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248 Harding Way West Galion, OH 44833

CELEBRATE THE LOVE! CELEBRATE THE JOY!

Rev. Darrin Harvey Minister

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SUNDAY SERVICES

Sunday School 9:00 a.m. **Worship Service** 10:00 a.m.

The VISITOR





Dear Church,

We have a great many people who help your church run who go unacknowledged. From answering the phones, sweeping the floors, counting the offering, cleaning the kitchen, visiting shut ins, leading Sunday

School, helping with children's church, getting communion ready, folding the bulletins, dropping off food, putting up decorations, baking cookies, cooking food for the community meals, donating supplies, playing the organ, serving on a committee, recording the worship services, updating the web site, changing the altar, performing in a choir, preparing the music, changing the signs, serving as a liturgist, leading VBS, fixing things around the church shall I go on?

These people deserve a big hearty THANK YOU during this season of giving thanks. I feel we don't do this often enough. Small acknowledgements go a long way towards helping people feel appreciated so that their work doesn't go unnoticed. This helps to avoid burnout for our staff and volunteers. Even if people are paid, it's still nice to hear "Thank you for all you do!" from time to time.

So when you see someone who does a lot of these things at church, let them know you appreciate them and what they do.

God bless you and your families this Thanksgiving season!

Pastor Darrin

Consistory Highlights Pastor Harvey reported a new member, Todd Knight, joined the church on Oct. 13th. Larry Nigh is taking a leave of absence from the visitation ministry. A Vision Retreat is set for Jan. 11, 2020 to determine goals for the year and beyond. The annual church meeting was set for Jan. 26, 2020. The Trustees reported the shrubbery has been trimmed with an exterior clean-up Saturday to take place in Nov. Estimates are being sought for a replacement of an outdoor church sign. The finance report reflects an increase in the moving the church from 93% to 98% of the annual budget. The finance report reflects an increase in last month's giving, The Mission Committee will sponsor the "Hills are Alive" campaign again in 2020 (renovation of Pilgrim Hills Camp). The monthly Fellowship and Outreach meals are growing in attendance. Upcoming missions will include the Thanksgiving/ Back Bay dinner Nov. 17 and Some soup served on the Square uptown on Dec. 7. Back Bay dinner Nov. 17 and "Come Home to Galion" turkey A committee of retiring Consistory members: Nancy Green, Alan Forry, Rose Crago-Roach and Todd Rudolph, is working on finding church members to fill openings on Consistory for 2020. A new committee, Communication/Organization/Planning (COP) has met twice, under the leadership of Doug and Mary Ann Stone, has met twice, under the leadership of Doug and to review how the church communicates information internally and to the outside community. They have been collecting updated member contact information.



2nd: Ken Green
7th: Jon Court
9th: Evan Collins
 Linda Gulick
 Marilyn Lucas
 Megan Zier
12th: Dylan Burkhart
14th: Charles Burkhart
 Adam Eichhorn
16th: Pat Bash
17th: Jack Koschnick
18th: Jim Cole
19th: Gary See
20th: Drew Shifley

21st: Drayton Burkhart

Ruth Swick

22nd: Elizabeth Kurtzman
Michael Swartzbaugh
23rd: Elizabeth Hatfield
24th: Jim Dretzka
26th: Shelly Kurtzman
27th: Wendy Harvey
28th: Alexander Moore
Tyson Russell
29th: Tony Durtschi

th: Tony Durtschi Brad McKibben Eileen Mountz Mark Shock



1st: Ron & Marcia Burkhart
4th: Ben & Amy McKibben
17th: Don & Rhonda Harvey
18th: Don & Linda Woodmansee
26th: Keith & Judy Eichhorn
Jim & Maggie Sulser



* HOSPITALIZATIONS

Fritz Durtschi

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.

🔆 <u>DEATH</u>

1st UCC extends sympathy to the family of Carol Flick. Carol passed away at her home on Monday, October 21, 2019. Please keep her family in your thoughts and prayers.

HEARTFELT THANKS

Dear Friends,

Thank you for the prayers and cards before, during and after my hip surgery. I am doing better now and appreciate your thoughtfulness.

Evelyn Feik

Consistory? What's that?

Consistory is the executive body of the church and consists of the Pastor, four Elders, six Deacons, and four Trustees. There is also a secretary of the Consistory, appointed by the Consistory, who also serves as the secretary of the congregation. This person does not vote on any matters. The Consistory meets once a month and any other time a special meeting may be necessary.

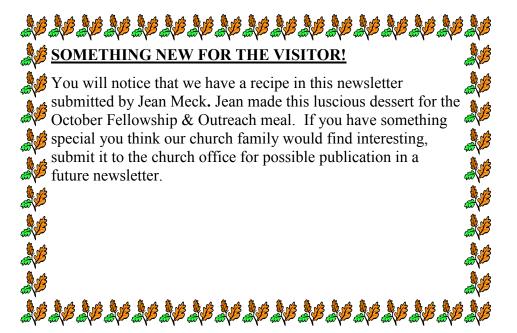
The Elders, who are elected to a serve a four-year term, along with the Pastoral Staff constitute the "Spiritual Council" of the church. Among their duties are to assist the pastor in planning and ministering to the spiritual needs of the faith community. This includes overseeing Pastoral Care, Worship, Evangelism, Fellowship, Mission and Christian Education. The Elders also prepare and serve communion at least once a month and at other special times in the church year. They may also occasionally be asked to assist in home communion visits, visit shut-ins by themselves when the pastoral staff is unable to, assist in worship or be available in an emergency situation when the pastor is ill or away. The Senior Elder conducts the Consistory meetings.

The Deacons, who are elected to serve a three-year term, oversee ushering at Sunday morning services and whenever special services are held, light the candles before the service, if there is no acolyte that day, ring the tower bell at 10 am when the service begins and gather the offering during church services. They make sure the lights are on before the service and put the flowers on the altar. The setup and tearing down of the coffee and cookie stand in the hallway is also one of their duties. When there is communion, they help the Elders distribute the elements.

The Trustees, who are elected to serve a four-year term, are responsible for the physical property of the church which includes the building, parking lot and land owned by the church. They are responsible for maintenance issues when things fail to function and for the upkeep of the building and grounds. After Sunday worship, a trustee makes sure that doors are locked, windows are closed and the lights are off. When there is snow, a trustee cleans the sidewalk, as needed, before the morning worship service. Trustees may organize work days or clean up days, as needed, to help maintain the building and grounds. The Senior Trustee serves as the "President" of the congregation at the annual meeting and is a contact person for legal agreements.

The Elders, Deacons and Trustees are elected by the congregation at a meeting held in January. All elections for officers shall be by ballot and by a majority of the members present and voting in an authorized congregational meeting. The people elected begin their terms at the close of the annual meeting of the congregation.

If you are interested in serving the church as an Elder, Deacon or Trustee beginning in 2020 or if you have any questions, please contact Nancy Green, Senior Elder.





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

PRAYER CHAIN

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

FOOD PANTRY

Needed: Noodles, rice, peanut butter, jelly, 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!



NEIGHBORS IN NEED

Thank you to our faithful members who donated a votive that decorated our sanctuary on All Saints Day. The list of donors is included in this Visitor. Neighbors in Need is one of the 5 for 5 offerings of the United Church of Christ that helps our brothers and sisters here and around the world.

FELLOWSHIP & OUTREACH MEAL

Our crowd is growing at the Fellowship & Outreach Meal. Last month we served 90 again! I would like to thank all the faithful team members who cook the meal each month. The November meal will be held on Thursday, November 21st from 5-6:00 p.m. We will be asking our bakers for a pumpkin dessert. If you would like to help, watch for the sign-up sheet outside the office door. Many thanks to all who are supporting this worthwhile program.

COME HOME TO GALION

Once again we will be offering our turkey noodle soup, hot chocolate & coffee on the square during the Come Home to Galion festivities on December 7th @ 1pm. Join us on the square for food, marching bands, games & the lighting of the Galion Christmas Tree. If you would like to help at our table for an hour of so, please let the office know. We can always use an extra hand. Thank you!

ADVENT DINNER

Mark your calendar now as we celebrate the Christmas season with our annual Advent Candlelight Dinner. This year the dinner will be held after church on December 8th. We will be entertained with a talent show after dinner. Mrs. Jennifer Arbaugh is coordinating this event. If you are interested in sharing your talent with all of us, please let her know. The Project Committee will be our cooks & the proceeds will go to the Project Fund. Please join us.

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. There is a sign up sheet for donated items on the office window. This month we are serving scrambled eggs & ham & fruit. Last month we served 27 people from the community. We are so happy we can help our neighbors in need!

GENESIS FRIENDS

Genesis Friends will meet Monday, **Nov. 18th** at **7:00** in the lounge. The program is "Rising Above the Pain" with Kimberly Williams. We will also be packing boxes for college students and military members. Meeting is open to one and all!

ATTENTION COLLEGE STUDENTS

College student care packages will be going out in November. Please call the church office at 419-468-4380 or email the office at office@uccgalion.org to verify your current college address.

MESSIAH

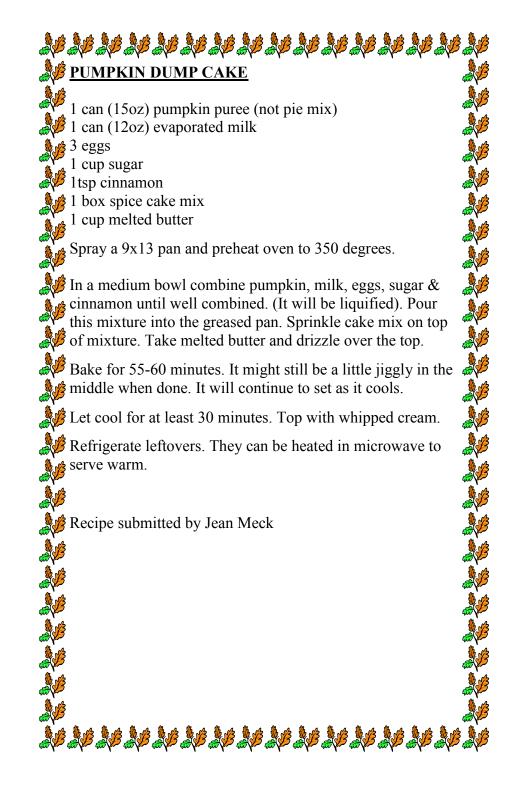
The annual performance of Handel's Messiah will take place on **Dec. 15th** at 3pm. Rehearsals are now being held on Mondays in our sanctuary at 7pm. New members are always welcome to come and sing with us. This is a free and open performance.

THANK YOU!

Thank you to all who contributed to our successful Scholarship Luncheon Fundraiser. We surpassed our previous luncheons by collecting \$761.18 and \$265.00 in envelope giving. This will meet our giving goal of \$500.00 per college student.

Thanks again,

The Scholarship Committee

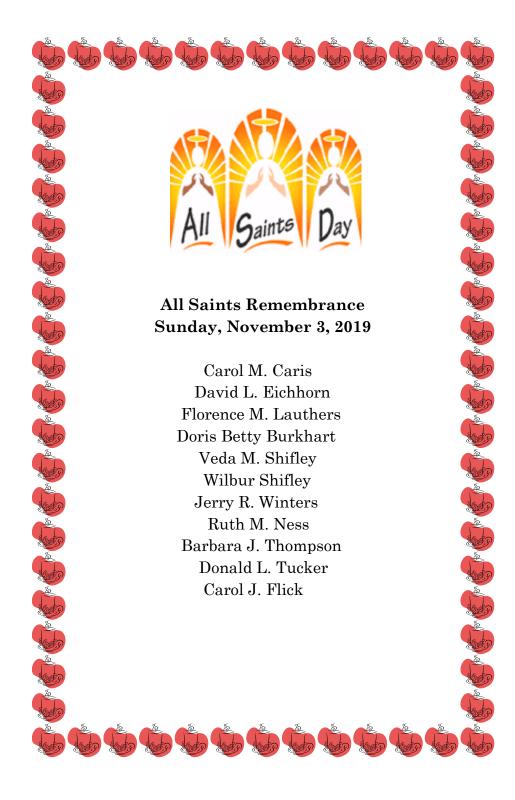


Christmas "Tree of Love"

The Fairhaven Community Volunteers invite you to place a holiday light on the "Tree of Love" in the covered entryway at Fairhaven. You may purchase a light in memory or honor of a loved one or friend, \$3.00 for one or \$5.00 for two. Your lights will help brighten our community at Fairhaven and make it festive for the residents during the holidays, as well as benefit the various projects the Volunteers sponsor throughout the year. You, your family and friends are invited to join us for the "Tree Of Love" lighting and dedication ceremony to be held on Monday, November 25, 2019 at 1 p.m.

(You may drop your check off at the church office.) Please send your check, made out to Fairhaven Community *Volunteers, for the light(s) to:* "Tree of Love" c/o Fairhaven Community Volunteers 850 Marseilles Avenue Upper Sandusky, OH 43351 Dedications must be received by Monday, November 18, 2019 to be included in the Dedication Booklet. Donor's Name In Honor

In Memory





Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
					8:00am WIC 1:00pm WIC Meeting (DR) 6:00pm Lugo Party (DR)	2 Turn your clock back before going to bed!! Fall Back	
3 All Saints Sunday-NIN	4	5	6	7	8	9	
9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship Service	5:30pm Drivers Ed 7:00pm Messiah Rehearsal 7:00pm 12 Step	8:00am WIC 5:30pm Drivers Ed	8:00am WIC 5:30pm Drivers Ed 6:30pm Bell Choir 7:30pm Sr. Choir	4:00pm Head Start 5:30pm Drivers Ed 7:00pm 12 Step			
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24 8:00am Comm. Breakfast 9:00am Sunday School 10:00am Worship Service 7:00pm Community Thanksgiving Worship @ St. Paul's	25 7:00pm Messiah Rehearsal 7:00pm 12 Step	26 7:00pm Elders	27 8:00am WIC	OFFICE CLOSED Thanksgiving	29 OFFICE CLOSED	30	



November

Week of November 3

Sun. Hos. 5:8-6:6 1 Cor. 2:6-16 Matt 14:1-12

Mon Hos 6:7-7:7

Acts 22:30- 23:11

Luke 6:39-49

Tue. Hos. 7:8-16

Acts 23:12-24

Luke 7:1-17

Wed. Hos. 8:1-14

Acts 23:23-35

Luke 7:18-35

Thur. Hos. 9:1-9

Acts 24:1-23

Luke 7:36-50

Fri. Hos. 9:10-17

Acts 24:24- 25:12

Luke 8:1-15

Sat. Hos. 10:1-15

Acts 25:13-27

Luke 8:16-25

Week of November 10

Sun. Hos. 11:1-11

1 Cor. 4:9-16 Matt 15:21-28

Matt. 13.21-26

Mon. Hos. 11:12-12:1

Acts 26:1-23

Luke 8:26-39

Tue. Hos. 12:2-14

Acts 26:24-27:8

Luke 8:40-56

Wed. Hos. 13:1-3

Acts 27:9-26

Luke 9:1-17

Thur. Hos. 13:4-8

Acts 27:27-44

Luke 9:18-27

Fri. Hos. 13:9-16

Acts 28:1-16

Luke 9:28-36

Sat. Hos. 14:1-9

Acts 28:17-31

Luke 9:37-50

Week of November 17

Sun. Micah 1:1-9

1 Cor. 10:1-13

Matt. 16:13-20

Mon. Micah 2:1-13

Rev. 7:1-8

Luke 9:51-62

Tue. Micah 3:1-8

Rev 7.9-17

Luke 10·1-16

Wed. Micah 3:9-4:5

Rev. 8:1-13

Luke 10:17-24

Thu. Micah 5:1-4,10-15

Rev. 9:1-12

Luke 10:25-37

Fri. Micah 6:1-8

Rev. 9:13-21

Luke 10:38-42

Sat. Micah 7:1-7

Rev. 10:1-11

Luke 11:1-13

Week of November 24

Sun. Jonah 1:1-17a

1 Cor. 10:15-24

Matt. 18:15-20

Mon. Jonah 1:17-2:10

Rev. 11:1-14

Luke 11:14-26

Tue. Jonah 3:1-4:11

Rev. 11:14-19

Luke 11:27-36

Wed. Nahum 1:1-14

Rev. 12:1-6

Luke 11:37-52 Nahum 1:15-2:12

Thu. Nahum 1:15-2:12

Rev. 12:7-17

Luke 11:53-12:12

Fri. Nahum 2:13-3:7

Rev. 13:1-10

Luke 12:13-31 Nahum 3:8-19

Sat. Nahum 3:8-19

Rev. 13:11-18

Luke 12:32-48



Neighbors In Need November 3, 2019

Votive Candles are Given in Loving Memory of:

Marjorie Beck by Dale & Carol Miller

Herb & Carole Brown by Philip & Sundie Brown

My parents by Chris Coe

Bill & Marjorie Court by their family

Jody Court by her family

Mary Court by her family

Mary (Deppen) Court by her sister, Ruth (Deppen) Engleson, her

brother, James Deppen & their families & extended families

Shannon Court by her family

Howard & Anna Deppen by their family

John & Arleine Deppen by their siblings, their families & extended

families Roland Drew by Sue Bloom

Betty M. Durtschi by The Fritz Durtschi family

Lowell & Mabel Eichhorn by Dan & Lisa Eichhorn

My son, Fred Essex by Ruth Essex

Bert Fetherolf by Wendy Fetherolf

Lowell & Doris Garverick by Larry & Susan Ness

Our loved ones by The Goldsmith/Keller families

Those we have lost by Wendy & Darrin Harvey

R. A. 'Bud' Heiser by the family

John Heitzman by Mary Ann & our children

John Heitzman by Janet Ruth

Joyce Hollingsworth by Philip & Sundie Brown

Loved ones by Deb & Tom Jeffers

Arpad & Teresa Kiss by The Mission Committee

Ed McDaniels by Marlene McDaniels

Javon McQueen by his family

Stan & Anna Mae Morris by Philip & Sundie Brown

Kyle Morrissey by Philip & Sundie Brown

Charles, Ruth & Linda Neal & Don Hayes by Chuck & Maureen Neal

& family; Dan & Pam Hayes & Gary & Brenda Neal & family

Henry & Ruth Ness by Larry & Susan Ness

Cloyd, Mildred & Don Rhinehart by Jo & Dave Bosh

Cloyd & Mildred Rhinehart by Dorothy Rhinehart

Don Rhinehart by Dorothy Rhinehart

Herman & Voleata Ricker by daughter, Ruth Ritchey

Margaret, Howard & Bob Ricker by Ruth Ritchey

 ${\it Daniel Ritchey by his children, their spouses, grandchildren \& great}$

grandchildren

Dan Ritchey Sr. by Ruth Ritchey

My friends by Ruth Ritchey

Susan Ritzhaupt by Dorothy Rhinehart

Bob Ruth by Janet Ruth

Our son, Randy by Gary & Martha See

Melinda M. Sheriff by The Fritz Durtschi family

Anne Marie Shifley by her grandmothers & all her aunts, uncles, cousins &

their families

Anne Marie Shifley by her parents, Terry & Lee Anne & her brother, Hal

Veda Shifley by Genesis Friends

Rev. Joseph Sopher by Brian & Brenda Treisch

Helen Stuit by Judy Eichhorn

Ellis Swick by Ruth Swick

Albert Treisch by Brian & Brenda Treisch

Don Tucker by Betty Tucker

Jerry & Jack Winters by Jerry's family

Richard Wiggins by Dorothy Wiggins

Our loved ones by Debbie Zellner, The Moore family & The Cramer family

Votive Candles are Given in Honor of:

My grandchildren by Chrts Coe

Our 5 grandchildren by Dan & Lisa Eichhorn

Dorothy Rhinehart by Jo & Dave Bosh

My wonderful family by Ruth Ritchey

Ruth (Ricker) Ritchey by her children, their spouses, grandchildren & great grandchildren

All of the giving, happy, caring, loving people who help make the church a holy place for everyone by Ruth Ritchey

Votive Candles are Given to the Glory of God by:

Bruce & Betty Angell

John & Marcy Miller

Maggie, Jim & Paul Sulser

Fairhaven Community Volunteer Service Group Newsletter October 21, 2019

The meeting was called to order by President Barb Nigh. Devotions were given by Galion First.

Roll Call: Volunteers – 19, Staff – 3

Minutes of previous meeting stood approved as read.

Treasury - \$5,780.82

Gift Shop - \$3,490.75

Bingo Cup - \$17.00

VSG Business:

Tree of Love forms made available to all present. Forms need to be returned by November 18th meeting to be included in dedication booklet. Dedication of Tree of Love to take place November 25th at 1pm. Discussion of whether or not to hold the annual carnival next year was discussed. It was decided that the residents prefer bingo. Therefore, a motion was made and carried to discontinue the carnival in 2020. A recap of Harvest Fest was given and the changes made were critiqued. More changes will probably be done next year to fine tune the event but it was definitely a success. As of this point, with a check or two still outstanding, the profit is approximately \$4,500.00 which is an increase of \$1,500.00 from the prior year.

A suggestion was made to incorporate the "Treasures Old & New" (which was not included in Harvest Fest this year) with the Bake Sale in 2020. This will be discussed more at a later date. It was shared that Phyllis Diederich, a long-time VSG member, passed recently. Memorials were made to VSG of Fairhaven as requested at her funeral. When these are received, the group will make a decision

how to utilize these as a memorial in her name.

Staff:

Becky King informed all that OMA is starting again this week. November 3rd will be the Memorial Service. And The Giving Tree is for Music and Memory this month. Also, Administrator Lori Marsh's last day was October 4th as she has taken a position elsewhere.

Alissa Clouse passed out a copy of the current "Wish List." When asked by one volunteer why more of these items aren't furnished by Fairhaven, Alissa explained that 72% of the residents are on Medicaid which causes a daily deficit. Last year Fairhaven lost \$2.5 million in charity care. A committee is being started to talk about how to offset this in early 2020.

Becky Blocksom summed up the meeting by reminding all that "The giant in front of you is never bigger than the God inside of you." She then led the group in "The Way" and closed the meeting with prayer.

The next meeting will be November 18th with a potluck following the meeting. Devotion will be given by Bucyrus St. John's and Tree of Love forms will be due. Decoration of Fairhaven for Christmas will be November 25th at 10am. Those who signed up to furnish pies for the residents following bingo are: Marcy Miller, Marlene McDaniels, Carol Moran, Lydia Guthrie and Arlene Main.



COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE

There will be a Community Thanksgiving Service at 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 24th at St. Paul United Methodist Church, 746 Cherry Street. This service is open to everyone in the community.

Please Join us November 17th

Our annual Thanksgiving dinner will follow the service. This dinner is a chance to gather together as a family to give thanks for our blessings. While



it was not begun as a fundraiser, a free will offering is taken to cover expenses. All proceeds over expenses will be sent to Back Bay Mission.



The Mission Christmas Tree

This year we are having a Reverse Advent Calendar for our Mission Tree. We will be passing out boxes at the Advent Dinner that you can take & fill with food pantry items & return it to our tree located at the elevator entrance. There will be a list in each box of a grocery item to add each day & on Christmas Eve we will have a box full of food pantry items to share with others less fortunate than we are. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact a Mission Committee member or the office. Thank you for helping us to make Christmas merry for others in need.

Organ Repair Payoff



The Sterrett Fund will contribute \$48,000. We need to fill the keys to get the rest. \$66,500 has been donated through October 31, 2019. The balance due on the loan is now \$53,527.

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
William L. & Cecile Swick