



# Parish News

2023

## First United Church of Christ

### A Note from Your Pastor

Hello! I just want to share with you this month the fact that YOU are astounding! Yes, YOU! While you may not see it that way, I certainly do. God has made you and in doing so you are a creation that is beyond compare.

Just look at what you have accomplished! You have learned so many things during your life. One of the most important things that you have learned is the importance of Jesus! (Unfortunately, there are so many that have not!) But you have! You understand that Jesus came to show us God's love for us and that He allowed Himself to be sacrificed upon the cross as payment for our sins. (See how bright you are?)

You also know that because of Christ, we can lay down the burdens of life and give them to Him to carry. You understand that there is nothing that can't be done if God wills it. (Aren't you amazing?) You have taken the time to develop a relationship with Jesus, and in doing so you have come to know our heavenly Father even better! (You're awesome!)

You know that God has big plans for you. You know that He wants you to prosper, and you know He wants you to join Him in His heavenly kingdom when your time is done here on Earth. (You're so smart!) You also know that there is only one way to get through the narrow gates of Heaven...Jesus! (How brilliant you are!)

You have learned and understood that you have had to make changes in your life to follow Jesus. You know that you cannot get to Heaven without God's forgiveness, and you know that He offers it if you are sincerely sorry and willing to work not to sin again. (Look at you go!)

Now, I know if you know all this then you surely understand that you must love your neighbor as you have been loved by God. You also know that you are charged with sharing

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the Good News of the Gospel with others so that they too might know what you know! (Sheer brilliance on your part!)

So, put your awesomeness to use, work to help others to find their way to the kingdom of God. Love others deeply and help them to do the same. You are truly a gift from God, meant for others to enjoy and learn from! May God bless you and keep you!

*Pastor Gerry*

## Harvest Sunday

By the time you read this, we will be three weeks into harvesting food. We collected can goods from October 15-29. November 5-12 will be designated for dry packed foods and toiletries. On November 19, which is Harvest Sunday, we will take in fresh foods and produce. Following the service that day, the foods will be packed up and delivered to the Warren Family Mission. Your donations will be extremely appreciated as they provide Thanksgiving dinners for so many and add to the Mission's pantry supply.





## November Update

Hello everyone. It is with joy that I'm able to announce that Reverend Gammon is back in the pulpit after going through back surgery. Gerry was released from his surgeon in mid October and officially returned on October 22. He did give us a little sneak preview though, coming in to preach on October 15, a Sunday which we did not have anyone filling in for him. What a joyful surprise! It is so good to have him and Marian back with us and we wish him well as he continues to improve.

We are at that time of year when the church calendar begins to fill up quickly. Sunday November 12 is Stewardship Sunday, a time when we consider our church finances for the upcoming year. You should have received a stewardship letter by now along with a pledge card. We ask that you consider prayerfully your contributions to our church in the coming year. November 19 is Harvest Sunday, during which time we share our bounty with those who are less fortunate. We are currently taking donations of non-perishables and personal items and will accept fresh foods on November 19. These will be forwarded to the Warren Family Mission to help them serve their annual Thanksgiving Dinner.

Thanksgiving this year is relatively early which gives us a little more time to get the church ready for Christmas. I don't have any details on the decorating plans yet but that will occur in the next few weeks. By the way, the first Sunday in Advent is December 3.

As we approach the holidays, please try to remember those in our church family who are struggling right now. Our prayer list continues to grow as does the shut-in list. Please take time to communicate with these folks who are such an important part of our lives, even though it's difficult for them to be with us in person.

Speaking of those who are struggling, please keep the innocent victims of war in your daily prayers. The unfortunate part of the conflicts is that those who are suffering the most just really want to live in peace, regardless of their differences. God has a place for all of us.

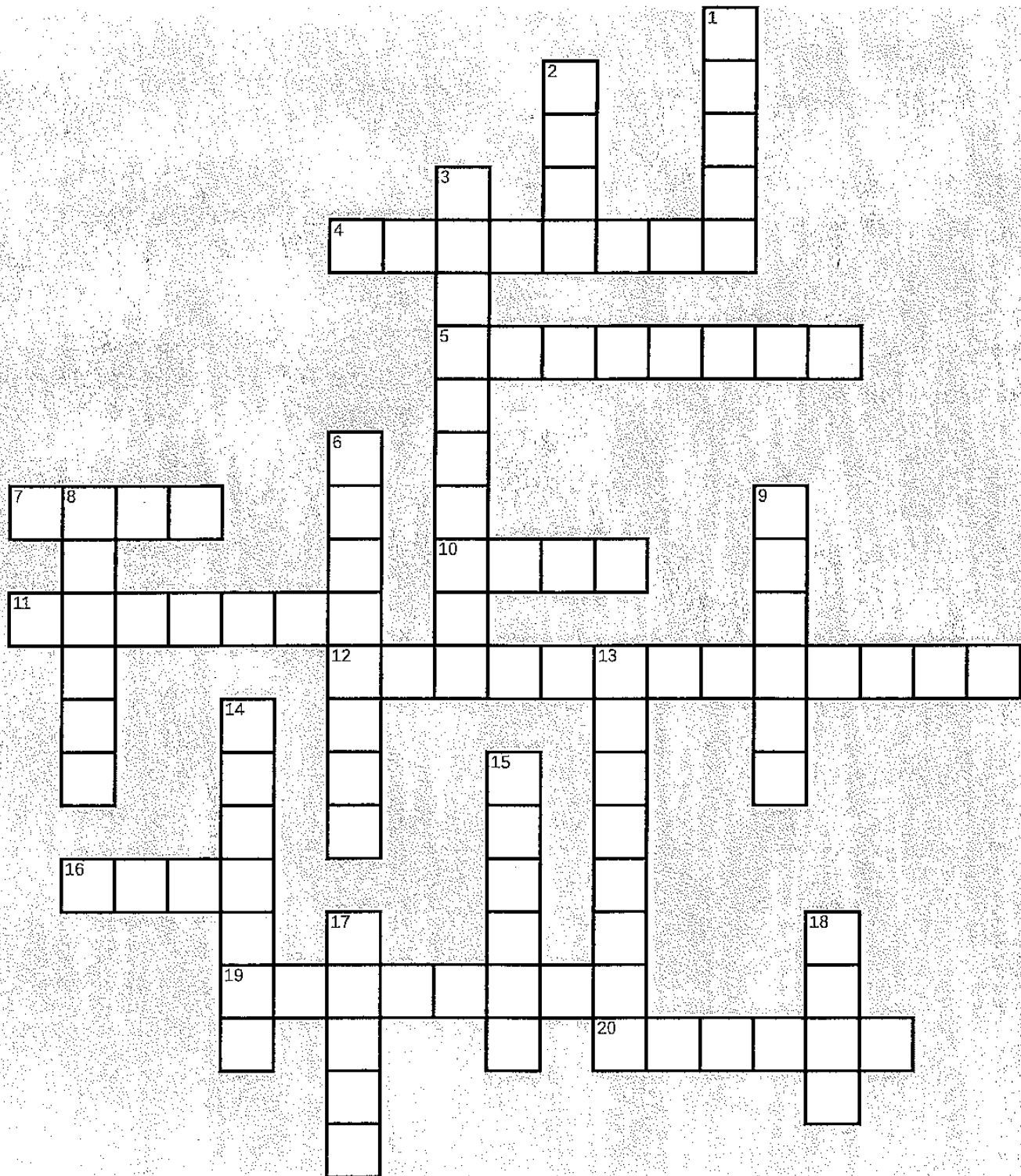
Till next month, see you in Sunday School,

Ron Schoch





## Thanksgiving Crossword Puzzle





## Thanksgiving Across/Down

### Across

- 4 Thanksgiving is always held on this weekday.
- 5 Pilgrims settled in \_\_\_\_\_ Massachusetts.
- 7 The Indians showed the Pilgrims how to grow this vegetable.
- 10 Like \_\_\_\_\_ and Carrots.
- 11 Native to the United States, before the first settlers came.
- 12 These are orange unlike regular potatoes.
- 16 Used as a flavor enhancer and to preserve foods.
- 19 When this frozen dessert melts it is considered a fluid.
- 20 The chemical name for salt.

### Down

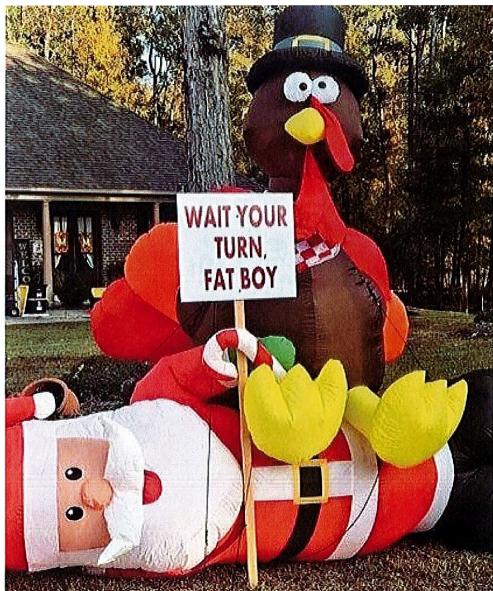
- 1 Served over your Turkey and Dressing.
- 2 A good source of protein food.
- 3 Is a high potassium dessert pie served at Thanksgiving.
- 6 Served with Turkey and covered by gravy.
- 8 Fluid is measured in \_\_\_\_\_.
- 9 Is usually called summer \_\_\_\_\_ and is eaten at Thanksgiving
- 13 The first settlers from England.
- 14 Builds new tissue in the body. Get it mostly from animal foods.
- 15 Pilgrims used this type of gun to shoot their wild game.
- 17 Is considered a liquid at room temperature. It wiggles after refrigeration.
- 18 Is served Hot- good on a cold day and is considered a fluid.

## 2023 Annual Family Picnic Photo





## Funnies



### WALMART:

THE ONLY PLACE ON EARTH YOU CAN  
GET A HAIRCUT, EYE EXAM, ICE CREAM  
SANDWICH, TIRES FOR YOUR CAR, AND  
WITNESS A REAL "WHAT NOT TO WEAR"  
EPISODE.

## Pledges

Please remember to turn in your pledge cards by Sunday, November 12 as we will bless them and celebrate Stewardship Sunday.

## Toy Drive

From now until the end of November we will be holding a toy drive 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.

### September Income

\$3,397.00

### September Expenditures

\$8,111.03

### September Net

-\$4,714.03





## Prayer List

American People	Ruth Gilbert	Angie Wiland	Dick Leiby
Joanne Bode	People of Israel	Layes Wood	Marilyn Leiby
Becky Callahan	Dean Mahalick		Glenn Mark
Betsy Chapley	Peggy Marshall		Norma Patchin
Dave Davis	Larry Mattison	<b>Shut-ins:</b>	Sue Schoch
Roger Davis	Norma Patchin	Donna Beavers	Bob Spencer
East Palestine People	Mary Sabol	Ruth Gilbert	Barb Sponaugle
Phil Fletcher	Sue Schoch	Betty Howren	Angie Wiland
Gerald Gammon	Ukraine People	Betty Jamison	

## 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**

### **Pastor Emeritus:**

**Joe Doran**  
**Everett Gould**

### **Elder Emeritus:**

**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**

<b>President:</b>	Ron Schoch	<b>Elders:</b>	Keith Burger	12/31/23
<b>Vice President:</b>	Bill Paxson	Jr. Fumerola		12/31/24
		Linda Paxson		12/31/24
		Bill Paxson		12/31/24
		Karen Schoch		12/31/23
<b>Secretary:</b>	Nancy Hamrick			
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Rev. Gammon	<b>Deacons:</b>	Melanie Burger	12/31/24
<b>Financial Officer:</b>	Sheryl Cozad		Sheryl Cozad	12/31/25
<b>Bookkeeper:</b>	Sheryl Cozad		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

