CAMP SUNDAY

FEBRUARY 2, 2020
GATHERING MUSIC | SILENT MEDITATION

▲ Please rise in body and spirit, as you are able.

Facebook Check-in: As you arrive, please check in on Facebook.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING OF THE PEACE

▲ HYMN  “I’ve Got Peace Like a River”  BLACK HYMNAL 478

CALL TO WORSHIP:  Psalm 84  Pew Bible, pg. 543, OT

(We will read responsively – the lector will read the odd numbered verses and the congregation will respond with the even numbered verses.)

▲ HYMN  “All Things Bright and Beautiful”  BLACK HYMNAL 31

▲ PRAYER OF REPENTANCE (Unison)

We come together in these holy moments, O God, as your people. Thank you for our church family and for the love and acceptance we find here. As we worship today, we celebrate you in our work, study, play and camp. Keep us close to you and to one another. We come to see all that you have to offer us and commit to telling others of your wonderful gifts. We acknowledge that we do not always get this right. Forgive us, O God, and instill in us the spirit of forgiveness for others.

▲ ASSURANCE OF GRACE

In our work and our play, in our studying and our camping, God is with us. Be assured that when we confess our sins and turn away from that which is sinful, we are living according to God’s will. Rejoice in the knowledge that we are forgiven. Amen.

▲ GLORIA PATRI

(Please sing the words most comfortable to you. Here are two options.)

Glory be to the Father
and to the Son
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be,

Glory be to the Parent
and to the Child
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be,

ANTHEM  “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”  Arr. Hal Hopson

A WORD FROM TEMPIED HILLS: Jill Frey

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE: Robin Jessen
GOSPEL READING  
Luke 2:22-40  
One:  God is still speaking.  
Many:  And we are still listening. Thanks be to God.

SERMON  
Rev. Brian Shields

MISSION MOMENT - CUE

OFFERING

▲DOXOLOGY  (Please sing the words most comfortable to you. Here are two options:)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;  Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  Praise God above, ye heavenly host’
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost.

▲PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)
Bless these gifts, O God, that your light will shine in our churches, in our camps and in our world. Accept our humble offering, that we might do your work in our broken world, that we might help make this a more just world for all. Amen.

COMMUNITY PRAYERS

PASTORAL PRAYER

▲HYMN:  “Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”  BLACK HYMNAL 347

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

We gather as a community to share the bread and the cup Christ offers. All are invited to participate in this holy sacrament. Today, we will receive communion in the pews. Please take the bread and hold it until all are served; we will partake together. Do likewise with the cup of juice. We serve gluten-free Communion.

One:  God be with you.
Many:  And also with you.
One:  Lift up your hearts.
Many:  We lift them up to God.
One:  Let us give thanks to God Most High.
Many:  It is right to give God thanks and praise.
One: O Holy God.......Amen and Amen.
Many: Holy, holy, holy, God of love and majesty, the whole universe speaks of your glory, O God Most High. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of our God. Hosanna in the highest!

THE LORD’S PRAYER (Unison)
(Please pray the words most comfortable to you. Here are two options)

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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

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▲HYMN  “Every Time I Feel the Spirit”  BLACK HYMNAL 282

▲BENEDICTION
One: May God set up camp in your heart. May the fire of Christ burn brightly. And may the Holy Spirit light your way. Amen

POSTLUDE
MINISTERS OF GOD’S LOVE ................................................................. Every Member of WPUCC
SENIOR PASTOR ........................................................................... Rev. Jason Thompson
ASSOCIATE PASTOR ....................................................................... James R. Furry
PASTORS EMERITI ........................................................................ Rev. Don Norenberg, Rev. Larry Craig
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC ................................................................. Christopher Venesile, PhD
CHURCH ADMINSTRATOR .......................................................... Linda Ferro
RECORDING/SOUND SYSTEM ..................................................... Mandi Salvino, Dan Karkoff
SOCIAL MEDIA ADMINISTRATOR ............................................... Rachel Miller
POET LAUREATE ........................................................................... Jean Clark
LECTOR ........................................................................................... Chris Wiesner
SCRIPTURE READER .................................................................... Julie Schleich
COUNTERS .................................................................................. Richard & Lynne Rice, Janet Beutel

WE WELCOME all who are here to worship with us today, especially our children and youth. Please sign the attendance pads and pass the pad to the side aisles by the windows.

WE ESPECIALLY WELCOME Rev. Brian A. Shields, who is a Healing Services Coordinator and chaplain at Cleveland Clinic, main campus. Rev. Shields is a member of of Plymouth UCC in Shaker Heights and Department of Children and Youth Chair at Plymouth. Brian is also on the Living Water Association Council with Pastor Jason Thompson. Brian is married to the Rev. Jessica Shields; she is pastor of Peace Lutheran Church (ELCA) in Cleveland Heights. They have two engaging, vibrant elementary age daughters: Abigail and Morgan and a loving, lovely dog, Marley.

WE ALSO WELCOME JILL FREY, Executive Director of Outdoor Ministries Heartland Conference, United Church of Christ, who is speaking about the many and wonderful opportunities offered at Templed Hills Camp.

PASTOR JASON’S office hours are Mondays, 2-4 p.m. and Wednesdays, 9am-3pm, or by appointment. Pastor Jason can be reached at the church office (216) 671-7228 or WestParkUCCPastor@gmail.com.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION: Attendance last Sunday was 62 adults and 5 Youth/Children. Thank you for your offerings of Operating $2,305.70 includes $235 donation from Nova Jazz Concert, OCWM $76, Pink - Youth Camperships $15.70, Children's Plate $5, Initial Offering $60, Music Fund $50, Foundation Fund $25, Endowment Fund $10

ANNUAL MEETING - Our annual congregational meeting will take place in Bartter Hall after worship on Sunday, February 9. Our Moderator Gail Kenny and Vice Moderator Margaret Owens are organizing a meal. Plan to stay for food, fellowship and voting! Annual Reports are available to be picked up – please bring your copy with you to next week’s meeting!

PINK ENVELOPE FOR FEBRUARY – CUE - Our faith is a living tradition that calls for continual discovery and re-discovery. Our leaders must be equipped to interpret the tradition for our own time and place. This call has never been more important than now in these days of societal change and complexity. Chicago, United and Eden Seminaries (CUE) are dedicated to strengthening churches by educating leaders who will serve congregations and communities around the world with compassion and justice. Help assist in educating our next generation of UCC leaders by giving generously to the February Pink Envelope Offering which is dedicated CUE Seminaries of the United Church of Christ.

THE FLOWERS THIS WEEK are given in fond memory of Ardi and Paige from Judi Wiseman. The second set of flowers are presented to the glory of God in celebration and honor of Julie Schleich’s first day (today!) of retirement after a career of 36½ years of dedicated service to the Federal Bureau of Investigation and our nation. These flowers are given by her mother and father, Edna and Dave Schleich, and her fiancé, Chris Wiesner

IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN FOR THE LENTEN DEVOTIONAL!
For those of you who are unfamiliar with this, the Lenten Devotional is a booklet with a different reflection for each day of Lent, along with some coloring pages. All contributions are from church members, visitors, and friends whether it be how you perceive your relationship with the world, something from your heart, a copy of an article, or a poem that moved you in some way. You are welcome to contribute more than one item! Please direct your contributions to: Debbie Miller at ddmiller1430@gmail.com or Lora Mosier at lola.bottomfeeder@gmail.com Hand delivered contributions no later than Sunday, February 9th, email contributions no later than Wednesday, February 12th.

SIGN UP! To put flowers on the Altar, or to Light the Steeple. Sign up in the narthex.
INTERGENERATIONAL MISSION TRIP: Plan to join others from our church from July 12 – July 17, 2020 on a summer mission trip! Our small team will spend the week in Wooster, Ohio partnering with North Street Mission, an outreach of Trinity United Church of Christ. We will assist in preparation and service of daily meals to local residents, increase our awareness and understanding of poverty and homelessness in Ohio and have fun in community together. Approximate cost is $200 per person, though scholarship and fundraising opportunities are available! This opportunity is for ages 13 and up. Please sign up in the narthex or by calling the church office no later than February 16.

FAITH IN FILM SERIES - Our Faith in Film series continues on Saturday, February 15 as we screen Man on Fire at 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. This film is an investigation into Charles Moore’s self-immolation in protest of racism in his hometown -- Grand Saline, Texas. The film explores the life and death of Charles Moore, the vestiges of racism in rural America, and the impact of Moore’s death on people in Grand Saline and surrounding areas. Panelists will include the Reverend Dr. Karen Georgia Thompson, Associate general Minister of the UCC, The Rev. Chris Long, Justice Minister, West Shore Unitarian Universalist Church, and Joyce Roper, MSW, LSW.

SHROVE TUESDAY - Plan to join us in Bartter Hall from 6 – 8 p.m. on Tuesday, February 25 for our annual pancake dinner. Tell your friends. Tell your family. And give a great big shout out of “THANK YOU” to Robin Jessen for her leadership in planning and executing this event! There will be pancakes and sausages aplenty! Suggested donation $8.

MITTEN LINE: During the colder months, we give away hundreds of mittens, gloves, socks, scarves and hats to those in our community of all ages who need a little help keeping warm. The items are hung on our mitten line in the front of the church and are free for anyone to take. Donations are appreciated and can be placed in the bin in the narthex.
THIS WEEK AT WEST PARK

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2:
10:00 a.m. Worship, Holy Communion & Agape & Acts 29 Sunday School Classes
11:30 a.m. Coffee Hour
3:00 p.m. Bowling

MONDAY, 02/03:
7:00 p.m. Mood Disorder Support Group, Youth Room

TUESDAY, 02/04:
7:30 p.m. Recovery, International, Youth Room

WEDNESDAY, 02/05:
6:00 p.m. Bible Study
7:00 p.m. Choir, Music Room

THURSDAY, 02/06:
6:15 p.m. Low Impact Exercise, Bartter Hall
8:00 p.m. AA, Chapel

FRIDAY, 02/07:
7:30 p.m. Al-Anon, Parlor

SATURDAY, 02/08:
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Volunteer Morning
10:15 p.m. Alpha-Omega AA – Bartter Hall
12:00 a.m. Westside Midnight AA – Bartter Hall

NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9:
10:00 a.m. Worship & Agape & Acts 29 Sunday School Classes
11:30 a.m. Annual Meeting and Lunch
            Christian Education
12:00 p.m. Confirmation

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