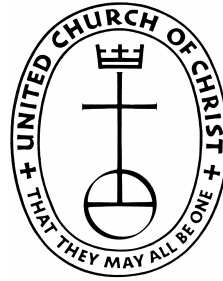


United Church of Christ Statement of Faith

We believe in you, O God, Eternal Spirit, God of our Savior Jesus Christ and our God, and to your deeds we testify: You call the worlds into being, create persons in your own image, and set before each one the ways of life and death. You seek in holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin. You judge people and nations by your righteous will declared through prophets and apostles.

In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Savior, you have come to us and shared our common lot, conquering sin and death and reconciling the world to yourself.

You bestow upon us your Holy Spirit, creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ, binding in covenant faithful people of all ages, tongues, and races. You call us into your church to accept the cost and joy of discipleship, to be your servants in the service of others, to proclaim the gospel to all the world and resist the powers of evil, to share in Christ's baptism and eat at his table, to join him in his passion and victory. You promise to all who trust your forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace, courage in the struggle for justice and peace, your presence in trial and rejoicing, and eternal life in your realm which has no end. Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto you. Amen.



The symbol of the United Church of Christ comprises a crown, cross, and orb enclosed within a double oval bearing the name of the church and the prayer of Jesus, "That they may all be one." (John 17:21). It is based on an ancient Christian symbol called the "Cross of Victory" or the "Cross Triumphant". The crown symbolizes the sovereignty of Christ. The cross recalls the suffering of Christ - his arms outstretched on the wood of the cross - for the salvation of humanity. The orb, divided into three parts, reminds us of Jesus' command to be his "witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the ends of the earth" (Acts 1:8). The verse from Scripture reflects our historic commitment to the restoration of unity among the separated churches of Jesus Christ.



50 years and counting....

John & Elaine

On a Friday night 50 years ago (March 21, 1958) in the small country church we all know, John Tulloss and Elaine Shipley were married. It didn't all go as planned. Elaine forgot the ring and the punch bowl broke all over the white tablecloth. The end result, however; formed a union that has lasted half a century, and is still going strong. Please join us in celebrating that day, and wish them well as they start the next 50 years... Their children, spouses, grandchildren, and niece would like to invite you to join them at an Open House in the Legg Center on Saturday March 22, 2008 from 2 – 4pm to celebrate this golden anniversary. All are welcome, no gifts please.

Do you like to sing? If you are interested in helping to lead the singing of more contemporary music on the first Sunday of every month at the Family Service, please contact either Susie Hatch at 892-3832 or Grace Waggoner at 366-3654. As we strive to make our worship as meaningful as possible and attractive to a wide range of ages and music styles, your input and help is appreciated!

On a Friday and Saturday in February, several men from the church went over and helped a neighbor in need. A house heated only by wood and kerosene was made tighter by putting in new doors, ceiling, and patching up some holes. Steps and a handrail were added to the front deck. What follows is a thank you note to the entire church:

Dear Torie,
We wanted to tell you and everyone at the church thank you so much. I still feel like I'm in a dream. Our house is so warm now. Dad (Fred) keeps going around saying, "Do you feel how the house is so warm now?" I like my deck now that it is safe to go out that way. I feel very comfortable with everyone when I attend Highwater Church. Thank you all so very much.
-Fred and Mary Fowler

If you would like to help out on future hands-on type mission projects, please contact Mary Jane Burgess, Chair of the Missions Ministry, at 745-5576.

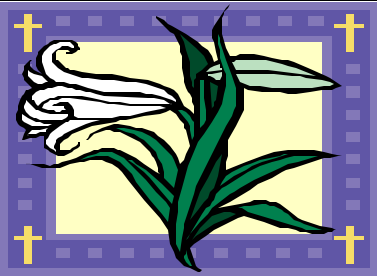


Thanks to all who sent cards and prayed for me during my surgery/recovery period.

Your thoughtfulness was very much appreciated.

-Rosalie Baughman





Holy Week Schedule

March 16 - Palm Sunday. Join us as we shout Hosanna and celebrate the coming of our king! Palms for everyone at both 8:30a and 10:30a worship services. Special music by the choir.

Thursday, March 19 - Maundy Thursday.

It's obvious why Palm Sunday is called "Palm Sunday" but what exactly is a 'Maundy?' The word *Maundy* is derived from the Latin *mandatum*, the first word of the phrase "Mandatum novum do vobis ut diligatis invicem sicut dileximus" ("A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you"), the statement by Jesus in the Gospel of John (13:34). On Maundy Thursday we re-create the Last Supper, by offering a fellowship meal, worship service, and communion. The meal is provided by the Music and Worship Ministry as part of enhancing the Holy Week experience. Join us at 6:00pm for the evening meal and worship service.

Friday, March 20 - Good Friday. Tennebrae Service - The day that Jesus died on the cross is not normally associated with the word 'good' but indeed, the gift that Jesus gave us by taking on the sin of the world is indeed good, if not great. Join us on Friday for our traditional Tennebrae service, where we listen to the story of Christ's arrest, trial and crucifixion, as one by one the lights are dimmed until only the Christ candle is lit - to be extinguished with Jesus' triumphant words from the cross 'It is Finished.'

And, if you haven't seen Mel Gibson's movie "The Passion of the Christ" yet, Highwater will be showing it prior to the Tennebrae Good Friday service. *Note: This is an "R" rated movie, with extremely graphic details employed in the arrest, trial, and crucifixion scenes. Parents, please use your own judgment regarding your children.* "The Passion of the Christ" is a film about the last 12 hours of Jesus' of Nazareth's life. The film opens in the Garden of Gethsemane where Jesus has gone to pray after the Last Supper. The story continues through his arrest, trials, crucifixion and death, where at the moment of his death, nature itself overturns.

6:45pm - The Passion of the Christ

9:00pm - Good Friday Tennebrae worship service

Easter Sunday: 8:30am - Sunrise Service. Let us join together as a Family of Faith in celebrating the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. The Sunrise message will be brought to you by the Confirmation Class.

9:30am - Easter Brunch. A meal of love provided by donations from the congregation and coordinated by Jenifer Bruce, our wonderfully filling Easter Buffet Brunch will give everyone an opportunity to sit in fellowship and rejoice.

10:30am - Easter Worship Service. You heard what the resurrection means to our young people at 8:30, join us at 10:30 as we explore what Easter means to all of us, as a family of faith at Highwater, and how we might respond.

Part of the **Columbus Coalition for the Homeless'** mission is to educate Central Ohio communities about homeless issues. On Saturday, March 8th from 9 AM - 3 PM at Trinity Episcopal Church we will present "Unsheltered Life". This education program includes information about homelessness in the United States and Columbus, stories of formerly homeless people, a simulated experience of homelessness, discussions about homeless sensitivity, and an activity to figure out how individuals can get involved. This program is perfect for anyone looking to expand their knowledge of homelessness. The program is free and parking is also free, but space is limited so call today to register, (614) 228-1342, or e-mail, columbushomeless@yahoo.com

How to stay safe in the world today.

1. Avoid riding in automobiles because they are responsible for 20% of all fatal accidents.
2. Do not stay home because 17% of all accidents occur in the home.
3. Avoid walking on streets or sidewalks because 14% of all accidents occur to pedestrians.
4. Avoid traveling by air, rail, or water because 16% of all accidents involve these forms of transportation.
5. Of the remaining 33%, 32% of all deaths occur in Hospitals. So, ... above all else, avoid hospitals.

BUT

... You will be pleased to learn that only .001% of all deaths occur in worship services in church, and these are usually related to previous physical disorders. Therefore, logic tells us that the safest place for you to be at any given point in time is at church!

...And...Bible study is safe too. The percentage of deaths during Bible study is even less.

So,...for SAFETY'S sake - Attend church, and study your Bible

IT COULD SAVE YOUR LIFE!

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Member Information Form

The Membership and Outreach Ministry is planning to update our general information, as well as produce an updated pictorial directory in 2008, and **we need your help.**

Please complete the information requested on both sides of this form and return it to the church office via mail, collection plate, or basket in the Narthex by March 9th.

Thanks in advance for taking the time to complete this information.

Lisa McKimmins, Debbie Smetts, and Pastor Torie Front

Full Name _____ Baptized: Y N

Spouse's Name _____ Baptized: Y N

Street Address / PO Box _____

City / State / Zip _____

Home Phone (please include area codes) _____

Cell Phone (please include area codes) _____

E-mail addresses _____

Birthdates (please include year) _____

Anniversary (please include year) _____

Marital Status : Single___ Married___ Widowed___ Divorced___

Children (List names, birthdates, and current grade in school):

1. _____ Baptized: Y N

2. _____ Baptized: Y N

3. _____ Baptized: Y N

4. _____ Baptized: Y N

5. _____ Baptized: Y N