

FCU WEEKLY E-NEWS

Worship this Sunday will be **ON ZOOM AND IN PERSON.**

Join Zoom Meeting **Sunday, March 17 at 10:00am.**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89246438945?pwd=ZEsrUtTODY2VTBjWVJWSndyZ3gvQT09>

Meeting ID: 892 4643 8945

Zoom worship services are recorded. If you would like to watch a service you missed, please contact the church office.

MARCH 17 WORSHIP

Usher
PowerPoint
Zoom Camera
Candlelighting
Organist
Choir
Communion Elders
Communion Servers (4)
Coffee Hour

Lori Brooke
WOW and Sunday School Kids
Missy Johnson and Susan Deahr

Lenten Bible Study after worship. Please join us in the lounge!

MARCH NUMBERS

March 3 attendance – 28
March 10 attendance – 35
Current monthly total - \$2,702.00 **Needed each month - \$12,840.58**

March 3 giving - \$2,702.00 (incl auto-deposit)
March 10 giving - \$493.00

During the Lenten season, we will be collecting donations for the One Great Hour of Sharing (Presbyterian) and Week of Compassion (Christian Church Disciples of Christ) offerings. Envelopes will be available in the pews and on the Narthex table.

EASTER LILIES

In anticipation of Easter, church family members often wish to purchase an Easter Lily or other spring potted plant to decorate the alter and baptistry area. Please contact Flower Yard, either by phone or in person, to purchase a flower and have it delivered to First Church United.

Easter Lily = \$17 and other options (azalea, kalanchoe, mum) may be available

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

March 13 – NO WOW due to Spring Break
March 15 – Catfish Dinner, 5-7PM, St. Joseph's, Knights of Columbus
March 16 – Soup Supper @ Nichols Christian Church, 4:00-7:00PM
March 19 – GriefShare classes @ UMC, 1:00-2:30PM, weekly thru May 28
March 21 – NAMI Family & Friends, informational program, 6:00-7:30PM @ First Church United

50th ANNIVERSARY of FIRST CHURCH UNITED

Pastor Deb would like to invite anyone with ideas about celebrating First Church United's 50th anniversary to get in touch with her. Ideally a celebration group would be formed to plan for several ways to showcase the history and impact of the church across 50 years. Please contact Pastor Deb – May 12 is coming up!

Mary recently came across a document that referred to the official vote that took place at each of the churches:

FIRST CHURCH UNITED

January, 1974

On January 6, 1974, both churches held separate congregational meetings to vote on the question: "Shall the corporation and church membership of the Christian and Presbyterian

Churches in West Liberty be merged into a single corporation and church membership?"
A majority of those present at each meeting voted in favor of the merger to become known as First Church United.

DIGITAL SIGN A special project is underway to update the existing corner sign in the church yard. The current metal letter section (3' x 6') will be replaced with an advanced digital message board, displaying on both sides (Calhoun Street and Maxson Ave) providing significant capabilities to promote worship, youth programs, inspirational messaging, our Fair Stand, and special events. To donate, add your check to a donation form available on the usher's table! And, THANK YOU SO MUCH!

LENTEN NOTES

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday - March 24

10:00 a.m. Worship Service at FCU
Special music by Chimes, Chancel & Kids
Palm Parade in sanctuary

Maundy Thursday - March 28

7:00 p.m. at St Joseph's in WL
All are invited
7:00 p.m. at United Methodist Church in WL

Good Friday - March 29

7:00 p.m. Ecumenical Service
at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

Easter Sunday - March 31

8:00 a.m. Early Easter Worship
9:00 a.m. Egg Hunt & Brunch (Egg Hunt will begin promptly at 9:00)
Family Photos will be offered again
10:00 a.m. Easter Worship