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“United in Christ’s Joy we welcome, love and serve all”

Rev. Darrin Harvey
Minister

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The
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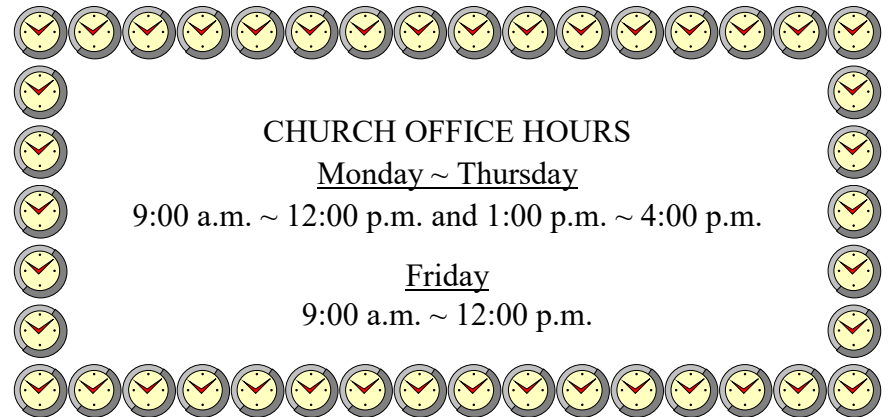
SUNDAY SERVICES

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,

A traditional expression is “May you live in interesting times.” Its original use was intended as a curse because “uninteresting times” were considered good and peaceful times. While I’m not suggesting that we are cursed, we can certainly say we are living in interesting times. Who would have thought that a month ago we would be living in such a time as this? For me, and I’m sure for many of you, a month ago seems like a very long time ago. So much has happened and so much is changing day by day. It’s times like these that we can lean heavily on our faith to see us through to the other side. Rest assured; God will see us through as a community through this valley.

First of all, I want to make sure that everyone is safe and well. That is our primary concern here at the church. I urge you to take what the public health care officials say seriously. If you can, please stay home. It puts less people in danger and will help us as a nation to get over this sooner rather than later. While I know that it is difficult to not be in worship in person, this is what love looks like. We care for you and love you and that is why we are not meeting in person until it is safe.

This newsletter looks different this month because we can’t be for certain what our schedule this month looks like. We are making decisions on what to do two weeks at a time based on what we hear from the governor and CDC officials. Most likely, we will have to cancel all of our April events. I just want us to be prepared to accept this. This, unfortunately, includes Holy Week and Easter, both of our community dinners, in person meetings of our committees and choir rehearsals.

You will all be receiving updates every week on Facebook, through e-mail and over the phone. We have a team of people who are making phone calls to people. We are also looking at ways to expand our communication and connection through a weekly online devotional on Wednesday evenings while this crisis lasts.

We are meeting online at our Facebook page during our regular meeting time of 10am for online worship. You can always listen to us on the radio as well at 9am on 610AM and 107.5FM. Sermons are still posted online at our website, which also has daily devotionals.

This time allows us to examine what it means to be a church. I know you have all heard this before, but now more than ever, church isn’t just an hour a week, isn’t just a building and isn’t just on Sundays – you ARE the church. Church is something you can be when you make a phone call to one of our shut-ins to see how they are doing, call someone on their birthday to let them know we are thinking about them or call someone that had surgery recently. We will continue to update our prayer lists and ask that you keep people in your thoughts and prayers. Please reach out to them as well. We may be physically distant from each other, but we can still be social with each other and even strengthen our community ties in the process.

God Bless you and yours – Pastor Darrin

March 17, 2020 Consistory Meeting.

- Service schedule has been updated due to COVID 19 virus.
- A Facebook live-stream has been made of the March 15, 2020 worship.
- All scheduled events at the church have been canceled until further notice.
- The water fountain has been repaired.
- The outdoor sign is being replaced. The new sign is being built by Tridico Signs in Mansfield.
- The sub sale for the organ fund held in March raised \$508.



APRIL

Week of April 5:

Sun. Zech. 9:9-12
1 Tim. 6:12-16
Matt. 21:12-17

Mon. Jer. 11:18-20
12:1-16(17)
Phil. 3:1-14
John 12:9-19

Tue. Jer. 15:10-21
Phil. 3:15-21
John 12:20-26

Wed. Jer. 17:5-10,
14-17(18)
Phil. 4:1-13
John 12:27-36

Thu. Jer. 20:7-11
(12-13)14-18
1 Cor. 10:14-17;
11:27-32
John 17:1-11
(12-26)

Fri. Gen. 22:1-14
1 Peter 1:10-20
John 13:36-38

Sat. Ex. 2:23-3:15
1 Cor. 13:1-13
Mark 9:14-29

Week of April 12:

Sun. Ex. 12:1-14
John 1:1-18
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

Thu. 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

Week of April 19:

Sun. Isa. 43:8-13
1 Peter 2:2-10
John 14:1-7

Mon. Dan. 1:1-21
1 John 1:1-10
John 17:1-11

Tue. Dan. 2:1-16
1 John 2:1-11
John 17:12-19

Wed. Dan. 2:17-30
1 John 2:12-17
John 17:20-26

Thur. Dan. 2:31-49
1 John 2:18-29
Luke 3:1-14

Fri. Dan. 3:1-18
1 John 3:1-10
Luke 3:15-22

Sat. Dan. 3:19-30
1 John 3:11-18
Luke 4:1-13

Week of April 26:

Sun. Dan. 4:1-18
1 Peter 4:7-11
John 21:15-25

Mon. Dan. 4:19-27
1 John 3:19-4:6
Luke 4:14-30

Tue. Dan. 4:28-37
1 John 4:7-21
Luke 4:31-37

Wed. Dan. 5:1-12
1 John 5:1-12
Luke 4:38-44

Thur. Dan. 5:13-30
1 John 5:13-20(21)
Luke 5:1-11

Fri. Dan. 6:1-15
2 John 1-13
Luke 5:12-26

Sat. Dan. 6:16-28
3 John 1-15
Luke 5:27-39



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





HOLY JOE'S POTLUCK

The scheduled potluck to honor our service men & woman and purchase coffee for our troops has been postponed to a later day. The Mission Committee will meet and let you know when a new date has been set, so keep your recipes handy!

BUCKETS & PERSONAL CARE KITS

The buckets are here and ready to be distributed but unfortunately the Spring Association Meeting for April 25th has been cancelled and moved to August 1st so we will be filling our Buckets and Personal Care Kits during the month of July. Watch for more information concerning this mission in the months ahead!

EASTER FLOWERS & UNITED CHURCH HOMES

The Easter Flowers have all been ordered and a list of members that donated in memory or honor of loved ones will appear in next month's visitor. The flowers will decorate our sanctuary on Easter morning as always. If you are watching our Facebook Live Sunday morning services, you will see them or if we are able to be together on Easter you will see them in our sanctuary. The proceeds from the flowers along with any other donations will be sent to support the United Church Homes. Thank you to everyone that donated a beautiful flower to this worthy cause.

MISSION COMMITTEE

Because of the current COVID-19 crisis, the Mission Committee meeting scheduled for March 30th has been moved to Monday, May 4th at 7:00 p.m. in the Heritage Room. Members of this committee should look for their reminder letter and mark their calendars for the May meeting. Thank you to all the faithful members of this team.

Missions- continued

FELLOWSHIP & OUTREACH MEAL

The next scheduled Fellowship and Outreach Meal for Thursday, April 16th at 5:00 p.m. has been cancelled. As we are social distancing for the foreseeable future, we felt it best to cancel at this time. We will be back at in May when, hopefully, all this has passed. See you all then.



HEARTFELT THANKS



Thank you to all who purchased subs . We raised \$508 to help payoff the organ loan! Special thanks to our helpers, Doug Court, Abbie Brocwell and Ellie Hocker for helping put the subs together and to Rhonda Harvey and Wendy Harvey for making cookies for the sale.

Galion UCC,

Where do we even begin with all you have done for & with Dolly through the years....

Darrin's many visits
cards sent through the years
visits at Fairhaven
helping transport Dolly when she still lived in Galion
ongoing prayer support

The meal you prepared for our family was delicious & a blessing!

Thank you for loving & serving our family well. Galion 1st UCC will always be extra special to our family.

Larry & Barb Nigh & The Dolly Wilson family





HOSPITALIZATIONS

Wendy Fetherolf; Bill Zimmerman

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 Dolly Wilson. Dolly passed away February 26, 2020. Please keep her family in your thoughts and prayers.

BIRTHS

Congratulations to Tyson Russell & Maggie Singer on the birth of their son Andrew Lee Russell born March 3, 2020. Proud grandparents are Dennis & Carla Russell.

Talon Thomas Gledhill was born March 10, 2020 to Zach & Caitlyn Gledhill. Grandparents: Chris & Debbie Horning, Ken & Joy Gledhill & Kevin & Beth Costmire, great grandparents John & Marcy Miller & proud big brother, Parker.

Maisie Georgia Swick Higgins was born on March 19, 2020 to Chelsea Swick-Higgins and Eric Higgins. She has a loving sister, Eloise. Her grandparents are Chuck and Linda Swick, and her great grandmother is Ruth Swick. Her uncles and aunts are Michael and Dodie Swick and Rich and Alissa Clouse.



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!

Easter Word Search

G S N O I T P M E D E R Y Y M
J J U Y K I R Y T T F X E O L
R L K F W E E C I O J E R C K
X Y N G Q C U W V U P C M C K
R C R O S S H R E D P H M N E
I F V A I B Q U I R G P Q R N
S A Q Z M T M I R A C L E T S
E I A O I R C H R C O Y I U E
N T T P R C G E Y O H S S R L
I H H S O O C A R K I E P V K
N W O R C S D U B R J V R G T
O H T N G N T E S F U L A M I
D P V O U Q F L D K A S Y S H
Z M E S B Z Z W E M L Y E D F
E T G L M E G K B S L T R R U

APOSTLES
CROWN
LAMB
PRAYER
RESURRECTION
SON

CHURCH
FAITH
MARY
REDEMPTION
RISEN
SUNDAY

CROSS
JESUS
MIRACLE
REJOICE
SAVIOR
TOMB



He
HAS
Risen!

MATTHEW 28:6

Report from the Finance Committee

At our meeting earlier this month, the Finance Committee had planned to submit our normal first quarter update in the Visitor. At that time, year to date giving was running about 92% of giving for the same period last year and missing budget. The past couple of weeks have been a time of tremendous upheaval. Obviously, we are concerned about what this means for the church financially. It is likely we will have to look at our budget differently as the year progresses. However, at this time, we are more concerned with the safety and health of our congregation. It is too early to know the long term effects of what is happening. Please know the Finance Committee will continue to monitor and discuss our finances on a monthly basis and will keep the congregation apprised of any developments.

If you haven't joined us for a Facebook Live worship service yet, please try to do so. We are all missing community right now and it's nice to be in the same virtual space with people we are used to seeing on Sunday. On line worship prevents us from taking a physical offering and we know this negatively affects giving. If you are still in a position to give, please know that your support is appreciated more than ever at this time. Church offering envelopes can be mailed and mail is collected daily. As another option, we have on line giving available and instructions are provided below. If you are unable to give at this time, please know your church family is praying for everyone affected by recent events. Take the opportunity to reach out to each other during this time; ask for help when needed and offer help where you can. We have a talented group of individuals on the Finance Committee as well as a strong, dedicated congregation that is up to the challenges in front of us. Thank you for your continued support as we do the work of the church.

Stacey Hocker, Finance Committee Chair

Instructions to access on line giving:

- 1) Visit the church website at www.uccgalion.org
- 2) Click on the **Giving** button in the important links section at the bottom of the home page. You should then see:



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OFFERING

Celebrate the **101st**
Celebrate the **90th**



- 3) Click on the **Create Profile** button, then
- 4) Follow the onscreen instructions to create an online profile and to schedule your recurring contributions.

NEWS
& Notes



DIAMOND DINNER

This special dinner for our "Young at Heart" members, age 75 or over, is now set for **May 2nd**. We will be monitoring the current situation & will keep you apprised about this event.