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A place where everyone grows in faith

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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,

September marks a change in the routine for many people and so it will be in our church routine as well. For the past two years beginning in September, we have been following the "Narrative Lectionary," a series of readings that follow through the Bible chronologically beginning "In the beginning" literally and ending in the spring with Pentecost. This method has provided us with an overview of the entire biblical narrative focusing on the most pivotal stories in our faith. This year we are going to be following the same pattern but doing things just a little bit differently.

Two years ago, when we made the trip to Florida for the National Youth Event, I went to a workshop that presented an entire church approach to engaging the Bible on Sundays that uses art as a focal point for the message. I was intrigued by the presentation, so I purchased for the church the series, as presented, of 36 paintings depicting Bible stories that we will engage in almost every week that follow along chronologically in the Bible. Along with this are take home sheets for families that offer a jumping off point for children to adults that will begin during the youth moment and continue during our new children's church during worship. Some of these paintings and resources I have used last year but this year we are going to be using all of them.

We are going to be focusing on having children's church during our worship instead of having children's Sunday School at 9am. This is something that has started to develop and I would like to invest our energy into making it grow. I believe this will give our families what they are searching for on Sunday mornings.

As we go along this year, I hope and pray that God works in our personal and congregational lives to grow us in many different ways.

Blessings,

Pastor Darrin

Worship Schedule –

Sep. 2nd – Service of Holy Communion; Genesis 1; Magnolia Terrace Worship – 1:30pm

Sep. 9th – Rev. Frank Isaacs, guest preacher

Sep. 16th – Restless and Wandering – Genesis 4; Mill Creek Worship – 2pm

Sep. 23rd – The Great Flood

Sep. 30th – The Story of Abraham and Sarah

Other Gatherings

Saturday, September 15th 8am – Men's Prayer Breakfast at the Bistro

Saturday, September 29th 5pm – Saturday Night Alive

CONSISTORY MEETING

August 14, 2018

Security for the office during the week will be explored.

The drop at the end of the east ramp will be fixed.

The condition of the phone system will be evaluated.

The kitchen storm door will be replaced.

Confirmation will be held every Sunday morning.

Confirmands will be confirmed in the Spring of 2019.

Outreach Meals have been successful.

Our Church is a BORN member Church.

A balance of $81,530 is left in the Organ Fund.

Birthdays

1st:	Ruth Anne Deppen
	Dennis Russell
	Jerry Winters
2nd:	Julia Feik
	Korin Marie Feik
3rd:	Brian Conklin
6th:	Dolly Wilson
9th:	Dave Burdett
	Karen Estep
10th:	Reanne Neal
12th:	Nicholas McDaniel
	Melissa Stiffler
14th:	Andrew Bickert
	Madelyn Bickert
	Shelby Gledhill
	Charles Keller
	Lee Anne Shifley
16th:	Zach Gledhill
	Pamela Kalb
17th:	Lucas Biederman
	Bucky Walter
20th:	Brennen Hocker
	Marissa Koschnick
22nd:	Keith Eichhorn
23rd:	Phil Brown
	Luke Eisnaugle
	Jerry Nicholls
24th:	Don Kindell
25th:	Jeff Court
	Mathis Koschnick
	Sabrina Roach
26th:	Sandra Keller
	Mary Nicholls
	Rachel Roesch
27th:	Marjorie Shaffer
	Mary Ann Stone
28th:	Adam Cotsmire
	Mark Powell
29th:	Ranee Fox

Anniversaries

1st:	Mark & Katy Klettlinger
2nd:	Jerry & Pat Winters
3rd:	Doug & Mary Ann Stone
7th:	Charles & Karyn Christman
8th:	Daniel Young & David Kunkleman
15th:	Andrew & Nicole Claus
17th:	Jerry & Ruth Volk
18th:	Mike & Sarah McGrady
19th:	Brian & Brenda Treisch
20th:	Ben & Kerry Riggs
22nd:	James & Marcheta Gibson
24th:	James & Connie Keller
25th:	Steve & Kelly Reynolds
29th:	Mike & Leslie Swartzbaugh

FAIRHAVEN NEWS

Fairhaven Community Harvest Fest

Thursday, Sept. 27, 2018

10:00am - 2:00pm

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. There is a sign up sheet located on the office window for these items.

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

CHOIR IS BACK!

Choir will begin practice on September 5th. Bell Choir begins at 6:30 p.m. with Senior Choir beginning at 7:30 p.m. If you have any questions, please call the church office.

Galion First United Church of Christ

OFFERING

Celebrate the *LOVE*
Celebrate the *JOY*

Electronic Giving: Fast, easy & secure

You can support the work of our church through Electronic Giving. Have your weekly or monthly contribution debited from your checking or savings account and transferred directly into the church account safely and electronically, or use your debit or credit card to make contributions — you'll never have to remember your checkbook again!

Just go to **www.uccgalion.org** at any time to set up an automatic donation plan, change your donation plan, make a one-time donation or view your online donation history. Just scroll to the bottom of the page and click on the word **giving**.

Additional information is available from Doug Court or Mary Ann Stone.

Organ Repair Payoff

The Sterrett Fund will contribute $48,000.We need to fill the keys to get the rest. $43,017 has been donated through August 30, 2018. The balance due on the loan is now $79,723.

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. Reuben Elliker
Richard & Gertrude Shifley
Bing & Jean Bogan

FELLOWSHIP AND OUTREACH MEAL

We have had three very successful Fellowship and Outreach meals. The meals have been delicious and the fellowship great. The meal is on the third Thursday of the month and the September meal is on the 20th. If you would like to help but are unable to help on Thursdays, we are always looking for dessert makers. We are looking for sheet cake bakers for the month of September. Donating a dessert is a BIG help for our cooks as we have limited time. If you haven't signed up to help and want to, please call the office or let someone know. We can find a job for everyone.

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 107.5 FM on Sunday from 9:00am-10:00am.

PRAYER CHAIN
For prayer requests please call the office at (419)468-4380.

FOOD PANTRY
Canned meats, soups, crackers, noodles, 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!

STUFF THE BUS

Thank you to everyone that donated or filled our bus with school supplies for the Galion students. We collected a bus full of goodies. We will purchase any needed supplies with the money we collected. Thanks to all for the help!

PICNIC FOR THE PANTRY

During the month of August we collected food and taxable items for the local food pantry. I am happy to report that we donated 141 grocery items to the Community Action Center. Thanks for thinking of others that are less fortunate.

PASTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND
On Sunday, September 16th we will have a special offering to help replenish the Pastor's Discretionary Fund. On that Sunday, all of the loose offering and any envelopes marked Discretionary Fund will be donated to our pastor to help those in need in our community or church family with clothing, food, heat, medicine or anything that the pastor feels is needed. Won't you help?

GENESIS FRIENDS

Genesis Friends potluck is Sunday, Sept 16th at 1:00 pm. It is at Lowmiller's Pond. Bring a dish to share, table service & a chair. RSVP by September 9th. Drink will be provided.

FEED THE TEAM

This year, as other Galion churches have done in the past, 1st UCC will be providing a pre-game meal for the Galion football team, coaches and cheerleaders on Oct. 5th @ 3pm at the Heise Park Pavilion. We will be serving penne pasta with meat sauce, bread, salad, water & dessert. If you are interested in helping serve, donating food or monetary help, there is a sign up sheet on the office window.
GO TIGERS! BEAT CLEARFORK!

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. Last month we served 20 from the community!! This month we will be having egg casserole, fresh fruit & a variety of juices.

Scholarship Applications Available in September

First UCC Scholarship Committee will host two fundraising events to support our local college students. Beginning Sunday, September 2nd, designated "Scholarship Fund" envelopes will be in the pews. Donations will be accepted all month.

Also, on Sunday, September 23rd a special fundraising luncheon will be hosted by the Scholarship Committee after the 10:00 a.m. service. Our luncheon menu will feature pulled pork sandwiches, baked beans, coleslaw and a variety of desserts. Please plan to attend and donate toward scholarships for our hard-working college students of First UCC. Scholarship applications will be due on Sunday, October 14th.

Galion First UCC Scholarship Committee

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.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship Service 1:30 p.m. Magnolia Terrace Worship	3 **CLOSED** LABOR DAY	4 8:00am WIC	5 8:00am WIC 11:00am Tai Chi 6:30pm Bell Choir 7:30pm Sr. Choir	6 **7:00pm Finance** 7:00pm 12-Step	7 8:00am WIC	8
9 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship Service	10	11 **7:00pm Consistory**	12 8:00am WIC 11:00am Tai Chi 6:30pm Bell Choir 7:30pm Sr. Choir	13 12:00pm PERI Luncheon 4:30pm Head Start 7:00pm 12-Step	14	15 8:00am Men's Prayer breakfast @ The Bistro
16 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship Service 1:00pm Genesis Friends 2:00pm Mill Creek Worship	17	18 8:30am Head Start	19 8:00am WIC 11:00am Tai Chi 6:30pm Bell Choir 7:30pm Sr. Choir	20 5:00pm Outreach Meal 7:00pm 12-Step	21 8:00am Head Start 8:00am WIC	22
23 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship Service 11:00am Scholarship lunch 30 8:00am Comm. Breakfast 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship Service	24	25	26 8:00am WIC 11:00am Tai Chi 6:30pm Bell Choir 7:30pm Sr. Choir	27 7:00pm 12-Step	28 8:00am WIC	29 5:00pm Sat. Night Alive

SEPTEMBER

Week of Sept. 2	Week of Sept. 9	Week of Sept. 16	Week of Sept. 23	Week of Sept. 30
Sun. 2 Sam. 24:1-2, 10-25 Gal. 3:23-4:7 John 8:12-20	Sun. 1 Kings 8:22-30 (31-40) 1 Tim. 4:7b-16 John 8:47-59	Sun. 1 Kings 12:21-33 Acts 4:18-31 John 10:31-42	Sun. 1 Kings 19:8-21 Acts 5:34-42 John 11:45-57	Sun. 2 Kings 4:8-37 Acts 9:10-31 Luke 3:7-18
Mon. 1 Kings 1:(1-4) 5-31 Acts 26:1-23 Mark 13:14-27	Mon. 2 Chron. 6:32-7:7 James 2:1-13 Mark 14:53-65	Mon. 1 Kings 13:1-10 Phil. 1:1-11 Mark 15:40-47	Mon. 1 Kings 21:1-16 1 Cor. 1:1-19 Matt. 4:1-11	Mon. 2 Kings 5:1-19 1 Cor. 4:8-21 Matt. 5:21-26
Tue. 1 Kings 1:32-2:4 (5-46a) 46b Acts 26:24-27:8 Mark 13:28-37	Tue. 1 Kings 8:65-9:9 James 2:14-26 Mark 14:66-72	Tue. 1 Kings 16:23-34 Phil. 1:12-30 Mark 16:1-8 (9-20)	Tue. 1 Kings 21:17-29 1 Cor. 1:20-31 Matt. 4:12-17	Tue. 2 Kings 5:19-27 1 Cor. 5:1-8 Matt. 5:27-37
Wed. 1 Kings 3:1-15 Acts 27:9-26 Mark 14:1-11	Wed. 1 Kings 9:24-10:13 James 3:1-12 Mark 15:1-11	Wed. 1 Kings 17:1-24 Phil. 2:1-11 Matt. 2:1-12	Wed. 1 Kings 22:1-28 1 Cor. 2:1-13 Matt. 4:18-25	Wed. 2 Kings 6:1-23 1 Cor. 5:9-6:11 Matt. 5:38-48
Thur. 1 Kings 3:16-28 Acts 27:27-44 Mark 14:12-26	Thur. 1 Kings 11:1-13 James 3:13-4:12 Mark 15:12-21	Thur. 1 Kings 18:1-19 Phil. 2:12-30 Matt. 2:13-23	Thur. 1 Kings 22:29-45 1 Cor. 2:14-3:15 Matt. 5:1-10	Thur. 2 Kings 9:1-16 1 Cor. 6:12-20 Matt. 6:1-6, 16-18
Fri.1 Kings 5:1– 6:1,7 Acts 28:1-16 Mark 14:27-42	Fri. 1 Kings 11:26-43 James 4:13-5:6 Mark 15:22-32	Fri. 1 Kings 18:20-40 Phil. 3:1-16 Matt. 3:1-12	Fri. 2 Kings 1:2-17 1 Cor. 3:16-23 Matt. 5:11-16	Fri. 2 Kings 9:17-37 1 Cor. 7:1-9 Matt. 6:7-15
Sat. 1 Kings 7:51-8:21 Acts 28:17-31 Mark 14:43-52	Sat. 1 Kings 12:1-20 James 5:7-20 Mark 15:33-39	Sat. 1 Kings 18:41-19:8 Phil. 3:17-4:7 Matt. 3:13-17	Sat. 2 Kings 2:1-18 1 Cor. 4:1-7 Matt. 5:17-20	Sat. 2 Kings 11:1-20a 1 Cor. 7:10-24 Matt. 6:19-24

Fairhaven Community
Volunteer Service Group

August 20, 2018

The meeting was called to order by President Barb Nigh.
Devotions were given by Galion 1st.
Roll Call – Volunteers – 24, Staff – 3
Minutes stood approved as read.
A Thank You was received from Fairhaven and also from Bonnie Schaaf for the memorial given for Gene Schaaf.
Treasury Balance $1,074.58
Gift Shop - $2,969.65
Bingo Cup - $21.00

Old Business:
Marcy reported on the upcoming Harvest Fest. She recapped donations as listed prior. She is uncertain on the vegetable soup but feels it should be okay by Harvest Fest time. Pleased to announce that we do not have to pay for the flyers as they are being furnished by United Church Homes. Suggested to possibly include a copy in church bulletins.

New Business:
Suggested by Marcy that instead of furnishing pies for the residents' bingo at the next meeting on Sept 17th, since churches will be furnishing pies for the Harvest Fest that month, that donuts be furnished instead. All agreed on this and Becky Blocksom will pick up the donuts as needed.

Staff:
Alissa reported that Bonnie Schaaf contacted her and requested that the memorials received for Gene go to VSG to decide where it should go. There is a total of $515.00. It was decided that it should go for gas for Transportation Vehicles for residents. Everyone was reminded to inform anyone writing checks for Harvest Fest that they should be written to Volunteer Service Group instead of to Fairhaven. The other volunteer group at Chapel Hill will be starting again in September the same time as our meeting, therefore Alissa will be at our meeting only every other month.
Becky Blocksom announced that if anyone needs a badge to let her know. Also, she can obtain extra copies of the Harvest Fest flyers if needed.
Becky King shared that they had the Assisted Living Survey and the home was found to be deficiency free. She also reported that the Giving Tree, which is run by the residents, is collecting food goods for the Open Door Resource Center food pantry for August and September. Can or boxed goods are requested. Also, the residents' monthly offering from the worship service goes to where the residents choose. This month it is to Make-a-Wish.

The meeting was closed by "The Way" led by Becky King, followed with prayer.

Next month's meeting will be September 17th. St. John's Bucyrus will provide devotions. A sack lunch will follow the meeting. Donuts will be furnished for the residents following bingo as stated above.
All are reminded to bring their "Treasurers Old and New" for Harvest Fest.