

## Our Mission Statement

First Congregational United Church of Christ, as an inclusive and caring Christian community, welcomes into its full life and ministry persons of every race, ethnic background, gender identity and expression, sexual orientation, marital status, criminal history and faith background, as we serve those within our church family, the community and the world in the name of Jesus Christ. We celebrate each person's uniqueness and look forward to the gifts they bring to us.



*First Congregational*  
**UNITED CHURCH  
OF CHRIST**  
*An Open and Affirming Congregation*

April 7, 2019

10:00 a.m.

## Getting Started at FCUCC



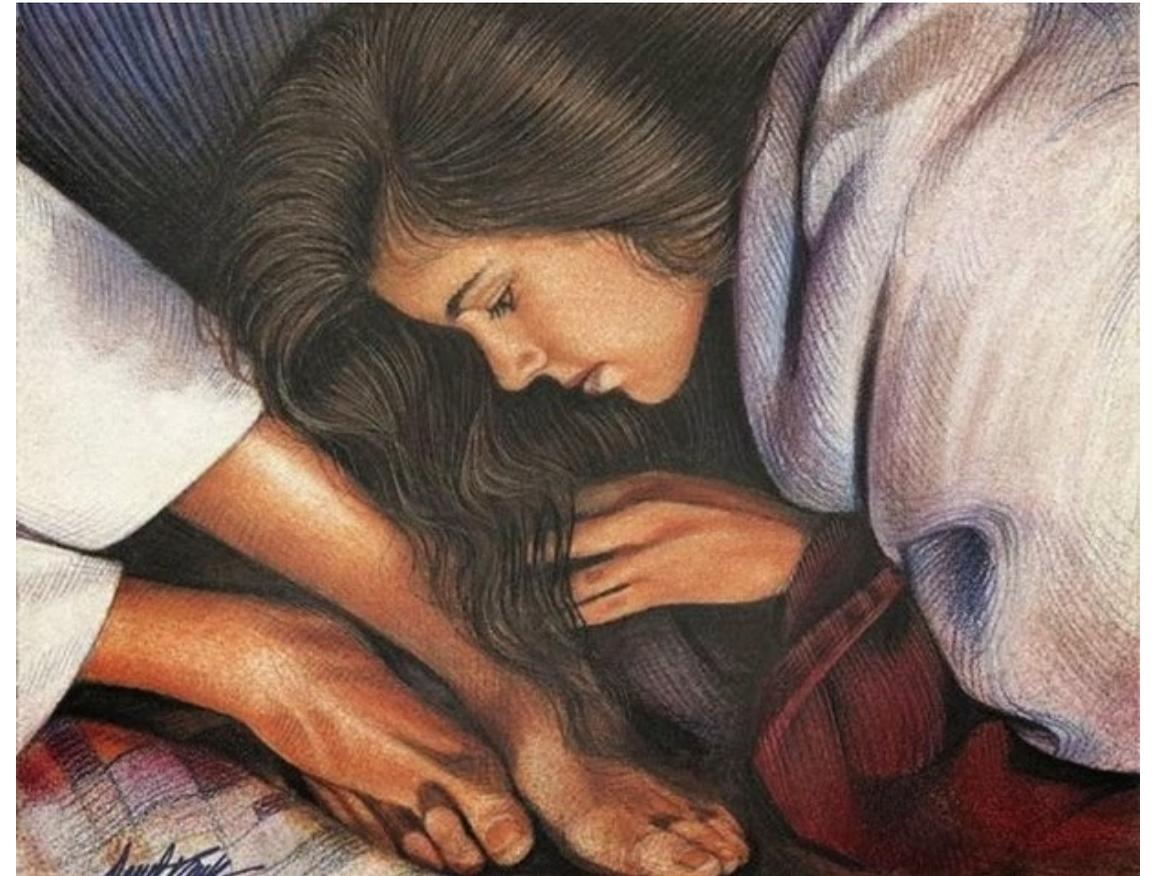
Pastor Deb offers a Welcoming Class quarterly; the next class will be Sunday, **April 28**, following worship. The class is for those who are new to our congregation and want to find out more about our church and the United Church of Christ, and for those who wish to officially join our church family. Questions? Contact Pastor Deb at 260-665-9362.

## Our Staff

Reverend Deb Davis, *minister*  
Rita Lechleidner, *licensed minister*  
David Grim, LM, *seminary intern*  
Lynn Syler, *music director*  
John Curtis, *pianist*  
Jeanine Samuelson, *pianist*  
Brad Crossland, *percussionist*  
Donna Daeger, *child care*  
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# Love Poured Out

# Order of Worship

Fifth Sunday in Lent

April 7, 2019

Liturgical Color: Violet

*\*You are invited to stand.*

Ring the Bell>Welcome

Prelude

*"Prelude No. 3 in D Minor"*

Catherine Rollin

Call to Worship

*Friends, Sisters and Brothers, we have come into this sacred space to worship,  
Yet sacred space is often hard to find.*

***Carved from our hearts there is a place where Jesus lay.***

***Carved from our hearts there is a place where Jesus still may rise.***

*Sometimes sacred space is something entirely new.*

***Invite us O God, like uncharted seas.***

*Gifts of old, hopes of new. Sacredness is how we worship through.*

***We take a chance today within this space. Come let us worship together,***

***In the beauty of holiness, in spirit and in truth. Amen.***

\* Hymn

*"In This Very Room"*

No. 295

Gathering Prayer

Prayer of Reconciliation/Assurance of Pardon

**O God, Jesus had many friends and disciples, some who would betray him, some who would deny him, some who would lavish him with exorbitant gifts and perfumes. Yet for better or worse Jesus loved them all. Teach us this day to love with gestures like Jesus. Teach us to accept the loving gestures of others. And in this time of silence inspire us back toward one another in your way of forgiveness.**

Sung Response

*"I Will Change Your Name"*

Special Music

*"Come to the Table, Come to the Lord"*

Fair/Martin

Youth Storytime

Marj Lilley

Following Youth Storytime, youth may go downstairs to Sunday school or remain in worship; five years and below may also choose to go to the childcare room down the main hallway.

Morning Prayers/Savior's Prayer

**Our Father/Mother/Creator, 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 sins/trespases/debts**

**as we forgive those who sin against us/as we forgive those who trespass against us/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.**

Sharing of Gifts/Offertory

*"Poured Out for You"*

Austin North

\* Doxology

**Refreshed by living waters, renewed by living bread,**

**may we, your sons and daughters, by your own hand be led.**

**Accept the gifts we offer; receive the lives we owe.**

**Unite us in your service; may seeds of justice grow!**

\* Prayer of Dedication

**Generous God, in this moment we share our abundance with joy. May this offering exude**

**the fragrance of being cherished and cherishing in return. Amen.**

Hebrew Bible Reading

Isaiah 43:16-21

Gospel Reading

John 12:1-8

Morning Meditation

*"Love Poured Out"*

Reverend Deb Davis

Period of Quiet Reflection

## Celebration of Holy Communion

\* Hymn

*"An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare"*

No. 385

Invitation to the table

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

Sharing the Elements

*"Sanctuary"*

*Screen*

Commission

\* Hymn

*"Ours the Journey"*

No. 458

\* Unison Blessing and Benediction

God is about to do a new thing!

***God is making a way in the wilderness!***

Be blessed. Feel, see, touch, smell

God's great love for us now and always. Amen.

\* Postlude

*"Morning Litany"*

Lani Smith



## Mission Opportunities

**Cahoots Teen Coffee House** - This coffeehouse is located at 218 W. Maumee St. and provides a safe place for youth to "hang out" and fill their time with fun and healthy activities. On the weekend, Cahoots hosts a free open-mic night to all musicians, unless they've scheduled a concert featuring touring musicians! Cahoots has a full line of coffee beverages, lunch and snacks. Volunteers from our church include: Marj Lilley and Liz Andres, board members; Lauralee MacLeod, mentoring program; and Bun Mayer, kitchen. Come grab a cup of coffee or visit [cahootscoffeecafe.com](http://cahootscoffeecafe.com) for more information!

**JOIN US AT CAHOOTS**  
on May 19 for a "Kick-Off to Summer" brunch fundraiser!  
(9 a.m. to 1 p.m.)

**Mason House of Hope** - The site of the CHOICE Program, which offers post-high school training to special-needs young adults through the Northeast Special Education Co-Op.

**Faith Community Health Clinic** - Open on the first, third and fourth Wednesday evenings from 4 to 8 p.m., this community clinic is located at Holy Family Episcopal Church. The clinic's director is our own Dr. Teresa Smith, supported by many volunteers from our church and others. The clinic offers medical care to those who are uninsured in our community.



## Ways You Can Help

**Andy Boneff** needs a ride each week to Betz Nursing Home on the north edge of Auburn to visit his mother and brother who are both living there. If you can help, please call the church office or add your name to the sign-up sheet on the Information Table.

## Opportunity to Donate to FCUCC Now!

Scan this QR code with your smart phone to donate via PayPal.

There is also a donate button on our website: [angolaucc.org](http://angolaucc.org)



Android phones may need a free QR code reader app from the Google Play store.

iPhones have a QR code reader in the built-in Wallet app.

## Welcome Visitors!

We are glad you are here!

Please pick up one of the "Please Return" visitor's packets that are located on the Information Table at the east entrance and in the vestibule of the main entrance.

*Join us downstairs following worship for refreshments and conversation!*

Questions about the church? Call Pastor Deb at 260-665-9362

Visit our website at [AngolaUCC.org](http://AngolaUCC.org) Like us on Facebook!

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## Today at FCUCC

Those participating in this morning's service include: usher, **Bruce Andres**; greeters, **Marge Mueller** and **Rita Lechleidner**; youth storytime, **Marj Lilley**; liturgist, **Marty Diller**; special music: **Chancel Choir** under the direction of **Lynn Syler**; pianists, **John Curtis** and **Jeanine Samuelson**; guitarist, **George Weller**; percussionist, **Brad Crossland**; offering counter; **Gary VandenElst**; seminary intern, **David Grim, LM**; and our pastor: **Reverend Deb Davis**.

- Thanks to **Kim Couch** and **Marge Stoudinger** for this morning's refreshments.
- The **childcare room** is available today, for children five and below, down the main hallway; children are also welcome to stay in worship. There are **activity bags** for children to use during worship located in the entrance to the sanctuary.
- Printed copies of **past sermons** are located on a windowsill at the back of the sanctuary; **CDs** of the past four Sunday worship services are on the Information Table. Sermon texts and videos are also available on our website: [angolaucc.org](http://angolaucc.org).

## Basket Offering



Our Basket Offering this week will go to **Cahoots**, our teen coffeehouse mission. Toss your dollars in the baskets, which are located at the exits of the sanctuary. Thanks!

## Upcoming Events

April 7 - Immigration Discussion	11:30 a.m.	Community Room
April 18 - Maundy Thursday Service	7:00 p.m.	Sanctuary
April 19 - Community Good Friday Service	12 noon	Sanctuary
April 21 - Sunrise Service	7:00 p.m.	Ball Lake
April 21 - Easter Pancake Breakfast	8:30 a.m.	Fellowship Hall
April 21 - Easter Worship	10:00 a.m.	Sanctuary

## TU Book Give-a-Way



Trine University is once again collecting books for its annual Book Night on Wednesday, April 17. If you have books to donate, please place them on the bench across from Pastor Deb's office. The event is free and open to the public and is from 5-9 p.m. in the James University Center mall. The evening will also include refreshments and poetry readings throughout the evening, as well as drawings for literary-themed gift baskets.

## Immigration Discussion

Today we will gather following worship to complete our discussion of the book, *Welcoming the Stranger: Justice, Compassion and Truth in the Immigration Debate*, by Matthew Soerens and Jenny Yang.



## Thursday Evening Opportunities



This Thursday, David's group will have a *WordHouse* discussion at Cahoots.. The next week, April 18, there will be no Thursday group due to Maundy Thursday worship.

## Holy Week Services

Join us during Holy Week for Maundy Thursday worship at 7 p.m. April 18 and the Community Good Friday worship at noon on April 19 in our sanctuary.



## This Week at FCUCC: April 7 - 14

<b>Today</b>	<b>10:15 a.m.</b> <b>11:15 a.m.</b> <b>11:30 a.m.</b> <b>6:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Youth Sunday School</b> <b>Coffee Hour</b> <b>Immigration Discussion</b> <b>Narcotics Anonymous</b>	<b>Classrooms</b> <b>Fellowship Hall</b> <b>Community Room</b> <b>Fellowship Hall</b>
M-F	8:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m.	CHOICE Alcoholics Anonymous	Mason House Fellowship Hall
M-TH	<b>3:15 p.m.</b>	<b>CONNECT</b>	<b>Classrooms</b>
Monday	7:30 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Fellowship Hall
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>12 noon</b> <b>2:00 p.m.</b> <b>7:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Soup &amp; Scripture</b> <b>Women's Book Club</b> <b>AA/Al-Anon</b>	<b>Cahoots</b> <b>Pastor Deb's office</b> <b>Fellowship Hall</b>
Wednesday	8:00 a.m. 7:30 p.m.	No-Book Book Club Narcotics Anonymous	Bob Evans Fellowship Hall
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>	<b>David Grim/WordHouse</b>	<b>Cahoots</b>
Friday	7:30 p.m.	Alcoholics Anonymous	Fellowship Hall
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b> <b>10:15 a.m.</b> <b>11:15 a.m.</b> <b>11:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Palm Sunday Worship</b> <b>Youth Sunday School</b> <b>Coffee Hour</b> <b>Council meets</b>	<b>Sanctuary</b> <b>Classrooms</b> <b>Fellowship Hall</b> <b>Community Room</b>

## May 5 Birthday Celebration!



On Sunday, May 5, we will celebrate our 150th anniversary as a congregation! Conference minister, the Reverend Chad Abbott, will be with us for the celebration and will be preaching during our morning worship. Following worship and lunch, we will have 150 "cupcakes on the lawn" so the entire community can come by and help us celebrate!

We will also be making 150 banners to hang around the church on that weekend and we will be giving each child who comes a new or gently used book to keep. David Synder is building a "Little Library" which will be in our front yard permanently ... always filled with books for children to borrow.

There will also be a special activity for our children and youth!

