

FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sunday, September 8, 2024

Worship Service 11:00 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. We also ask that you refrain from conversation during our service.

Prelude "For the Beauty of the Earth" *Conrad Kocher/*
(Lighting of the Candles) (Organ/Piano) *arr. Tedd Smith & Don Hustad*

Greeting
Pastor: "The peace of Christ be with you." Rev. Gerald Gammon
People: "And also with you."

Welcome and Announcements

Let us begin our worship today:

*Call to Worship: Riley Davis

Leader: Lord God, bless us all.

People: May work through faith do Your bidding.

Leader: Father, You have shown us the way.

People: May we follow Jesus' example of service.

Leader: O God, help us and love us every day of our lives.

People: We pray in Jesus' holy name, Amen.

*Hymn #210 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

*Unison Invocation:

Lord God, we are your people. We are a people of faith and action. We know that we are saved only by Your grace, but we work to show our gratitude in the things we do in Your holy name. Bless us and our deeds that spread the love of Jesus to others. We pray. Amen.

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

Joys and Concerns/Time of Silent Prayer/The Lord's Prayer (debt and debtors)
Prayer Response #641 "Hear Our Prayer, O Lord" *George Whelpton*

Offering Prayer/Giving of our Tithes and Offerings
Offertory "Work for the Night Is Coming" *Lowell Mason*
*Doxology #815 "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

*Apostles Creed
Hymn #319 "Near the Cross"

Scripture **Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23** (pg. 604 O.T.) Riley Davis
Scripture **James 2: 1-17** (pg. 229-230 N.T.)
Gospel **Mark 7:24-37** (pg. 42-43 N.T.)
All Sing (After Gospel is announced) "Celtic Alleluia" *Fintan O'Carroll & Christopher Walker*
Pastor: "This is the Word of our Lord"
All: "Thanks be to God."

Sermon Why work? Rev. Gerald Gammon

Communion:
Blessing of the Elements
Silent Meditation
Consumption of the Cup
Consumption of the Bread

*Hymn #661 "Little Is Much When God Is in It"

*Benediction/Final Blessing

Postlude "Stand Up, Stand Up, For Jesus" *George Webb*
(Organ/Piano)

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NOTE: Scripture readings are from NRSV Bible

ANNOUNCEMENTS

09/08/2024

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: Are my deeds an expression of my faith?

Next week: Liturgist/Lay Reader: John Kunkel

Physical Assets Team: The Team has begun its work and is progressing on an inventory of church items and will meet again in early September.

Craig Cozad Run/Walk: Thank you to all who participated.

Toy Drive: We are once again holding our Toy Drive from now until the end of November 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.

Thank You: Thanks to the Women's Group for the beautiful cards. I recently spoke to Ruth Gilbert and to sounds very good.
Marilyn Leiby

	9/1/24	9/8/24	9/15/24	9/22/24	9/29/24
Attendance	18				
Benevolence					
Memorials	\$100.00				
Current Expenses	\$420.00				
Floating Five	\$ 71.00				
Flowers					
TOTAL	\$591.00				

August Income	August Expenditures	August Net
\$375,060.50	\$9,305.32	\$365,759.18

Prayer List

Shut-in

Becky Callahan	Dean Mahalick	Donna Beavers
Jerry Currie	Peggy Marshall	Ruth Gilbert
Rodger Davis	Larry Mattison	Betty Howren
Steve Doracin	Deann Muck	Dick Leiby
Phil Fletcher	Norma Patchin	Marilyn Leiby
Erika Gammon	Carter Plott	Glenn Mark
Wesley Gault	Mary Sabol	Norma Patchin
Ruth Gilbert	Liz Tucker	Barb Sponaugle
Phil Graham	Joe Vugrincic	
Dick Leiby	Layes Wood	
Marilyn Leiby	Hailee	
Denise Long		

Those affected by the conflicts throughout the world

IMPORTANT DATES

Monday, Sept. 9	Elders/Deacons 6:15 p.m. Consistory 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, Sept. 19	Choir Rehearsal 12:30 p.m.
Thursday, Sept. 19	Parish News deadline
Tuesday, Sept. 24	Women's Luncheon 12:30