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**CELEBRATE THE LOVE!  
CELEBRATE THE JOY!**

Rev. Darrin Harvey  
Minister

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January 2018



*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

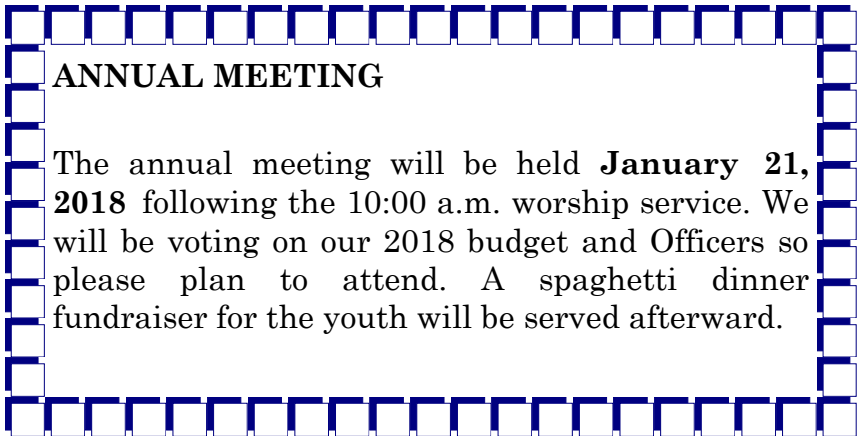
9:00 a.m. ~ 12:00 p.m.





**2018 ENVELOPES**

The 2018 Giving Envelopes are here and can be picked up in the Heritage Room. We will not be mailing them out this year so please stop in and get yours.  
Thank you



**ANNUAL MEETING**

The annual meeting will be held **January 21, 2018** following the 10:00 a.m. worship service. We will be voting on our 2018 budget and Officers so please plan to attend. A spaghetti dinner fundraiser for the youth will be served afterward.



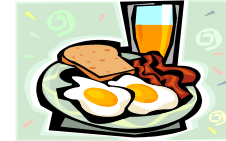
**ANNUAL REPORTS DUE**

All committee chairs, circles, youth groups & choirs should submit their 2017 Annual Reports. If you have not yet turned those into the church office, please do so by **January 12, 2018 by 12:00 p.m.**



**FINANCIAL REPORTS DUE**

2017 Financial Reports, for the Annual Meeting, are due into the church office no later than **January 12, 2018 by 12:00 p.m.**



**COMMUNITY BREAKFAST UPDATE**

Thank you for your generous contributions to the Community Breakfast!!! Remember the breakfast is the last Sunday of every month! If you are donating breakfast items, please make sure that your items are at the church no later than the Friday before the breakfast. There is a sign up sheet for donated items on the office window. This month we are serving sausage gravy & biscuits, scrambled eggs & fruit. Last month we served 18 people outside the church.



**HOSPITALIZATIONS**

Mary Louise Zimmerman & Jane't Lugo

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.







### **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 9:00am-10:00am.

### **PRAYER CHAIN**

For prayer requests please call the office at 468-4380.

### **FOOD PANTRY**

Spaghetti, spaghetti sauce, canned fruits and dried beans are needed. There are containers at both entrances to the sanctuary.

### **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!

## **Fairhaven Community Volunteer Service Group December 18, 2017**

Prior to the meeting, the VSG members gathered to fill the Christmas stocking to be provided to the residents. Dorothy Eckert assembled all supplies needed to fill the 180 stockings.

The December meeting was opened by President Jan Young.

Becky King installed the officers for 2018.

Roll Call was: Volunteers – 27, Staff – 3.

Minutes of the November meeting were read and stood approved as corrected.

Treasury Balance - \$3,922.43.

Gift Shop - \$3,067.12.

Bingo Cup - \$24.00.

### **Old Business:**

A thank you was expressed to all who helped decorate the Christmas trees at Fairhaven.

### **New Business:**

The new VSG booklet for 2018 was discussed. Hopefully all members and correct addresses have been obtained. It was decided to, once a quarter during 2018, provide cookies or cupcakes as a change from the pies and see how they are received. The booklets will be available at the January meeting.

Dorothy thanked everyone who helped fill the stocking prior to the meeting. The un-decorating of the Christmas trees at Fairhaven is listed in the booklet for Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup>. To make it easier on the maintenance staff, will change the date to Jan. 4<sup>th</sup> at 10 am.

### **Staff:**

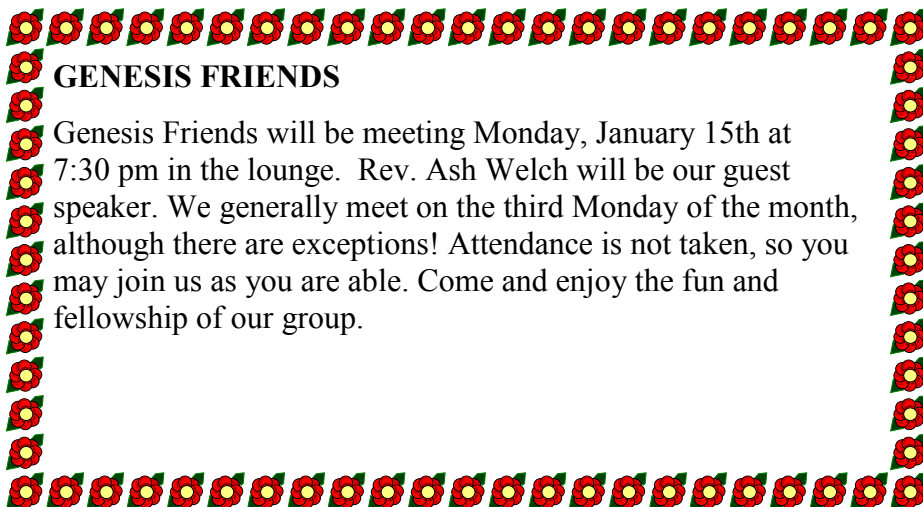
Alissa Clouse provided painted wooden hearts as appreciation for all the volunteers do. At the next meeting she will bring a 5 minute film on Abundant Life to share with everyone. She stated the Wish List is being worked on and should be available in January. Becky Blocksom shared several quotes on the advantages of volunteering for the volunteer, as well as for others. She thanked everyone for all their help throughout this past year.

The meeting was closed with the reading of The Way.

Following the meeting, pizza was furnished by a secret Santa.

Next month's meeting will be held on January 15<sup>th</sup>.

Devotions will be provided by Bucyrus St. John's. A potluck will be held following the meeting. The pie list is: Janet McDaniel, Anita Mouser, Janet Ferner, Donna Randell and Mary Louise Diebler.



### **GENESIS FRIENDS**

Genesis Friends will be meeting Monday, January 15th at 7:30 pm in the lounge. Rev. Ash Welch will be our guest speaker. We generally meet on the third Monday of the month, although there are exceptions! Attendance is not taken, so you may join us as you are able. Come and enjoy the fun and fellowship of our group.



## *Birthdays*

1st	Jacob Biederman	19th	Bradley Kalb
	Mike Collins		James Sulser
	Jackson Reid	22nd	Tom Cole
3rd	Sandra Christman	24th	Claudia Motter
5th	Nikki Furr		Hailey Young
6th	Kevin Cotsmire	26th	Kristin Reed
	Samuel Keller	29th	Nathaniel Ruth
	Keith Spore	30th	RaDenna Burkhart
7th	Lynne Goldsmith		Pam Hayes
8th	Sharon Cole		Darcy Keppler
11th	Lydia Feik		Ava Riggs
13th	Cody Gledhill	31st	Madisson Koschnick
	Jessica Hammond		Greg Russell
	Sarah McGrady		
14th	Mike McGrady		
	Marcy Miller		
	Ruth Ness		
17th	Kassidy Stone		

## *Anniversaries*

12th Dan & RaDenna Burkhart  
18th James & Ruth Anne Deppen



## Consistory Highlights

**December 12, 2017**

Saturday Night Alive will only be held once a month in 2018 on either the third or fourth Saturday of the month.

Two new members joined the church in November.

Thursday Night Bible Study will begin again in February with Barb Nigh leading.

Repair of the elevator is work in progress.

Various ideas for security for the office are being looked into.

The annual meeting will be held January 21, 2018 immediately following the service. A spaghetti dinner will follow.

The Community Breakfasts are now held from 8:00 AM until 9:30 AM.

Community Groups are encouraged to use the church for their events.

# January 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 <b>CLOSED</b>	2 8:00am WIC 10:00am Bible Study	3 8:00am WIC 11:00am Tai Chi	4 <b>7:00pm Finance</b> 7:00pm 12-Step	5 8:00am WIC	6
7 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship Service 1:30pm Magnolia Worship	8	9 <b>7:00pm Consistory</b>	10 8:00am WIC 11:00am Tai Chi 6:30pm Bell Choir 7:30pm Sr. Choir	11 6:00pm Weithman rehearsal 7:00pm 12-Step	12	13 3:00pm Weithman Wedding
14 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship Service	15 7:30pm Genesis Friends	16 10:00 am Bible Study	17 8:00am WIC 11:00am Tai Chi 6:30pm Bell Choir 7:30pm Sr. Choir	18 4:00pm Head Start 7:00pm 12-Step	19 8:00am WIC	20
21 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship Service 11:30am Congregational Meeting-Youth Spag dinner	22	23 <b>7:00pm Elders</b>	24 8:00am WIC 11:00am Tai Chi 6:30pm Bell Choir 7:30pm Sr. Choir	25 7:00pm 12-Step	26 8:00am WIC	27 5:00pm Saturday Night Alive Worship
28 8:00am Community brkfst 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship Service 2:00pm Lugo Baby Shower	29 <b>7:00pm Mission</b>	30 10:00am Bible Study	31 8:00am WIC 11:00am Tai Chi 6:30pm Bell Choir 7:30pm Sr. Choir			



# January

## Week of : January 7th

Sun: Eccles. 3:3-9,  
14-17  
*Or* Deut. 33:1-5  
1 John 2:12-17  
John 6:41-47  
Mon: Gen. 12:1-7  
Heb. 11:1-12  
John 6:35-42,  
48-51  
Tues: Gen. 28:10-22  
Heb. 11:13-22  
John 10:7-17  
Wed: Ex. 3:1-5  
Heb. 11:23-31  
John 14:6-14  
Thu: Josh. 1:1-9  
Heb. 11:32-12:2  
John 15:1-16  
Fri: Isa. 66:18-23  
Rom. 15:7-13  
Sat: Isa. 52: 7-10  
Rev. 21:22-27  
Matt. 12:14-21

## Week of : January 14th

Sun: Isa. 52:3-6  
Rev. 2:1-7  
John 2:1-11  
Mon: Isa. 52:3-6  
Rev. 2:1-7  
John 2:1-11  
Tues: Isa. 59:15b-21  
Rev 2:8-17  
John 4:46-54  
Wed: Isa. 63:1-5  
Rev. 2:18-29  
John 5:1-15  
Thurs: Isa. 65:1-9  
Rev. 3:1-6  
John 6:1-14  
Fri: Isa. 65:13-16  
Rev. 3:7-13  
John 6:15-27  
Sat: Isa. 66:1-2, 22-23  
Rev. 3:14-22  
John 9:1-12,  
35-38

## Week of : January 21st

Sun: Isa. 40:1-11  
Heb. 1:1-12  
John 1:1-7,  
19-20,29-34  
Mon: Isa. 40:12-24  
Eph. 1:1-14  
Mark 1:1-13  
Tues: Isa. 40:25-31  
Eph. 1:15-23  
Mark 1:14-28  
Wed: Isa. 41:1-16  
Eph. 2:1-10  
Mark 1:29-45  
Thurs: Isa. 41:17-29  
Eph. 2:11-22  
Mark 2:1-12  
Fri: Isa. 42:(1-9),  
10-17  
Eph. 3:1-13  
Mark 2:13-22  
Sat: Isa. (42:18-25)  
43:1-13  
Eph. 3:14-21  
Mark 2:23-3:6

## Week of : January 28th

Sun: Isa. 43:14-44:5  
Heb. 6:17-7:10  
John 4:27-42  
Mon: Isa. 44:6-8,  
21-23  
Eph. 4:1-16  
Mark 3:7-19a  
Tues: Isa. 44:9-20  
Eph. 4:17-32  
Mark 3:19b-35  
Wed: Isa. 44:24-45:7  
Eph. 5:1-14  
Mark 4:1-20  
Thurs: Isa. 45:5-17  
Eph. 5:15-33  
Mark 4:21-34  
Fri: Isa. 45:18-25  
Eph. 6:1-9  
Mark 4:35-41  
Sat: Isa. 46:1-13  
Eph. 6:10-24  
Mark 5:1-20





*Christmas*

*Poinsettias*

*2017*

*Poinsettias Are Given In Loving Memory Of:*

Our nephew, Andrew James Ault by Tom & Deb Jeffers  
Marjorie Beck by Dale & Carol Miller  
Herb & Carole Brown by Philip & Sundie Brown  
Nancy Cotsmire by Kevin & Beth Cotsmire  
Mary Court by the Court family  
Shannon Court by the Court family  
Howard, Anna & John Deppen by the Court family  
Nancy S. Doyle by Maggie, Jim, & Paul Sulser  
Betty M. Durtschi & Mindy M. Sheriff by the Fritz Durtschi family  
Kaylee Jane Eichhorn by Keith & Judy Eichhorn  
John W.A. Fox by Ranee Fox  
Lucille & Clinton Gerstenslager by Jim & Roxann Gerstenslager  
Our Loved Ones by the Goldsmith & Keller families  
Doris Green by Ken & Nancy Green  
R.A. "Bud" Heiser by the family  
Robert & Hilda Heiser by the Heiser family  
John Heitzman by Mary Ann & children  
Kim Hershiser by Stacey Hocker  
Joyce Hollingsworth by Philip & Sundie Brown  
Loved ones by Tom & Deb Jeffers  
Clarence & Florence Kahler by Ranee Fax  
Arpad & Teresa Kiss by First UCC  
Our parents, Elmo & Genevie Koschnick and Joel & Ethel Sames by  
Jack & Barb Koschnick



**Poinsettias Are Given In Loving Memory Of:**

Robert Moran by Carol Moran  
Stan & Anna Mae Morris by Philip & Sundie Brown  
Kyle Morrissey by Philip & Sundie Brown  
Charles, Ruth, & Linda Neal & Donald Hayes by Chuck & Maureen Neal and family; Dan & Pam Hayes; Gary & Brenda Neal and family  
Cloyd & Mildred Rhinehart by Dorothy Rhinehart  
Don Rhinehart by Dorothy Rhinehart  
Daniel R. Ritchey by his wife, Ruth; their children & their families  
Susan Ritzhaupt by Dorothy Rhinehart  
Raymond & Carolyn Russell by Greg & Karen Russell  
Lucille Schoen by Sue Bloom  
My brother, Randy See, & loved ones by Heidi, Gary, Parker & Katy Repp  
Anne Marie Shifley by her parents, Lee Anne & Terry; brother, Hal; grandmothers, aunts, uncles & cousins  
My parents; Richard & Gertrude Shifley by Chris Coe  
Joyce Spore by Gail A. Spore  
Jean & Howard Sulser by Jim, Maggie & Paul Sulser  
Loved Ones by Ruth Swick  
Harry Thompson by Barbara Thompson  
Richard Wiggins by Dorothy Wiggins  
Grandma & Grandpa Wormell by The Claus Family  
Larry Zellner by Debbie Zellner & family  
Chet & Alice Zimmerman by their family  
Harold & Thelma Zimmerman by their family

**Poinsettias Are Given In Honor Of:**

My family by Chris Coe  
Our family & loved ones by Kevin & Beth Cotsmire  
Our children; Matt & Erin, Sarah & Mark & Adam & Cait by Dan & Lisa Eichhorn  
Our grandchildren; Elly, Joanna & Doran by Dan & Lisa Eichhorn  
Chuck, Katrina & Angie by Keith & Judy Eichhorn  
Brett & Jill Green by Ken & Nancy Green  
Our children & grandchildren Travis, Kerri, Caleb, Caitlin, Tyler, Janelle, Marissa, Madisson, & Mathis Koschnick by Jack & Barb Koschnick  
Family & friends by Marlene McDaniels  
My parents, Gary & Martha See by Heidi, Gary, Parker & Katy Repp  
Heidi, Gary, Parker, Katy, Jason, Angie & Alex by Gary & Martha See  
Brayden, Isaac, Trevor & Brooklyn Black; Parker & Katy Repp; Alex Moore; Brick Merry; Emma, Leah & Henry Altman by Miriam Shifley

**Poinsettias Are Given To The Glory Of God By:**

Ken & Evelyn Feik  
Genesis Friends Circle  
Wendy & Darrin Harvey  
John & Marcy Miller  
Bill & Lynne Shifley

Thank you to all those who purchased Christmas poinsettias for the sanctuary. You may take your poinsettia home after the 9:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service. Thank you to those who designated their poinsettia to be taken to a member on our Care List. Poinsettia donations are listed in alphabetical order by the last name of the person the donation is given for. If a name is not specified, the donation is listed by the donor's last name.

**2018 Consistory Nominees:**

Larry Ness– Trustee    Bill Shifley– Elder

Angie Brocwell– Deacon

Carole Schreck– Deacon

First United Church of Christ Proposed Budget 2018							
line #		2018	2017	line #		2018	2017
	<b>Expense Statement</b>						
1	<b>Personnel</b>			39	<b>Building</b>		
2	Minister	\$55,340	\$55,340	40	Utilities	\$22,800	\$22,800
3	Pension	\$8,615	\$8,615	41	Scheduled Contracts	\$22,350	\$10,394
4	Additional staff/Sabatical	\$7,000	\$9,078	42	Building Maintenance	\$3,000	\$3,000
5	Sr. Choir/Bell Dir	\$8,200	\$8,195	43	Building & Liability Ins	\$10,000	\$9,800
6	Organists	\$6,580	\$6,580	44	Debt Reduction	\$6,000	\$12,000
7	Accompanists	\$0	\$4,284	45		\$64,150	\$87,994
8	Jr. Choir Director	\$1,630	\$1,628	46			
9	Kitchen Custodian	\$1,555	\$1,156	47	<b>Benevolences</b>		
10	Church Secretary	\$15,850	\$15,864	48	OCWM	\$23,940	\$28,260
11	Financial Secretary	\$7,350	\$7,350	49	CUE	\$600	\$600
12	Custodian	\$12,600	\$12,607	50	Missions	\$4,500	\$4,500
13	Substitute Personnel	\$1,250	\$1,224	51	Special offerings	\$3,000	\$3,000
14	Social Security Taxes	\$9,000	\$9,013	52	Weekday Religious Ed	\$675	\$675
15	Worker's Compensation	\$600	\$600	53	Radio Broadcasts	\$3,500	\$3,500
16		\$135,570	\$141,534	54		\$36,215	\$40,535
17				55			
18	<b>Operations</b>			56	<b>Total Expenses</b>	\$258,885	\$267,011
19	Travel Expenses	\$2,000	\$4,000	57			
20	Office Expenses & Postage	\$5,300	\$6,600	58			
21	Office Equipment	\$5,500	\$6,500	59	<b>Income Statement</b>		
22	Continuing Ed & Books	\$1,100	\$1,100	60	Beginning Balance	\$25,370	\$25,478
23	Music	\$850	\$850	61	Envelope Regular	\$133,000	\$135,000
24	Worship	\$500	\$500	62	Envelope Special	\$9,500	\$9,000
25	Flowers	\$500	\$500	63	Interest & dividends	\$24,000	\$21,000
26	Dinners	\$700	\$700	64	Building Use	\$4,300	\$4,300
27	Education/workshops	\$600	\$500	65	Refunds/reimbursement	\$500	\$500
28	Youth Fellowships	\$2,500	\$2,500	66	Miscellaneous	\$1,500	\$1,500
29	Advertising	\$500	\$300	67	Trustee Money Market	\$15,000	\$5,000
30	Receptions	\$300	\$300	68	Sterrett Trust	\$33,000	\$28,800
31	Gifts	\$800	\$800	69	Hessenauer Trust	\$2,500	\$3,000
32	VBS	\$800	\$800	70	Kiss Trust (dividends)	\$2,500	\$2,500
33	Programming	\$500	\$500	71	Reserve Funds	\$20,000	\$5,000
34	Miscellaneous Expenses	\$500	\$500	72	Broadcast Reserves	\$4,200	\$4,200
35		\$22,950	\$26,950	73	Gifts	\$1,000	\$1,000
36				74			
37				75	<b>Total Income</b>	\$276,370	\$293,640
38				76			
				77	<b>Ending Balance</b>	\$17,485	\$26,629

**Election to take place at the January 21, 2018  
Congregational Meeting**

**Departing Consistory Members:**

Jennifer Lugo (Elder)                      Michael Swick (Trustee)

Lisa Eichhorn & Marlene McDaniels (Deacons)

**Returning Consistory Members:**

Elders: Tom Jeffers, Nancy Green, Sandy Powell

Trustees: Alan Forry, Greg Russell, Kevin Cotsmire

Deacons: Alan Mularski, Megan Brown, Rose Crago-Roach,

Todd Rudolph