

FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sunday, May 12, 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 "He Leadeth Me" *William Bradbury*
(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 "He Is Lord" *Tom Fettke*

*Call to Worship: Sheryl Cozad

Leader: Lord Jesus, You are the Way!
All: May we always follow in Your footsteps, O Lord!
Leader: Blessed Christ, You chose us to be Your people.
All: O Lord, We seek to serve You well.
Leader: Jesus, You are the most High.
All: Find favor in us, O Lord, and help us to do Your bidding!
Leader: Strengthen us, O Lord, and build in us righteousness.
All: We pray in Your most holy name. Amen.

*Hymn #793 "For the Beauty of the Earth"

*Unison Invocation:

All: Christ Jesus, You ascended into Heaven to prepare a place for us there. Help us to follow You to the gates of Heaven, so that we might receive the blessing of Eternal Life with You and our Father. Look upon us with mercy and love. We pray. Amen.

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

Blessing of Mothers

Anthem "She will Be Called Blessed" *Joseph Barlowe*
"Songs of Peace" *Joseph Martin*

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

Prayer Response "I Love You, Lord" *Laurie Klein*

Offering Prayer/Giving of our Tithes and Offerings
Offertory "The Solid Rock" *William Bradbury*

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

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

Hymn #479 "Softly and Tenderly"

Scripture **Psalm 1** (pg. 489 O.T.) *Sheryl Cozad*

1 John 5: 9-13 (pg. 241 N.T.)

Gospel **John 17: 6-19** (pg. 111 N.T.)

All Sing (After Gospel is announced) "Celtic Alleluia" *Fintan O'Carroll & Christopher Walker*

Pastor: "This is the Word of our Lord"

All: "Thanks be to God."

Sermon "Be Found, Not Lost" Rev. Gerald Gammon

*Hymn #416 "We're Marching to Zion"

*Benediction

Postlude "I once was lost, but now I'm found" *Traditional American melody*
(Organ/Piano)

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NOTE: Scripture readings are from NRSV Bible

ANNOUNCEMENTS

05/12/2024

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: Am I ready for Heaven?

Next week: Liturgist/Lay Reader: Sharon Longworth

Summer Hours: Worship will remain at the 11:00 a.m. time due to scheduling conflicts.

Happy Mothers Day!: As we celebrate our moms today, please enjoy the Muffins with Mom that our Deacons have prepared to honor these very special ladies!

Congregational Meeting: A meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, May 20, 2024 in our sanctuary to discuss and vote on the course forward for our church. Please plan on attending!

Outside Flowers: Again this year we are seeking donations to cover the cost of flowers to be planted outside our church. If you want to contribute to this effort, please place your donation in an envelope and mark it for “outside flowers”. Thank you.

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.

Donna Beavers: (330) 792-8659

Thank You: I’m so blessed to have such a caring church family. The thoughtful cards, beautiful flowers, calls, and prayers were the most healing remedy I could have received. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for the care and support you’ve so generously shared. I love you all!
Melanie Burger

	5/5/24	5/12/24	5/19/24	5/26/24
Attendance	26			
Benevolence	\$ 50.00			
Building Fund				
Current Expenses	\$665.00			
Floating Five	\$ 71.00			
Flowers				
Outside Flowers	\$ 65.00			
TOTAL	\$851.00			

April Income	April Expenditures	April Net
\$4,017.00	\$7,117.20	-\$3,100.20

Prayer List

Shut-in

Becky Callahan	Marilyn Leiby	Donna Beavers
Jerry Currie	Dean Mahalick	Ruth Gilbert
Rodger Davis	Peggy Marshall	Betty Howren
Steve Doracin	Larry Mattison	Dick Leiby
Phil Fletcher	Norma Patchin	Marilyn Leiby
Donald Gammon	Carter Plott	Glenn Mark
Wesley Gault	Kay Patrick	Norma Patchin
Phil Graham	Jeff Robinson	Barb Sponaule
Ruth Gilbert	Mary Sabol	
Dick Leiby	Layes Wood	
Those affected by the conflicts throughout the world		

IMPORTANT DATES

Wednesday, May 15	Choir Rehearsal 12:30 p.m.
Thursday, May 16	Parish News deadline
Monday, May 20	Congregational Meeting 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, May 21	Women’s Luncheon 12:30 p.m. Eat’n Park
Wednesday, May 22	Choir Rehearsal 12:30 p.m.