

“What's the
WORD?”



FIRST CHRISTIAN
UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST

Weekly Updates & Musings

Beloved Church,

Hello Friends!

We are about to enter Holy Week... This Sunday we will celebrate Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem and then we will begin the walk toward the cross... Take a moment to breathe & remember through this Holy Week meditation.

Breathe In Breathe Out
Every breath is a gift from God
Breathe in Breathe out

We are thankful for the ability to begin to get around, to be able to look forward to visits with family & friends, but no travel will ever be more triumphant than Jesus' ride into Jerusalem on a Donkey... Jesus, God's son, rode humbly into the city knowing what was to come.

We recall many feasts on holidays remembering the taste of the many wonderful foods and flavors amid great conversation and surrounded by our loved ones. We remember Jesus' Last Supper with his Disciples showing us that he is the Bread of Life and teaching when we break bread together & share the cup, we are to Remember Him.

We pray to be in communication with God, we pray in thanksgiving, in praise and in times of struggles. We pray in joyful times and in times of great stress. Let us remember Jesus praying in the Garden, praying for God to take the cup from him, but also praying that if it is God's will, let it be done.

We are human, we are broken, and just as Judas betrayed Jesus, we can betray those we love. Just as Peter denied Jesus, we too have times of great weakness and fear. The gift of forgiveness through the power of the spirit and Christ on the Cross was a gift for all of humanity. A gift we cannot earn, a gift that is freely given to us by Jesus Through the Grace and mercy of our loving God.

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Thanks be to God
Amen

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.

Prayer Concerns

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

Benji Terrell will be seeing a specialist this week. His PET scan results were inconclusive.

Troy Johnson had his surgery on Friday morning. Peggy reports he will possibly be discharged home today.

Carolyn Stubblefield is at ARMC in ICU. She has pneumonia and sepsis. She is getting a little stronger every day. Please keep her and her family in your prayers.

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, Carolyn Stubblefield, those hospitalized or in specialized care facilities and our homebound.



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

Date	March 28th	April 1st	April 2nd	April 4th
Theme	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	Mark 11:1-11, Matthew 9:1-8	Various Readings	Tenebrae Service	Mark 16:1-11
Liturgist	Matt Rice		Carol & Jamie Fonville	Julie Miller
Hymn	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!

