

“What's the
WORD?”



FIRST CHRISTIAN
UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST

Weekly Updates & Musings

Beloved Church,

Hello Friends!

Today I am writing with great anticipation! I have been feeling so hopeful and excited lately! To me, it seems our time of darkness and separation is beginning to lift. This year our journey through Lent feels like it will be complete. This year we will truly be able to celebrate Christ's resurrection and new life on Easter Sunday!

The vaccine is being distributed at faster rates and with a smoother, more equitable system in place. Most of our members are already completely vaccinated! I received my vaccination (single dose J&J) this past Wednesday and will be fully vaccinated on March 24th!

So what am I looking forward to? First and foremost.... HUGS!!! Traveling to PA to see my family March 19-14! Our First Holy Week together! Palm Parade & Cross making! Maundy Thursday zoom worship! Collaborating with First Reformed & Life's Journey for Good Friday worship! Easter Sunday worship with all those feeling comfortable either at sunrise outdoors or 10:30 am in our sanctuary! Visiting our homebound members through porch visits and maybe even indoor visits when all are fully vaccinated! And sooooo much more!

What has you feeling hopeful? What are you looking forward to as we begin to emerge from our COVID slumber?

Blessings on your week, friends!

Love & Light,

Michelle

Do you have a pastoral concern, joy or announcement or just want to check in? Feel free to contact me:

Call or text: 610-390-9624

Email: fcuccpastor@gmail.com

*please note Friday & Saturday are my Sabbath days.
(with the exception of scheduled events.)

I am available for emergencies only those days

PASTORAL COVERAGE

Friday March 19th - Wednesday March 24th

The Rev Sharon Wheeler will be covering emergencies while I am in PA. Please call her at (336) 260-9146 if you have a pastoral need.

Some-"bunny"
has "egg-citing"
news!



AFTER 1 YEAR FIRST CHRISTIAN UCC IS
Re-opening for Worship INDOORS!
Easter Sunday 10:30 am!



Prayer Concerns

Please keep these individuals/families in your prayers...

Benji Terrell will be seeing the Dr this week for the results of his PET scan.

Troy Johnson is Having surgery today, Tuesday, March 16th. Please keep him in your prayers, this is going to be a difficult surgery.

Continue to pray for Christ's Church, First Christian UCC, as we continue to discern God's call and look toward the future.

Those remaining in our Prayers

Linda Cobb, Joyce Collins, Lewis & Vonnie Fowler, Kevin May, Keith Miller, Joe Strickland, Nancy Thomas, Benji Terrell, Troy Johnson, Julie Miller, Betty King, those hospitalized or in specialized care facilities and our homebound.

Lenten Mid-week Outdoor Devotional

Wednesday March 17th 12 noon

Cancelled due to predictions of rain

Prayers of Gratitude & Joy

Thanks be to God... Julie has completed all of her treatments and she rang the bell!

Thank you to Helen & Ken Little for all your hard work on the flower bed outside the church office... Friends, feel free to stop by to see how pretty it looks!

Those serving in our Armed Forces

PFC Matthew Knight
1Lt Kirk Workman



March Birthdays

March 3 - Beth Painter
March 5 - Nell Allred
March 6 - Harriet Sowinski
March 8 - Connie Collins
March 12 - Kevin May
March 13 - Helen Little
March 13 - Garry Massey
March 23 - Sherry Massey
March 28 - Sandy King
March 30 - Barbara Price



March Anniversaries

March 23 - Troy & Peggy Johnson

Upcoming Worship Services

Date	March 21	March 28th	April 1st	April 2nd	April 4th
Theme	Lent 5 - Restoration Environmental Health	Palm Sunday Holy, Wholly Integrated Health	Maundy Thursday	Good Friday Virtual Worship Facebook & Youtube	Easter Sunrise 7:30 am Outdoors Easter Worship 10:30 am in sanctuary
Scripture	Matthew 8:18-27	Mark 11:1-11, Matthew 9:1-8	Various Readings	Tenebrae Service	Mark 16:1-11
Liturgist	Sandy Stone	Matt Rice		Carol & Jamie Fonville	Julie Miller
Hymn	O How Glorious, Full of Wonder	All Glory Laud & Honor	Various	Various	Christ the Lord is Risen Today

Holy Week Services

Join us for the walk through Holy Week!



PALM SUNDAY - March 28th Virtual worship service

Mark 11:1-11 and Matthew 9:1-8 “Holy, Wholly” Integrated Health

***11:30 am Palm Pick Up Parade in our parking lot

Please stop by to pick up your palms! Make sure to take extra palms and watch our midweek video on Facebook and YouTube with instructions on how to make a palm cross! Maybe give one to a neighbor or friend and invite them to worship with us on Easter Sunday!

MAUNDY THURSDAY - Zoom Worship Service

April 1st at 6:00 pm

Readings from the Gospel of Matthew, Reflection, Music, and Holy Communion. *Have bread/cracker and wine/juice/water available for communion



Join Zoom Meeting <https://zoom.us/j/96798223537> or dial in by phone +1 (301) 715-8592 you will be prompted to enter meeting ID #967 9822 3537



GOOD FRIDAY - April 2nd Virtual Joint Worship Service with First Reformed & Life's Journey UCC

Tenebrae service - segmented readings, music & prayer.

Posted on Youtube and Facebook Friday, April 2nd.

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE - April 4th 7:30 am (outside church office near wooden cross). Please bring your own chair, social distance, and wear your masks. Lucius Wilson will provide our music.

EASTER WORSHIP - Sunday, April 4th 10:30 am

Join us as we celebrate the resurrection inside our sanctuary! Gospel of Mark 16:1-8 Special Anthem & Music (no congregational singing)

Celebrate Christ's Resurrection, New life, New beginnings, and rebirth!



***If you did not receive a copy of the COVID re-opening FAQ's please contact Joan in the church office. We are excited to worship together in person! We will still be posting services on Facebook, Youtube, and our website.

New Members Group forming!

Have you been thinking it is time to officially join the faith community of First Christian United Church of Christ? We are preparing to receive new members in worship on Sunday, April 25th.

If you are not a member and would like to join, please let Pastor Michelle know! Email: fcuccpastor@gmail.com or call her at the church office 336-226-7428. More details soon!

ZOOM SUNDAY SCHOOL

Join us for Sunday school at 9:30 am via Zoom.

Here is the link for Zoom Sunday School at 9:30 am. Join Zoom Meeting <https://zoom.us/j/99385710248> or dial in by phone +1 (301) 715-8592 you will be prompted to enter meeting ID #993 8571 0248. Once you have entered, you will be placed in a virtual "waiting room" Please stay on the line and someone will admit you into the meeting shortly.



Save the Dates!



Sunday, April 11th - Holy Humor Sunday - We recognize the important, but often overlooked, sacred gifts of laughter and joy! Laughter is a gift that allows us to keep our hearts light, even at the most difficult of times. We will celebrate with joy and laughter knowing that because of Jesus, life indeed has the last laugh over death.

Sunday, April 18th - Pastor Michelle's Installation - Rev Eddie Weathers, ENC Association Minister will be participating in the service.

More details coming soon!

