

FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF TARENTUM

Prayer List—Current & Ongoing Concerns

Announcements
Sunday, February 15, 2026



Cheryl Stobert	Susan Mooney	Rob Bogan
Peggy Bonfiglio	Leah Kapp	Mike Dunmire
Brynlee Haggerty	Lysle Kapp	Kathy Stewart
Joan Lee Koontz	Mark Reid	Kelly Nobles
Nancy Nock	Carl Bonfiglio	Jess Buckingham
Bill Tilman	Ken Irvine	Dean Hoover, Jr.
Debbie Wampler	Angela Peters	Breaunna Crawford
Larry Wampler	Linda Lucas	The family of Kathie Ciupo
Brady Woodward	Kathy Smith	Military
Gina Stonfer	Rosemary Rushford	Georgette Spencer
Jennifer Kapp	Chloe Bauer	Dylan Banbrook
Keith Kunkle	Polly Ross	Cyler Strader
Glenna Mervosh	Cheryl Huet	Our Mission Partners
Aidan Blanchflower	Tracy Ehrenberger	The HOPE Center * AVAC
Sandy Holderbaum	Rich Masiarik	Tarentum Friendship Garden
Joe McAninch	Ken Misejka	Fourth Tuesday Community Dinner
Liv Gerhart	Dave	
Deanna Hoover	Declan Cox	

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 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:

God, as the new day dawns, may your Spirit guide my feet and reveal you to me in new ways as I walk through your world today. Amen.

Prayer for the Evening:

Holy One, thank you for the gift of this day. Whatever has happened, whatever I've done and left undone, help me hear the voice of Jesus tonight, telling me to go to sleep as I am not be afraid. Amen.

Contact Us!

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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.

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TODAY'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, February 15, 2026

Elder of the Month— Molly Smith

Church Calendar

Sunday, February 15, 2026

9:30am—Coffee Hour
10am—Kids Club Sunday School
 Sunday School for all ages
 Choir Rehearsal
11am—Worship
4pm—Youth Group

Tuesday, February 17th

5pm—7pm—Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner

Wednesday, February 18th

Ashes-To-Go, Upper Parking Lot
11am—12pm & 5pm—6pm
7pm—Worship & Communion

Sunday, February 22, 2026

9:30am—Coffee Hour
10am—Kids Club Sunday School
 Sunday School for all ages
 Choir Rehearsal
11am—Worship
4pm—Youth Group

GEORGE SPENCER MEMORIAL BENCH

The choir of First UP Church invites you to join in an effort to purchase a memorial bench to place on the church grounds in memory of George Spencer. If enough is given, a second bench will be placed at the Tarentum Garden, where George spent much time and effort tending to the garden beds. If you would like to contribute, please note "Spencer Memorial" on the check or envelope.

Lent Events & Worship

PANCAKE DINNER

The Cub Scouts will host for a free Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner in the Fellowship Hall on **Tuesday, February 17th** from 5pm—7pm. Donations accepted!



ASH WEDNESDAY

Ashes-To-Go will be offered by Rev. Phil in the upper parking lot from 11am—12pm and 5pm—6pm. Ash Wednesday Worship will be at 7pm in the Sanctuary or live on Facebook at First UP Church—Tarentum.

Deacon of the Month— Cari Shaffer

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!



SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

The Souper Bowl of Caring has ended! THANK YOU for your generous donations of items for the pantry at the Tarentum Garden!

The winner is:

A-M: 349 items

N-Z: 196 items.

PER CAPITA

Your per capita giving is important to the life of the greater church. Each member is encouraged to give \$40 for per capita this year! First UP Church gives its full per capita each year in faith, trust, and gratefulness for the work done in the greater church.

EASTER EGGS

Help us fill Easter Eggs for the Children's Easter Party! Please grab a bag or two of empty eggs from the narthex, fill the eggs with wrapped candy and return the eggs!. Last year we distributed over 2,000 eggs at our Kids Easter Party.

Save the date—Kid's Easter Party
Saturday, March 28th from 10am—11:30am

A Note from Rev. Phil | February 2026

Dear Beloved of First United Presbyterian Church of Tarentum,

A mid-month, but almost Lent letter to you all. As I write, there is a bit of a thaw finally happening which is good news. We are still contending with water coming into the building, but hopefully that will end as well.

I write as a reminder, as an invitation, as a request, and as a thank you. Thank you's come first. Thanks for persevering and for being flexible. The weather has been "historic" in some ways and having to move solely online for worship and then these cold weeks and snow piles are a huge deterrent, and yet, you showed up. Whether online or in-person you have been present and I am grateful. I am also grateful for how you stepped up and brought coats, hats, underwear and more for the mission in downtown Pittsburgh. I am also grateful for the help with the community dinner and your continued gift of nonperishable food items for the pantry.

A reminder: while the collection for coats, etc for the mission in downtown Pittsburgh has ended, the nonperishable food items for the pantry continues. It is not unusual to place food in the Free Little Pantry and for it to be gone within a couple of hours.

Some invitations: This Sunday, February 15th is Transfiguration Sunday. We have the pleasure of hosting the Little Miami Choir from the Cincinnati area. This will be a treat. They are an excellent choir. After they worship with us they are off to tour the Cathedral of Learning and then share an afternoon concert at Heinz Chapel.

Tuesday, February 17 is our annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner from 5-7pm. Cub Scout Pack 186 is in charge and we provide the space. On the menu is Pancakes and Sausage. This is a donation only dinner with all donations going to assist the Cub Scouts for their summer camps. Don't miss this great opportunity for someone else to cook and support our local Cub Scout Pack.

Wednesday, February 18th is Ash Wednesday. For those unable to make our 7pm worship I will be offering Ashes "To Go" in our upper parking lot from 11am-noon and 5-6pm. I love doing this and get to meet some of our neighbors from the community. Our traditional worship with imposition of ashes and communion will be at 7pm.

Tuesday, February 24th is the next Free Fourth Tuesday Community Dinner from 5:30-6:30pm. On the menu is meatloaf, corn, mashed potatoes, beans, salad, applesauce and dessert. We can always use your help with either providing desserts or being present. In particular, we could use a couple of extra hands to help with clean up.

Different this year, we will be offering one midweek service in Lent. We will have a service of evening prayer on Tuesday, March 24th at 7pm. It will follow our Free Fourth Tuesday Community Dinner. Our hope is maybe some guests at the dinner will stay for worship.

May the peace of Christ be with you.

Rev. Phil

PS. Look for empty Easter Eggs, the time is upon us. Please fill the eggs with wrapped candy. Last year we distributed over 2,000 eggs at our Kids Easter Party. The Kids Easter Party will be Saturday, March 28 from 11-12:30pm.

O Splendor of God's Glory Bright

In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.

2 Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might;
Thy justice, like mountains, high soaring above
Thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

3 To all, life Thou givest, to both great and small;
In all life Thou livest, the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
Then wither and perish; but naught changeth Thee.

4 Thou reignest in glory, Thou rulest in light,
Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight;
All praise we would render; O help us to see
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee!

Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory

Swiftly pass the clouds of glory, Heaven's voice, the dazzling light;
Moses and Elijah vanish; Christ alone commands the height!
Peter, James, and John fall silent, Turning from the summit's rise
Downward toward the shadowed valley Where their Lord has fixed His eyes.
Glimpsed and gone the revelation, They shall gain and keep its truth,
Not by building on the mountain Any shrine or sacred booth,
But by following the Savior Through the valley to the cross
And by testing faith's resilience Through betrayal, pain, and loss.
Lord, transfigured our perception With the purest light that shines,
And recast our life's intentions To the shape of Your designs,
Till we seek no other glory Than what lies past Calv'ry's hill
And our living and our dying And our rising by Your will.

Jesus on the Mountain Peak

1 Jesus on the mountain peak
Stands alone in glory blazing; Let us, if we dare to speak,
Join the saints and angels praising. Alleluia!

2 Trembling at His feet we saw
Moses and Elijah speaking.
All the prophets and the law
Shout through them their joyful greeting:
Alleluia!

3 Swift the cloud of glory came,
God proclaiming, in its thunder,
Jesus as the Son by name!
Nations, cry aloud in wonder.
Alleluia!

4 This is God's beloved Son!
Law and prophets sing before Him,
First and last and only One.
All creation shall adore Him!
Alleluia!