

FCU WEEKLY E-NEWS

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

Join Zoom Meeting **Sunday, March 24 at 10:00am.**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89246438945?pwd=ZEsrdUtTODY2VTBjWVJWSndyZ3gvQT09>

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 24 WORSHIP

Usher
PowerPoint Shaun Kruger

Zoom Camera

PALM SUNDAY

Candlelighting

Organist

Marianne Phelps

Choir

Chancel & Chime Choirs PLUS all the Kids!

Coffee Hour

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

MARCH NUMBERS

March 3 attendance – 28

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

March 10 attendance – 35

March 10 giving - \$493.00

March 17 attendance – 51

March 17 giving - \$1650.00 (incl auto-deposit)

Current monthly total - \$4,352.00 Needed each month - \$12,840.58

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 21 – NAMI Family & Friends, informational program, 6:00-7:30PM @ First Church United

March 22 – Catfish Fry @ St. Joseph's Catholic Church, 5:00-7:00PM

March 26 – GriefShare classes @ UMC, 1:00-2:30PM, weekly thru May 28

WALKIE-TALKIES NEEDED

The Christian Education team is seeking 4 walkie talkies to keep at church for youth programs. This will help with communication amongst groups, inside and outside, during high volume children's activities. If you have some to donate that are in good working condition, they would be welcomed. The group would also welcome monetary donations to be able to purchase 4 units.

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 Trustees Maintenance List (no date, no church name specified). Some things have changed over the years, for the Trustees:

Responsibilities to have done through the year. Recruit help for some of these jobs. You are not expected to be church handyman alone!

1. Check piano humidifier – fall and spring
2. Oil air condition fans on top of building – annual – spring
3. Clean furnace filters
4. Oil furnace fans – learn from Stagg if possible
5. Every quarter check big lamps and tubes in Sanctuary for burnouts. Also tubes in tower windows.
6. Organize spring clean-up night/day
7. Tighten big folding doors as needed
8. Reglue carpet seams
9. Inspect roof and apply tar and caulking as needed – fall and spring
10. Driveway, parking lot and sidewalk snow removal. Co-ordinate extra help as needed.

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

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