



# Parish News

November 2019

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## First United Church of Christ

### Update

Finishing a rough 66 day journey across the Atlantic Ocean, 102 English passengers of the Mayflower reached Cape Cod in March of the year 1620. The pilgrims had a harsh winter, food was scarce and some died of hunger and disease. All was different here in the new land. The next spring contact was made with the American natives who willingly helped the pilgrims grow, harvest and store food to last the winter. The governor of the colony suggested they celebrate and give thanks by having a feast. By 1789 most states enjoyed this holiday, and George Washington suggested the 26th of November be a national holiday and Congress agreed. In 1941, President Roosevelt signed into law that Thanksgiving be observed the fourth Thursday of November.

Here at First U.C.C., we are indeed thankful we were able to replace the worn out furnaces, repair the chimney, take care of the leaking roof, coat the parking lot, update our website, help students at a local school, and provide food for the family mission. Thanks to all of you who made these things possible.

Our annual Bake Sale/Bazaar will be on Saturday, November 2 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Come and enjoy lunch, baked goods, and gently used goods. Operation "Christmas Child" is underway. Please check the lobby for information on that. Sunday, November 13 is Stewardship Sunday and we will also be recognizing our veterans. Rev. Ty Sabella will be here with us that day.

Being an active part of our community keeps us following the Lord's command to love one another. Hope you all have a warm and Happy Thanksgiving!

God bless,

Beverly DeSavigny  
President of Consistory

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## A Note from the Pastor

May the Peace and Love of Jesus Christ be with you all!

Fall is here! The weather has changed as have the leaves. God remains the same loving gracious being He has always been, faithful to us always. The church remains His faithful servant and we continue to carry on our mission of serving Him and His people.

We celebrated love this month. Our church families experienced weddings and family growth. How wonderful it is to witness God's love being shared by others!

We also added to our membership. We welcome Emily Burkett to our church family. Emily has been involved behind the scenes for the past year or so but wanted to formalize her commitment to the church and to our Lord.

We've had some of our family experience illness and find their way to recovery, so we are blessed by this. We also have some still in the healing process so please pray for them.

On a personal note, the church family presented me with a card and gift for Pastor Appreciation Day, for which I am very grateful and humbled by. I thank you all for thinking of me and it is my sincerest prayer that the recognition is an affirmation of my service to this church and to our Lord. (I always worry about doing this right!) Thank you again.

Now that November is upon us, let us be mindful of the things to come. We will begin celebrating the Advent Season soon, Thanksgiving is just around the corner, there will be a congregational meeting held in December, there will be Christmas parties and shopping and giving. A very busy time indeed! But let us stay focused on the Lord. It is so easy to be distracted by all that is going on around us, but we must keep our eyes on the Lord and His plan for us. Let us not be apprehensive or agitated by stress, let us give ourselves over to the Lord and trust in Him to take care of our every need.

Spending more time in prayerful meditation and studying His word can help us face the angst of the coming holidays. When we feel overburdened or crowded we can find solace in the Lord our God.

I pray that you all will have a blessed Thanksgiving and joy filled month. I prayerfully ask the Lord to watch over you and to keep you in His love always.

Yours in Christ,

*Pastor Gerry*

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## Property Committee Report

Hi my friends near and far. For those of you in the warm areas of the country, lucky you! It's getting cold here which has brought an end to the outdoor repair activities. That seems to include the filling in of pot holes in the streets. I drive almost 50 miles one way to the church. I think I can map all the potholes I hit during that trip! Does anyone who is reading this work for ODOT?

This month Simon Roofing was here to repair the roof according to their plan. The job was completed in one day. However, after watching that area during rain events, it doesn't appear to be completely fixed. The water coming off the roof has slowed down drastically, but there is still some rainwater escaping. I have sent an email to Simon Roofing to let them know what was seen, along with a picture. I am waiting for a response.

All other projects have been put on hold until spring. There are a few things that need attention inside the church building, so after all our festivities are over, and if I can find a few brave souls to help me consider tackling these projects, I might have something to write about in the future.

As I have mentioned in past newsletters, our bazaar/bake sale is coming up. That has been my focus the past few weeks. I have made 25 batches of pie dough; enough to make 40 pies (I hope) and I have made 80 dozen cookies. There are still the pies to make and I might make a few Texas Sheet Cakes. So, for those of you living in the warm parts of the country this is only a part of what you're missing! We will be thinking of you though!

For the next few months you may not see much from me since there won't be much going on in the realm of building repairs. So unless you want to hear about my grandchildren, or dog sitting for my brother's seven dogs, I won't have much to say. There are two people that immediately come to mind who are thinking...you? Quiet? Right!!

Until the next time, God bless!

Yours in Christian fellowship,

Mark Gammon



## Thanksgiving Food Drive

We will continue receiving canned goods. Sunday, October 20 will be designated for dry packaged foods and toiletries. On Sunday, November 17, we will take in fresh foods and produce. We are hoping to exceed our goal from last year!!

## Back to School

The First Ladies will continue to collect school supplies. Please bring in items as you acquire them and put them in the container provided. We thank you for supporting this effort!

## Thank You

Thank you to my dear church family for your prayers and beautiful sympathy cards for me and my family at the time of my Aunt Esther's death. With Love, Joanne Bode

# WANTED:

## Organist

First United Church of Christ  
is searching for a permanent  
Part-time Organist. If you, or  
someone you know is interested  
Please contact Nancy at  
330-394-4741



## Prayer List

Clyde Baker  
Donna Beavers  
Candy Bode  
Fred Bode  
Herb Cottrell  
Sheri French

Don Howren  
Betty Jamison  
Becky Kunkel  
Sue Lopez  
Marlin Martin  
Jerry Stephens

Sue Torno  
Mary Kate Zweidinger

## 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.

## 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 out a prayer request card.

## Emergency Fund

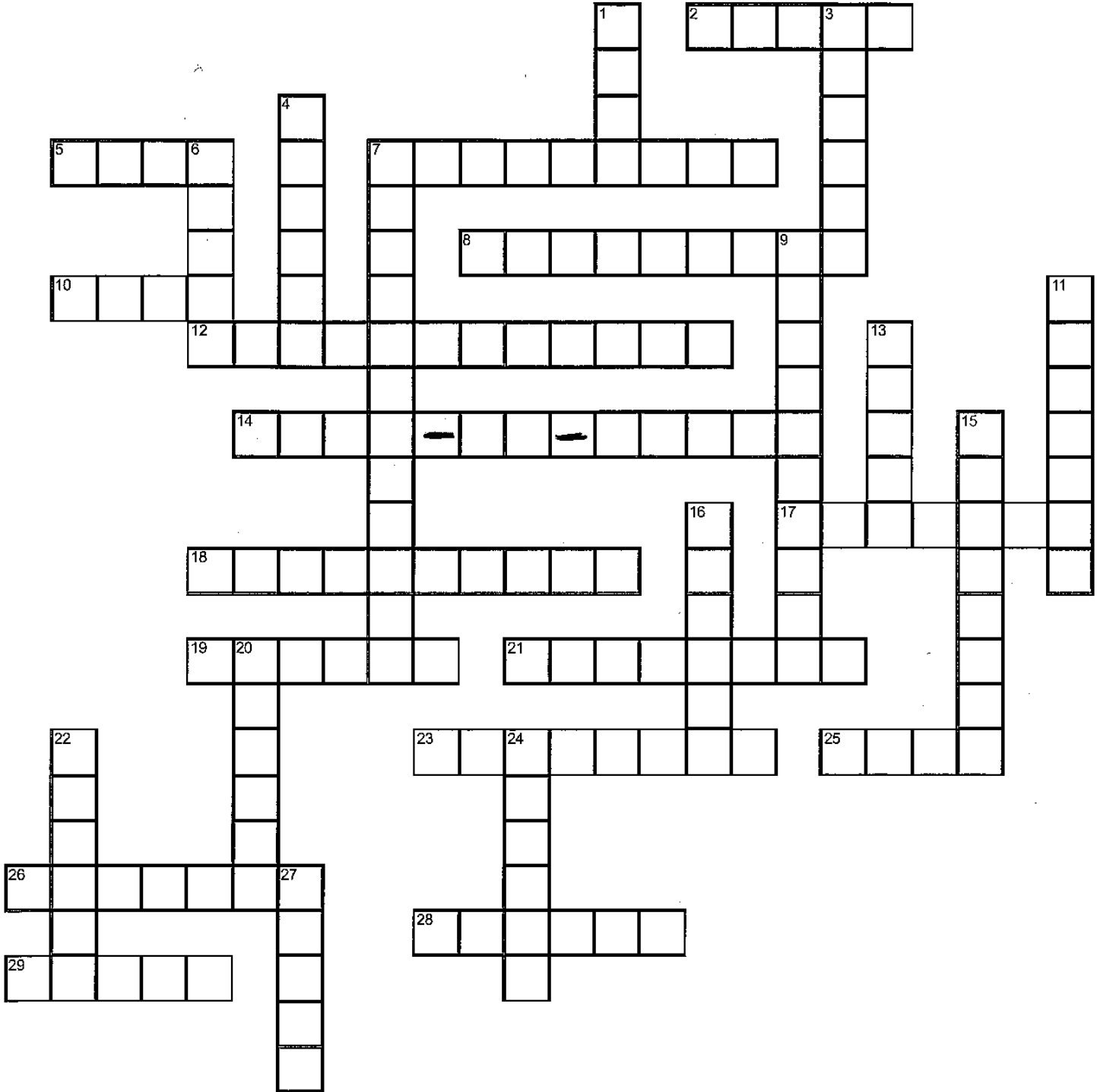
In July 2009, the Floating Five Committee decided to start an emergency account to help those in the church having an unexpected need for money such as a car repair, medical bill, or legitimate need as recommended by church members or staff, etc. Please speak with Judy Fabian, Keith Burger, Karen Schoch, 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.





# Puzzle

## The Body of Christ





## The Body of Christ (clues)

### Across

- 2 Believing
- 5 Comanded by Jesus
- 7 Sharing in the New Covenant
- 8 What we receive from God
- 10 Everyone will bend
- 12 Life after death
- 14 Three words to describe Jesus (*two spaces*)
- 17 Purpose
- 18 Governing body
- 19 Christmas Season
- 21 Laying on of hands to pass clerical lineage on
- 23 Absolved
- 25 Statement of affirmation
- 26 Talking to God
- 28 Weekly day of worship
- 29 Musical group

### Down

- 1 Song of praise
- 3 Offerings
- 4 Christmas songs
- 6 Consultant to the Pastor
- 7 Body of the church
- 9 Garden
- 11 Giving of one's self
- 13 Son of God
- 15 What we aren't to keep away from Jesus
- 16 Worship
- 20 Workhorse of the church
- 22 The body of Christ
- 24 To ask forgiveness
- 27 That by which we are forgiven



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Rev. Gerald Gammon

**Pastor Emeritus:**

Joe Doran  
Everett Gould

**Elder Emeritus:**

Al Conklin  
Nick Fabian  
Don Howren  
Ed Gilbert  
Glenn Mark  
Sylvia Moyes  
Bill Paxson  
George Schneider  
Bill Schoch  
Charles Weller  
Ken Wright

**Deacon Emeritus:**

Dick Leiby



**Consistory**

<b>President:</b>	Beverly DeSavigny	<b>Elders:</b>	Jim DeSavigny	12/31/21
			Craig Cozad	12/31/20
<b>Vice President:</b>	Bill Paxson		Donny Longworth	12/31/20
			Ron Schoch	12/31/21
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			Mark Gammon	12/31/21
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			Jeff Robinson	12/31/19
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