

# FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF TARENTUM

## Prayer List—Current & Ongoing Concerns

Announcements  
Sunday, April 14, 2024

Cheryl Stobert  
Peggy Bonfiglio  
Alayna Collins  
Brynlee Haggerty  
Joan Lee Koontz  
Nancy Nock  
Bill Tilman  
Robert Walter  
Debbie Wampler  
Larry Wampler  
Brady Woodward  
Gina Stonfer  
Jennifer Kapp  
Keith Kunkle

Kristine Pareira  
Glenna Mervosh  
Richard Cavanaugh  
Maryann Cavanaugh  
Aidan Blanchflower  
Violet Hoover  
Lisa Penix  
Bob Maholic  
Karen McCutcheon  
Dave Landis  
Sandy Holderbaum  
Elsie Anthony  
Laurie VanTine  
Joe McAninch

Kelly Jackson  
Joy Gezo  
Liv Gerhart  
Beverly Rea  
Scott Huckabaa  
Steve Dale  
Deanna Hoover

### Military

Georgette Spencer  
Dylan Banbrook

### Our Mission Partners

The HOPE Center \* AVAC  
Tarentum Friendship Garden



### 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 in the parlor immediately following the Children's Message.
- \* If you are a first-time visitor or regular attendee, please sign the pew pad or scan the QR Code so that we can stay in touch with you about upcoming worship services and events.



## 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](http://WWW.FUPCT.ORG)

#### FACEBOOK

First UP Church—  
Tarentum

#### EMAIL & TEXT ALERTS

Send your contact information to office@fupct.org to be added to our lists. We have groups for church announcements, choir, and youth group!

#### CONTACT

office@fupct.org  
724-224-2550

## Prayers

### Prayer for the Morning:

God of surprising revelations, I thank you for your rest and renewal, I Thank you that when you come to your people, you speak peace and invite faith in you. Make this new day a time when I will give more thanks for life than I did yesterday. Give me ears to hear your will for me, hands that are open to others, and eyes to see the beauty in your world; in Jesus' name. Amen.

### Prayer for the Evening:

For all that has happened on this day, O God, I give you thanks. Even for the obstacles I faced, I thank you. Especially when I wobbled in doubt, I thank you because I did not fall. You came to hold me strong and help me take the next step. Now give me rest, secure in your never-failing arms. Let my dreams revolve around what is pleasing and good, bringing me to a new day with zeal for your gifts; in Jesus' name. 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](http://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, April 14, 2024

Elder of the Month— Jody Shumaker

## Church Calendar

### Sunday, April 14th

- 8:50am Adult Handbell Rehearsal
- 9:15am Coffee Hour
- 9:45am Kids Handbell Rehearsal
- 10am Sunday School
- 10am Choir Rehearsal
- 11am Worship
- 12pm Fellowship Hour
- 12pm Worship Committee Meeting
- 12pm Teen Handbell Rehearsal
- 3pm Elementary Youth Group
- 6:30pm Jr. High Youth Group Meeting

### Sunday, April 21st

- 9:15am Coffee Hour
- 10am Sunday School
- 10am Choir Rehearsal
- 11am Worship
- 12pm Session Meeting
- 3pm Tarentum Garden Work Day

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

Worship Committee Meeting—TODAY at 12pm  
Christian Education Meeting—Monday, April 15th at 6:30pm  
Session Meeting—Sunday, April 21st at 12pm  
Finance Committee—Monday, April 22nd at 5pm

## YOUTH GROUPS

Elementary Youth Group, for grades K-5th grade will meet TODAY and on April 28th from 3pm-4:30pm! Elementary Youth Group is led by Betty Scimeca and Lysle Kapp, all kids are welcome!

Jr. & Sr High Youth Groups meet most Sundays from 6:30pm-8pm for youth in grades 6-12. Groups are led by Rev. Phil & Christa Beck, and Michelle Reilly-Beckermeyer. Join us today at 6:30pm! Next Sunday, we will meet from 3pm-5pm for a work day at the Tarentum Garden.

## CHANCEL FLOWERS

Chancel Flowers are available 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](mailto: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.

Deacon of the Month— Bonnie Kearney

## LOCAL MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

### Food Pantry Donations

We are collecting donations of non-perishable items for the food pantry at the Tarentum Garden. Re-useable bags are available in the narthex with a list of most needed items for the month. Fill a bag and bring your items back to church! For April, most needed items are granola bars, canned fruit, and hand soap.

### FIRST UP CHURCH PRAYER CHAIN

Would you like to be part of our prayer chain or do you have a need for prayer? The Deacons would like to pray for you or add you to our prayer team. You can contact the office at 724-224-2550 or email [office@fupct.org](mailto:office@fupct.org).

You can also see Alison Dobies or email her at [akdobies3@gmail.com](mailto:akdobies3@gmail.com) and she will contact the prayer team.

### BLESSING BAGS

The Senior High Youth Group has assembled "Blessing Bags" and placed in the narthex, you are encouraged to take one or more with you! Keep them in your car and if you come across an individual standing at a corner asking for food or money, give them the bag. Each bag contains snacks, socks or gloves, water and other items. It also includes shelter and recovery information.

### Fellowship Hour

Hosts wanted! If you are interested in hosting a Fellowship Hour one Sunday in April or May, please sign up in the narthex or contact the office at 724-224-2550 or by email at [office@fupct.org](mailto:office@fupct.org). Consider hosting with a friend!

### PER CAPITA

The Per Capita for 2024 is \$36.35 per member. Please consider giving over and above your regular giving to help meet our annual assessment, and make a note on your check or envelope noting "assessment."

## *Leaving a Legacy*

Dear Friends,

When Ed and I first started searching for a church, the first thing we did was to look at the church websites.

The website for First United Presbyterian Church of Tarentum (FUPCT) spoke to us loudly and clearly. This website told us everything we needed to know about this church. All the normal things like the name of the Reverend and staff, and what time the Service and Sunday School is. But we also learned this church is a Matthew 25 participant, bringing hope to those in need. The Matthew 25 project has helped with the water crisis in Arkansas City, helped Tennessee following the tornadoes, and helped the Blue Ash Nonprofit to deploy a team to Maui. The Vision and Mission statement of this church offers full inclusion which welcomes everyone. We learned about the ways this church takes part in the life of the community and beyond with mission trips. They say a picture speaks a thousand words; well, if that is true then there were a hundred thousand words spoken through all the beautiful pictures posted on the church website. You could feel the love jump right off the computer screen. All of this was particularly important to us. But the real test was attending the church. FUPCT did not disappoint. Members warmly welcomed us not just to our first service but made sure someone greeted and engaged with us for future services as well and any functions we attended. Ed and I were never sitting or standing alone. Someone was always there just like a “wing man” right by our side.

Indeed, it was a joy and privilege to join this church. And as members, it is also up to us to offer ourselves back to the church. We feel responsible to contribute as best we can with our time, talents, and financial resources so this church can continue its mission. Although giving financially is especially important, sometimes that is the easy part. Sometimes the hard part is to give of ourselves. It has been our experience that until we do offer to give of ourselves in fellowship with other members, or join a committee, or help with a specific function in the life of the church, this church will just be a church. So, we did join a Bible Study, engaged with members during fellowship hour and helped in other ways also. Now FUPCT truly does feel like it is OUR church too. Thank you for welcoming us in.

We are grateful and blessed.

*Ed and Susan Malarkey*