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CELEBRATE THE LOVE!  
CELEBRATE THE JOY!

Rev. Darrin Harvey  
Minister

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*The*  
**VISITOR**

**SUNDAY SERVICES**

**Sunday School**

9:00 a.m.

**Worship Service**

10:00 a.m.

**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**

Monday ~ Thursday

9:00 a.m. ~ 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. ~ 4:00 p.m.

Friday

9:00 a.m. ~ 12:00 p.m.





The so-called “dog days” of summer are here and it is usually a time when a certain amount of doldrum sets in. School is not yet here and many families take this opportunity to get in that last vacation trip before things return to a “normal” and/or “busy” existence.

Churches are no different as we, by osmosis, adopt the manner of our culture around us.

The scriptures we have been looking at in worship however, can be interpreted to tell us that that there is no time like the present to make changes, do the work of the kingdom or keep fanning the flames. We are to resist complacency lest we be caught unprepared or let issues turn into unsurmountable problems, which can be easy to do at a church.

We are behind in our projected giving so far for this year by a significant amount as our giving from week to week has diminished from where it was last year. Part of the reason, not completely, but partially, our giving to the general fund is down is because we are also raising money to pay for our organ restoration. There are other reasons that have to do with circumstances beyond our control, of course. These are reasons that almost every church in North America is facing. We can either lament these changes that are happening or do something about it.

Our budget is a statement that reflects our values and mission, and it is an open document developed in a process that is transparent and voted on by our entire community of faith. This makes it a commitment, a covenant that we keep with each other and to God. Our church has a long history of support for its community and world that makes a difference. If we wish to continue the footprint that we have nurtured, we need your support to continue to make it happen.

I hope that you are excited by what is going on at our church, our direction, our worship, our ministries, our projects and the difference we are making in people’s lives. We face a bit of a crossroads in our church. Should our shortfall continue, our footprint and effectiveness in what we are able to do and support will diminish. The time to address this is now, before it gets to be a bigger

We are, I believe, still in a position to do something about it.

Unlike many congregations, we do not have a “stewardship drive” or specific “stewardship committee.” Our finance committee has been communicating our income in our bulletin and newsletter, sometimes with short messages accompanying them, but that is all. We don’t talk much about money. I don’t like to and I am uncomfortable doing so in writing this letter, but perhaps it’s time to tackle this issue.

We ask that you prayerfully consider your donation to our congregation. If you find meaning, comfort, encouragement and believe in our mission and what we do here, we ask for your continued, and perhaps increased, support to our covenantal obligations.

God Bless you and your Families,  
Pastor Darrin



### Worship in August

Saturday Night Alive continues outside at 5pm on Saturdays.

**August 6<sup>th</sup>** – Communion: The Seventh Letter to the Churches; Revelation 3: 14-22

**August 13<sup>th</sup>** – Psalm 1; “The God-Centered Life”

**August 20<sup>th</sup>** – Psalm 73; “Equipped to Resist”

**August 27<sup>th</sup>** – Psalm 90; “Throwing Ourselves onto God’s Compassion”

**September 3<sup>rd</sup>** – Psalm 148; “The Cosmic Congregation”

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### Ministry at Magnolia

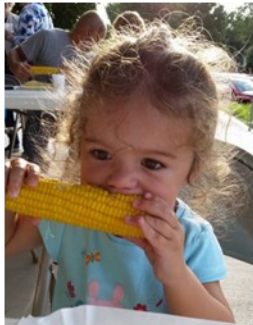
Bible Study on Tuesdays, August 1<sup>st</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> at 10am

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# Corn Roast August 16, 2017

Join us at 6PM in the pavilion.

## Corn



## Hot Dogs



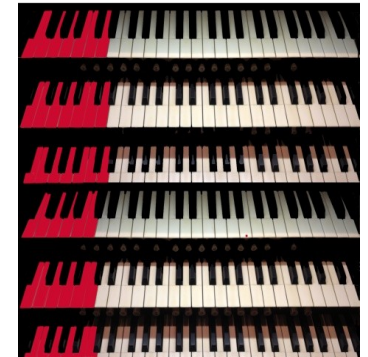
## Donuts



### YARD SALE!

Notice! 1st UCC will be having a HUGE yard sale in connection with the Lincoln Highway Coast to Coast yard sale August 10th, 11th & 12th. Bring your items & volunteer hours! Call the office for drop off information. Yard sale benefits the Organ Fund.

## Organ Repair Payoff



The Sterrett Fund will contribute \$48,000 over four years. We need to fill the keys to get the rest. \$21,285 has been donated through July 25.

The colored in keyboard on the right is to represent the progress in paying for our organ repair. Every \$500 fills a key, and when all keyboards from bass to treble are filled we will be "paid off." Contributions of all sizes are appreciated. If your contribution is in honor or memory of someone, indicate that. We will honor those people on our wall.

So far keys have been dedicated in memory/honor of:

**Jo & David Bosh**  
**Alesta & Herman Christman**  
**Mary L. Court**  
**David Curfman**  
**The Goldsmith Family**  
**Donna L. Miller**  
**Cloyd & Mildred Rhinehart**  
**Don & Dorothy Rhinehart**  
**Susan Ritzhaupt**  
**Robert (Bob) Ruth**  
**Chuck & Linda Swick**  
**Jack and Jerry Winters**

**HEARTFELT THANKS**

To all the women who helped in any way to prepare the food for Dan's Memorial luncheon,

Thank you all so much for your always delicious luncheon and thank you for your time and all the work involved.

We appreciate all of you!

Love and Blessings,

Ruth Ritchey & family



1st UCC extends sympathy to the family of Carolyn Opperman. Carolyn passed away on June 30, 2017. Please keep her family in your thoughts and prayers.

1st UCC extends sympathy to the family of Charles Looker. Charles passed away on July 1, 2017. Please keep his family in your thoughts and prayers.

1st UCC extends sympathy to the family of Dan Ritchey. Dan passed away on July 3, 2017. Please keep his family in your thoughts and prayers.



**HOSPITALIZATIONS**

None to report

If you are hospitalized, it is very important that you (or a family member) inform the church office. Remember, hospitals can no longer provide us with this information. Please call 419-468-4380.

**CHOIR NEWS!**

It's time for Bell Choir and Senior Choir members to begin thinking about the new year ahead of us. **Choir practices will begin on Wednesday, September 6th.** The bells will practice at 6:30 pm followed by the senior choir at 7:30 pm. Anyone who loves music is invited to join us. We always welcome new members, as well as the "seasoned" members! There is room for more bell ringers as well as tenors, basses, altos and sopranos. Please join us!

**YOUTH CHOIR**

Youth Choir practice is beginning **September 10th at 9:00 a.m.** Mrs. Jenny Arbaugh is excited to get the "singing season" started!!! We would love to have more children involved in this wonderful program. Practice will be held on the 2nd and 4th Sunday from 9am-9:30am. If your child is interested, please call the church office for more details at 419-468-4380.



### **ALTAR FLOWERS**

Please sign the "Flower Chart" on the bulletin board outside the church office. Let the office know what florist is to make the delivery.

### **RADIO BROADCASTS**

The cost is \$70.00 per broadcast. Please sign the chart posted on the bulletin board outside the church office. Listen on WBCO 107.5FM on Sunday from 9:00 am-10:00 am.

### **PRAYER CHAIN**

For prayer requests, please call Nancy Green at 419-468-3296 or the office at 468-4380.

### **FOOD PANTRY**

Spaghetti, spaghetti sauce, canned vegetables, pastas, paper products, cleaning supplies, and personal care products are needed. There are containers at both entrances to the sanctuary.

### **VISITATION MINISTRY**

The Visitation Ministry ministers to our shut-in members who are physically unable to attend church. If you are interested in making visits, or if you need a visit, please contact the church office(419-468-4380).

### **CARING CORNER**

We continue to have cards to sign in the Caring Corner. If you know of any member, friend or relative who could benefit from visits or cards, please let the office know! Also, please continue to fill the pull tab jar. Little things mean a lot so save those tabs for the Ronald McDonald House!



### **SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM**

During the month of July, First Church participated in the community lunch program for the children in our community that might not get a lunch otherwise. This year we had more participants in this program than the year before at the four locations of East Park, Libby Lane, Galion Arms and Heise Park. Thanks to the generosity of our church family that donated money or new and gently used books, we passed out over 400 books to these children as well. The Mission Committee would like to thank everyone that donated books or money and the volunteers that help at each location. Thanks to Debbie Jeffers, Lynne Goldsmith, Alan and Jeri Mularski, Brenda Neal, Audrey Mattox, Adair and Dominic Pittman, Miriam Shifley, Ellie Hocker, Linda Swick and Wendy and Amanda Harvey.

### **CHRISTMAS IN JULY**

Thank you for your generous support of the Veterans of the Cross Christmas Fund which we celebrated in July. This mission assists retired ministers and Christian educators with extra needs they may have after retirement. We will be sending \$560 to support this cause.

### **PICNIC FOR THE PANTRY**

During the month of August we will be collecting taxable and non taxable items for the Cooperative Christian Service of Galion food pantry. Look for the grocery cart outside the sanctuary or pavilion to place your item. This time of year many of their shelves are getting low so let's help to fill them up!

\*\*\*\*\*Missions continued on the next page\*\*\*\*\*

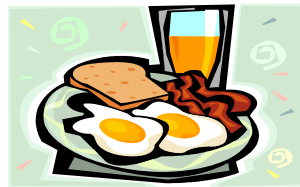
# MISSIONS Report

## STUFF THE BUS

Did you know that many of our school age children come to school without one of the basics of life, underwear and socks? This year we will be stuffing the bus with these items. Children come in all shapes and sizes so it is not important to pick a special size. As always, if you are too busy to shop or don't have the time, the Mission Committee will be happy to do the shopping for you. Let's help give these kids a good start to the school year!

## COMMUNITY BREAKFAST UPDATE

This month's Community Breakfast will be August 27th from 8 am-10 am. We will be serving French toast bake, fruit, coffee & juices. There is a food donation sign up sheet on the office window. Busy? Don't like to shop? Cash donations are greatly appreciated. Just drop your envelope in the offering plate and mark it "Community Breakfast." Spread the word! EVERYONE IS WELCOME!! We served 33 people from our community last month.



## VBS

Thank you to all who supported this year's Vacation Bible School. We could not have done it without your generosity! A HUGE thank you to the VBS volunteers: Rev. Darrin Harvey, Adair Pittman, Doug Court, Deb Jeffers, Maggie Sulser, Anna Court, Ellie Hocker, Dominic Pittman & Douglas Harvey! We hosted 17 children from the community and they all had a wonderful experience.

## FAIRHAVEN NEWS

### Fairhaven Community Harvest Fest

Thursday, Sept. 28, 2017

10:00am - 2:00pm

The Fairhaven Volunteer Service Group will again be holding their Harvest Fest this fall.

Lunch will be served from 11:00am-1:00pm with homemade soups, sandwiches, and sides donated by several UCC churches in the area. Besides lunch, there will be a bake sale, treasures old and new, produce, and a silent auction.

Music will be provided.

First Church Galion will be providing the potato salad and six pies. We could use your help.

We need pie bakers and items to be used in the silent auction.

Many thanks to First Church Volunteers who faithfully attend the monthly meetings and plan activities for the residents.

If you can help in any way, please contact Marcy Miller  
(740)-360-4627

**Fairhaven Community  
Volunteer Service Group**

**July 17, 2017**

The July meeting was opened by President Jan Young.

Devotions were given by Baseline St. John's.

Roll Call was: Volunteers – 22, Staff – 4.

Minutes of the June meeting were read and approved.

Communication: A Thank You card was received from Lori Marsh and another from Kara Orians for the Wishlist items donated by the group.

Treasury Balance - \$502.95.

Gift Shop - \$2,796.92.

Bingo Cup - \$20.50.

**Old/New Business:**

The Harvest Festival was discussed: Jan confirmed that the quilt club will be donating table runners, place mats, table decorations, and pillow cases for the Harvest Fest. Marcie went over the finalized list of who was doing what and all but one church has been confirmed.

Concerning the quilt items, it was decided that, instead of offering these items in the silent auction, they would be offered separately at a stated amount per type of item. The suggested price will be obtained from the quilt club. Becky Blocksom will check on someone to lead tours of the facility. She shared tentative flyers to be utilized for the event sharing the fact that this is the 37<sup>th</sup> annual Harvest Fest. Becky will provide music to be played in the background during the event and also sing a couple of songs.

**Staff:**

Lori Marsh shared that the renovations at Fairhaven will be wrapping up this week, thus ending a three year process. Also, Thursday is Lunch and Learn from 10:30 to 12.

Kara Orians shared some of the upcoming resident activities, including Cork and Canvas with the residents at 2pm on July 24<sup>th</sup>, picnic at Stepping Stone Park on July 25<sup>th</sup>, Swinging Door Band at 6pm on July 27<sup>th</sup>, a quilt show at 2pm on the Sun Porch on August 8<sup>th</sup>, and a jazz band in the auditorium at 3pm on August 9. Anyone is welcome to attend these events.

She is also looking for volunteers to lead a small group activity on weekends.

Alyssa Clouse thanked all who attended the Donor Appreciation Dinner. There will be another dinner coming in the future as a thank you for those involved with assisting with low income housing and honoring Marion First for their work in this area. Plus, as a thank you to the group, she gave all a four card packet of cards featuring the chapel's stained glass window, with the balance of the cards being available in the gift shop.

Becky Blocksom shared that a Resident Ambassador Committee has been established where the current residents will meet and welcome new residents. Also, the OMA show was a great success.

Becky closed the meeting with "The Way" and prayer.

Next meeting will be August 21<sup>st</sup>. Devotions will be given by Galion First. Lunch will be a potluck.

The pie list is: Marlene McDaniels, Carol Moran, Mary Louise Diebler, Lillian Hartschuh, Jeannine Stucky, and Jan Young.

The next Volunteer Service Group meeting at Fairhaven will be held on August 21st at the regular time. And, a potluck, as previously scheduled, will be held following the meeting. However, there will be no resident's bingo held following the potluck. Instead, Kara Orians has scheduled a residents "Eclipse Party" to be held on the sun porch at 2pm. Anyone wishing to stay is welcome. It is requested that everyone who offered to bring a pie still do so. The service group will cut the pies following their meeting/potluck and they will be used at the "Eclipse Party."



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 9:00am WIC 10:00am Bible Study	2 8:00am WIC	3 <b>7:00pm Finance</b>	4 8:00am WIC	5 5:00pm Sat. Night Alive
6 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship 1:30pm Magnolia Terrace Worship	7	8 8:00am Head Start <b>7:00pm Consistory</b>	9 8:00am WIC	10 YARD SALE	11 YARD SALE	12 YARD SALE 5:00pm Sat. Night Alive
13 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship	14	15 10:00am Bible Study	16 8:00am WIC 6:00pm Corn Roast	17	18 8:00am WIC	19 5:00pm Sat. Night Alive
20 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship	21	22 <b>7:00pm Elders</b>	23 8:00am WIC	24	25 8:00am WIC	26 5:00pm Sat. Night Alive
27 8:00am Community Breakfast 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship	28	29 10:00am Bible Study	30 8:00am WIC	31		





# AUGUST

## Week of August 6

Sun.: Josh. 1:1-18  
 Acts 21:3-15  
 Mark 1:21-27  
 Mon.: Josh. 2:1-14  
 Rom. 11:1-12  
 Matt. 25:1-13  
 Tue.: Josh. 2:15-24  
 Rom. 11:13-24  
 Matt. 25:14-30  
 Wed.: Josh. 3:1-13  
 Rom. 11:25-36  
 Matt. 25:31-46  
 Thu.: Josh. 3:14-4:7  
 Rom. 12:1-8  
 Matt. 26:1-16  
 Fri.: Josh. 4:19-5:1,  
 10-15  
 Rom. 12:9-21  
 Matt. 26:17-25  
 Sat.: Josh. 6:1-14  
 Rom. 13:1-7  
 Matt. 26:26-35

## Week of August 13

Sun. Josh. 6:15-27  
 Acts 22:30-23:11  
 Mark 2:1-12  
 Mon. Josh. 7:1-13  
 Rom. 13:8-14  
 Matt. 26:36-46  
 Tue. Josh. 8:1-22  
 Rom. 14:1-12  
 Matt. 26:47-56  
 Wed. Josh. 8:30-35  
 Rom. 14:13-23  
 Matt. 26:57-68  
 Thu. Josh. 9:3-21  
 Rom. 15:1-13  
 Matt. 26:69-75  
 Fri. Josh. 9:22-10:15  
 Rom. 15:14-24  
 Matt. 27:1-10  
 Sat. Josh. 23:1-16  
 Rom. 15:25-33  
 Matt. 27:11-23

## Week of August 20

Sun. Josh. 24:1-15  
 Acts 28:23-31  
 Mark 2:23-28  
 Mon. Josh. 24:16-33  
 Rom. 16:1-16  
 Matt. 27:24-31  
 Tue. Judg. 2:1-5,  
 11-23  
 Rom. 16:17-27  
 Matt. 27:32-44  
 Wed. Judg. 3:12-30  
 Acts 1:1-14  
 Matt. 27:45-54  
 Thu. Judg. 4:4-23  
 Acts 1:15-26  
 Matt. 27:55-66  
 Fri. Judg. 5:1-18  
 Acts 2:1-21  
 Matt. 28:1-10  
 Sat. Judg. 5:19-31  
 Acts 2:22-36  
 Matt. 28:11-20

## Week of August 27

Sun. Judg. 6:1-24  
 2 Cor. 9:6-15  
 Mark 3:20-30  
 Mon. Judg. 6:25-40  
 Acts 2:37-47  
 John 1:1-18  
 Tue. Judg. 7:1-18  
 Acts 3:1-11  
 John 1:19-28  
 Wed. Judg. 7:19-8:12  
 Acts 3:12-26  
 John 1:29-42  
 Thu. Judg. 8:22-35  
 Acts 4:1-12  
 John 1:43-51  
 Fri. Judg. 9:1-16,  
 19-21  
 Acts 4:13-31  
 John 2:1-12  
 Sat. Judg. 9:22-25,  
 50-57  
 Acts 4:32-5:11  
 John 2:13-25



## *Birthdays*

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|------------------------|------------------------|
| 1st: Wilbur Shifley    | 20th: Jenay Pfeifer    |
| 2nd: John Rowland      | 21st: Evelyn Ekleberry |
| Audrey Maddox          | Clayton Lusk           |
| 4th: Barbara Keller    | Edith Stevens          |
| Nicole Tomecko         | 23rd: Richard DeWitt   |
| 5th: Kaylee Wise       | 24th: Janet Lugo       |
| Ethan Weithman         | Lauren Neal            |
| 6th: Justin McDaniel   | Diana Keplinger        |
| 7th: Keith Ketterman   | 25th: Amy Neal         |
| 8th: Anna Court        | Lynne Shifley          |
| Christina Maddox       | 26th: Kevin Feik       |
| 9th: Dale Opperman     | 27th: James Gibson     |
| 10th: Abigail Brocwell | 30th: Ciera McKibben   |
| Leonard Ness           | 31st: Mary Conklin     |
| 12th: Jerry Badgley    | Joe Deppen             |
| Dale Miller            | Katelyn Stone          |
| 13th: Julie Court      | Barbara Thompson       |
| Ken Eichhorn           |                        |
| Eric Powell            |                        |
| 14th: Trudy DeWitt     |                        |
| Don Woodmansee         |                        |
| 15th: Doris Van Allen  |                        |
| 17th: Zach James       |                        |
| Linda Woodmansee       |                        |
| 18th: Larry Shifley    |                        |
| 19th: Mason McKibben   |                        |
| Dominic Pittman        |                        |



## *Anniversaries*

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| 3rd: Dylan & Beth Black       |
| 5th: Steve & Mindy Lamontagne |
| 7th: Chuck & Linda Swick      |
| 8th: Johnny & Jodi Merry      |
| 9th: Jay & Jennifer Arbaugh   |
| 10th: Chuck & Maureen Neal    |
| 12th: Ryan & Kristin Reed     |
| 14th: Bruce & Betty Angell    |
| Dan & Pam Hayes               |
| 19th: Darrin & Wendy Harvey   |
| John & Sandy Gibson           |
| Emery & Marjorie Shaffer      |
| Thomas & Diana Keplinger      |
| 22nd: Brad & Cindy Smith      |
| 23rd: Charles & Tami Burkhart |
| 26th: Doug & Doris Van Allen  |
| 27th: Chris & Kim Burkhart    |