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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.



Dear Church,

I hope that your summer has been a blessed one! Here at the church, time has gone very quickly. We completed our Vacation Bible School week and we followed that up with a week of volunteering at the summer lunch program. This summer we began our once monthly Thursday evening community dinners. If you haven't been yet, you are encouraged to come out for fellowship time and good food with your church family. We have had fun outside in our summer worship singing Christmas carols to start our worship to celebrate our "Christmas in July" to benefit the Veterans of the Cross special offering. We continue to offer our Saturday Night Alive prayer services once a month with dinner at 5pm.

Coming up in August I want to especially highlight our Annual Corn Roast on Wednesday, Aug 15th. On Saturday of that week, August 18th, at 10am in our fellowship hall, we are hosting a special mission speaker, Rev. Loren McGrail from Global Ministries who serves in Israel/Palestine. There is more information about this event later in this newsletter.

Our theme for July has been the Lord's Prayer and I declared in last month's issue that July would be a "Month of Prayer". There were many things that I had planned to do and say and I didn't get to all of them, but I hope that you have found meaning in our worship services. I hope that your prayer life has been enriched and that your relationship with God has grown and developed. Prayer is a habit, and like all habits, it takes time to grow and flourish. So please, continue to build on the progress that has been made.

For August, we turn to the Old Testament story of Ruth. A four-chapter short story that reminds us of God's faithfulness and covenant love lived out in the lives of everyday people. This is a story of dramatic and unexpected turnarounds. God has a harvest for us just around the corner. Miracles are about to begin! This is the Good News of God for us this month.

Blessings,

Pastor Darrin



Worship in August

Men's Prayer Breakfast-August 18th @ 10am in Fellowship Hall
EVERYONE WELCOME

Saturday Night Alive- August 25th @ 5pm

Ministry at Magnolia

Worship August 5th @ 1:30pm

Ministry at Mill Creek

Worship August 19th @ 2:00pm

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 5th.** 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!

Corn Roast August 15, 2018

Join us at 6PM in the pavilion.

Corn



Hot Dogs



Donuts



HEARTFELT THANKS

Just a note to say how much I appreciated all the wonderful help I received. Please tell all those who came to my home and "carted off" so many limbs & brush etc. With my bum leg there was no way I could do that. While I'm not a member of Galion UCC, I recognize your Christian charity fully.

Love in Christ,
James Murphy

Organ Repair Payoff



The Sterrett Fund will contribute \$48,000. We need to fill the keys to get the rest. \$41,950 has been donated through July 31, 2018. The balance due on the loan is now \$81,530.

The colored in keyboard on the right represents 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.

Additional keys have been dedicated in memory/ honor of:

Frank and Jo Isaacs
Chalmer & Jane Miller and
Lloyd & Lucille Harris
Dan Ritchey
Rev. John S. Elliker
Richard & Gertrude Shifley
Bing & Jean Bogan



Just wanted to let you know that my grandparents, the Shumakers, took my brother and me to the old church long before it was a UCC church. My Mom was baptized there long ago and then married a Neely in there in 1937/38.

Two of my good friends were members there and both became UCC ministers. Willie Eichhorn and Ann Bosler (?).

I now live in TX and belong to the Weimar UCC, Weimar, TX.

My grandparents were originally members of the Windfall church (now UCC) when they lived on a farm north of Galion, before they moved to Galion.

Just wanted to say HI and wish you all the best.
Peace,
Ted Neely

HOSPITALIZATIONS

Jessica Brocwell

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.

Men's Prayer Breakfast – Saturday, August 18th 10am Special Guest Speaker Rev. Loren McGrail – Missionary with Global Ministries –EVERYONE IS INVITED!

Rev. Loren McGrail is a minister, theologian, poet/artist who served the YWCA of Palestine as one of Global Ministries mission co-workers in Israel/Palestine. In addition, she was also an Ecumenical Associate with the Church of Scotland where she served St. Andrews Scotts Memorial Church in Jerusalem and Tiberias. She first went to Palestine with the World Council of Churches Ecumenical Accompaniment Program in Israel and Palestine in 2011.

Her work with the YWCA focused on advocacy. She wrote newsletters, Action Alerts and statements. She was the coordinator of the Fabric of Our Lives Project which calls attention to Palestinian refugees and their rights including The Right of Return. She also developed other advocacy tools which can be found and purchased on the UCC website. At <https://www.uccresources.com/products/fabric-of-our-lives-dolls?variant=1004263260/>. In addition, she edited the Joint Advocacy Initiative's newsletter Eye on Palestine---a bimonthly electronic newsletter on current events affecting the Palestinian people.

She served for five years and is now available to present and preach about her experiences. Many of her sermons and mission stories can be found on Global Ministries website or on her blog (<http://agarmentofdestiny.blogspot.com/>) or on facebook at Loren McGrail.

Her art---*Assemblage*, and writings reflect her witness in the land all call holy. She uses found and broken objects to make art in response to the events that affect her and the communities she serves. She had an exhibit of her art and writings, *Witness and Hope Reimagined* at Dar Annada Center in Bethlehem this Spring. She is currently working on finding other venues for the exhibit and a book with the same title. UCC-PIN of Ohio will showcase a sampling of her artwork and writings as a portable traveling display.



ALTAR FLOWERS

Please sign the "Flower Chart" on the bulletin board outside the church office.

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 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!



FEED THE KIDS & BOOKS FOR BUDDIES

First Church participated in the community lunch program for the children in our community that might not otherwise get a lunch. This year we had six locations: East Park, South Park, Heise Park, Libby Lane, Galion Arms & the Galion Public Library. Thanks to all of you, the children were treated with an age appropriate book when they completed their meal. A BIG thank you to all the volunteers from the church that helped to make this program happen. See you next year!

CHRISTMAS IN JULY

Thank you for your generous support of the Veterans of the Cross Christmas Fund that we celebrated during the month of July. This mission assists retired ministers and Christian educators with extra needs during their retirement.

PICNIC FOR THE PANTRY

It's time again to Picnic for the Pantry. This time of year many of our food pantries need a little more help to keep their shelves stocked. Look for the grocery cart outside the sanctuary or pavilion to place your taxable or non taxable items to be donated to Community Action Center. Thanks for your help!

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

MISSIONS Report

FELLOWSHIP & OUTREACH MEAL

We served over 60 meals at our July Fellowship & Outreach meal to our church family and members of the community. Watch our electronic bulletin board the Sunday before the dinner for the menu. Thank you to everyone that has participated in any way to make it the dinner possible. The next meal is planned for August 16th from 5-6pm. We are looking for cookie bakers to help with dessert this month. If you can help, please contact the office or Brad Hocker. We hope to see you then.

COMMUNITY BREAKFAST UPDATE

This month's Community Breakfast will be August 26th from 8 am-9:30 am. We will be serving sausage gravy & biscuits, fresh fruit, scrambled eggs, 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 19 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, Mark Shock, Deb Jeffers, Maggie Sulser, Anna Court, Ellie Hocker & Douglas Harvey! We hosted 19 children from the community and they all had a wonderful experience.

Fairhaven 38th Annual Harvest Fest

Thursday, Sept. 27, 2018 10:00 - 2:00

Once again the Fairhaven Volunteer Service Group is planning for this main fund raising event.

Our church is once again providing 6 pies for the luncheon and potato salad. In addition, we have offered to work with the bake sale. We need volunteers to be there and take money for the items sold. (No pricing involved..it is by donation.)

For the silent auction our church will be donating a basket of snacks, some homemade ...like chex mix or puppy chow...or purchased. We will also need items for the bake sale.

If you can help with any of the above, would you please contact Marcy Miller or Rhonda Harvey. Thank you, Thank you.

Fairhaven Community Volunteer Service Group

July 16, 2018

The meeting was called to order by President Barb Nigh.

Devotions were given by Baseline St. John's.

Roll Call – Volunteers – 24, Staff – 4

Minutes stood approved as read.

Treasury Balance - \$1,074.58

Gift Shop - \$2,851.71

Bingo Cup - \$26.00

Old Business:

Baskets were made available to be taken and used for Harvest Fest Silent Auction.

Marcy Miller reported on the upcoming Harvest Fest. Only a couple of items left to finalize. Posters for the event will be available hopefully at the July 24th Appreciation Dinner and definitely at the next VSG meeting.

New Business:

Becky Blocksom questioned if Erica (a volunteer but not a VSG member) could help with the Gift Shop. She recommended Erica learn about the Gift Shop during regular open hours with the possibility of expanding hours at a later date. Nobody voiced opposition. The regular Gift Shop staff will handle this. Marcy said she will approach Erica concerning helping with the Harvest Fest, possibility at the Bake Sale.

Staff:

Lori Marsh shared that Fairhaven had Medicaid Waiver Survey (program that assists in Assisted Living payments) and is working on Comfort Matters (program in Memory Care Unit to improve quality of life). They are doing fine so far and the goal is to become accredited. Also, shared that Fairhaven still has a 5 Star Rating.

Kara Orians shared that the activity team has been busy trying to “Beat the Heat.”. They started a new “Mystery Drive” where residents sign up for bus trips without knowing the destination. They are four to six hour trips and thus far have included trips to Mohican State Park and African Safari. These have been enjoyed by the residents as was the June Carnival. Along with the Harvest Fest, upcoming activities will include trips to the Wyandot County Fair.

Becky Blocksom reminded everyone about the appreciation dinner on July 24th.

The meeting was closed by “The Way” led by Becky Blocksom and prayer.

Next meeting will be August 20th. Galion First will provide the devotion. A potluck will be held following the meeting. Pies will be furnished for residents following Bingo. Those signed up for the pie list are: M. L. Diebler, Lillian Hartschuh, Lydia Guthrie, Rhonda Harvey and Carol Moran.



2018

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



AUGUST

Week of August 5

Sun. 2 Sam. 1:17-27
Rom. 12:9-21
Matt. 25:31-46
Mon. 2 Sam. 2:1-11
Acts. 15:36-16:5
Mark 6:14-29
Tue. 2 Sam. 3:6-21
Acts 16:6-15
Mark 6:30-46
Wed. 2 Sam. 3:22-39
Acts 16:16-24
Mark 6:47-56
Thu. 2 Sam. 4:1-12
Acts 16:25-40
Mark 7:1-23
Fri. 2 Sam. 5:1-12
Acts 17:1-15
Mark 7:24-37
Sat. 2 Sam. 5:22-6:11
Acts 17:16-34
Mark 8:1-10

Week of August 12

Sun. Sam. 6:12-23
Rom.14:7-12
John 1:43-51
Mon. 2 Sam. 7:1-17
Acts 18:1-11
Mark 8:11-21
Tues. 2 Sam. 7:18-29
Acts 18:12-28
Mark 8:22-33
Wed. 2 Sam. 9:1-13
Acts 19:1-10
Mark 8:34-9:1
Thu. 2 Sam. 11:1-27
Acts 19:11-20
Mark 9:2-13
Fri. 2 Sam. 12:1-14
Acts 19:21-41
Mark 9:14-29
Sat. 2 Sam. 12:15-31
Acts 20:1-16
Mark 9:30-41

Week of August 19

Sun. 2 Sam. 13:1-22
Rom. 15:1-13
John 3:22-36
Mon. 2 Sam. 13:23-39
Acts 20:17-38
Mark 9:42-50
Tue. 2 Sam. 14:1-20
Acts 21:1-14
Mark 10:1-16
Wed. 2 Sam. 14:21-33
Acts 21:15-26
Mark 10:17-31
Thu. 2 Sam. 15:1-18
Acts 21:27-36
Mark 10:32-45
Fri. 2 Sam. 15:19-37
Acts 21:37-22:16
Mark 10:46-52
Sat. 2 Sam. 16:1-23
Acts 22:17-29
Mark 11:1-11

Week of August 26

Sun. 2 Sam. 17:1-23
Gal. 3:6-14
John 5:30-47
Mon. 2 Sam. 17:24-18:8
Acts 22:30-23:11
Mark 11:12-26
Tue. 2 Sam. 18:9-18
Acts 23:12-24
Mark 11:27-12:12
Wed. 2 Sam. 18:19-33
Acts 23:23-35
Mark 12:13-27
Thur. 2 Sam. 19:1-23
Acts 24:1-23
Mark 12:28-34
Fri. 2 Sam. 19:24-43
Acts 24:24-25:12
Mark 12:35-44
Sat. 2 Sam. 23:1-7, 13-17
Acts 25:13-27
Mark 13:1-13

Birthdays

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

Anniversaries

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 Burkhardt

27th: Chris & Kim Burkhardt