

FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF TARENTUM

Prayer List—Current & Ongoing Concerns

Announcements
Sunday, October 12, 2025

Cheryl Stobert
Peggy Bonfiglio
Brynlee Haggerty
Joan Lee Koontz
Nancy Nock
Bill Tilman
Debbie Wampler
Larry Wampler
Brady Woodward
Gina Stonfer
Jennifer Kapp
Keith Kunkle
Glenna Mervosh
Richard Cavanaugh
Maryann Cavanaugh
Aidan Blanchflower
Sandy Holderbaum

Joe McAninch
Liv Gerhart
Deanna Hoover
Susan Mooney
Leah Kapp
Lysle Kapp
Mark Reid
Kathie Anderson
Carl Bonfiglio
Ken Irvine
Angela Peters
John Sobol
Linda Lucas
Kathy Smith
Rosemary Rushford
Chloe Bauer
Polly Ross

Cheryl Huet
Tracy Ehrenberger
Rich Masarik
Nikki Adamchik
Ken Misejka
Dave
Ed Malarkey
Declan Cox

Military
Georgette Spencer
Dylan Banbrook

Our Mission Partners
The HOPE Center * AVAC
Tarentum Friendship Garden
Fourth Tuesday Community Dinner



Contact Us!

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If you would like to be added to the prayer list, please see Rev. Phil or contact the church office at 724-224-2550 or office@fupct.org.

Welcome to First United Presbyterian Church of Tarentum!

- * Our Nursery is open and staffed with an individual with all clearances! Parents are welcome to drop off children 4 years of age and under, or stay with them in the nursery. A live feed of our service will be broadcast in the nursery. A "Cry Room" for parents and children is located directly across from the elevator.
- * All children in grades K-5 are invited to join junior church following the children's message!
- * If you are a first-time visitor please fill out the yellow card located in the pew racks so that we can keep in touch about news and events at First UP Church!

About Us

The unity of believers in Christ is reflected in the rich diversity of the people of God. In Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit, God unites all of us through baptism regardless of race, ethnicity, sexual preference, gender identity, disability, geography or theological conviction. Christ invited any and all to the table who wished to follow Him. At First United Presbyterian Church we believe in doing the same. A community is only as strong as its most marginalized member and at First United Presbyterian we seek to rectify the idea of community as a sent people who see all people as beloved children of God.

Keep In Touch

WWW.FUPCT.ORG

FACEBOOK

First UP Church—
Tarentum

EMAIL

Send your contact information to office@fupct.org to be added to our email list! Receive our weekly newsletter, event updates, and Sunday worship information!

CONTACT

office@fupct.org
724-224-2550

Prayers

Prayer for the Morning:

Glorious God, I praise you for who you are—Loving, merciful, powerful, and just. I praise you for the ways you act in creation—creating beauty, making peace, and offering healing. Thank you for the opportunities I will have today to glorify you in my words and actions. In the name of Christ, I pray. Amen.

Prayer for the Evening:

Loving God, I end this day as I began it—in praise of you. Thank you for including me in your great circle of love and care. Thank you, too, for calling me to love others and to treat everyone as my neighbor. Help me to notice those whose cries for mercy so often go unheard or unanswered, for I am joined to them by being joined to you. I pray in awe of the life you have given me through faith in Jesus Christ. Amen.

Ways to Give

By Mail

Checks can be sent directly to the church at:
First UP Church
PO Box 2
Tarentum, PA 15084

Online

Our website has a direct giving portal that will allow you to use your bank account, credit card, or debit card. It is a safe and secure option for one-time gifts or recurring donation. Please go to www.fupct.org and click the "GIVE NOW" link.

Through Your Bank

If you use online banking, you can set up a one-time or a recurring donation through the bill-pay option when logging in to your personal account. Checks will be sent to the church directly from your bank.

If you need help or additional information, please contact Jessica Jones at office@fupct.org or call her at 724-224-2550.

Scan here to give online!



TODAY'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, October 12, 2025

Elder of the Month— Lysle Kapp

Church Calendar

Sunday, October 12th

8:45am—Adult/Teen Bell Choir
9:30am—Coffee Hour
10am—Kids Club Sunday School
Sunday School for all ages
Choir Rehearsal
10:25am—Called Session Meeting
11am—Worship
12om—Congregational Meeting
12pm—Children's Handbell Choir
4pm—Youth Group at the Tarentum Garden

Sunday, October 19th

8:45am—Adult/Teen Bell Choir
9:30am—Coffee Hour
10am—Kids Club Sunday School
Sunday School for all ages
Choir Rehearsal
11am—Worship
12pm—Deacons Meeting
12pm—Christian Education Cmt. Mtg.
12pm—Children's Handbell Choir
4pm—Youth Group
7pm—AVAC Festival of Faith

Upcoming Meetings

Personnel Cmt.—Monday, October 20th at 10am
Finance Cmt.—Tuesday, October 21st at 6pm

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

Volunteers are needed to help in the nursery during the worship hour on Sundays! Those interested can see Lysle Kapp or email him at murphykapp@yahoo.com. Volunteers are required to have clearances, contact the church office if you need help obtaining them!

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

On Sunday, November 2nd, we will celebrate All Saints Sunday during the worship service by remembering members & friends of the congregation that have passed in the last year.

Please contact the office at 724-224-2550 if you would like to include your loved one.

VETERANS SUNDAY

First UP Church will honor our Veterans on Sunday, November 9th. If you are a veteran who would like to be added to our list, please contact the office at 724-224-2550 or email office@fupct.org.

Deacon of the Month— Candy Adamchik

CHANCEL FLOWERS

Chancel Flowers are available for many Sundays in the new year! If you would like to honor or remember a loved one, please contact the office at 724-224-2550 or office@fupct.org to reserve your Sunday. The cost is \$40.



The flowers are provided free of charge to the church in order to support the Needy Family Fund.

LOCAL MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

Food Pantry Donations

We continue to collect donations of non-perishable items for the food pantry at the Tarentum Garden. All donations of non-perishables and boxed goods are welcome!



We're having a fall soup drive!

When you're shopping, grab an extra can of soup and bring it to the narthex on Sundays. Help us fill the pantry!

Fourth Tuesday Community Dinner Tuesday, October 28th from 5:30pm—6:30pm

Our next Free Community Dinner is Tuesday, October 28th from 5:30pm—6:30pm!



The community is welcome to come and share a meal, it's free! If you'd like to volunteer to help prep, clean up, or set up, email Rev. Phil at pastor@fupct.org.

DEACONS COLLECTION FOR HIGHLANDS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

The Deacons are collecting for a need at Highlands Elementary School through October! Any donations are welcome for boys in girls in grades 1-4, sizes can range from 6-20. Most needed are shorts, sweatpants, leggings, socks, and underwear.



Please bring your donations to the narthex!

A Note from Rev. Phil | October 2025

October 12, 2025

Dear Beloved of First United Presbyterian Church of Tarentum,

Rarely, if ever, do I write a second letter in a month. Yet today is different.

I want to imagine for a moment that I gave you \$1. Take that \$1 and put it in your wallet, shove it into your purse, put that \$1 in your pocket, or even deposit that \$1 in your bank account.

Now, three days later I want you to imagine you receive a letter that says this "On behalf of the Presbyterian Churches of Pittsburgh Presbytery (which includes First United) your \$1 you received is now \$1700." Imagine opening your wallet and instead of \$1 there is \$1700. You look at your bank account and there is now \$1700 in the account. You might even begin to think of the loaves and fish, the small amount, that feed 5,000 men plus women and children or the mustard seed that grew into something much larger.

Now, I want you to think of another scenario. You go to the doctor because you aren't feeling well. The doctor orders some tests. You need to have them, you have health insurance, so you go and have the tests done. Later, you get a bill. Yes, insurance paid some, but you have to pay the deductible or you are in what is called the "donut hole" and you have to pay much more than you thought. You can't pay it all. You try, but there is no way. It's too much. Your debt becomes bigger and then one day debt collectors start calling you. They threaten, they send emails, make calls and leave messages day and night. You have a spiraling amount of medical debt which might have only started as a couple hundred dollars.

Now, what would you say if I told you that for every dollar (\$1) you donate, it would eliminate \$1700 worth of medical debt of someone living in our area. Unbelievable, right? Except it is true. We can eliminate someone's medical debt for pennies on the dollar. It's the reverse of the above scenario.

On Sunday, October 19th we are doing a one-time special offering to help eliminate Undue Medical Debt. The goal for Pittsburgh Presbytery is to raise \$65,000 which will eliminate \$11 million dollars of medical debt. \$11 million - can you imagine. They are asking that we do \$5 per person, meaning about \$1250 from this congregation. We are a generous people - I think we can do more than \$1250. Don't you?

Here is how to donate:

Make a check payable to the church and earmark it as Undue Medical Debt

Put cash in an envelope - write your name on the envelope and mark it as Undue Medical Debt

Stop by the church office and make a donation

Donate online, designate mission, and in the notes write Undue Medical Debt

Together, we can make a real difference in someone's life.

Peace,

Rev. Phil

Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine!

1 Blessed assurance: Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

Refrain:

This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.

2 Perfect submission, perfect delight,
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels, descending, bring from above
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love. (Refrain)

3 Perfect submission, all is at rest,
I in my Savior am happy and blest,
Watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with His goodness, lost in His love. (Refrain)

Lord, Make Us More Holy

1 Lord, make us more holy,
Lord, make us more holy,
Lord, make us more holy,
Until we meet again.
Holy, holy, holy,
Until we meet again.

2 Lord, make us more loving,
Lord, make us more loving,
Lord, make us more loving,
Until we meet again.
Loving, loving, loving,
Until we meet again.

3 Lord, make us more patient,
Lord, make us more patient,
Lord, make us more patient,
Until we meet again.
Patient, patient, patient,
Until we meet again.

4 Lord, make us more faithful,
Lord, make us more faithful,
Lord, make us more faithful,
Until we meet again.
Faithful, faithful, faithful,
Until we meet again.