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OF GALION**
*A place where everyone
grows in faith*

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of Christ**

248 Harding Way West
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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.



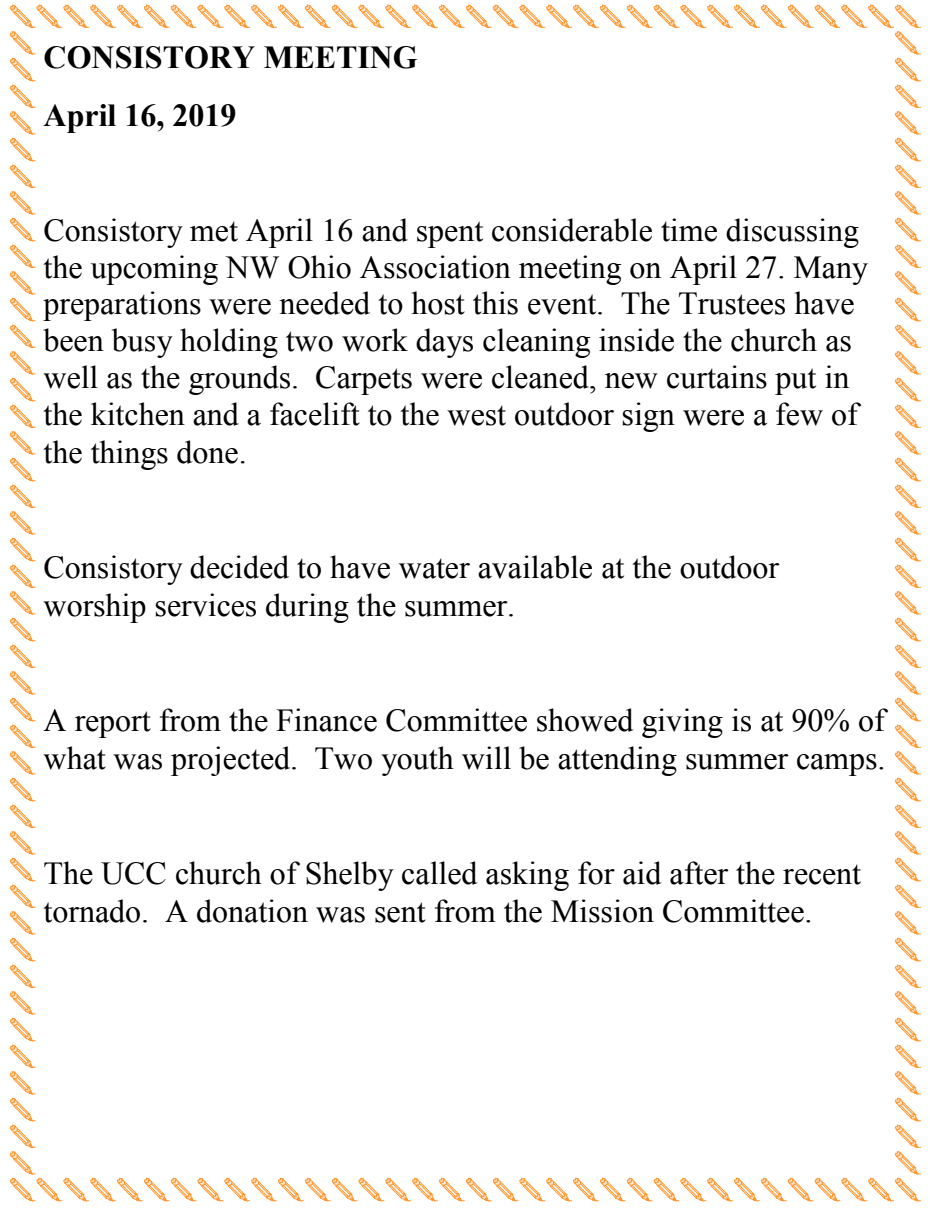
This letter is dedicated to all those who made the annual meeting of the association that we hosted here a grand success. When I was asked about this two years ago, it was easy to say yes because you didn't know what you were getting yourself into. Once it became clear how much would be involved to get ready for it, it really weighed on me! So, thank you church for all of the hard work that went into it. It was a valuable time for people who came from all over northwest Ohio to our humble town.

I would like to thank Lisa Eichhorn who led the efforts in our kitchen for lunch. This proved to be the most time consuming and largest job of the day. Thanks to her and to all who were on her team! A big thank you to Kevin Cotsmire and the all the trustees who helped prepare the church ahead of time inside and outside with carpet cleaning, painting signs and repairs. Thanks to the entire consistory as they each were assigned tasks during the day and had to be there early on a Saturday morning. Additional thanks go to Brad Hocker for heading up the disaster buckets outside; to Adair Pittman, Mary Ann Stone and Dale Miller for all of their extra work; to Doug Stone who was there all day in the sound booth; to Doug Court who saw to all kinds of details; to Jamie Deppen for helping move things around in our rooms in the educational wing; an to everyone who was there and helped make it a success, THANK YOU!

We deserve a break! Fortunately, May is a time when we have an opportunity to celebrate a little. On Saturday, May 11th, we have our annual "Diamond Dinner" with special musical guests "Ambassadors of Great American Song." The entertainment will begin at 12 noon with lunch at 12:30 pm. Plan on bringing a date to this! The week after, on Sunday, May 19th, we celebrate again as three of our young people will be confirmed as members of our faith community. Confirmation has always been my favorite worship service to perform so you don't want to miss that. Sunday, June 2nd we honor our graduates in another special worship service.

This is the time of year when we reap the beautiful things that God has sown. It is a time to enjoy our blessings and to look forward with anticipation to the exciting things ahead for us. May the living Christ continue to be made present for you.

Blessings, Pastor Darrin



CONSISTORY MEETING

April 16, 2019

Consistory met April 16 and spent considerable time discussing the upcoming NW Ohio Association meeting on April 27. Many preparations were needed to host this event. The Trustees have been busy holding two work days cleaning inside the church as well as the grounds. Carpets were cleaned, new curtains put in the kitchen and a facelift to the west outdoor sign were a few of the things done.

Consistory decided to have water available at the outdoor worship services during the summer.

A report from the Finance Committee showed giving is at 90% of what was projected. Two youth will be attending summer camps.

The UCC church of Shelby called asking for aid after the recent tornado. A donation was sent from the Mission Committee.



HOSPITALIZATIONS

None to report

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

CONDOLENCES

1st UCC extends sympathy to the family of Jerry Winters. Jerry passed away on April 26, 2019, surrounded by his family. Please keep his family in your thoughts and prayers.

REPORT FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

We would like to update our members on year to date envelope giving. Unfortunately, with one week to go in April, regular giving is \$39,527 versus \$44,300 at this time in 2018. There may be multiple reasons for this, including missing a Sunday over the winter due to weather. However, this means our projection for 2019 currently stands at \$130,697. The approved budget allocated \$145,500 for regular envelope giving. While this is not the best news, it is still early in the year. In the past, communication with our members has gone a long way to help meet our budgeting goals.

We want you to know the Finance Committee has worked hard to reduce expenses in the first quarter. Careful review of costs like building insurance and natural gas has allowed us to switch carriers and save over \$3,000 on these two items alone! Many of our costs are fixed however, and while we continue to look for ways to save money, we also try very hard to work with the money we have rather than use reserve funds.

We are doing a good job here at First UCC on many fronts. The organ renovation loan balance continues to be reduced ahead of schedule. The community meals feed lots of people and we have a healthy balance in that fund due to your support. In addition, the church looks great due to many hours of work in preparation for the association meeting at the end of April. Thank you!

So, while the current fund isn't the most exciting of topics, we need to be mindful of it so we can keep the lights on, to state it simply. If you are interested in helping, it needn't be overwhelming. Small increases in giving can make a big difference in our budget when made by multiple people. A couple of years ago we were able to balance our budget when many people increased giving by just \$4 a week! While we understand not everyone is in the position to do, we ask you to prayerfully consider helping in any way, if you are able. We are so grateful for your support.

Stacey Hocker,
Finance Committee Chair



MAY

Week of May 5th:

Sun. Ex. 14:5-22
 1 John 1:1-7
 John 14:1-7
 Mon. Ex. 14:21-31
 1 Peter 1:1-12
 John 14(1-7)8-17
 Tue. Ex. 15:1-21
 1 Peter 1:13-25
 John 14:18-31
 Wed. Ex. 15:22-16:10
 1 Peter 2:1-10
 John 15:1-11
 Thu. Ex. 16:10-22
 1 Peter 2:11-3:12
 John 15:12-27
 Fri. Ex. 16:23-36
 1 Peter 3:13-4:6
 John 16:1-15
 Sat. Ex. 17:1-16
 1 Peter 4:7-19
 John 16:16-33

Week of May 12th:

Sun. Ex. 18:1-12
 1 John 2:7-17
 Mark 16:9-20
 Mon. Ex. 18:13-27
 1 Peter 5:1-14
 Matt. (1:1-17)
 3:1-6
 Tue. Ex. 19:1-16
 Col. 1:1-14
 Matt. 3:7-12
 Wed. Ex. 19:16-25
 Col. 1:15-23
 Matt. 3:13-17
 Thu. Ex. 20:1-21
 Col. 1:24-2:7
 Matt. 4:1-11
 Fri. Ex. 24:1-18
 Col. 2:8-23
 Matt. 4:12-17
 Sat. Ex. 25:1-22
 Col. 3:1-17
 Matt. 4:18-25

Week of May 19th:

Sun. Ex. 28:1-4,30-38
 1 John 2:18-29
 Mark 6:30-44
 Mon. Ex. 32:1-20
 Col. 3:18-4:6
 (7-18)
 Matt. 5:1-10
 Tue. Ex. 32:21-34
 1 Thess. 1:1-10
 Matt. 5:11-16
 Wed. Ex. 33:1-23
 1 Thess. 2:1-12
 Matt. 5:17-20
 Thu. Ex. 34:1-17
 1 Thess. 2:13-20
 Matt. 5:21-26
 Fri. Ex. 34:18-35
 1 Thess. 3:1-13
 Matt. 5:27-37
 Sat. Ex. 40:18-38
 1 Thess. 4:1-12
 Matt. 5:38-48

Week of May 26th:

Sun. Lev. 8:1-13,
 30-36
 Heb. 12:1-14
 Luke 4:16-30
 Mon. Lev. 16:1-19
 1 Thess. 4:
 13-18
 Matt. 6:1-6,
 16-18
 Tue. Lev. 16:20-34
 1 Thess. 5:1-11
 Matt. 6:7-15
 Wed. Lev. 19:1-18
 1 Thess. 5:
 12-28
 Matt. 6:19-24
 Thu. Lev. 19:26-37
 2 Thess. 1:1-12
 Matt. 6:25-34
 Fri. Lev. 23:1-22
 2 Thess. 2:1-17
 Matt. 7:1-12
 Sat. Lev. 23:23-44
 2 Thess. 3:1-18
 Matt. 7:13-21



Birthdays

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|-------|-------------------|-------|---------------------|
| 1st: | Kairi Sikora | 22nd: | Barb MacMichael |
| 3rd: | Kenneth Ketterman | | Faye Toy |
| | Jeffrey Kurtzman | 23rd: | Nathaniel Cahill |
| | Mike Motter | | John Gibson |
| | Ella Pfeifer | 24th: | Hollis Walter |
| 5th: | Jessica Kruger | 26th: | Jerri Mularski |
| 6th: | Emma Heiser | | Loren Stone |
| | Mitchell Young | | Paul Sulser |
| 7th: | Madison Kindell | 27th: | Ethan Hocker |
| 8th: | Linda Cahill | 29th: | Chris Coe |
| 11th: | Nicole Claus | | Phillip Feik |
| 12th: | Joshua Kennedy | | Ellie Heiser |
| 15th: | Joseph Lugo | | Ian Lamontagne |
| 17th: | Aiden Collins | 30th: | Ellie Hocker |
| 19th: | Kevin Biederman | 31st: | William Burgess |
| | James Deppen | | Anna Marie Durtschi |
| | Nolan McKibben | | |
| 20th: | Krisanna Deppen | | |
| | Stacey Hocker | | |
| | Jessica Moore | | |
| 21st: | Glenn DeWitt | | |
| | Carol Moran | | |

Anniversaries

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| 6th: | Don & Sue Kindell |
| 16th: | Gary & Heidi Repp |
| 17th: | Tim & Rosemary McDaniel |
| 20th: | Matt & Becky Harmon |
| 21st: | Dan & Marci Brown |
| | Richard & Trudy DeWitt |
| 22nd: | Larry & Susan Ness |
| 24th: | Bradley & Stacey Hocker |
| 30th: | Tom & Sharon Cole |
| 31st: | Brad & Krista McKibben |



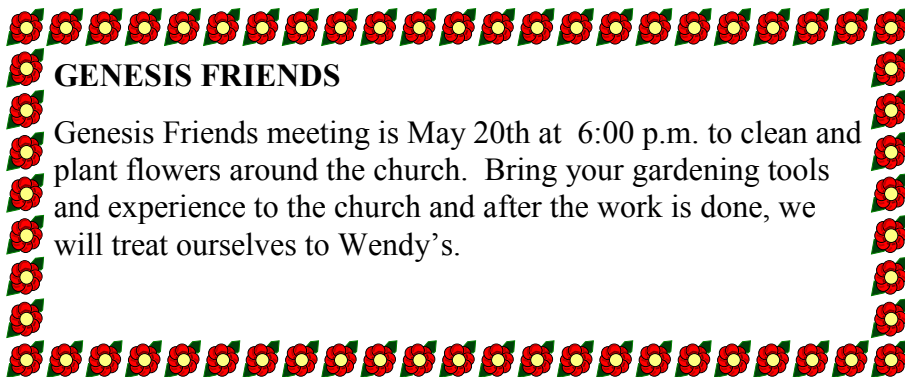
2019 HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE GRADUATES



Graduation information letters will be going out soon. If you do not receive a letter, please notify the church office at 419-468-4380 or office@uccgalion.org.



The church wishes to recognize our college & high school graduates at the Graduation Breakfast on June 2nd. If you would like to join us for breakfast, please notify the church office by May 24th, so that we may include you on the reservation list. Reminder-if you want to be included in the Graduation bulletin, please return your questionnaire and picture by May 20th.



GENESIS FRIENDS

Genesis Friends meeting is May 20th at 6:00 p.m. to clean and plant flowers around the church. Bring your gardening tools and experience to the church and after the work is done, we will treat ourselves to Wendy's.



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 FM107.5** on Sunday from 9:00am-10:00am.

PRAYER CHAIN

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

FOOD PANTRY

Needed: cereal, canned meats, dry or canned milk, canned fruit, paper products, cleaning supplies and personal care products. 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!

MISSIONS Report

DISASTER KITS

Congratulations! We filled 24 personal care kits & 33 buckets with cleaning supplies for those individuals affected by a natural disaster. Thank you to everyone that took the time to fill a disaster kit. It will be much appreciated by those in need.

On Saturday, April 27th we also tagged buckets & personal care kits and put them in boxes in a huge trailer at the NWOA Spring Conference. A big shout out to thank those individuals that helped with this project: Amanda & Wendy Harvey, Sabrina Roach, Keith & Judy Eichhorn, Brad Hocker, Bill Shifley & Mary Ann Stone. Thanks for a great job.

STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH OFFERING

Enclosed in the Visitor is a slip to donate a beautiful geranium to decorate our sanctuary Sunday, May 19th when we celebrate confirmation. The Strengthen the Church offering supports the expansion of ministry & growth of UCC local congregations. Your support of this offering will help the UCC fulfill its commitment to creating a just world for all by investing in new ministries & practices that meet the emerging need of local communities.

As God call our congregations to be the church in new ways, your generosity will plant new churches, awaken new ideas in existing churches & develop the spiritual life in our youth & young adults. All proceeds above the cost of the flowers will go to one of our 5 for 5 offerings, Strengthen the Church. Please complete the enclosed form & return it to our office by May 12th. All flowers can be picked up following worship that day & Genesis Friends Circle will plant all remaining flowers around our building. Thank you for your support.

SUMMER MUSIC

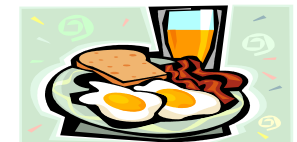
There will be a sign up sheet posted on the office window to sign up for “summer music.” **Summer music begins June 9th!**



PIANO RECITAL

Join Jennifer Arbaugh and her talented students for an evening of music.

May 19, 2019 @ 7:00pm at 1st UCC Galion



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 hash and fruit. Last month we served 24 outside the church. We are so happy we can help our neighbors in need!



2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 8:00am WIC 11:00am Tai Chi 5:30pm Driver's Ed 6:30pm Bell Choir 6:30pm Pound Exercise 7:30pm Sr. Choir	2 5:30pm Driver's Ed 7:00pm 12-Step	3 8:00am WIC	4
5 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship Service 1:30pm Magnolia Terrace	6 5:30pm Driver's Ed 7:00pm 12-Step	7 8:00 WIC 5:30pm Driver's Ed	8 8:00am WIC 11:00am Tai Chi 5:30pm Driver's Ed 6:30pm Bell Choir 6:30pm Pound Exercise 7:30pm Sr. Choir	9 4:00pm Head Start 5:30pm Driver's Ed 7:00pm 12-Step 7:00pm Finance	10	11  12:00pm Diamond Dinner
12  9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship Service	13 7:00pm 12-Step	14 8:00am Head Start	15 8:00am WIC 11:00am Tai Chi 6:30pm Bell Choir 6:30pm Pound Exercise 7:30pm Sr. Choir	16 5:00pm Outreach Meal 7:00pm 12-Step	17 8:00am WIC	18
19 CONFIRMATION Strengthen the Church 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship Service 2:00pm Mill Creek Worship 7:00pm Piano Recital	20 8:00am WIC 6:00pm Genesis Friends 7:00pm 12-Step	21 7:00pm Consistory	22 8:00am WIC 11:00am Tai Chi 6:30pm Bell Choir 6:30pm Pound Exercise 7:30pm Sr. Choir	23 7:00pm 12-Step	24	25
26 8:00 Community Brkfst 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship Service	27 OFFICE CLOSED  MEMORIAL DAY	28 7:00pm Elders	29 8:00am WIC 11:00am Tai Chi 6:30pm Bell Choir 6:30pm Pound Exercise 7:30pm Sr. Choir	30 7:00pm 12-Step	31 8:00am WIC	



"As God has sent me, so I send you." From God to Jesus to the disciples to Christians in every generation, including ours, we are called to embrace, to encourage and to empower. This year, as part of the *Strengthen the Church* special offering, the Mission Committee challenges First Church members to once again embrace, encourage and empower locally and nationally! Your geraniums may be taken home following the 10:00 a.m. service on May 19th, or left to be planted around the church grounds by members of Genesis Friends, reminding us with their blooms all summer long of our commitment to new Christians and new UCC churches. The proceeds from this project will go to new churches across the U.S. and leadership development for old and new churches. As you make your \$10.00 donation, we encourage you to remember an individual or group that has impacted your life as a Christian. *Strengthen the Church* is another opportunity to witness that God is Still Speaking!

Deadline to order is by May 12th

Please use one form per order.

I would like to order _____ Red Geraniums @ \$10 each.

In Honor of: _____

OR

In Loving Memory of: _____

OR

To The Glory of God

Given By: _____

I am leaving my geranium(s) to be planted on church grounds.

Organ Repair Payoff



The Sterrett Fund will contribute \$48,000. We need to fill the keys to get the rest. \$58,840 has been donated through April 30, 2019. The balance due on the loan is now \$62,600.

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

HEARTFELT THANKS

Thank you to all that attended the "SONrise" breakfast. Thanks to you, our youth have \$162.00 extra in their account!

Blessings,
1st UCC Youth

HEARTFELT THANKS

First UCC,
Thank your for all your love, prayers and support given to Doris over the years. Your kindness is greatly appreciated.

The Doris Burkhart family

United Church of Christ GENERAL SYNOD 32 June 21st - 25th, 2019

Galion First UCC is blessed to have three delegates, Anna Court, Ellie Hocker, and Doug Court. It is very rare to have this representation from one congregation. Pastor Darrin will also be attending as an observer. These delegates served you and Ohio quite impressively as delegates to the 31st General Synod two years ago. Corner them and ask questions before and after the Synod.

General Synod is meeting in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The Ohio Conference is paying delegate registrations and providing a small stipend to help with costs. Our four representatives will share travel and room expenses, but they and Galion First Church will need to cover additional costs. Please consider supporting this venture by marking your contribution General Synod in your offering.



Thank you to all those who purchased flowers and to those who designated their Easter flower to be taken to a member on our Care List. Proceeds from the Easter flowers will be sent to the United Church Homes to help cover expenses for those persons in need.

Flower 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.



Easter
April 21, 2019



Christ the Lord
Is Risen Today!

Flowers Are Given In Loving Memory of :

Our son & brother, Grant Michael, by Dave, Angie, Jessica & Abbie Brocwell

Herb & Carole Brown by Philip & Sundie Brown

Loved ones by Christine Coe

Loved ones by Doug Court & family

Mary (Deppen) Court by her siblings, nieces, nephews & their extended families

John & Arlene Deppen by their family & extended families

Howard & Anna Deppen by their children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren & extended family

Nancy S. Doyle by Maggie, Jim & Paul Sulser

Betty M. Durtschi by the Fritz Durtschi family

Lowell & Mable Eichhorn by Dan & Lisa Eichhorn

The Goldsmith family by Sandy Keller & Lynne Goldsmith

Doris Green by Ken & Nancy Green

R.A. "Bud" Heiser by his family

Robert & Hilda Heiser by their family

John Heitzman by Mary Ann & our children

John Hietzman by Jim & Nancy Reid

Theresa & Fred Heitzman by Jim & Nancy Reid

John Heitzman by Janet Ruth

Mrs. Lena (Tracht) Hocker by Sally A. (Tracht) Heximer

Joyce Hollingsworth by Philip & Sundie Brown

Arpad & Teresa Kiss by 1st U.C.C Mission Committee

*Our parents: Joel & Ethel Sames & Elmo & Genevie Koschnick
by Jack & Barb Koschnick*

Flowers Are Given In Loving Memory of :

Ed McDaniels by Marlene McDaniels & family
Stan & Anna Mae Morris by Philip & Sundie Brown
Kyle Morrissey by Philip & Sundie Brown
Herb Mountz by his family
Charles, Ruth & Linda Neal and Don Hayes by Chuck & Maureen Neal and family; Dan & Pam Hayes; Gary & Brenda Neal and family
Cloyd & Mildred Rhinehart by Jo & Dave Bosh
Cloyd & Mildred Rhinehart by Dorothy Rhinehart
Don Rhinehart by Dorothy Rhinehart
Daniel R. Ritchey by his loving wife, Ruth (Ricker) Ritchey
Daniel R. Ritchey by his children, grandchildren & great-grandchildren
Susan Ritzhaupt by Dorothy Rhinehart
Bob Ruth by Janet Ruth
Robert Ruth by Jim & Nancy Reid
My brother, Randy See, by Heidi, Gary, Parker & Katy Repp
Our son, Randy, & our parents by Gary & Martha See
Mindy M. Sheriff by The Fritz Durtschi family
Anne Marie Shifley by her grandmothers, aunts, uncles, cousins & their families
Anne Marie Shifley by her father, Terry, mother, Lee Anne, & brother, Hal
Deceased family members by Miriam Shifley
Joyce Spore by Gail A. Spore
Howard & Jean Sulser by Jim, Maggie & Paul Sulser
Loved ones by Ruth Swick
Harry Thompson by Barbara Thompson
Mr. & Mrs. Layton Tracht by Sally A. (Tracht) Heximer
Richard Wiggins by Dorothy Wiggins
Loved ones by Debbie Zellner & family
Chet & Alice Zimmerman by their family
Harold & Thelma Zimmerman by their family

Flowers Are Given In Honor of :

My family by Christine Coe
Our parents & children by Kevin & Beth Cotsmire
Our grandsons: Cooper, Jayce & Parker by Kevin & Beth Cotsmire
Andrea & Jack Cramer by Debbie Zellner & family
Our children & grandchildren by Dan & Lisa Eichhorn
Our grandchildren: Jessica, Abbie, Vincent, Stone, Corinne, Marisa, Ellie & Cooper by Keith & Judy Eichhorn
Brett & Jill Green by Ken & Nancy Green
Our families by Darrin & Wendy Harvey
Our children & grandchildren: Travis, Kerri, Caleb, Caitlin, Tyler, Janelle, Marissa, Madisson & Mathis Koschnick by Jack & Barb Koschnick
My family by Marlene McDaniels
All of our friends at 1st UCC by Dale & Carol Miller
Our family by Rev. John & Marcy Miller
Jessica & Matt Moore & family by Debbie Zellner & family
Eileen Mountz by her family
Vance Palmer by Philip & Sundie Brown
Dorothy Rhinehart by Jo & Dave Bosh
Our children & grandchildren by Gary & Martha See
Our parents, Jim & Erma Smith, & grandparents by Gary & Brenda Neal & family

Flowers Are Given To The Glory of God by :

Bruce & Betty Angell
Christine Coe
Genesis Friends
Jean Meck
Carol Moran
Bill & Lynne Shifley
The Senior High Sunday School Class