

# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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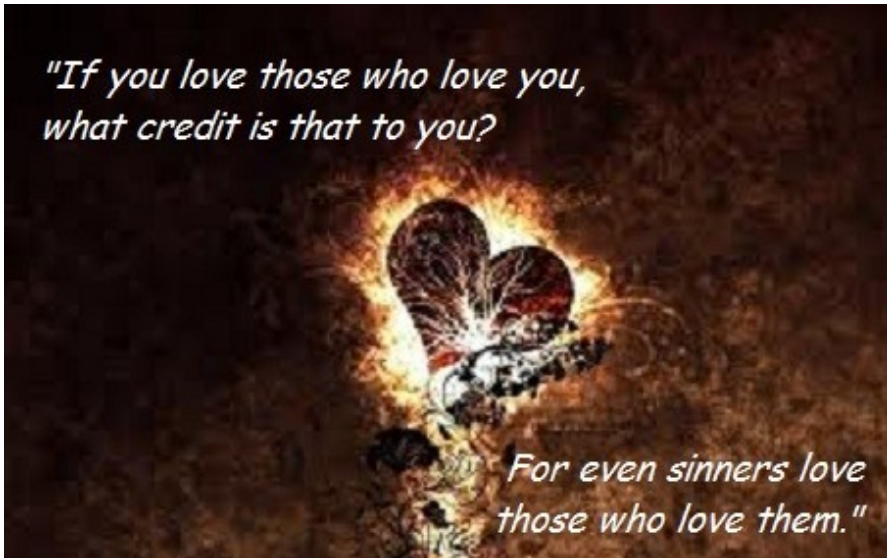
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*"A Holy, Healthy, and Loving Community  
Striving to Know Christ and to Make Christ Known"*



February 20, 2022

Seventh Sunday  
after the Epiphany

WORDS OF WELCOME ----- Pastor Michael Atkinson

PRELUDE----- "Nocturne" / Edward Solomon  
*Geneva Brown, clarinet, Brett Miller, piano*

PROCESSION OF LIGHT-----Kate Thrush

\*CALL TO WORSHIP----- Liturgist, Cyndi Shaver

Leader: Come and learn the ways of life.

People: We have come to follow Jesus.

Leader: Love your enemies, and do good to those who hate you.

People: We have come to follow Jesus.

Leader: Bless those who curse you, and pray for those who persecute you.

People: We have come to follow Jesus.

Leader: Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.

People: We have come to follow Jesus.

Leader: Come and learn the ways of life.

## \*OPENING PRAYER

Inexhaustible source of love and life, be with us in our time of worship as we seek the love it takes to walk in the ways of your Son. Help us love our enemies and bless those who wrong us, for we cannot do so alone. Teach us the joy of treating others with all the same respect and goodness with which we hope to be treated. May our every word and deed make known that we are your beloved children and vessels of your love. Amen.

\*HYMN #62, v. 1,4 & 5 - - - - - "All Creatures of Our God and King"

## 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,  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

MUSICAL OFFERTORY - - - - - "Allegro" / Christian Heinrich Hohmann  
*Geneva Brown and Brett Miller, clarinets*

## CHILDREN'S MOMENTS WITH THE PASTOR

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON- - - - - Luke 6:27-38

But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

'If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again.

But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

‘Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.’

SERMON -----“A New Paradigm” ----- Pastor Atkinson

*(You are encouraged to use this space for notes.)*

PRAYER OF INVITATION

\*HYMN #435----- “O God of Every Nation”

\*BENEDICTION

ORGAN POSTLUDE - “Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”/arr. D. Cherwien - Mr. Miller

If you know of someone who is in the hospital, nursing home, or has a need from the church,  
please let Pastor Atkinson know

**Please feel free to call or send a text  
to the numbers listed below:**

**Rev. Michael Atkinson  
304-771-3309 (cell phone)**



### **THE WINTER SHELTER**

United Way have informed us that the Winter Shelter is ending for the winter season.  
In addition to finding permanent housing for many of the folks served,  
United Way will provide other housing options for the shelter residents.

**If you have questions, contact the United Way office at 304-624-6337.**

*(NOTE: The Thursday community services will continue here at First Church.)*



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### **KITCHEN TOWELS**

*“Thank you for the donations!”*

Anita Burns (304-203-1279)

### **BLESSING BOXES**

Fulfilling Christ’s command to “feed my sheep”, Blessing Boxes are scattered throughout Clarksburg.

One is right outside our 2nd Street entrance.

Help fill the Box with drinks and non-perishable/“ready to eat” foods.

**Please remember when choosing items to folks likely do not have access to stoves, ovens,  
refrigeration, pots, pans, or even a can opener. Thanks!**