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Our Mission Statement

The mission of Heidelberg United Church of Christ is to know our Savior and to let Him work through us as we reach out in worship, service, and witness to all.

Our Vision Statement

As Heidelberg United Church of Christ, we hear God calling us to accomplish the vision He has provided through: broadening the base of His church's membership within our own congregation; communicating His gospel more effectively; serving the local community with greater commitment; to grow and strengthen in the faith with which God has entrusted us; and, in obedience to His command and call, ministering in those ways that will assure the growth and enrichment of congregational identity and Christian discipleship.

We Welcome You to
Heidelberg United Church of Christ, Hatfield ...
... A Faith Community With a Place for You
Sunday, February 4, 2024 10:45 a.m.

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

RINGING OF THE BELL

ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOYS AND CONCERNS

If you cannot hear the details of the joys or concerns and want to know more, please speak to the individual sharing the concern after worship.

PRELUDE:

**Those who are able, please stand.*

*** OPENING HYMN**

No.

*** SOLEMN DECLARATION**

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

NO. 42

“Seek Ye First”

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness,
And all these things shall be added unto you
Alle-lu, a- le- lu- ia!

Ask and it shall be given unto you, Seek and ye shall find,
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you
Alle-lu, a- le- lu- ia!

INVOCATION (ALL)

Powerful God, before whom we are nothing, we dare to approach you because you assure us that we are not mere grasshoppers to you. Our individual potential is not hidden from you, and the faithfulness of your church is important to

you. We have gathered with great expectation, seeking to our hope restored. Make yourself known among us as we unite in your praise. Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION (PASTOR)

Come away from your pretensions to examine your relationship with God. Break away from your illusions of independence to realize your responsibility in the church. Claim your unity in Christ with all God's children. Then realize how much you need to confess brokenness and seek healing.

(Moment of Silent Prayer)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (ALL)

Who are we to claim equality with you, Ruler of all worlds? Yet we try to order you around when it is we who should be taking orders. At times, we act as if we can get along without you. In our church, we often pretend that we don't need other congregations. We hoard the gospel as if it were our possession, and thus we do not follow its mandates. We bend your law to our own whims and then excuse our disobedience. Forgive us, God. We are not worthy to carry the name of Christ. Restore us to yourself we pray. Amen.

KYRIE

Pastor: Lord, have mercy upon us.

People: Lord, have mercy upon us.

Pastor: Christ, have mercy upon us.

People: Christ, have mercy upon us.

Pastor: Lord, have mercy upon us.

People: Lord, have mercy upon

* ASSURANCE OF PARDON (PASTOR)

God calls each of us by name. Every community of faith is known to God, whose understanding is unlimited. The One who knows our hearts is eager to forgive the truly penitent and to empower those who have grown weary. Your strength is being renewed in these moments. You will mount up with wings like eagles. You will run and not be weary. You will walk and not faint. Praise God!

“Gloria Patri”

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,
World without end, Amen.

* APOSTLES CREED

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of
heaven and earth:**

**And in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; who was
conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin
Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified,
dead, and buried; He descended into hades; the
third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended
into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God,
the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to
judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian
church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of
sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life**

Installation of Consistory Members

Pastor: Grace, mercy and peace to you from Jesus Christ,
the head of the church in heaven and earth.

**People: To God be the glory in the church and in
Christ Jesus to all generations, for ever and ever.
Amen.**

Pastor: Affirmation of ministry is the act whereby a local
church of the United Church of Christ recognizes the diverse
gifts of its members and celebrates the particular ministry of
each person in the life of the church or in various settings in
the life of the world. There are different kinds of spiritual
gifts, but the same spirit gives them.

**People: There are different ways of serving, but
the same God is served.**

Pastor: There are different abilities to perform service, but the same God gives us ability to each of us for our particular service.

People: The Spirit's presence is shown in some way in each person for the good of all.

Pastor: Christ is like a single body, which has many parts.

People: It is still one body even though it is made up of many parts.

Pastor: If one part of the body suffers, all the other parts suffer with it; if one part is praised all the other parts share its happiness.

People: All of us are Christ's body, and each one is a part of it.

Presentation

Elder Diane Yarbrough, Deacons Becky Burger and Terry Wayland.

Pastor: These people have been called by God, in accordance with the faith and order of this church, to serve among us. They have accepted their call and are before us in witness to their willingness to serve.

Pastor: (addressing new Consistory members)

Sisters and brothers in Christ, it is an honor to be entrusted with responsibility for particular service in the ministry of the church, whether gathered or scattered.

Having prayerfully considered the duties and responsibilities of your ministry, are you prepared to serve with the help of God in Christ's name and for the glory of god?

Individuals: I am.

Pastor: Do you promise to exercise your ministry diligently and faithfully, showing forth the love of Christ?

Individuals: I do, relying on God's grace.

Pastor: Members of this household of faith, you have heard the promises of our brothers and sisters in Christ who have answered God's call to service. Let us affirm our intention to live in covenant with them. Will those who are rise and witness to the commitment we now make?

***People: WE gather in celebration of the joy that is ours to be partners with you in the service of Jesus.**

Christ. We promise to love you, honor your leadership and assist you that together we may be a faithful church of Jesus Christ.

Laying on of Hands (kneeling) Elders may come up

Pastor: The laying on of hands is the symbolic act whereby the church in every age recognizes God's call to ministry in the lives of faithful women and men and asks the Holy Spirit to confer upon them the gifts of ministry.

We lay hands upon you **Becky Burger, Terry Wayland** for the position of **deacon**. We lay hands upon you **Diane Yarbrough** for the position of elder.

Pastor: May the Holy Spirit strengthen you for the ministry of **deacon and elder** in Christ's church and equip you with everything good to do God's will. Receive authority to execute the office of **deacon and elder** in the name of Christ.

Candidates may stand

Prayer

Eternal God, you have called these people to serve you in this household of faith and in the world, which you have entrusted to our care and keeping. Send your Holy Spirit on them that they may serve among us with honor and faithfulness. Help them to be diligent in their duties that your church may prosper in the mission you place before it. May their example prove worthy for all of us to follow, as we are united in Christ's ministry, to the glory of your name.

People: Amen.

COLLECT

CURT MICHENER

Psalm 147: 1-11, 20c

1 Corinthians 9: 16-23

Mark 1: 29-39

SERMON: Imagine

* SERMON HYMN

No.

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (ALL)

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

* OFFERTORY RESPONSE

No. 625

“Doxology”

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below,
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION (ALL)

Thank you God, for showing us a better way to live than we are able to devise for ourselves. Thank you for reaching out to win our hearts. Thank you for Jesus Christ, for the ministry that extended your love to the least and the lost, for the powerful presence that offered wholeness to those who were sick or brokenhearted, for the prayers that demonstrated how we, too, can be in communion with you. In gratitude, we dedicate this offering. Amen.

*BENEDICTION

*FOURFOLD AMEN

*RECESSIONAL HYMN

No.

We carry the light of Christ into the world.

* POSTLUDE



Welcome to Heidelberg!

It is a pleasure to have you with us, and we hope your worship experience with us is meaningful. If you are a visitor, please see an usher for a “Welcome” packet if you did not already receive one. We want to get to know you!

*** * A N N O U N C E M E N T S * ***

The **Live Stream Sponsorship** for February is given by **Becky and Russ Burger** in celebration of their 55th wedding anniversary.

There are extra 2024 Directory on the table in the Narthex.

The **Flower, Bulletin and Live Streaming Charts** are up on the bulletin board for 2024 sign ups.

If we have **no sponsor** for flowers we will cancel the order for that week.

We now have a bookcase in the Narthex it is a **Lending Library**. If you have any books you would like to donate. Please add them to the shelf.

Communitas newsletter is available online at PSEC.org under the "Events & News" heading.

Dates:

Tuesday February 6: NO Membership/Stewardship Meeting

Tuesday February 13: Consistory 10am

**Wednesday February 14: Valentine's Day
Ash Wednesday Service 7:30pm**

Thursday February 15: Prayer Shawl 1-3pm

Sunday February 18: 1st Sunday In Lent/ Holy Communion, Children's Sunday School 9:30 am

Tuesday February 20: Worship Meeting 1:30pm

**Wednesday February 21: Community Lentin
Worship at Hatfield Church of the Brethren 7:30pm**

Wednesday Night Lenten Worship 7:30pm

Date	Host church		Preaching	Sermon focus	
Feb 21	Hatfield Church of the Brethren		Rev. Nancy Raabe (Grace)	"Ears"	
Feb 28	Grace Lutheran, ELCA		Rev. Adam Roberts (Emmanuel EC)	"Mouth"	
March 6	St. Maria Goretti Parish		Pr. Lynne Allebach (Brethren)	"Hands"	
March 13	Emmanuel Evangelical Church		Rev. Robert Tufton (Holy Spirit)	"Knees"	
March 20	Heidelberg UCC		Deacon Stephen Vondercrone (Maria Goretti)	"Feet"	

MEMBERSWHO NEED OUR PRAYERS

Jan Kachinsky	Andrea Smith	Donna Brown
Julie Moser	Nancy Stewart	Frank & Lois Wonder
Matt Moser	Sharon Polukis	Donna & Bill Henry
Scott Moser	Clara Haines	Lin Michener Family
Don Ryan	Donna Crawford	Peggy Michener Family
Diane Pierson	Betsy Thomas	Rose Kriebel Family
Virginia Fritsch	Carli Snyder	Michael Snyder
Kevin Kriebel	Randy Reiff	Annette Watson Family
Jodie Vogtman		Fred Capanna

THOSE WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS:

George Harpel Family
 Patty Rash (Baack)
 Logan Snyder (Lersch)
 Jennifer Wonder (Wonder)
 Susan Keyser (Martin)
 Eileen Ockenhouse (Lersch)
 Karen Baack (Joan's daughter)
 Nancy Lindsay (Burger)
 The Pray Family (Ryan)
 Kim Morgan (Smith)
 Peg Harvey & Family
 Phyllis Goshow (Kriebel)
 Jeffrey Moyer (Kriebel)
 Kimberly Peterson (Haines)
 Howard Welsh (Micheners)
 Rita Brown (Kriebel)
 Mark Werner (Smith)
 Anita Michelow (Smith)
 Andrea Cruise (Ryan)
 Dottie Duke (Kriebel)
 Ken Yearick (Henry)
 Robert Polukis Jr (Polukis)
 Jonathan Polukis (Polukis)
 Gerri Nelson
 Joseph Stassen
 Luca Harp (Yarbrough)
 Dan & Sharon Watter (Yarbrough)
 Charles Berry Family

Dorene Bobb (Camuso)
 Nicole Yearick Fluck (Henry)
 Maryanne Fornari (Baack)
 The Smith Family (Ryan)
 Rita Proud (Paskill)
 Allison Burdick (Michener)
 Debra Martin (Kriebel)
 Valerie Yabut (Clipsham)
 Salem Yabut (Clipsham)
 Megan Sullivan (Clipsham)
 Hazel Kriebel (Greg Kriebel)
 Raymond Martin (Kachinsky)
 Joan Heller
 Bill Fowlkes (Michener)
 Brian Rose (Wonder)
 Marie Kachinsky(Kachinsky)
 Carole Saks(Krum)
 Bob Moser Family (Moser)
 Charles Robinson Family (Pierson)
 Tiffany Collier(Kachinsky)
 Bonnie Moser(Moser)
 Charlene Scott (Barron)
 Carilyn Moe (Michener)
 Charles (Chuck) Neely Family
 (Galaletta)
 Captain Mathew Statuti (Polukis)

CHURCH HELD AA MEETING SCHEDULE 2023

Fridays 6-7pm (Closed Women only)

Every weekday from 10 to 11 am (Open Mixed)

Monday Evening 7:45 to 8:45 pm (Open Mixed)

Thursday Evening 8 to 9 pm (Open Mixed))

The two groups asked if we could put an announcement in our bulletins that these groups are meeting with an invitation for anyone who would like to attend.

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

coffee

sugar/ flour

canned fruit

canned pasta

applesauce

pancake syrup

tuna in OIL

peanut butter

jelly

pasta

sauce

soup

mayo

cereal

13-gal. kitchen trash bags

wet wipes (reg/baby)

laundry detergent

shampoo/ conditioner

body wash

tissues

DONATIONS FOR THE FOOD PANTRY CAN BE BROUGHT IN ANYTIME. THERE IS A CUPBOARD/TABLE IN THE REAR OF THE NARTHEX NEAR THE BELL. THANK YOU TO ALL WHO DONATE.

Pastor's Office Hours
Monday Day Off
Tuesday 1-4, 6-9
Thursday 11 -3

And Other Times As Needed- Please call pastor's cell 610-715- 7984 to set up a time that suits your schedule

Attendance: 1/28/24:33In House,54Live Stream

Weekly Offering Record Year 2024			
Offering For: 1/28/24	Amount	YTD Received	YTD Required/ Purpose
General Fund	\$5754.00	\$13,780.57	\$ 3400./week (Req'd to meet Budget)
MMI	\$516.00	\$650.00	\$ 1,000/ month added to Gen Fd. (If Available)
OCWM	\$166.00	\$315.00	\$575. (Req'd to meet goal of \$6,000/year, \$115/wk.)

CHOIR PRACTICE SCHEDULE

Feb. 4 practice after worship

Feb. 11 meet in choir room at 10:20, we will sing "From Generation to Generation" during worship.

Feb. 14 Ash Wednesday Service. we will sing "Ashes to Ashes". Meet at 7:00 pm in the choir room to practice

Feb. 18 practice after worship

Feb. 25 practice after worship

March 3 practice after worship

March 10 practice after worship

March 17 if needed practice after worship

March 24 if needed practice after worship

March 28 sing "Dona Nobis Pachem" (time TBA)

Al, will sing "Were You There?"