have done a great job of filling our pulpit during this transition period. Rev. Gammon has done some special services for us, which are greatly appreciated. We are pleased to meet him and his family.

On February 11, we enjoyed our Heart-to-Heart luncheon after church. Great chili, along with a tossed salad, and delicious cookies was the menu. The Deacons did a great job, and many other people helped. Marian Gammon willingly stepped in to help in the kitchen; little does she know when you help in our kitchen it's a permanent position! (LOL) Cookies were delivered by to our shut-ins to remind them that we care.

Here at First U.C.C., we had a meaningful Ash Wednesday service, done by Rev. Gammon. This service marks the beginning of the 40 days until Good Friday. The clergy, during this service, dip their finger in holy ashes making the mark of a cross on foreheads reminding us we came from dust and to dust we will return.

Here's hoping all of you had a special Valentine's Day, and will love and be loved long after February 14 is over. May God bless and keep you.

Beverly Desavigny  
President of Consistory

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## **First Ladies**

The First Ladies met at the church for lunch at noon. With Karen Fumerola as hostess, we were treated to a pretty blue and white table with a centerpiece of snowmen. On display also were several beautiful handmade quilts that Karen had brought to remind us that the church is made up of a “patchwork” of different people—all needed—working together to further God’s work in our community.

The guest speaker today was Casey Lower, a young woman representing “Someplace Safe”. She spoke about (and answered many questions) the workings, needs, and purpose of that facility. We have provided for some of their needs in the past, and hope to again be of help in that area.

Our next meeting will be lunch on Friday, February 16, at 12:30 p.m. at the Ohio Living Lake Vista in Cortland. Sally Spencer will be our hostess.

As always, all ladies are invited—anytime it fits your schedule!

## **Easter Sunday breakfast**

The Board of Christian Education will once again be sponsoring breakfast on Easter Sunday, April 1, 2018. More details will follow, along with a sign up sheet for donations.





## Prayer List

Joanne Bode, Esther Clark, Kaye Doran, Aiden Elder, Phil Graham, Don Howren, Ray McLean, Norma Patchin, Caroline Pratt, Bob Spencer, Barb Sponaugle, Search Committee, James Warren, Danny Weber.

## 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.

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# Heart-to-Heart Sunday





## **One Great Hour of Sharing (Sunday, March 11)**

**One Great Hour of Sharing**, as part of Our Churches Wider Mission, is the special mission offering of the United Church of Christ that carries God’s message of love and hope to people in crisis. The UCC works with international partners to provide sources of clean water, food, education and health care, small business micro-credit, advocacy and resettlement for refugees and displaced persons, and emergency relief and rehabilitation. OGHS also supports domestic and international ministries for disaster preparedness and response. Envelopes will be provided in the bulletins.

## **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.





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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



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