

**FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

**Sunday, November 12, 2023**

**Worship Service 10:45 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.**

Prelude "We're Marching to Zion" *Robert Lowry*  
(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 Here" *Kirk Talley*

\*Call to Worship: Sheryl Cozad

Leader: Lord Jesus! We anxiously await Your return!

**All: Come to us, O Lord, and take us to Heaven.**

Leader: Christ Jesus, we know You are the One way to Your Father.

**All: Bring us to Him and let us bask in His glory.**

Leader: Lord, we have faith in Your divinity and sacrifice.

**All: May our imperfection be made perfect in You.**

Leader: Holy Son of God, advocate for us, that we might be pleasing in Your Father's sight.

**All: We pray these things in Your most holy name, amen.**

\*Hymn #406 "Wonderful Words of Life"

\*Unison Invocation:

**All: Lord Jesus! We seek Your favor upon Your return. Fashion us as a sculptor fashions clay, so that we might be pleasing to Your Father. Help us, O Lord, that we might find favor in Your Father's sight, and bless us with Your mercy and forgiveness. Judge us not by our actions, but rather that which is in our hearts. We humbly seek Your favor, amen.**

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

Recognition of our Veterans and Active Members  
Joys and Concerns/Time of Silent Prayer/The Lord's Prayer (debt and debtors)  
Prayer Response "Thank You, Lord" *Bessie & Seth Sykes*

Anthem "Grace Alone" *Scott Brown & Jeff Nelson*

Offering Prayer/Giving of our Tithes and Offerings/Pledge Cards

Offertory "Make Me a Blessing" *George Schuler*

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

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

Hymn #684 "Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

Scripture **Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25** (pg. 214, 216 O.T.) Sheryl Cozad  
**1 Thessalonians 4:13-18** (pg. 204-205 N.T.)  
"Celtic Alleluia" *Fintan O'Carroll & Christopher Walker*

Gospel **Matthew 25:1-13** (pg. 25 N.T.)

Pastor: "This is the Word of our Lord"

**All: "Thanks be to God."**

Sermon "Bring Oil" Rev. Gerald Gammon

\*Hymn #438 "Jesus Saves"

\*Benediction

Postlude "I Want to Be Ready"  
(Organ/Piano)

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*NOTE: Scripture readings are from NRSV Bible*

	11/5/23	11/12/23	11/19/23	11/26/23
<b>Attendance</b>	<b>25</b>			
Benevolent	\$ 5.00			
Building Fund				
Current Expenses	\$528.00			
Floating Five	\$ 15.00			
Memorials	\$100.00			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$648.00</b>			

**October Income**

\$5,876.00

**October Expenditures**

\$7,842.31

**October Net**

-\$1,966.31

**Prayer List**

American People	Mary Sabol	Donna Beavers
Donna Beavers	Ukraine People	Ruth Gilbert
Joanne Bode	Angie Wiland	Betty Howren
Becky Callahan	Layes Wood	Dick Leiby
Betsy Chapley		Marilyn Leiby
Dave Davis		Glenn Mark
Rodger Davis		Norma Patchin
East Palestine People		Bob Spencer
Phil Fletcher		Barb Sponaugle
Ruth Gilbert		Angie Wiland
People of Israel		
Dean Mahalick		Jamison Family
Peggy Marshall		Schoch Family
Larry Mattison		
Norma Patchin		

**Shut Ins**

**IMPORTANT DATES**

Sunday, Nov. 12	Stewardship Sunday/Recognition of Veterans
Tuesday, Nov. 14	Choir Rehearsal 3:30 p.m.
Sunday, Nov. 19	Thanksgiving Sunday
Tuesday, Nov. 28	Ladies Luncheon at noon Eat'n Park

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

11/12/2023

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 Jesus' return?**

**Next week:** Liturgist/Lay Reader: Sharon Longworth

**Poinsettias:** It is hard to imagine that Christmas is around the corner but it is six weeks away. So it's time to order those poinsettias. The price is \$9.75 this year and the deadline is Sunday, November 19.

**Parish News:** Any articles you want to place in the Parish News are due on Thursday, November 16. Thank you.

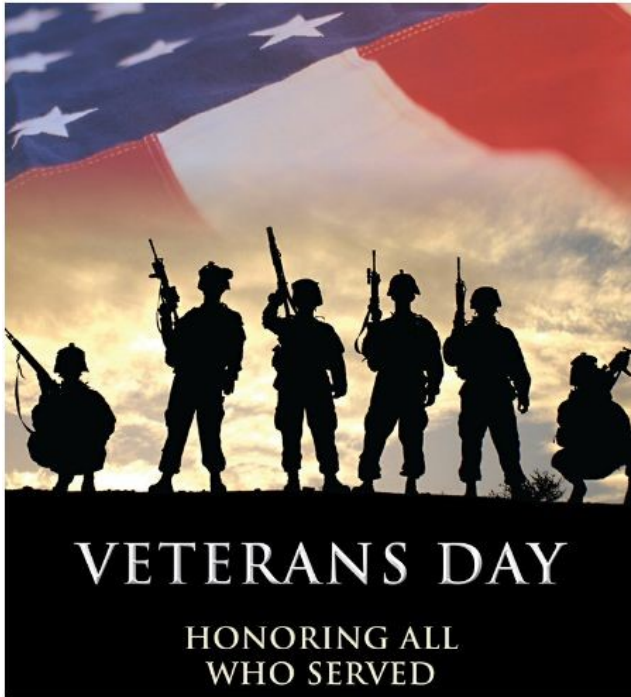
**Toy Drive:** From now until the end of November, we will be holding a toy drive for the Warren Family Mission. If you wish to participate, there will be a bin in the lobby where you can drop off any new, unwrapped toys at any time. In late November or early December, we will take these toys to the 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.

**Harvest Sunday:** As we continue collecting food, November 5-12 will be designated for dry packed foods and toiletries. On November 19, Harvest Sunday, we will take in fresh foods and produce, and 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.

**UPDATE:** Angie Wiland currently resides in the Gillette Nursing Home, room 628.

**Donna Beavers:** Hillside Hospital, room #1104, (330) 841-3388

**Thank You:** Thank you for the cards, prayers, and phone calls regarding the loss of our mother, Sue Schoch. She loved the church, and it is so gratifying to know that you loved her back. Thank you for your support. *The Schoch Family*



*Our thanks and honor go to those who have served (or are serving) our country in the military.*

**VETERANS FROM FIRST U.C.C.**

- Don Allen
- Tom Allen III
- Breean Anderson (daughter of Sheryl Cozad)
- William Anderson (son-in-law of Sheryl Cozad)
- Richard Berry
- Cheryl Copeland
- Nick Evans (grandson of Melanie & Keith Burger)
- Junior "Jr." Fumerola
- Gerry Gammon
- Kenneth Graham (son of Phil & Diana Graham)
- PO Joshua Heffner (son of Gerry & Marian Gammon)
- Nathaniel Keeney (grandson of Jr. & Karen Fumerola)
- Richard "Dick" Leiby
- James Leigh
- Robert "Bob" Lemasters
- Dan Marhulik (son of Donna Beavers)
- Tom Marhulik (son of Donna Beavers)
- Glenn Mark
- William "Bill" Paxson
- Robert "Bob" Powell
- Matthew Ragazzino
- Melissa Rein
- Danielle Saunders (daughter of Don & Sharon Longworth)
- Sam Soteriades (son-in-law of Ron & Karen Schoch)
- Robert "Bob" Spencer

**"ACTIVE" MILITARY MEMBERS**

- Col. Allen Redford (son-in-law of Bill & Linda Paxson)
- MS E Ron Saunders (son-in-law of Don & Sharon Longworth)
- Mark Varella (grandson-in-law of Shirley Fabian)

