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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,

I want to thank those who participated in our combined Sunday School at 9am on Sundays. It was a time where people who don't often get to associate with each other got to sit and discuss the future of our church and community from different points of view.

One of the things that came out of our time together is having a table at the third Friday event in Galion. I want to thank everyone who made cookies for us; we handed out all 200 bags! It was a way for the community to get to know us better and invite them to be a part of things happening here. We would like to do the same thing coming up for the community's Octoberfest this fall. Look for more information soon about how you can help with that.

Other things that came out of that meeting are making updates to our website and visitor information as well as making changes to our mission statement. The proposed statement our group came up with is - "We welcome all, love all and seek justice for all." This is based off our discussions and a look at our denomination's mission statement. We brought it to our Elders and they are going to bring it to our Consistory this month for further review.

I proposed we look at our mission statement at the beginning of July as I felt we could really let who we are and what we are about shine into our community more. As I said then, message is important. If people are not already in our doors, then most likely they do not know what is going on here. We want to make sure people know that we would welcome them no matter who they are, love them no matter where they have been and serve them when they are in need. We include "justice" because it is a term that is used hundreds of times in the Bible. It concerns the righting of wrongs, generosity and social concern, especially toward the poor and vulnerable. Our group felt that this was a statement of what we are about and that represents our UCC tradition.

I wish to continue to offer that I will once again be at Wendy's on Fridays from 3-5pm, if anyone wants to meet about anything at all. I want to continue to facilitate open and direct dialogue and to make myself available to everyone.

Fall is my favorite time of year. It's a great chance to get out of the house and experience the presence of God. God is continuing to create and it is amazing to behold. In your time to and from work, going to an appointment or just sitting outside - take time to breathe and look around you. All creation is praising their creator; join in. It will do your heart well!

Blessing,

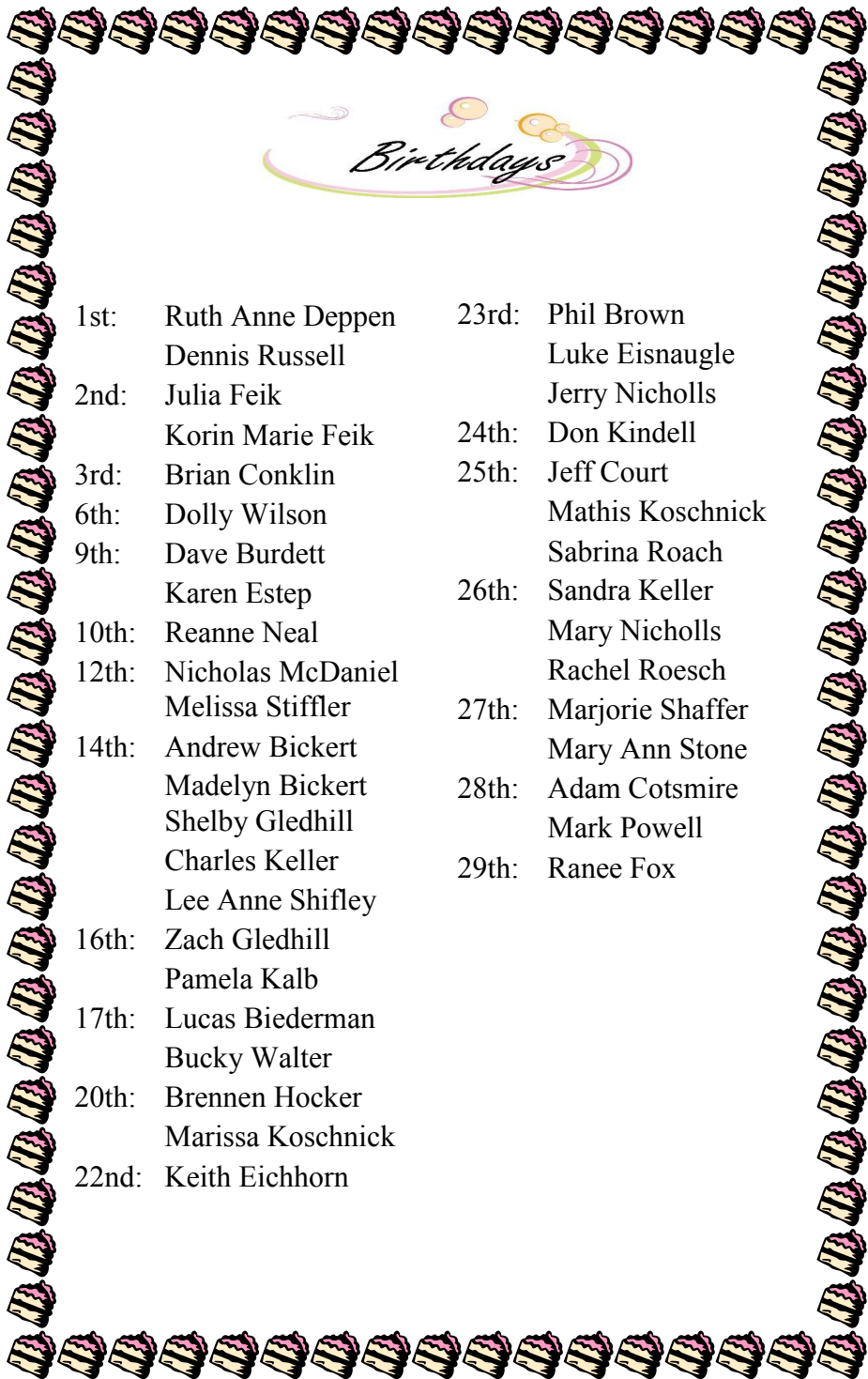
Pastor Darrin

FEED THE TEAM



As we have done in the past, 1st UCC will be providing a pre-game meal for the Galion football team, coaches and cheerleaders on **Oct. 11th @ 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 SHELBY!



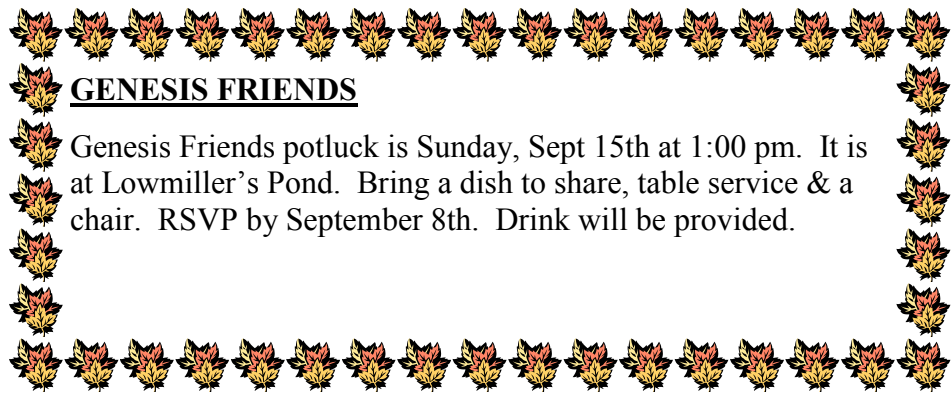
Birthdays

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



Anniversaries

- 1st: Mark & Katy Klettlinger
- 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



GENESIS FRIENDS

Genesis Friends potluck is Sunday, Sept 15th at 1:00 pm. It is at Lowmiller's Pond. Bring a dish to share, table service & a chair. RSVP by September 8th. Drink will be provided.

The Hills are Alive!

THE TEMPLED HILLS CAMPAIGN

Have you heard “The Hills are Alive?” That is the capital Campaign for The Templed Hills. The Campaign Steering Committee is looking to raise approximately \$350,000.00 for much needed updates to the camp. They plan to update rest-rooms and make them handicap accessible, heating systems and lighting, build a large worship pavilion, camperships and to reduce the carbon based energy used at the camp. On Sunday, September 8th we will have a guest speaker from this campaign speak during our service. All of these updates are very much needed to keep this camp functioning.

The loose offering on that day and on September 15th will go toward “The Hills are Alive.” You can also make a donation by writing a check and marking “Hills” on the memo line. Our church Mission Committee has agreed to match all money collected for the camp on those Sundays with Mission dollars. A brochure explaining this campaign can be found on the bulletin board outside the office, if you have any questions. We all have fond memories of days at the camp. Won’t you help?

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 22 from the community!! This month we will be having hash, fresh fruit & a variety of juices.



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.



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!



FELLOWSHIP & OUTREACH MEAL

The next Fellowship and Outreach Meal will be held on Thursday, **September 19th at 5:00p.m.** We have been feeding a crowd of about 70 individuals at each meal and over 20 of them are our members! Doug Court and his team will be cooking this month and they are looking for an apple crisp dessert. Providing a dessert is a HUGE help for the cooks. A dessert sign up sheet is posted outside the office if you can help. Thank you to all that are supporting this program.

STUFF THE BUS/BATHROOM

This year we were asked to help the kiddos with the start of the school year with clean bodies and clothes. During August we have collected taxable items and money for detergent, soap, toothpaste, feminine products, toilet paper, body wash etc. Not only have we collected many of these items, we also have over \$325 to shop for additional items! It is so important to start the school year or day clean and fresh. Thank you to everyone that contributed to make this mission a success.

CONSISTORY MEETING, AUGUST 20, 2019

September 1, 2019 Church Services will resume in the sanctuary.

A Planning Team/Committee is being considered.

Both boilers passed State Inspection.

Cathy Green will be speaking on the Capital Campaign for Temples Hills.

Darrin will not continue Sunday worship at nursing homes due to family obligations.

Doug Court, Anna Court and Pastor Darrin will attend the 2019 Ohio Conference Fall Gathering in Westerville on September 27 and 28, 2019.

The Ohio Conference Speaker, David Long-Higgins, will speak at First UCC in January.

The Organ Fund Balance is \$58,190.

The sinkhole on the west side of the building outside of the elevator will be fixed.

Bushes around the church and by the east parking lot will be trimmed and leaves raked before Thanksgiving.

Replacement of the front sign, which has deteriorated, will be considered.

Scholarship Applications Available in September

First UCC Scholarship Committee will host two fundraising events to support our local college students. Beginning Sunday, September 8th, designated "Scholarship Fund" envelopes will be in the pews. Donations will be accepted all month.

Also, on Sunday, October 13th 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 13th.

Galion First UCC Scholarship Committee



HOSPITALIZATIONS

Mary Louise Zimmerman, Marlene McDaniels

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.



2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship Service	2 CLOSED  LABOR DAY	3 8:00am WIC 5:30pm Drivers Ed	4 8:00am WIC 11:00am Tai Chi 5:30pm Drivers Ed 6:30pm Pound Exercise 6:30pm Bell Choir 7:30pm Sr. Choir	5 5:30pm Drivers Ed 7:00pm 12-Step	6 8:00am WIC 5:30pm Drivers Ed	7 1:00pm Stone (DR)
8 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship Service	9 5:30pm Drivers Ed 7:00pm 12-Step	10 8:00am Head Start 5:30pm Drivers Ed	11 8:00am WIC 11:00am Tai Chi 5:30pm Drivers Ed 6:30pm Pound Exercise 6:30pm Bell Choir 7:30pm Sr. Choir	12 5:30pm Drivers Ed 7:00pm 12-Step 7:00pm Finance	13	14
15 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship Service 1:00pm Genesis Friends	16 7:00pm 12-Step	17 7:00pm Consistory	18 8:00am WIC 11:00am Tai Chi 6:30pm Pound Exercise 6:30pm Bell Choir 7:30pm Sr. Choir	19 5:00pm Outreach Meal 7:00pm 12-Step	20 8:00am WIC	21
22 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship Service	23 7:00pm 12-Step	24 7:00pm Elders	25 8:00am WIC 11:00am Tai Chi 6:30pm Pound Exercise 6:30pm Bell Choir 7:30pm Sr. Choir	26 7:00pm 12-Step	27 8:00am WIC	28
29 8:00am Comm. Breakfast 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship Service	30 7:00pm 12-Step 7:00pm Mission					



SEPTEMBER

Week of Sept. 1

Sun. Judg. 6:1-24
 2 Cor. 9:6-15
 Mark 3:20-30
 Mon. Judg. 6:25-40
 Acts 2:37-47
 John 1:1-18
 Tue. Judg. 7:1-18
 Acts 3:1-11
 John 1:19-28
 Wed. Judg. 7:19-8:12
 Acts 3:12-26
 John 1:29-42
 Thu. Judg. 8:22-35
 Acts 4:1-12
 John 1:43-51
 Fri. Judg. 9:1-16,
 19-21
 Acts 4:13-31
 John 2:1-12
 Sat. Judg. 9:22-25,
 50-57
 Acts 4:32-5:11
 John 2:13-25

Week of Sept. 8

Sun. Judg. 11:1-11,
 29-40
 2 Cor. 11:21b-31
 Mark 4:35-41
 Mon. Judg. 12:1-7
 Acts 5:12-26
 John 3:1-21
 Tue. Judg. 13:1-15
 Acts 5:27-42
 John 3:22-36
 Wed. Judg. 13:15-24
 Acts 6:1-15
 John 4:1-26
 Thu. Judg. 14:1-19
 Acts 6:15-7:16
 John 4:27-42
 Fri. Judg. 14:20-
 15:20
 Acts 7:17-29
 John 4:43-54
 Sat. Judg. 16:1-14
 Acts 7:30-43
 John 5:1-18

Week of Sept. 15

Sun. Judg. 16:15-31
 2 Cor. 13:1-11
 Mark 5:25-34
 Mon. Judg. 17:1-13
 Acts 7:44-8:1a
 John 5:19-29
 Tue. Judg. 18:1-15
 Acts 8:1-13
 John 5:30-47
 Wed. Judg. 18:16-31
 Acts 8:14-25
 John 6:1-15
 Thu. Job 1:1-22
 Acts 8:26-40
 John 6:16-27
 Fri. Job 2:1-13
 Acts 9:1-9
 John 6:27-40
 Sat. Job 3:1-26
 Acts 9:10-19a
 John 6:41-51

Week of Sept. 22

Sun. Job 4:1-6,12-21
 Rev. 4:1-11
 Mark 6:1-6a
 Mon. Job. 4:1;5:1-11,
 17-21,26-27
 Acts 9:19b-31
 John 6:52-59
 Tue. Job 6:1-4,
 8-15,21
 Acts 9:32-43
 John 6:60-71
 Wed. Job 6:1;7:1-21
 Acts 10:1-16
 John 7:1-13
 Thur. Job 8:1-10,20-22
 Acts 10:17-33
 John 7:14-36
 Fri. Job 9:1-15,32-35
 Acts 10:34-48
 John 7:37-52
 Sat. Job 9:1;10:1-9,
 16-22
 Acts 11:1-18
 John 8:12-20

Week of Sept. 29

Sun. Job 11:1-9;13-20
 Rev. 5:1-14
 Matt. 5:1-12
 Mon. Job. 12:1-6;13-25
 Acts 11:19-30
 John 8:21-32
 Tue. Job 12:1;13:3-17
 21-27
 Acts 12:1-17
 John 8:33-47
 Wed. Job 12:1;14:1-22
 Acts 12:18-25
 John 8:47-59
 Thur. Job 16:16-22;
 17:1, 13-16
 Acts 13:1-12
 John 9:1-17
 Fri. Job 19:1-7,14-27
 Acts 13:13-25
 John 9:18-41
 Sat. Job 22:1-4, 21-
 23:7
 Acts 13:26-43
 John 10:1-18



**Fairhaven Community
Volunteer Service Group Newsletter
August 19, 2019**

The meeting was called to order by President Barb Nigh.

Devotions were given by Galion First.

Roll Call: Volunteers – 28, Staff – 3

Minutes of previous meeting were approved as read.

Treasury - \$1,096.99

Gift Shop - \$3,161.99

Bingo - \$15.00

VSG Business:

Marcy gave updated report of which churches are doing what for Harvest Fest. Also showed yard sign furnished by United Church Homes. Shared that ads for event are more than last year. Reminded all that the lunch line at Harvest Fest will not start until after the auction is over. And the kitchen help should not be in the kitchen until after the auction so they don't miss out on the activities. Some auction items were brought in so they can be noted and pictures taken to put on Facebook. Any others not in yet, inform Marcy of details. One page of the program will consist of Thanks You's. Marcy also shared a Harvest Fest insert used by Trinity Tiffin and offered copies to all who wished to take back to their church.

Raffle is progressing. At this point the tickets turned in are sufficient to cover the cost of the beef. All additional tickets turned in will be all profit.

It was shared that the Mud Church is having a Hymn Sing Sunday August 25th at 3pm. There will be ice cream and lots of singing.

We were informed that the locks on the cabinets in the kitchen were broken but are now fixed. Be sure to put all items back in cabinet when done with them.



Staff:

Alissa Clouse reported for Alissa Paolella from United Church Homes. Thus far she has created a Facebook event to send and notify friends. Is on Fairhaven Facebook page. All can mark as attending and share with others. Also on Facebook a save the date and flyer. Do "like" and share. Has sent to UCC Assoc. Is finalizing the Press Release which is being sent out to an extensive list of news outlets. She is working on a power point and interview of residents presentation and also the yard signs.

Alissa Clouse reported that for herself starting September, she will only be able to be at our meeting every other month.

Becky Blocksom shared "H.A.L.T." with all, which stands for Hungry, Angry, Lonely, and Tired. When any of these apply in your life, take a step back and don't make any big decisions or confront anyone until rested and in a better emotional state.

Becky King stated she will get the addresses to Jean for the Tree of Love in October. Also, the Chapel Committee would love some special music, so if any church would like to share with them, contact Becky King. The service is at 1pm on Sundays and they love children in song or bell choir.

Becky then closed the meeting with "The Way" and prayer.

Next meeting will be September 16th. Upper Trinity UCC will have devotions. Lunch will be a sack lunch. And donuts are being furnished for residents following bingo.

Reminder – Harvest Fest Sept. 26th starting at 10am. Set up will be the 25th at 1pm.