



April 2009 newsletter of First United Church of Christ, Easton
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Rejoice! He Is Risen!



Weekly Worship Schedule

Join us Sunday
mornings for...

Adult
Bible Study meets
in the High School
Room at 9:15 a.m.

Worship & Kids
Sunday School at
10:30 a.m. in our
Sanctuary

HOLY WEEK
begins on Palm
Sunday, April 5.
Join us for our
Easter Breakfast at
9 a.m., Kids Egg
Hunt at 10 a.m. &
the service at
10:30 a.m.

MAUNDY THURS.,
April 9 we will hold
our AGAPE FEAST
at 6:30 &
TENEBRAE Service
at 7:30

EASTER SUNDAY,
April 12 we will
rejoice in the Res-
urrection at our
10:30 a.m. service

Everyone is invited to
all our worship
services!
(And bring a friend!)

Easter in the Church (office)

Spring is springing, finally, hallelujah! The crocuses are opened up in the church courtyard & the tulips are not far behind. My dog sees to it that I get an early start to the day & on our early morning jaunt, each day, there are a few more bird songs in the morning serenade. It is a glorious time of year!

This year Easter is falling in mid-April when Spring will be in full swing. Over the years, since I really embraced Christ as my Savior & Lord, Easter has become my “Christmas”. Easter is THE DAY for me! The day that allowed me to be “a new creation”, to KNOW that my Redeemer DOES LIVE! And, He lives, not just awaiting my arrival in Heaven, but also here, on this earth, in me & others who call Him Abba Father, Savior & Lord. (Hopefully that includes YOU!)

Undoubtedly, being His, brings joy, forgiveness, hope & a multitude of other blessings into our spirits. It also allows us to BE that to others because He is in us. If we are indeed His, we cannot help but reflect His love in this often harsh & unloving world full of hurt & damaged people. This can be quite a difficult task, reflecting His love when you are being bombarded by negativity, anger, illness, financial problems or other troubles. If we take our eyes off of Him, we begin to sink into those troubles, as Peter did when he stepped out of the boat to walk across the water to Jesus (Matthew 14:28-31).

We need to focus on Him to keep our hope, our joy & our courage which only comes from Him. The One who knew us in our mother’s womb, The One who went to the cross for us & The One who loves us & lives in us, if we just invite Him in!

*Wishing you the joys of Easter; KNOWING that
YOUR SAVIOR LIVES! Hallelujah! ~ Marg.*

Upcoming April Events...

Mon., April 1st - Christian Witness meets at 7:30 p.m.

**Sun., April 5th ~ PALM SUNDAY ~ “EASTER BREAKFAST”
at 9 a.m. in the Parlor. Get your tickets NOW!!!**



**EGG HUNT for the kids following breakfast
MORNING WORSHIP & Celebration of Palms in
the Sanctuary at 10:30 a.m.**

SUNDAY SCHOOL with children & youth meeting in the
Sanctuary for the beginning of worship at **10:30 a.m.**

EASTER FLOWER ORDER/DONATION DEADLINE!

**FOOD BANK SUNDAY - Everyone is encouraged to bring
some nonperishable food or other household need to
help restock the local Food Pantry.**

Thurs., April 9th - MAUNDY THURSDAY ~

Agape Feast at 6:30 p.m.,

Tenebrae Service with Communion in the Sanctuary at 7:30.

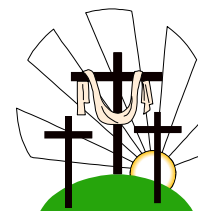


Fri., April 10th - GOOD FRIDAY

**Sun., April 12th ~ EASTER SUNDAY ~ We will
worship our Risen Savior in the Sanctuary at
10:30 a.m. HE IS RISEN!**

SUNDAY SCHOOL with children & youth
meeting in the Sanctuary for the beginning of
worship at **10:30 a.m.**

ADULT BIBLE STUDY at 9:15 a.m.



Mon., April 13th - Consistory meets at 7:30 p.m.

Wed., April 15th - Steeple News Deadline

“BOOKWORMS” meet at 7 p.m. at the Orso’s

Sat., April 18th - Rummage Sale “Drop Off” 9 a.m. til noon

“BINGO BASH” 4-7 p.m.

(Upcoming Events continue)

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Sun., April 19th - MORNING WORSHIP in the Sanctuary at 10:30 a.m. (Orthodox Easter)

SUNDAY SCHOOL with children & youth meeting in the Sanctuary for the beginning of worship at **10:30 a.m.**

ADULT BIBLE STUDY at 9:15 a.m.

Thurs., Fri. & Sat., April 23rd - 25th ~ Rummage Sale “Drop Off” 9 a.m. til noon

Sat., April 25th ~ Willie’s Memorial Service 11 a.m.

Sun., April 26th - MORNING WORSHIP in the Sanctuary at 10:30 a.m.

SUNDAY SCHOOL with children & youth meeting in the Sanctuary for the beginning of worship at **10:30 a.m.**

ADULT BIBLE STUDY at 9:15 a.m.

RUMMAGE SALE SET-UP starts after worship & there will be Pizza involved! Please stay & lend a hand after worship! Rummage Sale set-up continues through the week daily from 9 a.m. til 1 p.m. & from 6:30 p.m. til ?.

RUMMAGE SALE ~ Fri., May 1 from 9 a.m. til 4 p.m. & Sat., May 3 from 9 a.m. til 1 p.m. “Take Down” begins right after the sale, at 1:00. Help is needed!!!

Christian Witness Meets Wed. April 1st

(No this is not an April Fool’s joke)



The Christian Witness Committee will hold a meeting on Wed. April 1st, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. in the Arts & Crafts Room. All are invited to join this committee which, among other things, oversees & coordinates our mission projects.

We are always looking for people with a heart for mission & outreach to join this committee. Please see Carl Cooke or Jeannette Orso with any questions.

Church Women United's Tuesday Lenten Meditations

C.W.U.'s Tuesday Lenten Meditations continue on March 31 & April 7 at 11:15 a.m. at St. Paul's Third Lutheran Church, 2561 Newburg Rd. Please call 610-258-0857 for directions.

Please bring a bag lunch. Dessert & beverages will be provided.

March 31 -

Meditation by: Rt. Rev. Douglas
Kleintop from Palmer Moravian
Church
Inspiration: Soloist **to be named**

April 7 -

Meditation by: **to be named**
Inspiration: Vocal Trio - Hilda
Cooper, Joan Vanover & Elsie
Wendt.
Accompanist, Nan McQuillin

Sponsored by Easton Area Church Women United
President: *Hildegard Kurt* Spiritual Life & Growth: *Helen Pearson*

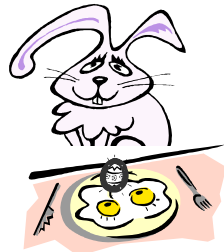


Spring Clean Up Day Sat., April 4th at 8 a.m.

We will hold our Annual Spring Clean Up Day on Sat., April 4th beginning at 8 a.m. We will spruce up our beautiful First Church, inside & out.



If you can spare a few hours on Sat. to pitch in, it would be great! Please see Mark Cooke about the details of certain projects, if any tools are needed, etc. Lunch & Snacks will be provided for the work crew!



"Easter" Breakfast ~ Sun., April 5th

We will hold our Annual Easter Breakfast on Palm Sun., April 5th at 9 a.m. There is no charge for the breakfast but please sign up your family & friends on the sheet so we know how much food to prepare. A free will offering can be made. Please see Doreen Arnold if you would be able to help with food preparation, serving or clean up.

Calling All Kids! Egg Hunt ~ Sun., April 5th



Please join us on Sunday, April 5th (between our annual breakfast & the Palm Sun. service) for this year's Easter Egg Hunt! The fun will begin at 10 a.m. and the exact location will be determined according to the day's weather. Don't forget a basket or bag for collecting your goodies & bring a friend!



Easter Flower Deadline ~ Palm Sun., April 5th

The deadline for Easter Flowers to grace the altar on Easter Sunday is Sunday, April 5. The flowers again will come from Cierich Greenhouses in Alpha, NJ. They have been absolutely beautiful the past few years, and they last quite a while in your house, so be sure to place your order right away. There was an order form in last month's Steeple News, if you need one, please call the church office at 610-258-3361.



Maundy Thursday Agape Feast & Service Thurs., April 9th

We will observe Maundy Thursday with our annual Agape Feast beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Parlor. We will enjoy a simple meal amongst our brothers & sisters in Christ in the spirit of The Last Supper.



This meal mirrors the last meal that Jesus would have eaten with his disciples before his crucifixion the following day, Good Friday. Please join us at 6:30 for the meal, we will then gather in the Sanctuary for a Tenebrae service with Holy Communion beginning at 7:30 p.m.. This evening is one of the most meaningful of our faith, and shouldn't be missed. Confirmands and mentors are urged to attend.

All are invited to this special evening as we prepare to follow Jesus' journey to the cross & His ultimate glorious resurrection on Easter.

There are sign up sheets in Memorial Hall for attendance & for "helpers" with food preparation, serving & clean up. There is no cost for this meal however, as a courtesy to those preparing the food, please sign up so we know how much food we will need.

Good Friday, April 10th

While we are not holding a Good Friday service here at First UCC, we encourage everyone to attend a service nearby. There are many in our local community to choose from.



“The Book Worms” Meet Wed., April 15th at 7 p.m.

The First Ladies’ Bookworms will be meeting on Wednesday, April 15, to discuss the book “The Shack” by Wm. Paul Young. The group will meet at 7pm at the Orso’s. This book is truly amazing, and for any of us who have lost a loved one, and who hasn’t, it is a great comfort to read.



Upcoming Happenings Bingo Bash

The Men’s Group is planning a **Bingo Bash on Saturday, April 18th in the Parlor.** Tickets are available from any Men’s Group member, or see Gary Rapp in the Narthex after church. There will be lots of fun for all, with guest callers, food supplied by First Ladies, and gorgeous gift baskets and one cash prize for winners, so gather some friends, and put together a table that night. You will be helping the church, and will have a blast at the same time!



Basket sponsors are needed for the Bingo Bash on April 18th. Join with some friends to put together prize baskets, with a suggested price of around \$40. Several baskets which have already been promised include a Bakers basket from First Ladies, a surprise Men’s Group Basket, and a Dental Basket from guess who? Use your imagination to come up with some unique ideas, or use one of ours. How about a Wine and Cheese basket, an Italian Dinner basket, a Baby Basket, Spa Basket, Office Basket, or Car Basket. No, you don’t have to put a car in it....maybe some sponges, car wax, trash bag, all in a car wash bucket would be a nice start. Auto Zone would be glad to help you out. Lets see how inventive our First UCC members can be, and please, join us for a night of fun.



More Upcoming First Ladies
Events & Info...

Spring Brunch ~ Sat., May 9th

Mark your calendars....Saturday, May 9th. There will be a Spring Brunch at the Amore home for all First Ladies, which means all church women. All you have to bring with you is a canned good or two for the Food Bank, and a big smile. All the food will be provided as a thank you to all of you for your help this past year. We have been working hard this past year (just read our page in the Annual Report for the proof!), so lets get together and celebrate the coming of the warm weather, and lets also celebrate US! We are women, hear us roar!



Daffodil Thank You



Thanks to your generosity, the First Ladies raised over \$200. for the American Cancer Society's fight against that dreaded disease. We decorated the altar with 19 bunches of daffodils, 4 pots of mini daffodils, and one Bear and a bunch. When I delivered the money to the office in Bethlehem, they were so grateful for our support, and hoped we would continue to participate in Daffodil Days in the future. Thank you again for helping in the battle.

- Nancy Amore



Group Efforts Pay Off!



Thanks to the Men's Group for hosting their annual Pork and Sauerkraut Dinner on March 7. This event is one we all look forward to every year, and we are never disappointed with the great food and fellowship that the men serve up. The First Ladies also provided the luscious desserts, and again proved that we have the best bakers anywhere. Watch the bulletin and Steeple News for the next meeting for the Men's group and First Ladies and come out and join us in our church missions.

BINGO & Buffet Night ~ A Group Effort Sat., April 18th from 4-7 (the Sat. after Easter)

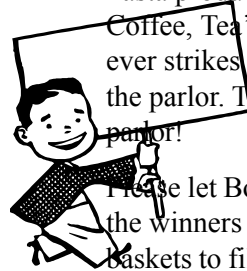
Men's
Group
News

Attention all you BINGO players out there! Sat., April 18th is our BINGO & Buffet night! Reserve this date for a FUN night of BINGO and food. The First Ladies, Youth Group & Men's Club are working together planning the prizes, food and entertainment. Call all your BINGO playing friends & come out for a great evening!

Due to the popularity of BINGO, advanced ticket sales are required. Please watch the church bulletin for more info or call the church office for your reservation(s).

The First UCC Men's Club and First Ladies are hosting a **BINGO BASH** on **Saturday, April 18th with the doors opening at 5:00 PM.**

As many of you know, we are asking for individuals, family's and friends to donate items and fill a basket full of goodies. These can be Italian Pasta products, Picnic treats and supplies for the summer months, Coffee, Tea's and cookies, Lottery Tickets, a basket of cheer, or whatever strikes your fancy. The baskets are available for your selection in the parlor. The First Ladies have already donated theirs. See it in the parlor!



Please let Bob Arnold know if you would like to donate a filled basket for the winners of a fun filled night of BINGO! We only have a few more baskets to fill at this writing. Thanks everyone!

And by the way, tickets will be on sale starting Sunday, March 29th. A \$10 dollar advanced purchased ticket means at least 10 games and two Bingo cards. Space will be limited, so gather your friends and buy your tickets starting on the 29th. Additional Bingo cards and food will be available for purchase after the doors open.



Musical Notes

*Everyone is invited to join any of our choirs,
no experience is necessary. Our Senior Choir practices on Thurs.
evenings at 7:30 p.m. Please see Sheila Cooke for more info.*

Wendy and Barbara Need Cheerful Helpers!

Its that time again! Our **Spring Rummage Sale** is right around the corner! Time to clean out those closets and get rid of those clothes and household goods that have been cluttering things up over the winter. It would be appreciated if you could save your coats and winter wear for the November sale, but you could pull out your spring duds to see what still fits, and what could go to someone who really needs the clothes.

Helpers are needed on Sunday, April 26 following the worship service, and every night the following week. Of course, cooks are needed for the kitchen to make soup and barbeque, bakers are needed for the bake table, and many workers are needed the day of the sale, as well as a clean up crew at 12:30 on Saturday is a huge help, as most of our workers are exhausted by then. If you can give us an hour, or a night, or can collect goods from your friends and neighbors, it would be most appreciated. You will be helping the church in all of our mission, and have some fun too!



Good Health ~ From “Good Housekeeping”

Good Housekeeping Magazine recently ran an article titled “4 Ways to Live Longer ~ Beyond diet & exercise, your thoughts, beliefs, and behavior can add years to your life.” **All of these activities can be attained through a healthy, active church life.** Halleluia! The 4 specific points were...

1 - “Let the Sunshine in” - Having a “sunny disposition” adds years to your life. Those studied, based on personality tests taken in college, averaged 7 more years for those with positive & upbeat attitudes. Negative, hostile & bitter attitudes are bad for overall health (& those around you!)

2 - “Do Good Works” - People who volunteer at 2 or more organizations have a 44% lower death rate than those who don’t do any charitable work. It seems that helping others boosts antibodies & mentoring reaps extra benefits.

3 - “Say A Prayer” - Regular worship can add from 7-14 years to your life! Studies show that church attendance & the underlying belief system improves health & active church members have the best medical outcomes.

4 - “Socialize (selectively)” - Studies show that people with strong social connections enjoy better health. Having supportive & solid relationships boosts immune function.



Spring Rummage Sale

Friday, May 1st, 9 AM to 4 PM

And

Saturday, May 2nd, 9 AM to 1 PM

**(Bag Day: First Bag is \$2,
Each additional Bag is \$1)**



- Featuring -



Homemade Baked Goods

**Delicious Lunch Menu From
Our Talented Kitchen**

“New/Nearly New” Table

See You There!

(Don't Forget to Bake!)



Consistory Notes

Consistory Report for March, 2009.

Your Consistory met on Monday, March 9th, with President, George Beling presiding. Among the issues discussed were:

- 1) Improvements to the Narthex, which are being made to make it more welcoming to visitors and members. Watch the progress and let us know what you notice, and how you like it. Hint. Some things have changed already.
- 2) Denise Cardinali and her committee will continue to mail out the events postcards quarterly, and will be adding several smaller reminder postcards for Heritage Day and the Candlelighting Ceremony, where we read Christmas stories to children, and serve cocoa and cookies to visitors, following the lighting in the Circle. Visits to shutins are also being planned, and Friendship Hours will be reinstated the last Sunday of each month. The committee welcomes more members, so plan on joining us on Monday, March 30, 7pm at the church.
- 3) Mark Cooke's Property Committee has been busy, and they are working on changing the lighting in the church, Memorial Hall and Parish House to more energy efficient types. This past year, a new roof was put on the Parish House, and the boilers have been installed in the church, so they have really been improving our facility. He announced a Spring Cleanup on Saturday, April 4th, beginning at 8 am. All members are urged to attend.
- 4) Carl Cooke is the new Christian Witness Chair, with Jeannette Orso serving as co-chair. Their next meeting is Wednesday, April 1st. They would welcome new members to the committee.
- 5) Doreen Arnold is our new chair for Church Life and Program, and our social event planner and kitchen wizard extraordinaire. If you like to cook or plan activities, just let Doreen know, and she will put your skills to work for the good of the church.
- 6) Kris Skillinge is our new Christian Education Chair, and welcomes all parents and teachers to join her to help guide our youngsters.

- 7) Scott Ashton is the head of our “money committee”, Stewardship. Are you good with numbers? See Scott and share your skills.
- 8) The Confirmation process is moving along with three students and three confirmands. They have been working in their study books with their mentors, and have visited the Catholic Church on South Side. They will be serving the Soup Kitchen in May. Confirmation is set for May 31, and hopefully, you will all be there to welcome them.
- 9) Members leaving Consistory after completing their terms are; Barbara Dailey, Janice and Keith Hilsenbeck, David and Carl Wandersee, and Ken Amore. Also giving up a long and successful time as Flower Coordinator is Bev Lambert, who has done an outstanding job, seeing that fresh flowers adorn the altar each week. Thank you Bev for a job well done.
- 10) Doreen will be organizing the Agape Feast on Maundy Thursday and the Palm Sunday Breakfast.
- 11) We then discussed Consistory reorganization, which we feel is needed to keep up with the times. Term limits, what to name Consistory members, and committee positions were all among the items we talked about. All would result in Bylaw changes, which if made, would be presented at the Annual Meeting in December.

These were the highlights of the meeting. All members are welcome to join us to sit in on our meetings the second Monday of each month.

Nancy Amore,
Consistory Secretary



Heartfelt Thanks!



I would like to thank everyone who sent me cards or phoned me during my recent hospitalization & recuperation.

Also, a special thank you to Irene Stotz for taking me to my doctors and to the store (many times).

Also, thanks to Ferne Turner who brought the altar flowers to me.

The flowers were beautiful & they really made my day!

God bless you all! *Janet A. Miller*

April Bulletins

5th - *Palm Sunday*

Lou & Skip Crozier in memory of loved ones.

9th - *Maundy Thursday*

Mary Ann Barrett in memory of her husband, C. Keith Barrett, her friend Willie Wagner and her friend Jo Lippincott, who died on Easter Sunday, 1989 and who, along with her family, was a long-time member of our congregation.

12th - *Easter Sunday*

Harold & Helen Schaffer in loving memory of Mrs. Schaffer's parents, John & Malverna Beam & her brothers, John K. & Harold Beam.

19th - Elaine Hrymack in

memory of her husband Gene, sister Sylvia Weller & cousin Jean Hess.

26th - Steven & Samantha

Protyniak in memory of loved ones.

If you would like to sponsor the bulletins for one of our services, please call the church office at 610-258-3361.



Pastoral Care & Prayer

Please keep the family & friends of Willie Wagner, who passed away on Feb. 23rd, in your prayers. There will be a memorial service in honor of Willie on Sat., April 25th.

Please also keep Barbara Rizzo & her family in your prayers at the recent loss of her husband Tom.

If you or someone you know is in need of Pastoral Care, please call Rev. William Wightman at 610-252-8316.



Soup Kitchen May 16th

The Confirmands & Mentors will be cooking for and serving at, the Soup Kitchen on Sat., May 16th. If you'd like to join us, please see Nancy Amore, Doreen Arnold or Sue Beling.

One Great Hour of Sharing Thanks!

We want to thank all of our
“Living Treasures” for giving of
your material treasures to
O.G.H.S.! Each & every



member of our
First Church
family is valued
beyond mea-
sure to us & to
God. Sharing our monetary
blessings to help others is what
we are called to do, as the body
of Christ.

The O.G.H.S. offering is still
being received & will be for
the next several weeks. Thanks
to your generosity, we are well
on our way to meeting our goal.
Hallelujah!



May Steeple News

Info for the May S.N. is due
in the church office by **Wed.,
April 15th.**

April Flowers

5th - *Palm Sunday*

Mr. & Mrs. Harold Schaffer
in memory of her parents,
John & Malverna Beam, &
her brothers, Harold & John.

12th - *Easter Sunday*

Our Easter Flowers given by
all of you!

Single Arrangement

Ruth Dalrymple in loving
memory of her husband
Robert Dalrymple.

19th - Mr. & Mrs. Raymond

Roseberry in loving memory
of Ray's parents, Ray &
Marylouise Roseberry.

Single Arrangement

Richard Gearing in
memory of his beloved wife,
Jane.

26th - Tim & Sharon (Siegel)

Richardson in memory of
her parents & sister, Bob
Bessie & Sandra Siegel.

A NOTE OF THANKS!

We thank Beverly Lambert for
coordinating our weekly flowers
for so many years.

We are still in need of a volunteer
to take this over. If you are inter-
ested, please call the church office.

April Greeters, Readers & Ushers

April 5th - Palm Sunday

Greeters - Naomi Protyniak
& Janet Caka

Ushers - Jill West, Jackie
Wogotz, Maryann Phifer &
Agnes Carhart

Reader - Carl Wandersee

Acolyte - Lauren Skillinge

April 9th - Maundy Thursday

To Be Announced

April 12th - Easter Sunday

Greeters - Lucy Bedoya

Ushers - Bill & Linda Arnold
and Barbara & Tom Dailey

Reader - Barbara Dailey

Acolyte - Eric Bedoya

April 19th -

Greeters - Dick Gearing &
Al Kuebler

Ushers - David & Wendy
Wandersee and Kim &
David Kmetz

Reader - David Wandersee

Acolyte - Leslie Kmetz

April 26th -

Greeters - Gordon & Carolee
Lowe

Ushers - Gordon & Carolee
Lowe and Ferne & Bill
Turner

Reader - Warren Corr

Acolyte - Brad Corr

Angel Food Ministries at St. John's on Morgan Hill

The **April menu** is available in
our narthex, in the office or on-
line at: www.stjohnsmorganhill.org.

April order dates are:

**Palm Sun., April 5th - 10:30
a.m. til 12:30 p.m.**

Wed., April 8th - 4-6 p.m.

Sat., April 11th - 9 a.m. til noon

**April distribution date is
Fri., April 17th - 7-8 p.m.**

**Cash, Money Orders or
Food Stamps are accepted.**
(Food Stamp orders must be
placed in person at St. John's.)

**Cash orders can be taken by
Margaret in the church office
anytime by Fri., April 10th, or
call her with any questions.**

Thank You!

We thank our outgoing
Consistory members for their
dedicated work & service to
First Church & God.



**Ken Amore
Barbara Dailey
Keith Hilsenbeck
Carl Wandersee
David Wandersee**

The Church

By Jim Harron, 1989 (revised)

I am a huge building about in the center of town, I am taller than most;
from my steeple I look down - down to the streets of 3rd and Church
and up to where the pigeons and birds perch.
I am built very strong and very tough
of brick, of stone both smooth and rough.
History claims I was created in 1776, wow! What a year.
My parents were German Reformed.
They built a schoolhouse for me just two years later,
Of course - all this with the help of our creator.
Gosh! What a family - never could they be more sincere,
When I reached the age of 55 they built a point for my roof -
This point; I believe they called it a steeple.
Can you imagine the dedication, the caring, the devotion of these people?
A Sunday school building was erected in 1850,
Everyone, especially the kids thought this was nifty.
Another 35 years and more sections were hooked on,
my main body became bigger and better.
Interior renovations in 1906 were begun,
in 1951, 175 years old was I; but still a go-getter---
they made me look like I was 56, everything in detail, down to the letter
the paint, the balcony, the shutters and the Narthex.
In 1970 I was one hundred and ninety four; but they made me “huger” with a
Parish House addition. This family of mine; what devotion, what dedication
to try to keep me the best in the Nation.
So much so; that in 1988, not completely satisfied with me,
they coaxed Cousin George to start a Century III.
He did so - we did so - now you see; the result is here before you.
Adult, teens and those in between,
I'd say I look quite good at age two hundred and thirteen.
For all my good looks I have many to thank, but
naming more names could cause a commotion,
I'll play it safe and make me proud
to name just one and that one is Mike Dowd.
My reverend, my minister, my overall caretaker
to whom, with God, we all look up to - for he is over six feet tall and in a
position to do the “THANKING” of you, and you, and you.
You all might think I'm a Colonist, a humorist, or an egotist -
but that would be very wrong For really you see - for your family -
I'm the First United Church of Christ So let us move along and sing a good song.

Annual Spring Rummage Sale !!

Sale Date: Friday, May 1st, 9 AM to 4 PM
Saturday, May 2nd, 9 AM to 1 PM (Bag Day)

Rummage Drop Off: The church will be open, with door tenders available to accept donations, on the following days:

Saturday, April 18th, 9 AM to 12 PM
Thursday, April 23rd, 9 AM to 12 PM
Friday, April 24th, 9 AM to 12 PM
Saturday, April 25th, 9AM to 12 PM

Items may also be brought in on Sunday mornings, April 19th and April 26th, and during Rummage Set-Up.

Due to a lack of storage space, we cannot accept any rummage items before Saturday, April 18th. No Exceptions, please!

Rummage Suggestions:

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| Spring and Summer Clothing | Kitchen Items |
| Belts and Hats | Household Items |
| Purses and Shoes | Puzzles and Books |
| Jewelry and Scarves | Games and Toys |
| Holiday Decorations | Small Furniture Items |
| Houseplants | Tools |

In Fact, JUST ABOUT ANYTHING!

Due to lack of space, we cannot accept any large furniture items (mattresses, sofas, etc.) However, we would be most appreciative of the donation for the proceeds from your private sale.

If possible, please identify bagged/boxed donations with descriptions of the contents (e.g. children's clothes, bedding, etc.)

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New, never used or nearly new items, such as jewelry, writing paper, household and gift items, will be featured in a special area.

The original box and a suggested price would be helpful.

Bake Sale: We need items for both Friday and Saturday. Home baked items from your kitchen will be greatly appreciated. Please label your goods with descriptions of the items. If you cannot make homemade cookies, pies, cakes, bread, candy, etc., we will graciously accept your cash donation. (But homemade items are truly preferred!)

Help Needed: We need “**all hands on deck**” for set-up days, sale days and for clean-up on Saturday, starting at 1 PM. Set-up days are: *Monday, April 27th through Thursday, April 30th, from 9 AM to 1 PM daily, AND each evening from 6:30 PM to 9 PM.* If you can help any of these days or nights, please come in! Even a few hours of your time during this busy week would be a fantastic help.

Needed Items: The donation of the following items will help us during set-up and sale days:

- ✓ **Large Paper Shopping Bags With Handles**
- ✓ **Price Stickers** ✓ **Brown Grocery Bags**
- ✓ **Lots of Cheerful Faces and Helping Hands!**

If there are any questions on any of the above, call *Wendy Wandersee* at (908) 859-4880.

We look forward to working with all of you once again to make this yet another successful ***Spring Rummage Sale!***

*Rummage Sale Coordinators
Barbara Dailey, Wendy Wandersee and Nancy Amore*