



## **FCUCC March 2022 Newsletter**



## Coaches Corner

Greetings Friends,

Just a quick note to say that we continue to move forward with the Congregational Coaching process! We had an immensely helpful gathering on Saturday, February 12, from 9AM-12 Noon. It was a very honest and open conversation about the present and future possibilities for First Christian Church UCC of Burlington. I will be writing up a brief summary of the responses and those will be shared with the whole congregation. I am also working with the Board and Deacons in establishing a Vision Team that will help to shepherd the process for the next few weeks. Our next All Congregational Gathering will be **Saturday, April 2, from 9AM-12 Noon**. Of course, there will be communication from the Vision Team before then. My hope is to keep the engagement high over the next few weeks. If you have questions, concerns, or simply want to share with me your hopes for the church, please don't hesitate to reach out to me at [scottwagoner62@gmail.com](mailto:scottwagoner62@gmail.com) or 336-989-1971.

Blessings!

Scott Wagoner

Congregational Coach

## Our Church Family

### Birthdays in March

03/03 Beth Painter

03/03 Cindy Sharpe

03/05 Nell Allred

03/12 Kevin May

03/13 Helen Little

03/13 Garry Massey

03/23 Sherrie Massey

03/28 Sandy King

03/30 Barbara Price

### Anniversaries in March

03/23 Troy & Peggy Johnson

Those remaining in our Prayers  
Sandy Chapman, Lewis & Vonnie Fowler, Troy Johnson,  
Mary Sue Mann Henry "Hank" Manning & parents Patrick &  
Rebecca, Amber Massey, Bobbye Mebane, Shirley Perry,  
Rachel, Randy Sellars, Harvey Sharpe, Joe Strickland, those  
hospitalized or in specialized care facilities and our  
homebound.

Change of address? Please let us know by contacting Tiffany in  
the church office via email, [office@firstchristianucc.org](mailto:office@firstchristianucc.org) or phone,  
336-226-7428.

### **Pastoral Emergency Coverage - February 23- March 1**

Rev. Michelle Funk will be out of town starting February 23 to March 1<sup>st</sup>.  
Rev. Sharon Wheeler will be available for Pastoral emergencies.

Please call 336-260-914

### **Women's Circle Meeting**

**Margaret Lightborne Circle** meets on the first Monday of every  
month at 11:00am in the Bray Hall

**Centennial Circle** meets on the second Tuesday

at 5:30 pm at The Cutting Board

### **Lenten Season**

Lent is the season in the church that begins on Ash Wednesday and helps us prepare for the celebration of Christ's Resurrection on Easter Sunday. Ash Wednesday traditionally has been a day set aside for reflection and confession. As a result, it is also a day of healing. Lent runs for 40 days, ending on Easter Sunday. The 40 days do not include Sundays, as each Sunday is considered its own "mini" Easter. For some people, Lent is a time to **give up** something that takes away from your relationship with God. For others, it is a time to **add** something that may bring you closer to the divine.

This year, our Lenten journey will begin with Ash Wednesday on March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022. A separate Lenten Season flyer will be e-mailed and mailed to those without access in a couple weeks as we continue to work out the details regarding our services through the season.

## Adult Faith Formation Class

Lila B Sellers Adult Sunday School meets weekly on Sundays at 9:30 am. The classroom is located in the Christian Education building, just over the breezeway from the sanctuary. All are welcome to join in.

### Worship Services for March 2022

Date	Liturgist	Scripture	Theme	Extra Info
3/6/22	Matt Rice	Luke 4:1-13 (NRSV)		Holy Communion
3/13/22	Judy Kipp	Luke 13:31- 35 (NRSV)		
3/20/22	Kathy Russell	Luke 13:1-9	Service of Farewell for Pastor Michelle	
3/27/22	Cindy Sharpe	Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32		Guest Preacher TBD

### **Our Lenten Worship Services** **Sundays at 10:30 am**

#### **Lent 1**

Sunday March 6<sup>th</sup> with Holy  
Communion

**Ordinary lives can be holy.**

**Luke 4:1-13**

#### **Lent 2**

Sunday March 13<sup>th</sup>

**So much is out of our control.**

**Luke 13:31-35**

#### **Lent 3**

Sunday March 20<sup>th</sup>

**Lots of things can be medicine.**

**Luke 13:1-9**

#### **Lent 4**

Sunday March 27<sup>th</sup>

**We often believe we are the  
problem.**

**Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32**

#### **Lent 5**

Sunday April 3<sup>rd</sup>

**We are fragile.**

**John 12:1-8**

## **First Christian UCC Mission Statement**

**We affirm our faith in Jesus Christ and in the Church that he has calling into being which, by his grace and mercy, welcomes all. We encourage all who join us and confess Jesus Christ - regardless of gender, race, sexual orientation, social, economic, physical or mental condition - to share fully in all aspects of our church life and leadership. We believe relationships between individuals, groups, and nations must be based on love, justice, commitment, and mutual respect; and we strive toward such relationships in our church, homes, and community.**

**~Approved by FCUCC congregation 2011**

### **OUR MINISTRY SUPPORT TEAM**

Office Hours: Monday – Thursday, 9 am - 1 pm  
Office is closed on Fridays

### **CHURCH OFFICERS**

President: To be elected at next Board Meeting  
President: Mr. Troy Johnson  
Vice President: Mr. Jamie Fonville  
Acting Vice President: Mrs. Helen Little  
Treasurer: Mr. Ken Little  
Church Secretary: Ms. Nancey Simmons

### **FIRST CHRISTIAN UCC STAFF**

Senior Pastor: Rev. Michelle Funk  
Minister of Music: Mr. Matt Rice  
Office Administrator: Mr. Mark Garrison  
Custodian: Mr. Rodney Paul