



Parish News

October 2018

First United Church of Christ

Update

Our annual church picnic on Saturday, September 8th was a huge success. Even though we had it had the church instead of at Howland Township Park because of the weather, we all enjoyed the good food and fellowship. Our deacons did a great job organizing everything. Unfortunately, instead of Pastor Gerry bringing his Harley, he had to bring his outdoor grill and even cooked for us. Thanks!

Our annual food drive for Thanksgiving will be starting early this year. We have received a challenge that if we collect at least 500 lbs. of food, we will receive a matching donation of up to 500 lbs. of food! Imagine the help we can give the Warren Family Mission with 1,000 lbs. of food.

On Sunday, October 7th, we will celebrate World Wide Communion. We will be having our special mission collection for Neighbors in Need, which supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States, including the Council for American Indian Ministries (CAIM), justice and advocacy efforts, and direct service projects funded by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries.

We are planning some interesting entertainment to help us stay connected with each other during the winter months. These will be announced at a later date.

If you are looking to volunteer at First U.C.C., we have many positions open. We are a wonderful place to worship, make new friends, and comfort and support one another.

Come join us for Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. and Worship at 10:45 a.m.

Beverly DeSavigny
President of Consistory



A Note from Your Pastor

Wow! The Fall season has arrived! Hard to believe that summer has ended. I had so much planned for the summer and I didn't accomplish much of my to-do list. I guess things will get done when they get done. Of course, Fall brings its own work to do. Taking care of a home is a lot of work at times. Much like taking care of our spirituality can be too.

Just as we have leaves to rake and yards to mow we must clean up our spiritual lives from time to time. In this world it can be a challenge to be a Christian. We are surrounded by things and people that try to distract us from our beliefs. We get uncomfortable when we feel like we are the odd man out and sometimes it's just easier to go with the flow.

Our country has undergone a metamorphosis. We are no longer a country of standards that mimic the teachings of the scriptures but have come to be a nation of compromise and entitlement, allowing the abnormal to become normal and what was once the standard to become unacceptable. We as Christians are an isolated bunch. That's why it is so important for us to be communal and active within our church. We need one another to stay strong in our convictions and our beliefs. There is strength in numbers the adage says, and there is strength to be found in the Christian community when we bond together and speak as one. We are a holy people, not because of our actions or our own righteousness, but because we are called to holiness by God. We are to work toward being holy and keep ourselves of the way of the cross not in the ways of the world. This can be especially difficult when all those around you aren't.

Together we can further our commitment to God and His ways. Together we can resist the temptations of the secular world and keep our focus on the path of righteousness. We can prevail, and we must, our way may be difficult at times, but we have the help of our God. Through Him all things are possible, and in Christ there is great hope. Perhaps someday the western world will see the error of its ways and return to living in harmony with the scriptures, but I find it unlikely.

We have been chosen by God to live and love like His son. Together we can keep the body of Christ alive and well. God bless you all.

Pastor Gerry



First Ladies

Calling all ladies of First U.C.C. Summer passed by all too fast, and it's time to get back in the swing of things. Please mark your calendars and plan to come with a sack lunch to the church on Friday, September 28, 2018 at 12:00 p.m.

Do remember, the First Ladies is open to ALL ladies of the church. Our aid is fun and fellowship with some service projects to keep us on track and worthy. Meeting times vary, but are held monthly. Come whenever it fits your schedule!

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 our 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 or Karen Schoch 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.



Church Things

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Word List

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ALTAR	LOBBY
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CANDLES	OFFERING PLATES
CHAIRS	OFFICES
CHOIR LOFT	ORGAN
COMMUNION CUPS	PEWS
CROSS	PIANO
FANS	PULPIT
FLOWERS	RAILING
FONT	ROBES
GOLD	SPEAKERS
GOLD DOME	VASES
HYMNALS	VESTMENTS
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Thank You

Thank you so much for all the lovely cards, calls, and concerns during my hard time with kidney dialysis. Also, thanks for the altar flowers which helped so much.

Your kindness and concern helped so much. With love, Becky & John Kunkel

P.S. I am finally doing better.



First United Church of Christ

Bake Sale and Bazaar

Join us
Saturday October 20th
9 am - 2 pm

280 East Market Street Warren OH
(the church with the gold dome)





Prayer List

Wanda Burns
Kaye Doran
Aiden Elder
Don Howren
Betty Jamison
Mary Kate
Becky Kunkel

Lemasters family
Betty Mark
Ray Newhart
Norma Patchin
Florence Simons
Jeff Sponaugle
Ashley Weiss



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The church with the “golden dome”

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Ed Gilbert
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George Schneider
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Ken Wright**

Deacon Emeritus:

Dick Leiby



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