



Parish News

2023

First United Church of Christ

OCTOBER UPDATE

Hello everyone! It's October! I'm sure there are those who are saying, "Can you believe it? It's October already!" You especially hear that on morning news shows. It always amuses me to hear statements like that because, really it happens every year at this same time! Anyway it is October and we are back to our fall, winter, and spring schedules. Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. and worship at 10:45 a.m.. And the choir is back! And most importantly if all goes well Pastor Gammon plans to be back with us soon. His recovery has progressed well even though I know it has not gone as quickly as he would have liked. It never does. We have missed his physical presence but have felt his spirit and prayers during these last several weeks.

Our thanks go out to two fine gentlemen who have filled the pulpit during Pastor Gammon's absence. Reverend Marvin Barney and Reverend Jim Houston have been so gracious in their service to us. I also want to thank our liturgists who have stepped up to help out our guest pastors to make our worship services flow smoothly. Thanks to Sheryl Cozad, Judy Fabian and Sharon Longworth.

It's hard to believe, but here in late 2023, I really wasn't ready to discuss the Covid issue again. Unfortunately in the last month or so, it has struck at least five of our church family including me. I guess after four years we still have to accept the fact that this virus is still with us and may be for a long time. I would caution everybody to do what they can to help prevent the spread of this disease. It seems apparent the vaccines do help lessen the severity of the virus, but it still is contagious. My best advice would be a discussion with your doctor and to ignore the politics of the issue which have unnecessarily surrounded it. This editorial comment is the view of the writer. Best advice for church family as we said before, "If you feel sick, stay home."

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In closing, I once again need to make a pitch for Sunday School. This special time on Sunday mornings is something I always look forward to. It's not just about bible study, but a time to share our lives with our fellow classmates in a relaxed setting. We share our joys, our concerns, and our love for our Creator. Sharon is a wonderful teacher and leads us in inspiring conversations each week. Please plan to join us when you can.

Til next month, see you in Sunday School,

Ron Schoch

Back to School

It's that time again, we are collecting school supplies. A list of suggestions has been posted in the lobby. Please bring in items as you acquire them and put them in the container provided. We thank you for supporting this effort!





BIBLE CHARACTERS

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WORD LIST:

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| MOSES | HANNAH | EVE | ELIJAH |
| LEAH | DAVID | CHRIST | REBEKAH |
| DANIEL | ABEL | JACOB | ADAM |
| RACHEL | SAMSON | RUTH | ESAU |
| ESTHER | ISAAC | ABRAHAM | NAOMI |





Friday Funnies

A priest and a rabbi were sitting next to each other on an airplane. After a while, the priest turned to the rabbi and asked, "Is it still a requirement of your faith that you not eat pork?" The rabbi responded, "Yes, that is still one of our beliefs. The priest then asked, "Have you ever eaten pork?" To which the rabbi replied, "Yes, on one occasion I did succumb to temptation and tasted a ham sandwich." The priest nodded in understanding and went on with his reading. A while later, the rabbi spoke up and asked the priest, "Is it still a requirement of your church that you remain celibate?" The priest replied, "Yes, that is still very much a part of our faith." The rabbi then asked him, "Have you ever fallen to the temptations of the flesh?" The priest replied, "Yes, rabbi, on one occasion I was weak and broke my faith and made love to a woman." The rabbi nodded understandingly and remained silent, thinking about five minutes. Finally, the rabbi said, "Beats a ham sandwich, doesn't it?"

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.

August Income

\$4,259.00

August Expenditures

\$6,012.46

August Net

-\$1,753.46





Prayer List

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

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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Rev./Dr. Gerald Gammon

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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



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