

# “What's the WORD?”



FIRST CHRISTIAN  
UNITED CHURCH  
OF CHRIST

## Weekly Updates & Musings

### *Beloved Church,*

Hello Friends!

I am having a hard time this Holy Week. I am so excited about returning to in person worship outside & inside for Easter that I am really struggling with the Holy Week journey. It seems as if this past year has been a walk through the wilderness and we are just about ready to celebrate new life and beginnings. There is so much hope, so much to look forward to.

And yet, we need to walk with Jesus toward the cross.

And as we remember the journey, we realize there are things that we need to let go of. Things we may not need to return to as we begin to emerge from this pandemic. In order for change and growth to happen some things need to end or die.

So this week as we sit at the table with Jesus and he washes the disciples feet, as he is betrayed and sentenced to death, and walks toward the cross, may you take time to reflect and ponder, anticipating Christ's resurrection and hope and new life!

Hope to see you **in church!**

Love & Light,

*Michelle*



**NOW THAT WE WILL BEGIN IN PERSON WORSHIP THIS EMAIL BLAST WILL BE SENT THE FIRST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH.**

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE A COPY OF THE BULLETIN EMAILED TO YOU EACH WEEK, PLEASE CONTACT JOAN IN THE CHURCH OFFICE.**

Do you have a pastoral concern, joy or announcement or just want to check in?

***I have been fully vaccinated. If you wish to schedule a pastoral visit, please feel free to call, text or email.***

Feel free to contact me:

Call or text: 610-390-9624

Email: [fcuccpastor@gmail.com](mailto: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

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...

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.

Benji Terrell will be following up with a surgeon to have another biopsy.

Troy Johnson is home, in good spirits, and recovering from his surgery.

## *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, Ross Strange, Jr, those hospitalized or in specialized care facilities and our homebound.

## *Prayers of Gratitude & Joy*

Thank you to Rev Sharon Wheeler for covering emergencies while Pastor Michelle was away in PA.

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	April 1st	April 2nd	April 4th	March 11th
Theme	Maundy Thursday	Good Friday Virtual Worship Facebook & Youtube	Easter Sunrise 7:30 am Outdoors Easter Worship 10:30 am in sanctuary	Holy Humor Sunday
Scripture	Various Readings	Tenebrae Service	Mark 16:1-11	Psalms 100
Liturgist		Carol & Jamie Fonville	Julie Miller	Dottie Davis
Hymn	Various	Various	Christ the Lord is Risen Today	Joyful Joyful We Adore You

# Holy Week Services

*Join us for the walk through Holy Week!*

## **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.

## **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.

# 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](mailto:fcuccpastor@gmail.com) or call her at the church office 336-226-7428. More details soon!



## 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.

