

FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Sunday, September 17, 2023
Sunday School 9:45 a.m./Worship Service 10:45 a.m.
Pastor: Rev. Marvin Barney
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 "Teach Me to Pray" *Jessie Jewitt*
(Lighting of the Candles)
Greeting
Leader: "The peace of Christ be with you."
People: "And also with you."

Welcome and Announcements Sheryl Cozad

Let us begin our worship today:

*Call to Worship: Sheryl Cozad

Leader: I will sing of Your steadfast love, O Lord, forever.

All: With my mouth I will proclaim Your faithfulness to all generations.

Leader: I declare that Your steadfast love is established forever.

All: Your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.

*Hymn #215 "When Morning Gilds the Skies"

*Unison Invocation:

All: Praise be to You, O Lord, God of our Father Israel, from everlasting to everlasting. Yours is the greatness and the glory, the majesty, and the splendor, for everything in heaven and earth is Yours. Yours also is the Kingdom, for You are exalted over all. All wealth and honor come from You for You are the ruler of all. In Your hands are all strength and power. Now, O Lord, we give you thanks and praise in Your Name. 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 "Hear Our Prayer, O Lord" *George Whelpton*

Offering Prayer/Giving of our Tithes and Offerings
Offertory "Sanctuary" *John Thompson & Randy Scruggs*
Doxology #815 "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

*Apostles Creed (May be found in the back cover of the hymnal)
Hymn #640 "Sweet Hour of Prayer"

Scripture **Exodus 17: 8-13** (pg. 64 O.T.) Sheryl Cozad
Psalm 86: 1-7 (pg. 544 O.T.)
Gospel **Matthew 6: 9-13** (pg. 6 N.T.)
Pastor: "This is the Word of our Lord"
All: "Thanks be to God."

Sermon "Teach Us to Pray" Rev. Marvin Barney

*Hymn #636 "I Must Tell Jesus"

*Benediction

Postlude "Sunshine in My Soul" *John Sweeney*

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NOTE: Scripture readings are from NRSV Bible

ANNOUNCEMENTS

9/17/2023

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.

Next week: Liturgist/Lay Reader: Judy Fabian

Our guest minister for September 24 will be Rev. Jim Houston.

Hello! I know it may be difficult to believe, because it happens so rarely, I am at a loss of words. All I can come up with is THANK YOU for all of your cards, texts, etc. and the love and support that comes with them all. I truly believe that it is your prayerful support that has made my recovery bearable, I thank you so much for it all! – Pastor Gerry

School Supplies: We are collecting school supplies again this year and a list of suggestions has been posted in the lobby. Please bring in new items as you acquire them and put them in the container provided. Thank you for your support!

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.

Choir Rehearsal: Rehearsals have started and we invite you come on Wednesdays at 3:30 p.m. If you love to sing, then we are the group you want to join!

	9/3/23	9/10/23	9/17/23	9/24/23
Attendance	18	21		
Benevolent				
Building Fund	\$ 5.00			
Current Expenses	\$555.00	\$761.00		
Floating Five	\$ 15.00	\$120.00		
Flowers				
Memorial Fund	\$200.00			
TOTAL	\$775.00	\$881.00		

August Income	August Expenditures	August Net
\$4,259.00	\$6,012.46	-\$1,753.46

PRAYER LIST

SHUT-INS

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

IMPORTANT DATES

Wednesday, Sept. 20	Choir Rehearsal 3:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 26	Women's luncheon
Wednesday, Sept. 27	Choir Rehearsal 3:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept 26	Women's luncheon
Sunday, Oct. 1	Floating Five/World Comm/Neighbors in Need
Wednesday, Oct. 4	Men's Fellowship breakfast 9:00 a.m.