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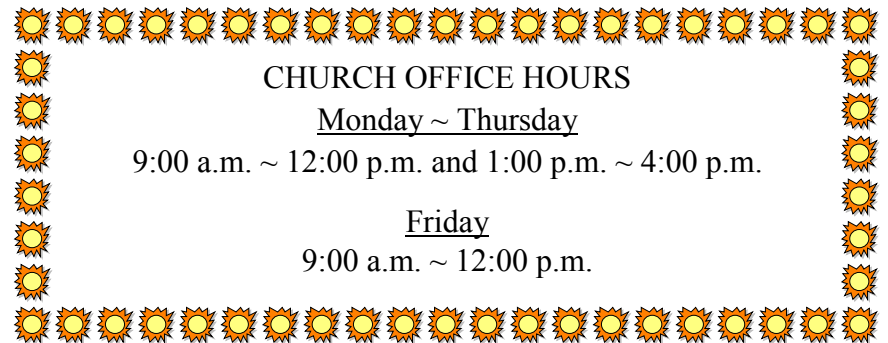
SUNDAY SERVICES

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,

Our conversations about Open and Affirming and other related topics has revealed our church's need for better communication. Churches of all kinds suffer from a similar malady, so we have company. It's remarkable that so many early churches experienced many of the same difficulties that we today experience. Thus the Bible contains many practical guides as how to avoid these pitfalls of relating to one another. Even Jesus himself gives advice to us about how to live with one another and that was before there was a church!

In the midst of the Sermon on the Mount Jesus says these words - "So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift." (Matthew 5:23-24 NRSV). In other words, God is interested in us working out our differences before we worship. Jesus gives a little more advice on this issue in Matthew 18: 15-16. "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses." In other words we are first to deal with issues we might have with each other face to face before bringing others into it. Our United Methodist brothers and sisters call this "The Rule of Christ" and two years ago they implemented a denomination wide training whenever a particular church gets a new pastor.

I encourage everyone, if they have an issue with anything I say or do, to come to me directly about it first and let's talk about it. This is the best way for us to work together, for us to understand each other, for us to find a solution and the way Christ designed us to deal with things as they come up. Saying things to others to say to someone else without first going to the source is called "triangulation;" one of the first things I learned in seminary to avoid.

One of the elder's duties right now is to mediate issues between the congregation and staff; however, we should first try speaking directly with each other, whenever possible, before getting an elder involved. If we do need their help, Jesus still says we should do it together as a group face to face.

In order to facilitate conversation, I'm going to be at Wendy's on Fridays beginning in the month of August from 3-5, if anyone wants to come by and talk about anything at all. I'll buy you coffee.

Being an authentic church, the way it was designed to be by Christ, is a challenge. I believe we have a good relationship but I would like to make it better. Let's build the church of the future together.

In Christ,

Pastor Darrin

Corn Roast August 7, 2019

Join us at 6PM in the pavilion.

Corn



Hot Dogs



Donuts



Organ Repair Payoff



The Sterrett Fund will contribute \$48,000. We need to fill the keys to get the rest. \$62,645 has been donated through July 31, 2019.

The balance due on the loan is [now \\$55,190.](#)

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

Jerry Winters



HOSPITALIZATIONS

Evelyn Feik; Dale Miller

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.

HEARTFELT THANKS

First UCC,

Thank you for your recent gift. It was generous. The gift will go into the life enrichment fund to help residents. It is a joy to serve older adults together.

Blessings,

Pastor Becky, Fairhaven

First United Church of Christ,

The family of Donald Tucker would like to thank all who helped with his celebration of life. Though the heat was quite great, every volunteer deserves a special thank you. May God bless all with our deepest thanks.

The Tucker Family

Synod 2019 Follow Up

The resolution from the working committee to which Doug Court was assigned directed the UCC Board of Directors to create a Manual on Church. This manual is to be a guide to local churches, assisting them with positive ways to function within the greater body of the United Church of Christ. Because of Doug's involvement on committee and commitment to the local churches of the United Church of Christ, you are being asked to help us with some specific support. There are a few ways in which I am directly seeking your help:



1. **Pray!** Please hold us in prayer as we sift through your nominations and discern faithfully who will be invited to serve on the working group.
2. **Take this survey!** The Manual on Church will be a multi-year process that will help support the needs of the local church. The scope and function of the Manual on Church will be determined by the as-yet-to-be-named working group—but I know that they will need our help. Will you take the following 15 minute survey and let us know what you think it should be and do?
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ManualonChurch>
3. **Offer reflections and feedback!** Before September 1st, if you could email any reflections or feedback you have regarding the committee's thoughts on how your local collective work intersects with the Manual on Church, please send it to us at: nominations@ucc.org to share with the eventual working group.
4. Members of First Church have been very supportive of Synod involvement by sending delegates to Synod, while often asking, "How does this affect us?" This Manual on Church will assist us and other local churches in week to week operations. Please take the time to complete this survey.



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!



SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM & BOOKS FOR BUDDIES

Thank you to all who helped with the City Summer Lunch Program. We averaged over 70 children a day eating lunch and picking up a book. It is always nice to see a smile on a little one's hungry face. Thank you to all who donated books or money to purchase books for the kiddos. See you next year!

CHRISTMAS IN JULY

Thank you to everyone for your generous support of the Veterans of the Cross Christmas Fund. The Mission Committee appreciates your support of this very special fund.

STUFF THE MEDICINE CABINET

This year, instead of stuffing our bus with school supplies, we will be stuffing the bathroom cabinet with taxable and personal items. Items we need are laundry soap, toilet paper, paper towels, sanitary napkins, tampons, Clorox wipes, soap, toothpaste and brushes, shampoo, etc.-anything you might use when getting ready for school in the morning. Watch for our display cabinet at the pavilion and let's stuff it full of much needed items for our friends in need.

ON-GOING FOOD COLLECTIONS

Please keep in mind that food items continue to be collected throughout the year. There is always a need for these items at our local food pantries. The grocery carts inside the church are available for any donations.

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

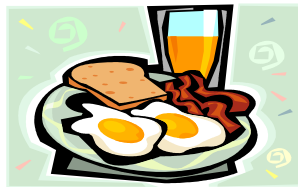
MISSIONS Report

FELLOWSHIP & OUTREACH MEAL

It's too hot outside to cook so let us do the cooking for you. Our next Fellowship and Outreach meal will be on Thursday, August 15th from 5-6pm. Brad Hocker is this month's chef and he will be looking for anyone who can help by baking some cookies for dessert. Join your church friends for supper and fellowship. See you on the 15th!

COMMUNITY BREAKFAST UPDATE

This month's Community Breakfast will be August 25th 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!!



Fairhaven 39th Annual Harvest Fest

"Celebrate Fairhaven"

Thursday, Sept. 26, 2019

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

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

Live Auction: 10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

Bake Sale: 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Celebrate Fairhaven Video: 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Raffle for 1/4 beef @ 1:30 p.m.
(tickets are \$5.00 each)

Entertainment: 1:00 p.m.-1:30 p.m.

Public Welcome

Campus Tours

Lunch available 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

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 Newsletter
July 15, 2019**

The meeting was called to order by President Barb Nigh.

Devotions were given by Upper Trinity.

Roll Call: Volunteers – 19, Guests – 1, Staff – 3

Minutes of previous meeting were approved as read.

Treasury - \$1,096.99

Gift Shop - \$3,525.28

Bingo - \$16.00

VSG Business:

Marcy Miller reported on which churches are providing the various foods for Harvest Fest and who all are filling the various positions. If anyone has not already committed to a specific job and wishes to help, they should contact Marcy. Set up will be Wednesday,

September 25th at 1 pm. Facebook will be utilized to make more people aware of the event. The Gift Shop, as opposed to what was announced earlier, will be open from 10 am to 4 pm on the day of Harvest Fest. The Gift Shop will also pay for the lunches for the residents. A request for more pies for the event was made. And everyone was reminded that any checks submitted that day need to be made out to “Volunteer Service Group” not Fairhaven.

Jean Pratt reported on the raffle that will be held. What is being put up for raffle is a quarter of beef (an excess of 100 pounds of meat from hamburger to steaks) for a \$5.00 ticket. Flyers and tickets were available for a representative of each church to take back to their members to sell. Tickets will be available on the day of Harvest Fest with the drawing at 1:30 pm. Winner need not be present to win. It was stressed that everyone needs to try to sell these tickets throughout their community, not just in their congregation; such as making tickets available at any community events such as fairs, festivals, and other community meetings.

Staff:

Alissa Clouse spoke on the Donor Appreciation Dinner held and thanked all donors.

Guest Alissa Paoella from United Church Homes does PR for United Church Homes and offered her assistance on promoting the Harvest Fest.

Becky Blocksom spoke about working with the residents in Reflection Ridge.

Becky then closed the meeting by leading all in “The Way” and prayer.

Next meeting will be August 19th. Devotions will be by Galion First. A potluck luncheon will be held following the meeting and pies will be furnished for the residents following bingo. Those furnishing pies are: Janet Ferner, Donna Randell, Lydia Guthrie, Dorothy Eckert, and Mary Louise Diebler.

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 4th.** 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!



2019

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



AUGUST

Week of August 4

Sun. Num. 27:12-23
Acts 19:11-20
Mark 1:14-20

Mon. Num. 32:1-6, 16-27
Rom. 8:26-30
Matt. 23:1-12

Tue. Num. 35:1-3, 9-15,
30-34
Rom. 8:31-39
Matt. 23:13-26

Wed. Deut. 1:1-18
Rom. 9:1-18
Matt. 23:27-39

Thu. Deut. 3:18-28
Rom. 9:19-33
Matt. 24:1-14

Fri. Deut. 31:7-13,24-
32:4
Rom. 10:1-13
Matt. 24:15-31

Sat. Deut. 34:1-12
Rom. 10:14-21
Matt. 24:32-51

Week of August 11

Sun. Josh. 1:1-18
Acts 21:3-15
Mark 1:21-27

Mon. Josh. 2:1-14
Rom. 11:1-12
Matt. 25:1-13

Tue. Josh. 2:15-24
Rom. 11:13-24
Matt. 25:14-30

Wed. Josh. 3:1-13
Rom. 11:25-36
Matt. 25:31-46

Thu. Josh. 3:14-4:7
Rom. 12:1-8
Matt. 26:1-16

Fri. Josh. 4:19-5:1,
10-15
Rom. 12:9-21
Matt. 26:17-25

Sat. Josh. 6:1-14
Rom. 13:1-7
Matt. 26:26-35

Week of August 18

Sun. Josh. 6:15-27
Acts 22:30-
23:11
Mark 2:1-12

Mon. Josh. 7:1-13
Rom. 13:8-14
Matt. 26:36-46

Tue. Josh. 8:1-22
Rom. 14:1-12
Matt. 26:47-56

Wed. Josh. 8:30-35
Rom. 14:13-23
Matt. 26:57-68

Thu. Josh. 9:3-21
Rom. 15:1-13
Matt. 26:69-75

Fri. Josh. 9:22-10:15
Rom. 15:14-24
Matt. 27:1-10

Sat. Josh. 23:1-16
Rom. 15:25-33
Matt. 27:11-23

Week of August 25

Sun. Josh. 24:1-15
Acts 28:23-31
Mark 2:23-28

Mon. Josh. 24:16-33
Rom. 16:1-16
Matt. 27:24-31

Tue. Judg. 2:1-5,
11-23
Rom. 16:17-27
Matt. 27:32-44

Wed. Judg. 3:12-30
Acts 1:1-14
Matt. 27:45-54

Thu. Judg. 4:4-23
Acts 1:15-26
Matt. 27:55-66

Fri. Judg. 5:1-18
Acts 2:1-21
Matt. 28:1-10

Sat. Judg. 5:19-31
Acts 2:22-36
Matt. 28:11-20



Birthdays

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|------------------------|------------------------|
| 4th: Barbara Keller | 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 |
| 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 | |
| Don Woodmansee | |
| 15th: Doris Van Allen | |
| 17th: Zach James | |
| Linda Woodmansee | |
| 18th: Larry Shifley | |
| 19th: Mason McKibben | |
| Dominic Pittman | |
| 20th: Jenay Pfeifer | |



Anniversaries

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| 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 |
| 22nd: Brad & Cindy Smith |
| 23rd: Charles & Tami Burkhart |
| 27th: Chris & Kim Burkhart |