

# Church of Christ, Congregational United Church of Christ

An Open and Affirming Congregation

## Our Mission

We seek to be a Christian community by worshiping God through prayer, music, and the proclaimed Word. Following Christ's example, we enthusiastically reach out to everyone with compassion, respect and love so that we may grow in faith and commitment together.



**November 19, 2023**

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***Worship God, Serve our neighbors, Share God's love***

**Sunday, November 19, 2023**

Stone Soup Service

\*Indicates standing if you are able

B= Black Hymnal R=Red Hymnal

**Prelude** “God Will Take Care of You” arr. Phillip Keveren

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Gathering Music** “We Are An Offering”

**Call to Worship**

One: Come, let us celebrate the wondrous gifts that God has given us.

**All: Throughout all our lives, God has blessed us with love and hope.**

One: Praise be to God who provides for us.

**All: May our hearts be truly grateful, and may we show our gratitude by the ways in which we live and care for others.**

One: Let us open ourselves in this time of worship to the presence of our generous and loving God!

**Opening Prayer** (together):

**Open our ears, O Lord, that we might hear you in the prayers and music of this community, gathered in the name of Jesus. Open our eyes, O Lord, that we might see you in the mission and ministry of this church. Open our minds and hearts, O Lord, that we might know you through your Word and what it means for us today. We ask all this in Christ’s name. Amen.**

\***Hymn: # R 1** ~“Our God, Our Help in Ages Past”

**Prayer for Transformation/Words of Assurance**

\***Passing the Peace of Christ**

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

**Scripture** 1 Corinthians 12:12-31

**Sermon**      Rev. Mary L. Perry

**Music for Meditation** Rebecca Abalutzk

**The Church at Prayer**

**Sharing our Joys and Concerns**

**Our Personal Prayers in Silence**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

**Prayer Response** "Thank You, Lord"

**A Time of Offering**

**Invitation**

**Offertory Music** "We Come to Say Thank You"      Pepper Choplin

**\*Doxology** Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God all creatures here below

Praise God above your heavenly hosts.

All Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

**\*Prayer of Dedication (together)**

**In this season of Thanksgiving, Holy God, we offer our gifts to you in a spirit of gratitude and hope. We trust that you will use them and us to bring healing and restoration to our world. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

**\*Hymn: # B 611~ "O Day of God, Draw Near"**

**\*Benediction**

**\*Postlude** "Stand Up, Stand Up For Jesus"      arr. Phillip Keveren

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Please stay for fellowship following the service.

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**Have a prayer request?  
Please contact Mary Jensen to add it to the prayer chain at [mejensen7@verizon.net](mailto:mejensen7@verizon.net)**



## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Advent**

We will celebrate the first Sunday of Advent on November 26 with Breakfast Church and decorating the sanctuary.

### **Jolly Holly Fair**

We are looking for donations of Christmas decorations in good condition to be sold at the fair. If you are interested in donating items or working the table, please contact Jan Krohn.

Bakers are also needed to donate items to the Fancy Foods Table. If you'd like to bake for us, please see Kathy Stevens for the ingredient forms required.

### **Volunteers Needed**

The Deacons will need volunteers to help run our Christmas Eve service. Please see a Deacon if you would like to volunteer. Jobs include greeting people, handing out bulletins/candles, collecting offerings and reading the Christmas story.

### **Christmas Eve Service**

There will be no morning worship on December 24<sup>th</sup>. The service will be at 6:30pm.

## **Missions**

In place of our gift card donations to the Food Pantry this year, we have been asked to participate in a themed weekly donation for each week of Advent. You can bring your items in each week, or all at once.

- First Week: Laundry Soap
- Second Week: Dish Soap
- Third Week: Kleenex
- Fourth Week: All-purpose Cleaner

Also, please note that the Food Pantry guests enjoy baked goods and treats. If you are interested in baking for the Food Pantry, items need to be dropped off on Saturday mornings before they open. Missions will help in collecting the items to deliver. Casey Woodley will be point person on Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> while we are busy with the fair, otherwise please touch base with any member of Missions: Art Payne, Judy Kosinski, Casey Woodley and Jan Krohn.

## **M&M's (Monday Morning Group)**

Mondays at 10:00 am in the Parlor. Join in the fun of socializing with others. Many bring hand work, but you can just come to visit. All are Welcome!

## **Future Sundays**

Until we secure a settled pastor, the Deacons will be coordinating the services. We are always looking for Lay Readers. Contact one of the Deacons if you would like to volunteer or have any suggestions for future services.

## **Pastoral Emergencies**

If you have a pastoral emergency, please reach out to one of the Deacons

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

### **Sunday, November 19**

10:00 am ~ Worship / 11:00 ~ Stone Soup Luncheon

### **Monday, November 20**

10:00 am – 12:00 pm ~ M&Ms

### **Sunday, November 26**

(First Advent)

10:00 am ~ Breakfast Church / 11:00 ~ Decorating Sanctuary