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

Rev. Darrin Harvey
Minister

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The
VISITOR

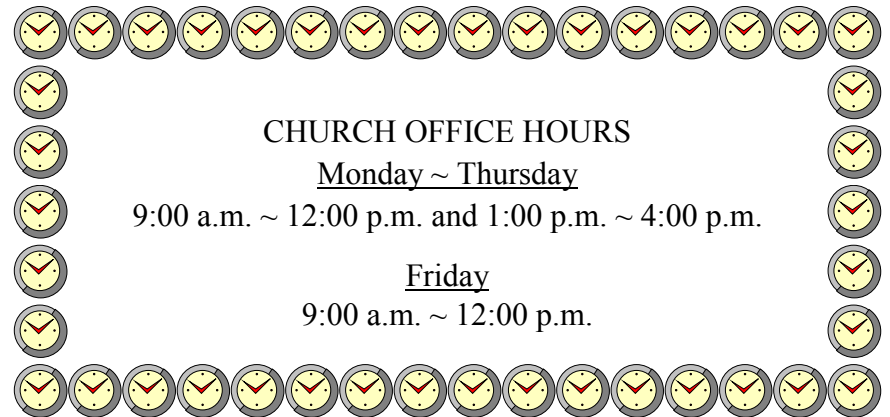
SUNDAY SERVICES

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 proverb “April showers bring May flowers” is taken from an 1886 British poem. While April is wet in many places in the United States, it’s not universal in the lower 48, especially in the age of rapid climate change. In Britain, however, this is especially true. I’m reminded of this saying as I sit looking out on a rainy Friday on the cusp of another April.

I don’t usually enjoy rainy days, especially cold ones when I’m in danger of contracting a cold because of rapid temperature changes. Driving in rainy weather is for me tiring and I almost would rather it snow as I find it prettier. But, as we all know, it is the rain that helps bring life to our world and is required for growth to take place.

So, too, is the cycle of life and by extension, the church. The season of Lent is a time of rain; we are challenged, shaped and stretched so that we can have the joy of the new life of resurrection. This is the most spiritually enriching time of the year for Christians. The story of Jesus’ death and resurrection can be transformative for us, if we choose to enter into it and allow God to renew us.

So let’s let it rain down on us this month. Take a walk in the rain and let God give us the wonderful nourishment that will feed our souls.

Peace,
Rev. Darrin

HEARTFELT THANKS

UCC Family,

Thank you so much for the scholarship & your ongoing generosity & support. School is going very well & I am very blessed to have this opportunity. Also, thank you to the Genesis Friends for the care package.

Lauren Rudolph

Thanks to all of my church family for your kind thoughts and prayers. I still have one more small procedure to undergo on March 20th. After that it will be all about healing up.

I hope to see you all soon,

Alan Mularski

Consistory Highlights

March 19, 2019

PCTC is available to help at the church on Pioneer's Day of Service. The offer will be considered.

The supplier of gas has been changed from Constellation to Alternate Energy Supply creating a substantial savings for the year. Columbia Gas has always supplied natural gas and that will not change.

A move was made to a new insurance carrier for building insurance, also creating a substantial yearly savings.

The floors in the dining hall have been stripped, cleaned and polished.

The carpets will be cleaned March 29, 2019.

New phones are installed and working.

Driver's Ed may be held in our building 8 days a month.

Workdays are scheduled for Saturday March 23, 2019 and Saturday April 6, 2019 from 9-noon.

A long-term vision plan for the church will be developed.

Many, many volunteers are needed for the NWO Association Meeting to be held at our church Saturday, April 27, 2019. Please consider volunteering to help with this huge event being held at our church.

Organ Repair Payoff



The Sterrett Fund will contribute \$48,000. We need to fill the keys to get the rest. \$53,430 has been donated through March 31, 2019. The balance due on the loan is now \$68,200.

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:**

Veda Shifley

Wilbur Shifley

Doris Burkhart

Rev. Ruben Elliker

Richard & Gertrude Shifley

Marcia Burkhart

Dale & Carol Miller



APRIL

Week of April 7:

Sun. Gen. 48:8-22
Rom. 8:11-25
John 6:27-40
Mon. Gen. 49:1-28
1 Cor. 10:14-11:1
Mark 7:24-37
Tue. Gen. 49:29-
50:14
1 Cor. 11:2-34
Mark 8:1-10
Wed. Gen. 50:15-26
1 Cor. 12:1-11
Mark 8:11-26
Thu. Ex. 1:6-22
1 Cor. 12:12-26
Mark 8:27-9:1
Fri. Ex. 2:1-22
1 Cor. 12:27-
13:3
Mark 9:2-13
Sat. Ex. 2:23-3:15
1 Cor. 13:1-13
Mark 9:14-29

Week of April 14:

Sun. Ex. 3:16-4:12
Rom. 12:1-21
John 8:46-59
Mon. Ex. 4:1-20
(21-26)27-31
1 Cor. 14:1-19
Mark 9:30-41
Tue. Ex. 5:1-6:1
1 Cor. 14:20-
33a, 39-40
Mark 9:42-50
Wed. Ex. 7:8-24
2 Cor. 2:14-3:6
Mark 10:1-16
Thu. Ex. 7:25-8:19
2 Cor. 3:7-18
Mark 10:17-31
Fri. Ex. 9:13-35
2 Cor. 4:1-12
Mark 10:32-45
Sat. Ex. 10:21-11:8
2 Cor. 4:13-18
Mark 10:46-52

Week of April 21:

Sun. Zech 9:9-12
1 Tim. 6:12-16
Luke 19:41-48
Mon. Lam. 1:1-2, 6-12
2 Cor. 1:1-7
Mark 11:12-25
Tue. Lam. 1:17-22
2 Cor. 1:8-22
Mark 11:27-33
Wed. Lam. 2:1-9
2 Cor. 1:23-2:11
Mark 12:1-11
Thu. Lam. 2:10-18
1 Cor. 10:14-17;
11:27-32
Mark 14:12-25
Fri. Lam. 3:1-9,19-33
1 Peter 1:10-20
John 13:36-38
Sat. Lam. 3:37-58
Heb. 4:1-16
Rom. 8:1-11

Week of April 28:

Sun. Ex. 12:1-14
Isa. 51:9-11
Luke 24:13-35
Mon. Jonah 2:1-10
Acts 2:14, 22-32
John 14:1-14
Tue. Isa. 30:18-26
Acts 2:36-41(42-47)
John 14:15-31
Wed. Micah 7:7-15
Acts 3:1-10
John 15:1-11
Thurs. Ezek. 37:1-14
Acts 3:11-26
John 15:12-27
Fri. Dan. 12:1-4,13
Acts 4:1-12
John 16:1-15
Sat. Isa. 25:1-9
Acts 4:13-
21(22-31)
John 16:16-33



Birthdays



1st	Alan Forry	23rd	Angela Brocwell
3rd	Danielle Court		Tony Deppen
	Addison Roesch	24th	Sandra Kennedy
4th	John Miller	28th	Alexus Burkhart
	Elin Swartzbaugh		Rachel McKibben
6th	Evan Swartzbaugh	29th	Nancy Green
7th	Erin Bickert		Brian Treisch
	Gary Reynolds		
8th	Derek Burkhart		
	Tim McDaniel		
11th	Barbara Perkins		
12th	Jason Brown		
	Matt Harmon		
	Gavin Kindell		
	Gary Neal		
13th	Alaina Durtschi		
	Adair Pittman		
14th	Shawn Kurtzman		
	Ruth Volk		
15th	Zoe Kalb		
18th	Denny Elmore		
22nd	Jordan Cole		

Anniversaries

1st	Dennis & Carla Russell
5th	Bill & Mary Zimmerman
9th	Robert Reid & Karen Meyers
16th	Jeffery & Shelly Kurtzman
21st	Denny & Marilyn Elmore
29th	Nick & Kaylee Wise



NEWS & Notes



COMMUNITY BREAKFAST

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 22 people outside the church.



DIAMOND DINNER

This special dinner for our "Young at Heart" members, age 75 or over, will be held on **May 11th**. Watch your mailbox and upcoming bulletins for more information. Mark your calendar!!



**MAUNDY
THURSDAY**

Reminder, Maundy Thursday worship will be held in the Fellowship Hall on **April 18th @ 6 p.m.** following our Fellowship & Outreach meal. Please join us for both. The meal begins at 5 p.m.



EASTER LILIES AND TULIPS

Flowers are available at the cost of \$12.00 each. Please fill in the order form below and return it, along with payment, to the church office or place it in the offering plate.

Florist deadline for orders is April 14th.

Please use one form per order.

I would like to order: ____ Lily(s)

____ Tulip(s) ____ Hyacinths(s)

In Honor Of _____

OR

In Loving Memory Of _____

OR

To The Glory of God

Given By _____

I will leave my flower for church use.

I will deliver my flower to a shut-in.

(Name of shut-in)

MISSIONS Report

DISASTER RESPONSE KITS

During the month of April we will again be filling buckets with cleaning supplies & bags with personal care necessities. Buckets & bags with lists of needed supplies are available at the Deacon's benches in the sanctuary. Too busy to shop or if you would prefer to let the Mission Committee members shop for you, leave a donation in the offering plate or in the church office by April 21st. Once you have filled your bucket or personal care kit, please leave it in the Heritage Room. On April 27th the disaster response kits will be delivered to the Northwest Ohio Association during the spring meeting. No one can predict when a natural disaster will happen, but with your help we can help the Northwest Ohio Association disaster response team be one step closer to helping when there is a need.



EASTER FLOWERS

Enclosed with this month's Visitor is the sign up sheet for Easter flowers. The amount of money above the cost of the flowers will go to United Church Homes. If you don't care to purchase a flower but would like to donate to UC Homes, please place your gift in an envelope and put it in the offering plate or leave it in the church office. Thank you for your support of the United Church Homes.



Northwest Ohio Association
Ohio Conference, United Church of Christ

Official Call
to the
56TH Annual Meeting
Northwest Ohio Association, UCC

**TO: MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF NORTHWEST OHIO
ASSOCIATION**

FROM: Annual Meeting Planning Committee

RE: FIFTY-SIXTH ANNUAL MEETING

WHEN: APRIL 27, 2019

TIME: 8:00 a.m. Registration and Breakfast

8:30 a.m. Gathering Music

9:00 am. Welcome and Call to Order

4:00 p.m. Adjournment

WHERE: FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

248 HARDING WAY W. Galion, OH 44833

Phone 419-468-4380

WHAT: CELEBRATE BEING THE CHURCH TOGETHER

- Come for worship and fellowship
- Celebrate with music
- Elect those who will provide leadership in the Association
- Keynote speaker – Donaldson Hill
- Ministry Forums
- Vote on the NWOA Mission Spending Plan for 2020 (Budget)
- Celebrate the ministries we share together
- Collect Disaster Response Kits



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.

CONDOLENCES

1st UCC extends sympathy to the family of Doris Burkhart. Doris passed away March 18, 2019. Please keep her family in your thoughts and prayers.

1st UCC extends sympathy to the family of Veda Shifley. Veda passed away March 18, 2019. Please keep her family in your thoughts and prayers.

1st UCC extends sympathy to the family of Wilbur Shifley. Wilbur passed away March 24, 2019. Please keep his family in your thoughts and prayers.



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 468-4380.

FOOD PANTRY

Macaroni & Cheese, noodles, cake mix, frosting, paper products, cleaning supplies and personal care products 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!



2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 5:30pm Driver's Ed 7:00pm 12-Step	2 9:00am WIC 5:30pm Driver's Ed 7:00pm Elders	3 8:00am WIC 11:00am Tai Chi 5:30pm Driver's Ed 6:30pm Bell Choir 6:30pm Pound Exercise 7:30pm Sr. Choir	4 5:30pm Driver's Ed 7:00pm 12-Step	5 8:00am WIC	6 9:00am Spring Cleaning
7 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship Service 1:30pm Magnolia Terrace Worship	8 5:30pm Driver's Ed 7:00pm 12-Step	9 8:00am Head Start 5:30pm Driver's Ed	10 8:00am WIC 11:00am Tai Chi 5:30pm Driver's Ed 6:30pm Bell Choir 6:30pm Pound Exercise 7:30pm Sr. Choir	11 4:00 Head Start 5:30pm Driver's Ed 7:00pm 12-Step 7:00pm Finance	12 8:00am WIC	13
14 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Palm Sunday	15 7:00pm Genesis Friends 7:00pm 12-Step	16 7:00pm Consistory	17 8:00am WIC 11:00am Tai Chi 6:30pm Bell Choir 6:30pm Pound Exercise 7:30pm Sr. Choir	18 5:00pm Fellowship & Outreach meal 6:00pm Maundy Thurs Worship 7:00pm 12-Step	19 8:00 WIC	20
21  8:00am SONrise Service 8:30am SONrise breakfast 10:00am Worship Service 2:00pm Mill Creek Worship	22 7:00pm 12-Step	23 7:00pm Elders	24 8:00am WIC 11:00am Tai Chi 6:30pm Bell Choir 6:30pm Pound Exercise 7:30pm Sr. Choir	25 7:00pm 12-Step	26 8:00am WIC	27 8:00am NWOA Annual Meeting @ 1st UCC Galion
28 8:00am Comm. Breakfast 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship Service	29 7:00pm Mission Meeting 7:00pm 12-Step	30				

**Fairhaven Community
Volunteer Service Group Newsletter
March 18, 2019**

The meeting was called to order by President Barb Nigh.
Devotions were given by Marion First.
Roll Call: Volunteers – 18, Staff – 2
Miriam Shifley has stepped down from being secretary for the time being. Rhonda Harvey will take over the position.
The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.
Treasury - \$1,653.34
Gift Shop - \$3,553.29
Bingo Cup - \$15.00

VSG Business:

The books were audited and are in excellent condition.
The Scholarship Committee announced that Sarah Faber is the recipient of a \$1,000 scholarship. She will be asked to attend the next meeting, if possible.
Mary Louise asked what we should do with old treasurer reports. The staff suggested we leave them at Fairhaven and they will find a place for them.

The following corrections were made to the VSG 2019 booklet:

Page 19 – Diane Ahlefeld’s phone number is 419-610-4799

Page 20 – Nancy Van Scoder’s phone number is 419-208-2961

Page 8 – the April 15th meeting will have a potluck following the meeting and the VSG will furnish cupcakes following the residents’ bingo

Page 9 – the May 20th meeting will be the Volunteer Recognition Luncheon

Page 10 – the June 17th carnival will be held on the sun porch

Page 17 – the January 2020 meeting will be held on January 2nd. At this time the group will undecorate the trees and change the door decorations in the morning. Following this, there will be a sack lunch and then the regular meeting at which time Bucyrus St. John’s will have the devotions. There will be no bingo. Alternate date will be January 6th.

Staff:

Becky Blocksom thanked all for their prayers and concerns for all members dealing with health issues. She also asked for volunteers to make walker bags.

Becky King introduced the new therapy puppy, Lemon. The training for OMA was cancelled for lack of participation. The residents started their OMA project last week, the first of five sessions.

The next meeting will be April 15th with devotions by Tiffin Trinity. Following the meeting there will be a potluck luncheon. Those who signed up for cupcakes for the residents following bingo are: Kathryn Adams – 2 dozen, Carol Moran – 1 dozen, and Jean Meck – 2 dozen.

GENESIS FRIENDS

On Monday, April 15 at 7:00 pm in the lounge, Genesis Friends will have an Easter Bible Study with Barb Nigh. We will also be packing our boxes for our college students & military members. All are welcome to join us!



FELLOWSHIP & OUTREACH MEAL

The Fellowship & Outreach meal for April will be held on Maundy Thursday, April 18th at 5:00 p.m. Join us for the meal with the Maundy Thursday service immediately following in the dining room. We are planning on a variety of Texas Sheet cakes for dessert. If you are interested in baking a cake, please sign the slip outside the church office. See you on the 18th!