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

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.



In it together?

“Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts.” - Acts 2:46 NRSV

Dear Church,

As we begin May, we are anxious to be back to normal both in our lives and in our church life. Sadly, we know that it will be several more weeks as we face a slow return to normal. In the meantime, we have made the transition to an online community fairly well and many are getting used to our practice of being on Facebook. For those of you more at risk, know that we plan on continuing with online worship as we transition back to meeting in person. While it's not ideal, we have made the most out of it and have even been able to use it to our advantage in what we can include in worship and who we can reach. Thank you to everyone who has had a hand in making this possible, especially the Stones for their work. It's good to at least see a lot of faces on Sunday morning since we can't see each other face to face.

A huge thank you to those who have continued to support our ministry and mission. We are continuing to do our best to help people get through this. Adair is able to be back to work after being quarantined so we will be able to send out worship packets to those without internet access in May. Many of you are continuing to call a few people during the week to check up on them and we greatly appreciate that. One of our goals for May is to have our monthly community meal as a carry out event. We are making plans on this and looking forward to again helping those in need on May 21st. Thanks to Rhonda Harvey and Chris Coe, we have been able to give away many masks to our members, to the hospital and to the local health department. If you need a mask, let us know and we would be happy to provide one for you now that it is required for us in public spaces to have one on. Using technology, we have been able to continue our business meetings as needed and even to plan social virtual hangouts with our youth.

As we did at Easter will be taking orders for geraniums. You can fill out a form and send it into us. We will have these on display on Pentecost Sunday on May 31st.

As a church, I feel we have been there for each other. As we hear in the media and on commercials, we are in this together. But as I look beyond our faith community, I wonder if this statement is really true as I find that this disease has exacerbated inequality and division in our country. At the beginning of the crisis we saw how the rich and famous were able to get tested while most people were not. As people began then to lose their jobs, we saw how some people were able to work from home and some were not effectively losing their income. As people begin to get their stimulus checks we see how some that don't need it get it and others who desperately need it don't. We have seen our cities and urban populations decimated with this illness while small towns and rural places have relatively few cases. In other words, many of us are in very different circumstances.

As we look beyond into the larger community, I think we can prove that we are living by this motto of being in this together if we do what we can to help those most affected. This is made all the more challenging by social distancing policies that restrict us. I am challenged to find ways to help those in need while also keeping my contact with people at a minimum so I have been soliciting ideas from you of ways that we could still help people. If you have an idea, please let me know.

The very first Christians in Acts chapter 2 shared things and took care of each other. They grew in number in large part because of the love and care shown to people in their community. That love and care reflected God and it was contagious. Let's show Galion that positive things can also be contagious and spread.

Please look for updates over email and the phone about our plans in May and I will see many of you online.

Blessings,

Pastor Darrin



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.

BIRTHS

Quinn Loren Gledhill was born April 20, 2020 to parents Cody and Jennifer Gledhill. Proud family members include; Big brothers: Cooper and Jayce Gledhill
Great Grandparents: Rev. John and Marcy Miller
Grandparents: Kevin and Beth Cotsmire, Lori and Denny Mutchler, Curt Weaver and Ken and Joy Gledhill
Eloise Mae Eagleston was born April 22, 2020 weighing 8lbs 7oz to Katelynn & Jarret Eagleston. Proud grandparents are Kelly & Kevin Spore.

CONGRATULATIONS!

HEARTFELT THANKS

Thank you to everyone for the calls, text messages, cards and “drop off dinners” we received while Todd was fighting COVID 19. Todd is feeling much better and getting stronger everyday. We are blessed to have such a loving church family.
Todd, Adair & Dom



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

If you know of any member, friend or relative who could benefit from visits or cards, please let the office know!
During this pandemic time cards continue to be sent from the church though they are not at the Caring Corner. Also, please continue to fill the pull tab jar. Little things mean a lot so save those tabs for the Ronald McDonald House!



While driving down Harding Way, make sure you check out our new sign!! What a fresh new look!

Thank you Trustees!



MAY

Week of May 3rd:

Sun. Gen. 18:22-33
1 Peter 5:1-11
Matt. 7:15-29
Mon. Jer. 30:1-9
Col. 1:1-14
Luke 6:1-11
Tue. Jer. 30:10-17
Col. 1:15-23
Luke 6:12-26
Wed. Jer. 30:18-22
Col. 1:24-2:7
Luke 6:27-38
Thur. Jer. 31:1-14
Col. 2:8-23
Luke 6:39-49
Fri. Jer. 31:15-22
Col. 3:1-11
Luke 7:1-17
Sat. Jer. 31:23-25
Col. 3:12-17
Luke 7: 18-28
(29-30) 31-35

Week of May 10th:

Sun. Isa. 32:1-8
2 Thess. 2:13-17
Matt. 7:7-14
Mon. Jer. 32:1-15
Col. 3:18-4:18
Luke 7:36-50
Tue. Jer. 32:16-25
Rom. 12:1-21
Luke 8:1-15
Wed. Jer. 32:36-44
Rom. 13:1-14
Luke 8:16-25
Thur. Jer. 33:1-13
Rom. 14:1-12
Luke 8:26-39
Fri. Deut. 31:30-32:14
Rom 14:13-23
Luke 8:40-56
Sat. Deut. 32:34-41(42) 43
Rom. 15:1-13
Luke 9:1-17

Week of May 17th:

Sun. Deut. 15:1-11
1 Tim. 3:14-4:5
Matt. 13:24-34a
Mon. Deut. 8:1-10
James 1:1-15
Luke 9:18-27
Tue. Deut. 8:11-20
James 1:16-27
Luke 11:1-13
Wed. Deut. 19:1-7
James 5:13-18
Luke 12:22-31
Thur. Ezek. 1:1-14,
24-28b
Heb. 2:5-18
Matt. 28:16-20
Fri. Ezek. 1:28-3:3
Heb. 4:14-5:6
Luke 9:28-36
Sat. Ezek. 3:4-17
Heb. 5:7-14
Luke 9:37-50

Week of May 24th:

Sun. Ezek. 3:16-27
Eph. 2:1-10
Matt. 10:24-33,
40-42
Mon. Ezek. 4:1-17
Heb. 6:1-12
Luke 9:51-62
Tue. Ezek. 7:10-15,
23b-27
Heb. 6:13-20
Luke 10:1-17
Wed. Ezek. 11:14-25
Heb. 7:1-17
Luke 10:17-24
Thur. Ezek. 18:1-4,19-32
Heb. 7:18-28
Luke 10:25-37
Fri. Ezek. 34:17-31
Heb. 8:1-13
Luke 10:38-42
Sat. Ezek. 43:1-12
Heb. 9:1-14
Luke 11:14-23

Week of May 31st:

Sun. Isa. 11:1-9
1 Cor. 2:1-13
John 14:21-29
Mon. Isa. 63:7-14
2 Tim. 1:1-14
Luke 11:24-36
Tue. Isa. 63:15-64:9
2 Tim. 1:15-2:13
Luke 11:37-52
Wed. Isa. 65:1-12
2 Tim. 2:14-26
Luke 11:53-12:12
Thur. Isa. 65:17-25
2 Tim.3:1-17
Luke 12:13-31
Fri. Isa. 66:1-6
2 Tim. 4:1-8
Luke 12:32-48
Sat. Isa. 66:7-14
2 Tim.4:9-22
Luke 12:49-59



Birthdays

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

Report from the Finance Committee

Hello church! During the Covid-19 shut down, the finance committee has met every two weeks by video conference. We have done this to keep the elders and consistory apprised of our financial situation, so they can make informed decisions. Historically, we know that closing the church for a single Sunday for inclement weather can adversely affect the entire year's budget. We had no idea what would happen when the church was closed indefinitely.

Last month, I reported we were running about 92% of budgeted giving in a year over year comparison. This month, I am pleased to report we have only fallen to about 85% of budgeted giving. So many who are in a position to give have continued to send in offering envelopes or have given through our on line portal. The committee would like to extend a hearty THANK YOU!

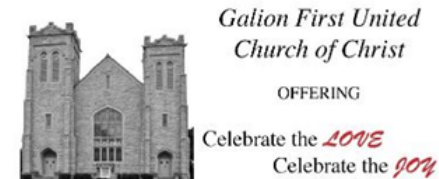
Like so many businesses and households, it is likely we will have to look at our budget differently as the year progresses. However, thanks to you, we have been able to pay our bills and more importantly, continue our missions. Many people are contributing in new ways to our on line services. We are reaching people who haven't joined us for in person worship before. Plans are being made to provide a different sort of community meal in May. We have continued to check in with each other and the community. The list goes on.

As I said last month, offering envelopes can be mailed and mail is collected daily. If you would prefer to give on line giving a try, instructions are provided on a later page. Thank you to everyone who is giving and I don't just mean financially. This is an unprecedented time. We are and will continue to do the work of the church. Thank you so much for your support. We are looking forward to the day we can meet in person once again.

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:

A screenshot of the "Online Donation" web form. The form is divided into two main sections. The left section is titled "Donations" and contains several input fields for different types of contributions: "General Operating", "Beneficence", "Project Fund", "Pastor's Discretionary Fund", and "Scholarship Fund". Each field has a small "0.00" value next to it. Below these fields is a "Total" field showing "0.00". There are also dropdown menus for "Donation Frequency" (set to "Once One") and "Donation Start Date" (set to "01/01/17"). The right section is titled "Log In" and contains fields for "Email Address" and "Password", along with a "Log In" button. Below the login section is a "Create Your Online Profile" section with a "Create Profile" button. A blue arrow points from the bottom right of the screenshot to the "Create Profile" button.

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

Once again we will be decorating our sanctuary with beautiful red geraniums. Enclosed with the newsletter is an order form if you would like to donate a geranium in memory, honor or to the Glory of God to be placed in our sanctuary on Pentecost, Sunday, May 31st. You may pick up your flower on June 1st and 2nd and after that any remaining geraniums will be planted around the church in our flower beds. If you watched our Easter service you know how pretty our sanctuary looked with the beautiful flowers. If you do not care to donate a flower but would like to donate to the Strengthen the Church mission campaign, please use the enclosed envelope.

FELLOWSHIP & OUTREACH MEAL

We will be having a Fellowship and Outreach Meal this month on Thursday, May 21st from 5-6:00 p.m. that will be CARRYOUT ONLY! There will be NO MEALS SERVED in our building! We will be using the west door (closest to the elevator) to distribute these meals. Simply drive up to the door and a volunteer will hand you a hot meal. If you have any questions, please contact the office. Thank you to all for being flexible and helping to make this mission happen in this difficult time.

HELLO!

Have you been watching our online services on either FaceBook or YouTube? Have you noticed the video greetings from our members? We have only contacted a few of our members to do this and we would like to get everyone to participate. After all, we all miss each other's smiling face. You do not have to be a tech wizard or Bill Gates to do this. We will come to you. If you are interested in being one of our Sunday Morning Stars, please let the office know, otherwise we will be contacting you. Remember you can find our service by going to Galion First United Church of Christ on either FaceBook or YouTube. We hope to see you online soon!



"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! You may pick up your flowers on June 1st & 2nd. Any flowers left will 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 24th
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.

FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST CONSISTORY MEETING

APRIL 21, 2020

- *Consistory Meeting was held virtually by live streaming or phone.
- *All Committee Meetings have been conducted on line or by phone.
- *Weekly events will be handled on a week-by-week basis depending on what the Governor says.
- *All flowers and masks were handed out on Monday and Thursday after Easter.
- *Services, if deemed cannot be in person, will be live on YouTube and Facebook at 10 AM.
- *Youth are meeting on line on Monday evenings.
- *Letters are being sent to those who do not have Internet.
- *Senior recognition has been postponed with the closing of schools for the rest of the year. Plans are in the works to someday recognize the seniors.
- *If in-person services can resume with a limited number permitted in attendance, accommodations will be made. Possibilities: Some stay home, 2 services, use of dining room to divide numbers, and more to be determined. On line will still be offered in such a case.
- *Community involvement beyond May was discussed. Ideas: Carry out meal format with safe preparation. All events would meet the Phase 1 standards.
- *May is Strengthen the Church and geranium sales will take place.
- *Donations to the Current Fund are being honored, if requested.

Organ Repair Payoff



The Sterrett Fund will contribute \$48,000. We need to fill the keys to get the rest. Over \$73,200 has been donated through April 30, 2020. The balance due on the loan is now \$44,650.

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.



Pentecost

Acts 2



Easter
April 12, 2020

V T L K Q T Y M H J X C J J T S A M W X
 H K R D P G I Q S L E K M N P X H T K P
 C S E U G N O T J J P M T I U H Y R N D
 S U S E J V F P B E E I R I T M F O X O
 J U U L X V O J E Y K I F S T E R Z S E
 B F R N M O E T X T T C U D U L K P P E
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 C B W H R C A O R R W D I S Y A D L X F
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JESUS	RESURRECTION	FIFTY
DAYS	FEAST	HOLY
SPIRIT	PETER	JERUSALEM
TONGUES	FIRE	CHURCH

Flowers Are Given In Loving Memory of :

- Mary Conklin by Bruce & Betty Angell*
- Bill & Marjorie Court by Doug Court & family*
- Mary Court by Doug Court & family*
- Shannon Court by Doug Court & family*
- Howard & Anna Deppen by Doug Court & family*
- John & Arlene Deppen by Doug Court & family*
- Nancy S. Doyle by Maggie, Jim & Paul Sulser*
- Betty M. Durtschi by the Fritz Durtschi family*
- Lowell & Mabel Eichhorn by Dan & Lisa Eichhorn*
- Our daughter, Kaylee by Keith & Judy Eichhorn*
- Nelda & LaVern Eichhorn by Keith & Judy Eichhorn*
- John Heitzman by Mary Ann & our children*
- John Heitzman by Janet Ruth*
- Oscar & Laura Hocker by Brad & Stacey Hocker*
- Mrs. Lena (Tracht) Hocker by Sally A. (Tracht) Heximer*
- Arpad & Teresa Kiss by 1st U.C.C Mission Committee*
- Our parents: Joel & Ethel Sames & Elmo & Genevie Koschnick by Jack & Barb Koschnick*
- Irene Long by Dan & Lisa Eichhorn*
- Javon McQueen by Doug Court & family*
- Robert Moran by Carol Moran*
- Robert Moran by Linda Moran*
- Charles, Ruth & Linda Neal and Don Hayes by Chuck & Maureen Neal and family; Dan & Pam Hayes; Gary & Brenda Neal and family*

Flowers Are Given In Loving Memory of :

*The Orth family by the Rudolph family
Cloyd & Mildred Rhinehart by Dorothy Rhinehart
Don Rhinehart by Jo & Dave Bosh
Don Rhinehart by Dorothy Rhinehart
Susan Ritzhaupt by Dorothy Rhinehart
Bob Ruth by Janet Ruth
Our son, Randy, & our parents by Gary & Martha See
Mindy M. Sheriff by The Fritz Durtschi family
Joyce Spore by Gail A. Spore
John & Helen Stuit by Keith & Judy Eichhorn
Howard & Jean Sulser by Jim, Maggie & Paul Sulser
Loved ones by Douglas & Mary Ann Stone
Mr. & Mrs. Layton Tracht by Sally A. (Tracht) Heximer
Richard Wiggins by Dorothy Wiggins
Chet & Alice Zimmerman by their family*

Flowers Are Given In Honor of :

*Our children & grandchildren by Dan & Lisa Eichhorn
Our families by Darrin & Wendy Harvey
Our children & grandchildren: Travis, Kerri, Caleb, Caitlin, Tyler,
Janelle, Marissa, Madisson & Mathis Koschnick by Jack & Barb
Koschnick
My sons by Mom
Dorothy Rhinehart by Jo & Dave Bosh
Alex, Katy, Parker, Angie, Jason, Heidi & Gary by Gary & Martha
See
My nieces & nephews by Miriam Shifley*

Flowers Are Given To The Glory of God by :

*Genesis Friends
Bill & Lynne Shifley*

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.



Christ the Lord
Is Risen Today!