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We worship at 10 a.m. every Sunday, with a coffee hour following.

Communion is served on the first Sunday of the month, and is available upon request to our home bound members.

Nursery Care is available upon request.



**The 2018 UMC Michigan Area  
Camping Guide for the Summer is  
already in! Pick up your copy in the  
lounge to read about camps for your  
kids, grandchildren, and yourself!**

**You might consider subsidizing a  
child at camp...Just an idea!**

## **Ways to Participate Beyond Worship:**

If you have an idea for a ministry or a group that you would like the church to be involved in, please speak to Pastor Heidi, and we'll see what we can do to make it happen.

Invite someone to worship or Bible study with you, and offer to pick them up.

If haven't seen someone in worship lately, give them a call or send a card.

Invite a neighbor for coffee and offer to pray with them.

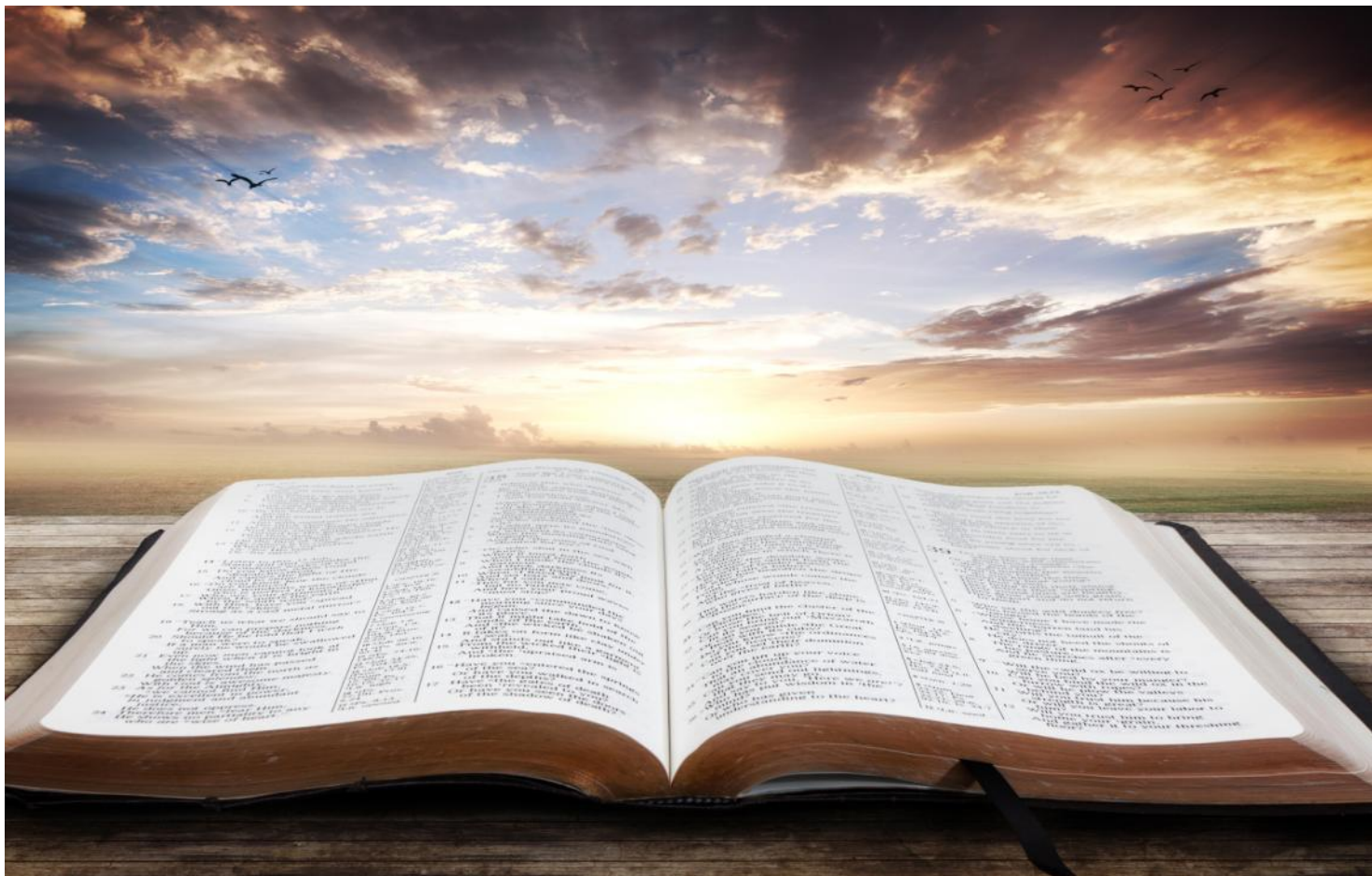
Volunteer for a committee.

Help generate some content for our church's social media platforms:

- [Facebook: @FUMCTrenton](https://www.facebook.com/FUMCTrenton)
- [YouTube: @FirstChurchTrenton](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCFirstChurchTrenton)
- [Instagram: @FUMCTrenton](https://www.instagram.com/FUMCTrenton)

Please pray for our church and its people and ministry, and pastor! Pray for the Holy Spirit to guide our nation and its leaders. Pray for the sick, the hungry, the homeless, the refugees, the persecuted Church, those in prison and hospitals and nursing homes, folks struggling with addictions, etc.





Greetings in the name of the Lord!

February 2018

I hope this newsletter finds you well. So far I have managed to stay healthy for which I am grateful, because I don't like it when I can't visit you because I have germs. If you would like a visit, just give me a call! I just got the good news that our organist Jeff Burke is recovering from his flu and pneumonia, and our choir director Diane Hiddleston is much improved so our regular music program may resume soon. We've missed our organist playing and our choir singing!

As you probably know, we have lost several of our beloved church members recently including Carol Pentoney and George Mans in December, and Dick Rennie and Nola Ward in January. Please keep their families in your prayers. (And Steve Voss and his wife Tina just lost her mother Janey too.) I pray that God will comfort us all in our grief over their absence from our community of faith. But we can rejoice that they are part of the church triumphant now, part of that great 'cloud of witnesses' that the anonymous author of Hebrews wrote about in 12:1-2: "Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him, endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God." NIV

Lent starts next week with Ash Wednesday which falls on Feb. 14 Valentine's Day this year, which is an unfortunate coincidence. Ash Wednesday is typically a somber worship service with a focus on repentance, and that just doesn't mix with romance that well. But it is part of the divine love story that we find in the Bible. Our gracious God loves us so much that he readily forgives us when we are sincerely sorry for our sins, and confess them. Psalm 103 is one of the best psalms in the Bible that has so much to teach us about God, and some of my favorite verses in it are v. 7-12:

"The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in love. He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever; he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us." NIV

As we move into this season of Lent, let us do our best to get free from the sins that so easily entangle us. Let us earnestly desire to be free of them, then ask the Holy Spirit to reveal them to us. Next ask for God's forgiveness, and his help to leave them behind us in the past. Where we need to form good habits to replace unhealthy and unholy ones, the Holy Spirit is always willing to help!

I invite you to join us for worship this Lent on Sunday mornings, and then on Monday evenings for our Lenten study for an hour or so in the lounge. We will read Max Lucado's book 'He Chose Nails' and discuss it after viewing the DVD segment for each week. Speak to Pastor Heidi by Feb. 14 if you would like me to order you a book for \$9. Our study will begin on Feb. 26th, and go for 4 Mondays until March 26 (with a break for Church Council on Monday, March 19th.)

I would also like to suggest that you read at least one gospel as part of your Lenten discipline this year. Don't neglect to read the Bible as your primary source for spiritual inspiration and illumination. If you have any questions about what you are reading, please feel to give me a call! If I don't know the answer, I will be happy to try to find it, or perhaps let you know that it is just one of the mysteries that we have to live with this side of heaven, or be able to share various views on it.

Join us for our Holy Week worship on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday at 7 p.m. , and then don't miss celebrating Easter with your church family on April 1st (April Fool's Day.) It's no joke that Jesus really did rise from the grave! He loves you and died for you, and wants a relationship with you as your Savior, Friend and Lord. What do you say?

Come join us here at Trenton FUMC in saying Yes to Jesus and to God and the Holy Spirit! Yes , I believe in You! Yes I will worship you! Yes I will follow you! Yes I will love you and my fellow human beings no matter how different from me they may be! Yes, I believe in the resurrection! Yes! Yes! Yes!

With love in Christ,

Pastor Heidi



### **ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE**

Our worship service this year will take place at **7:00 pm** on **February 14th** here at the church. Since Ash Wednesday falls on Valentine's Day this year, there may be some chocolate involved as well as ashes.

### **MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE**

Worship is at **7:00 pm** on **March 29th** at the church.

This candlelight communion service will be held in the lounge again this year. We will have scripture and songs along with the Lord's Supper, and time for prayer together. Come as you are! The service will take place with us seated around tables.

### **GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE**

Worship is at **7:00 pm** on **March 30th** in the church sanctuary.

The focus of our worship will be on the Lord's passion story. Scripture, song and prayer will be focused on the Jesus Christ's death for us, and our salvation, and our response to his sacrifice.

### **EASTER SUNDAY APRIL 1ST**

There are two worship services for Easter this year. The first is our **Sunrise Service** which is a service of prayer and song that takes place in **Rotary Park at 7:00 a.m.** We will gather near the gazebo in case of inclement weather.

The second service is our **main Easter celebration** at **10 a.m.** in our beautiful sanctuary. There will be an indoor **Easter Egg Hunt** for the children immediately following our 10 a.m. worship.



## **SUNDAY DISCUSSION GROUP**

We gather after worship to look at the scriptures from worship that week to dig deeper into their meaning and how they connect to our lives as disciples. We gather in the meeting room after folks have gotten a chance to grab a few refreshments .

## **ADULT BIBLE STUDY**

We gather Tuesdays from 1- 2 p.m. or so to study the scriptures together with Pastor Heidi. We read sections of the scriptures and then discuss them, so there is no homework, and you can jump in and join us anytime. So just bring your Bible and join us in the meeting room for this study. All are invited to attend. We are currently studying the gospel of John and are on chapter 14.

## **Breakfast & Devotions at Mom's Restaurant**

If you're looking for a way to start the week with good food, great company, and a brief devotional, then come join us at Mom's Diner on the first and third Monday's **at 8 a.m.** Check the calendar for any possible changes. We always gather in the back room of the restaurant.

## **METHODINERS**

We meet once every couple of months at various restaurants. Everyone is welcome to join us during these outing. Have a special place you like? Let us know., always looking for new places to try.

## **CHOIR AND PRAISE BAND**

Practice for the Praise Band and the Choir meet on Thursdays at 7 p.m. New members are always welcome. Come sing and play your praises to the Lord! The choir typically sings about 3 times a month, and the Praise Band once a month or so during the non-summer months.



## DISCIPLESHIP OPPORTUNITIES

### WYANDOTTE SOUP KITCHEN AT FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH - MARCH 10

We will be hosting the lunch again on **March 10** at the church on 98 Superior Blvd in Wyandotte. We provide a hot meal, with side dishes and dessert, and sack lunches for folks to take with them. We are looking for volunteers to cook the food, assist with preparing sack lunches, and serve the food and clean-up. We encourage people to visit and share the love of Christ with our lunch guests. Preparation begins at 10 a.m. and lunch ends at 1 pm. If you would like to participate in this ministry, you can call the church office (734) 676-2066 or sign-up in the lounge.

### PLEASE SEE THE BIG ARTICLE ON OUR CHRISTNET WEEK FEBRUARY 19-25

## LENTEN SPECIAL GIVING

#### SUN., FEB. 18 - 1ST SUNDAY IN LENT

**SPECIAL (MONETARY) COLLECTION FOR CHURCH'S CHRISTNET EXPENSES**

#### SUN., FEB. 25 - 2ND SUNDAY IN LENT

**ST. PHILIP LUTHERAN FOOD PANTRY**

Non-Perishable Packaged and Canned Goods: Meat Products, Vegetables, Soups, etc.

#### SUN., MARCH 4 - 3RD SUNDAY IN LENT

**ROCKWOOD MEN'S HOME**

Hygiene Items (except razors) - deodorant, toothpaste, tooth brushes, etc. Towels, Wash Cloths, Dish Towels

#### SUN., MAR. 11 - 4TH SUNDAY IN LENT

**SOUP KITCHEN**

Special (Monetary) Collection for our Soup Kitchen

#### SUN., MAR. 18 - 5TH SUNDAY IN LENT

**FIRST STEP (FOR SURVIVORS OF DOMESTIC AND SEXUAL ABUSE)**

Baby -Toddler Products: Lotion, Wipes, Diapers, Powder, etc.. Personal Hygiene Items: Toothpaste, Tooth Brushes, Shampoo, Soap, etc.

#### SUN., MAR. 25 - PALM SUNDAY

**CHRISTNET DAYTIME CENTER**

Paper Dinner Plates, 6 oz. Coffee Cups, Ground Coffee (Regular & Decaf), Napkins

# CHRISTNET WARMING CENTER

## TRENTON FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

### FEBRUARY 18 – FEBRUARY 25, 2018



Trenton First United Methodist Church will again be hosting the CHRISTNET WARMING Center for one week beginning 2/18/2018 thru 2/25/2018. With assistance from several other local area churches and civic organizations, this will be the 22nd consecutive year our church family will be providing a safe, secure and warm shelter for many homeless people from the downriver area.

### WHAT IS THE CHRISTNET MINISTRY?

ChristNet is a downriver organization providing basic, needed services to people who need safe, secure, temporary overnight shelter during the cold winter months. The ChristNet program maintains a weekly rotating shelter involving the cooperation of over fifty churches and numerous civic organizations in the downriver area. The shelter program starts the 1<sup>st</sup> week of October each year, and runs to June the following year.

### HOW DO WE KNOW WHOM WE WILL GET?

The registration process for guests takes place at the ChristNet downriver intake center located in Taylor. Guests are screened and evaluated each night before they are allowed to enter the program. Typically, we will have approximately 25 – 30 guests (men, women and families with children are the possible make-up

of guests).

Guests are transported to our church for the evening, and

picked up the following morning for return to the intake center area.

### HOW LONG WILL OUR GUESTS BE WITH US EACH DAY?

They will arrive about 6:30 p.m. and will depart from our building at about 6:00 a.m. the following morning. Most of the time our guests will be sleeping, but we could use your help in helping to supervise our guests before lights out at 10 p.m. Other churches and organizations will be providing all the dinners that week, (and the accompanying sack lunches) but we are providing breakfast for them daily.



“I was hungry and you fed me, thirsty and you gave me a drink; I was a stranger and you received me in your homes, naked and you clothed me; I was sick and you took care of me, in prison and you visited me... I tell you, whenever you did this for one of the least important of these brothers of mine, you did it for me!” (Matthew 25:35-36, 40)

## **WHAT WILL WE BE DOING FOR OUR GUESTS?**

The goal of CHRISTNET is to provide a safe, secure overnight shelter for those in need. We'll serve a hot evening meal, provide a safe night of rest, give them a simple early morning breakfast, and a sack lunch. Ira Neubauer sets up a shower in the ladies downstairs bathroom for our guests to use, and Pastor Heidi will be leading a worship service in the evening upstairs in the lounge at least 2 evenings, and showing movies for our guests that will include a religious film or two, and one or two strictly for entertainment. You are all welcome to those activities along with our guests.

## **WHO CAN YOU CONTACT WITH QUESTIONS ABOUT FIRST CHURCH'S INVOLVEMENT?**

The Church Office (734)-676-2066 or Judy Howells at 734-331-7921 or Pastor Heidi.

## **WHAT CAN I DO TO HELP?**

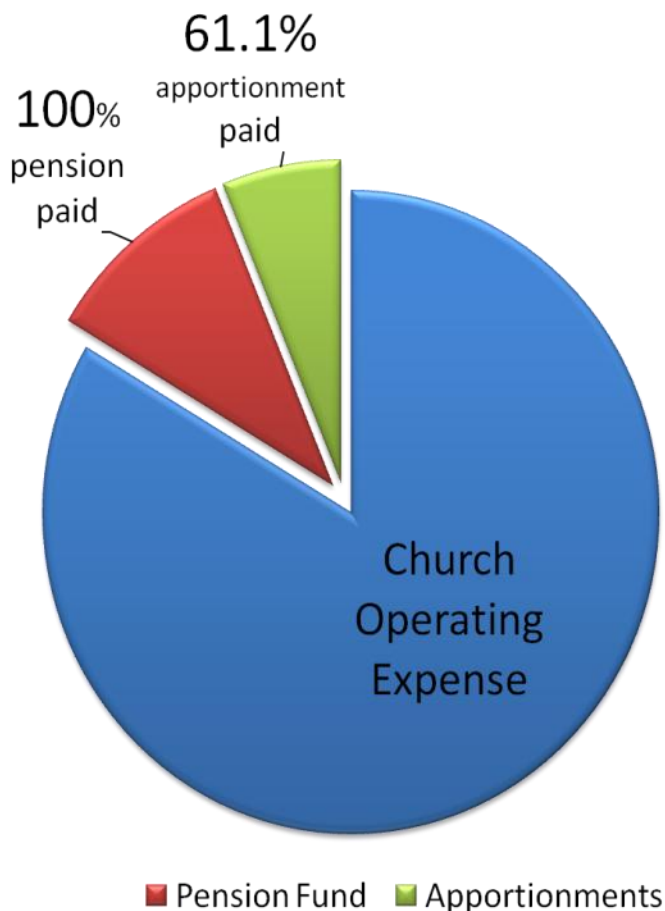
Volunteers are needed to assist in the following capacities: SIGN UP IN LOUNGE OR CALL JUDY!

- On Sunday afternoon, February 18th, we need help to unload the bedding and supplies that will be delivered to the church, and help setting up the sleeping areas for our incoming guests. Start time: About 12:30 p.m. with 1-2 hours of help required
- To spend a night at the church as an overnight host for our guests. We might need 1 man on Tuesday night and 1 person on Saturday. It would also be helpful to have some backups.
- To prepare and set out a simple, nourishing breakfast in the mornings.
- To assist Karen in general early morning cleanup including bathrooms starting at 7 a.m.
- To provide laundry service during the week to wash guests' clothes, and on Sunday, Feb. 25th especially to help wash all the bedding for the week at a commercial laundromat. (The church will pay the cost, but we need a big crew of helpers to wash and fold starting early at 7/8 or so.
- Help taking down and transporting all the bedding & supplies to Faith UMC on Sun., Feb. 25th
- Monetary contributions are always welcome to help cover church expenditures for this ministry
- Miscellaneous jobs and errands during the week. Sign up and we'll call you when a need arises.
- Provide orange juice, milk, fruit (bananas, apples, clementines), and individually wrapped cookies



# APPLYING BIBLICAL PRINCIPLES

## IRA NEUBAUER



In 2004 the Finance Committee established a plan to work at meeting the conference apportionments that make up our portion of our connectional commitment. We are still following that plan today, and we are trying to increase the percentages we pay each year.

In 2017, we owed \$4,090.00 to the Pension Fund. By the end of July, we had paid 100% of that amount.

In 2017 our church was billed \$13,960 for our general apportionment (now called mission shares) to support the district, state and global ministry of the United Methodist Church. At the end of 2017, we had paid \$8,532 or 61.1% of what the conference asked us to pay. That represents a significant improvement from 2016. (The apportionment bill does not carry over to the next year, but unpaid pension bills do.)

Our Pension bill for 2018 is \$4,080.00. Our target- 100% Our Apportionment/Mission Share bill for 2018 is \$15,191.00. Let's try to pay more than 70% of that bill!

**Church Operating Expenses** (the blue area on the chart) include:

**Staff -Parish Expenses**-Minister's salary, Health Insurance, Employee salaries, Federal withholding & State taxes, Workmen's Compensation Insurance., and pastor reimbursable accounts

**Property Expenses**-church and parsonage utilities, repairs , and maintenance inc. snow & lawn

**General Expenses**- printed materials, office supplies, worship -related costs, advertising, etc.

**Designated Expenses**- special offerings like UMCOR and UMC special Sundays, and special designated giving to ChristNet, First Step, the Wyandotte soup kitchen, Trenton Food Pantry , etc.

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The Finance Committee is very thankful for your support in 2017 and is asking for your continued support in 2018 with the goal of meeting all (100%) that the conference is asking us to pay for pensions and apportionments .Let us continue to improve this year as we have in the past!

When he was president of Intervarsity Christian Fellowship, Gordon MacDonald said, "One of the greatest missing teachings in the American church today is the reminder to men and women that nothing we have belongs to us."

We own nothing. We have been given material means to use, but not to own. All that we have belongs to God. He is our Source according to Psalm 62:5. We are only managers and stewards of what He has entrusted to us.

Because all that we have belongs to God, and because He gives us the ability to obtain wealth, every spending decision is in reality a spiritual decision. According to First Corinthians 10:31, our constant goal must be to glorify God in all of life, including how we use His resources.

Stephen Olford wrote this: " . . . man's chief end is 'to glorify God and to enjoy Him forever.' We are to glorify God by our worshipful praise (Psalm 50:23). We are to glorify Him by our consistent fruit bearing (John 15:8). We are to glorify Him by our spiritual unity (Rom. 15:6). We are to glorify Him by our entire dedication (1 Cor. 6:20). And we are to glorify Him by our good works (Matt. 5:16). In this last category is included the matter of giving. Only in this way can we provide for 'honest things in the sight of the Lord.' The glory of God should motivate us to give and to give our best."

If our goals and ambitions are truly set on spiritual things, if our emphasis in life is to glorify God, we will use the funds He has "loaned" to us on a temporary basis to glorify Him. We will put His money and possessions to good use by giving to His work and by storing up "riches . . . in heaven" (Matt. 6:19-21).

There are two key question to be asked concerning money and possessions: First, are you glorifying God in how you are using the money and possessions He has entrusted to you? And second, are you viewing these things as yours or as His?

Cheryl Byrd Finance chair & Ira Neubauer Treasurer





## BIRTHDAYS

### JANUARY

**01/01** - Dorothy Gordon  
**01/06**— Jim Reinker  
**01/08** - Faith Cookson  
**01/10** - Scarlett Brianey  
**01/11** - Robert Neubauer  
**01/13** - Richard Guerra  
**01/14** - Virginia Peck  
**01/17** - Lee Wynn  
**01/19** - Madison Loomis  
**01/20** - Allison Wynn  
**01/21** - Austin Robinson  
**01/22** - Shawn Lewis-Lakin  
**01/22** - Janet Wolfe

### FEBRUARY

**02/??** - Barbara Olsen  
**02/01** - Robert Neubauer II  
**02/03** - Mardell Hull  
**02/08** - Yuill Kampschoer  
**02/13** - Jim Creekmore  
**02/14** - Ruth Kasenow  
- Jeffrey Leedy  
**02/18** - Michael Menna  
**02/24** - Shannon Prater

### MARCH

**03/07** - Brienna Haack  
**03/09** - Donna Haack  
- Brian Voss  
**03/10** - Carol Mans  
- Wayne Nowland  
**03/21** - Ben Lash  
**03/23** - Lily Davis  
**03/24** - Parker Roberts  
**03/25** - Paulette Wilson  
**03/30** - Janis Sash  
**03/31** - Lillian Treadwell

## ANNIVERSARIES

### FEBRUARY

**02/8** PASTOR HEIDI & JIM REINKER

### MARCH

**03/04** - Wayne & Theresa Nowland (40yrs)

**03/22** - Steven & Christina Voss (20yrs)

**03/24** - Jim & Caroline Leedy (61 years)

## FLOWERS

### FEBRUARY

**02/04** - Open

**02/11**– Jim & Heidi Reinker

**02/18** - Joe & Paulette Wilson

**02/25** - Open

### MARCH

**03/04** - Nina Barnsdale

**03/11** -Ruth Ann Brewer

**03/18**- Open

**03/25** - Palms– Scott & Linda Radcliffe

**To order flowers for the altar and/or organ:** Sign-up by date on the “Flowers Chart” near the office, or contact the Flower Chair of the Month.

January - Carol Pettitt 675-4306

February - Melda Neubauer 675-0252

March - Dorothy Gordon 676-3359

## PRAYER CHAIN

If you want to add a name to the prayer chain, you may call Dorothy Gordon, 734-676-3359, or our office administrator at 734-676-2066

## COFFEE HOUR HOST/ESS

### FEBRUARY

**04**-Melda Neubauer

**11**- Judy Howells

**18** –Cheryl Byrd

**\*25**-Betty Miller

### April

**01**– Betty Miller

**08**– Karen Roberts

**22**– Melda Neubauer

**\*29**– Judy Howells

### MARCH

**04**– Karen Roberts

**12** - Melda Neubauer



**18**– Judy Howells

**\*26** -Cheryl Byrd

- **Birthday Sunday** -

Primary persons serve on a rotating basis. Each server is responsible for her own replacement.

# FEBRUARY 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 7 pm Choir 8 pm Praise band	2	3
4 10 am worship Adult Discussion Group	5 8 am Breakfast & devotion	6 9 am-3 pm Pastor Heidi office hours	7 9 am—1 pm Pastor Heidi office hours	8 7 pm Choir 8 pm Praise band	9	10
11 10 am worship Adult Discussion Group	12	13 9 am-3 pm Pastor Heidi office hours 1 pm Bible Study <b>9:30 am ChristNet</b>	14 9 am—1 pm Pastor Heidi office hours 7 pm <b>Ash Wednesday</b> <b>service</b>	15 7 pm Choir 8 pm Praise band	16	17
18 First Sunday of Lent 10 am worship Adult Discussion Group	19	20 9 am-3 pm Pastor Heidi office hours	21 9 am—1 pm Pastor Heidi office hours	22 No choir or praise band	23	24
25 Second Sunday of Lent 10 am worship Adult Discussion Group	26 8 am Breakfast & Devotion <b>7 pm Lenten Study</b>	27 9 am-3 pm Pastor Heidi office hours	28 9 am—1 pm Pastor Heidi office hours			
		<b>ChristNet Warming Center Held Here at First United</b>				
						



# MARCH 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 7 pm Choir 8 pm Praise band	2	3
4 Third Sunday of Lent 10 am worship Adult Discussion Group	5  <b>7 pm Lenten Study</b>	6 9 am-3 pm Pastor Heidi office hours 1 pm Bible Study	7 9 am—1 pm Pastor Heidi office hours	8 7 pm Choir 8 pm Praise band	9	10 9:30 am Soup Kitchen
11 Fourth Sunday of Lent 10 am worship Adult Discussion Group	12 8 am Breakfast & devotion  <b>7 pm Lenten Study</b>	13 9 am-3 pm Pastor Heidi office hours 1 pm Bible Study	14 9 am—1 pm Pastor Heidi office hours	15 7 pm Choir 8 pm Praise band	16	17
18 Fifth Sunday of Lent 10 am worship Adult Discussion Group	19 7 pm Church Council meeting	20 9 am-3 pm Pastor Heidi office hours 1 pm Bible Study	21 9 am—1 pm Pastor Heidi office hours	22 7 pm Choir 8 pm Praise band	23	24
25 Palm Sunday 10 am worship Adult Discussion Group	26 8 am Breakfast & devotion  <b>7 pm Lenten Study</b>	27 9 am-3 pm Pastor Heidi office hours 1 pm Bible Study	28 9 am—1 pm Pastor Heidi office hours	29 Maundy Thursday Worship at 7 p.m.	30 Good Friday Worship at 7 p.m.	31



“Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered him stricken by God smitten by him, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed. We all, like sheep, have gone astray,, each of us has turned to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.” Isaiah 53: 4-6 NIV

Painting above-Le Christ our Roseau, also known as Ecce Homo. 1639-1640 by Guido Reni  
Painting on 1st page- Le Christ by Leon Bonnat 1874