



Parish News

September 2018

First United Church of Christ

Update

As we wind down from the warm, lazy days of summer, we start into the busy, beautiful fall season. On Sunday, September 9th, our worship changes back to 10:45 a.m. We will start with a brief Opening in the sanctuary followed with Coffee Hour at 9:00 a.m. and then Sunday School follows at 9:30 a.m.

Just to keep everyone informed, due to long work hours and some minor health issues, Consistory has accepted the resignation of Don Longworth as custodian. We want to give Don a big “thank you” for his many years of service and commitment to the church. He and Sharon will still be seen regularly around the church. Donna Cottrill will be handling the custodial position. Please make her welcome.

Also, we are saddened to accept the resignation of Florence Simons, our faithful organist for many years. Poor health has kept Florence from the joy of her life, making music, this year. Thank you, Karen, for the wonderful musical talent we have enjoyed this summer. Choir will be back in September with their first rehearsal on August 30th at 6:30 p.m. Come join in and make beautiful music to the Lord.

A sign up sheet is available in the lounge for our church family picnic on Saturday, September 8th at 1:00 p.m. at Howland Township Park. Please bring your family and friends and enjoy good food, fellowship and a fun time.

Consistory meets on Monday, September 10th at 7:00 p.m. We are always open to needs, ideas, and suggestions.

Thanks to everyone’s generosity, our back to school giving went well and will be delivered next week. See you on Sunday.

Beverly DeSavigny
President of Consistory



A Note from Your Pastor

Greetings All!

May the Lord our God bless you!

It's hard to believe that we are this far into our year. Soon the choir will be back in its loft and we will enjoy the singing of the praises of our God. Children will be returning to school (for some of us that will bring praises too!) Summer is quickly coming to an end, and with the fall colors will soon appear. Oh, the miracle of the seasons.

Fall can sometimes bring about changes in our emotional outlook, some find comfort in the change from the heat, while others are melancholy as winter approaches. No matter how you feel about the change, God still has a plan for you! If you are in the latter group I urge you to pray and find ways to elevate your spirits. Perhaps more activity will help. Helping others is always a way to lift your spirits. Getting involved in volunteer work or leading a project of some sort can also help. Discussing your feelings with someone who is not judgmental can also be a help. God sets the seasons in motion for a reason and He wants you to enjoy them all.

To me this summer has passed quickly, I bet it has to Tara too! I do look forward to the Advent season and the celebration and commemoration of Christ's birth though. It is my desire to make this a wonderful season for you all too. Perhaps we will do things a little differently then they have been done in the past, but we will all be worshipping together and praying for one another in some fashion, which makes it all enjoyable.

My wish for all of you and your families is that God's blessings be abundant to you all. I hope you realize the love He has for each of you and that He wants you to be happy. May you feel His Spirit always,

Pastor Gerry





Sunday School

Christian Board of Education

Can't believe it is that time of year again for Sunday School to begin. Where did the summer go? Sunday School will commence on Sunday, September 9, 2018 at 9:30 a.m. We will have a very informal class and everyone is invited to attend. Please join us for Opening and Coffee Hour.

Annual Church Family Picnic

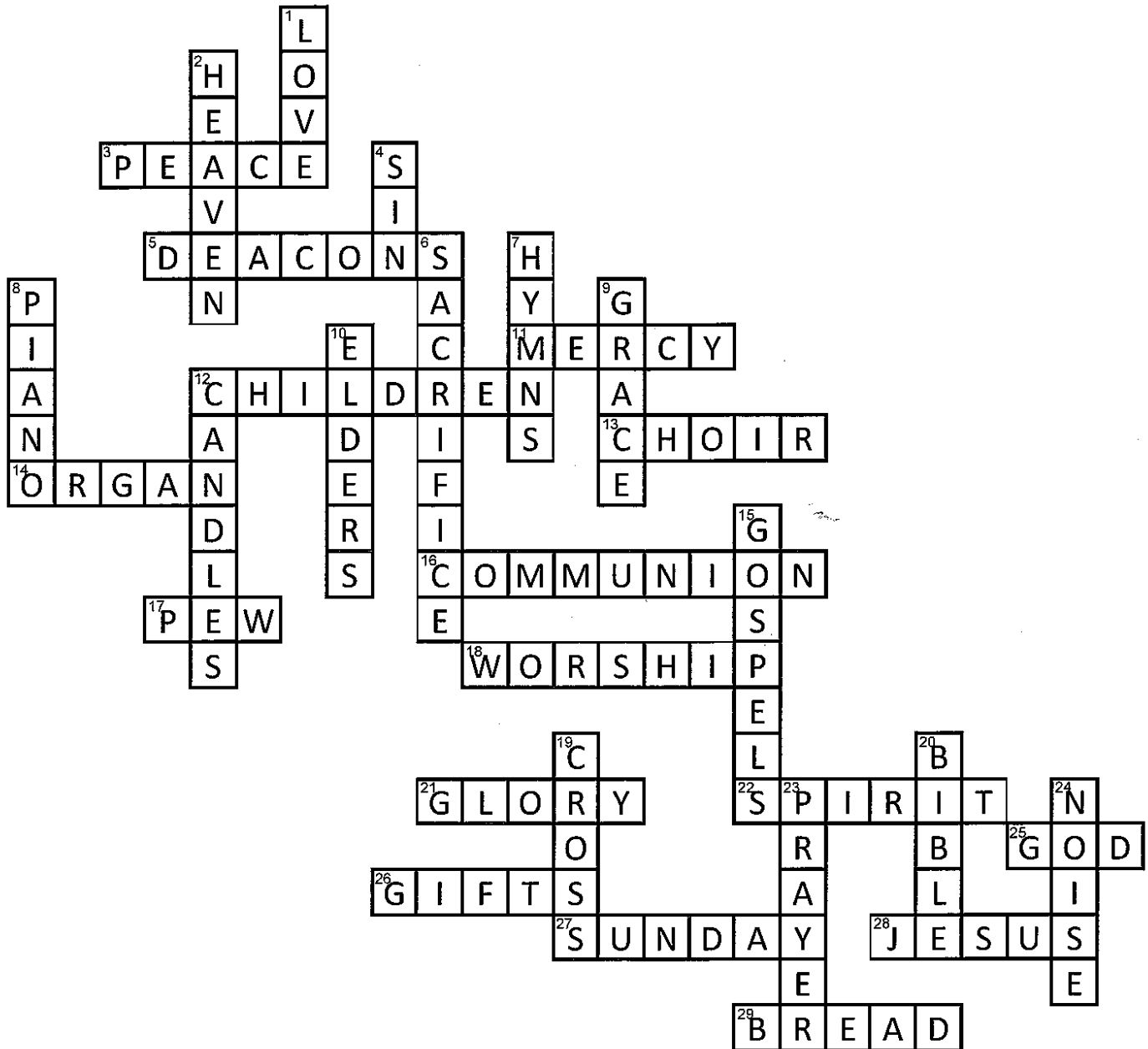
The picnic will be held at Howland Township Park on Saturday, September 8, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. Hamburgers, hotdogs and beverages will be provided. Please remember to bring your own table settings and lawn chairs. We hope to see everyone there!

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.



God's House (Answer Key)





Thank You

Betty & Glenn Mark

Hello to all! Just to let you all know, we miss you and want to thank you all for your cards, calls, and concerns. It has been many months since we have been to church. We stick pretty close to home as Glenn has breathing problems and Betty her legs. We think of you all and hope to be back in that last pew one of these days. Love to all.

Love Poem

What is love if it isn't for everyone?
Is it good for anything if it isn't shared?
Given to all who are in need, lonely or scared?
So strong, so powerful, a wondrous gift,
But only when given does it uplift.
Love is needed by all around us near and far,
It's the only thing that heals Satan's scar.
Pray for peace, for forgiveness, for heaven above,
You'll only find it though in giving love!





Altar Flowers

If you would like to honor someone with flowers, please see the sign up sheet on the office door or call the church office. The cost is \$15 per vase, \$30 for both.

Prayer List

Ed Butcher	Marlin Martin
Kaye Doran	Norma Patchin
Aiden Elder	Gordon Peterson
Debbie Fabian	Rick Pregibond
Fred Hinkel	Jeff Robinson & his family
Don Howren	Florence Simons
Betty Jamison	Jeff Sponaugle
Becky Kunkel	Jim Waller
Betty Mark	Jeri Williams
	Kirk Zentz

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.



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George Schneider
Bill Schoch
Charles Weller
Ken Wright**

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Consistory

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