



# Parish News

2023

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## First United Church of Christ

### September Update

Hello everyone! September is here and that means my least favorite holiday, Labor Day, is upon us. This holiday is a downer for me. I guess it means the end of summer. I don't care for the shorter days as far as sunlight is concerned, plus the realization that winter may be on the horizon. I will admit that my gloom is short lived as I really enjoy the crisp clear days of September and October, plus the scenic art show put on in nature. These kind of days do lift me up. I just need to get through Labor Day weekend.

As I write this month's update, I am so grateful for the successful surgery that Rev. Gammon recently had. So far his recovery is going at about the pace that was expected. Please pray that he continues to improve and will be back with us, hopefully in October. God is good!

In Rev. Gammon's absence, the pulpit is being filled by Rev. Marvin Barney and Rev. Jim Houston. Rev. Barney is a retired Presbyterian minister who recently served at Champion Presbyterian Church. Most of you remember Rev. Houston from when Rev. Doran was our pastor. Jim was a fellow chaplain of Joe's at Trumbull Memorial Hospital. We are so blessed to have these two serve us during Rev. Gammon's convalescence.

Again, a big thank you to our Deacons for their planning our annual church picnic. This has become one of the bigger and more enjoyable events for our church family. We really enjoy the fellowship and, of course, being able to enjoy the fruits of some of our really great cooks. Yum!

Don't forget, Sunday, September 10, we return to our fall schedule with Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. and Worship at 10:45 a.m. September 10 there will also be Sunday School opening with refreshments. Please join us!

Till next month, see you in Sunday School and please remember our shut-ins,

Ron Schoch

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## To My Brothers and Sisters at F.U.C.C.

I would just like to say thank you all for being so awesome! I have been blessed in many ways and often by the members of this church.

As I move to Elmira, NY, I know that I will think fondly of you all and often. I have been very, very blessed here and I thank you all and praise the Lord for leading me to this church.

I will keep you in my prayers as the Lord reminds me of you. I hope to visit next year, but that will be up to the good Lord.

## Sunday School

Sunday School will commence on Sunday, September 10, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. with Opening and coffee hour. Everyone is invited to join us on Sunday mornings! Come see what you are missing!

## 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!

## Annual Church Picnic



Date: Saturday, August 26, 2023

Time: noon ~ 4:00 p.m.

Where: Howland Township Park

Join us for food, fun, and fellowship! Please plan on bringing a covered dish, your own place settings, chairs, and games for all ages to play. Everyone is welcome!





## Friday Funnies

Realized I had to go the bathroom.

Got up and walked across the house to the pantry.

Couldn't remember why I was in the pantry.

Remembered I had to use the bathroom.

Walked across the house to us the bathroom.

Sitting on the throne I remembered why I went to the pantry . . . .

Toilet paper!!!

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Somebody once said, there are only  
two kinds of people in the world.

There are those who wake up in  
the morning and say, "Good morning Lord,"

And there are those who wake up in  
the morning and say, "Good Lord, it's morning."

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There was a very gracious lady  
who was mailing an old family  
bible to her brother in another  
part of the country. "Is there anything  
breakable in here?" asked the  
postal clerk. "Only the Ten  
Commandment." answered the lady."





## 10K Run and 1.5 Walk in Memory of Craig Cozad

Craig Cozad was passionate about distance running and spending time outdoors. To better connect with his memory and come together as friends and family, my daughter, Breean, son-in-law, Bill, and I wanted to organize a 10k run and 1.5 mile walk. All are welcome (and encouraged!) to join in this memorial race on Saturday, September 2, starting at 8:00 a.m. We will meet at the Subside Trailhead of the Western Reserve Greenway bike trail on Rt. 305 in Champion.

The race will be informal- race bibs will be provided however, we are asking you to monitor your own time. As you cross the finish line, provide your name and bib number to the volunteer present. We will have a small award for the top male and top female finisher of the 10k run.

If you are not able to attend in-person, please feel free to join virtually, running/walking the distance of your choice, and post your pictures and any memories you would like to share.

We are not asking for any race fees or donations, but if you would like to donate to charity in his honor, we are asking donations this year be sent to the church.

There will be a cookout afterward (please see Sheryl Cozad for details). If you are interested in attending that, please let me know in advance so that we can better prepare.

Thank you, Sheryl Cozad

## 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.

**July Income**

\$3,799.67

**July Expenditures**

\$8,175.21

**July Net**

-\$4,374.54





## Prayer List

American People  
 Donna Beaver  
 Becky Callahan  
 Betsy Chapley  
 Bill Coy  
 Roger Davis  
 East Palestine People  
 Phil Fletcher

Gerald Gammon  
 Ruth Gilbert  
 Peggy Marshall  
 Norma Patchin  
 Ukraine People  
 Angie Wiland

**Shut-ins:**  
 Donna Beavers  
 Ruth Gilbert  
 Betty Howren  
 Betty Jamison  
 Dick Leiby  
 Marilyn Leiby  
 Glenn Mark

Norma Patchin  
 Sue Schoch  
 Bob Spencer  
 Barb Sponaugle  
 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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**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
			Jr. Fumerola	12/31/24
<b>Vice President:</b>	Bill Paxson		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
			Sheryl Cozad	12/31/25
			Judy Fabian	12/31/24
<b>Financial Officer:</b>	Sheryl Cozad		Marian Gammon	12/31/25
			Candy Lemasters	12/31/25
<b>Bookkeeper:</b>	Sheryl Cozad		Sharon Longworth	12/31/25
			Debbie Wimer	12/31/24

