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

Rev. Darrin Harvey
Minister

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June 2020



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.





Hello Church,

I know that many of you have been asking about our plans for June. The Elders, Consistory and our new Corona Task Force have met and discussed all the relevant matters. Our goal will be to return to having services live at the church on June 14th. This will allow time to see in which direction the numbers of new infections go and give us time to prepare the technical matters that must be addressed. We have collected information from the UCC conference office, local health departments and from as many of you as we could. Please know that these decisions are not easy to make as we have a lot of differing opinions about having worship at church again.

If we do not see a spike in numbers, we will plan on meeting inside beginning on June 14th for the rest of June. The reason we are planning on meeting inside is so that we can keep our technical setup that has been working very well for us. As we normally would, we will plan to meet outside beginning in July. When we do return, we will not be passing the peace, the offering plate, or bulletins. We will not be singing as a congregation and people will be strongly encouraged to wear masks. (We will have masks on hand for you to wear). Bathrooms will be open only on the main floor with only one person at a time using them. We will also be sitting every other row. Please note that those who are at risk will be encouraged to continue to stay home and enjoy the worship service that is presented online as we will continue to do for the foreseeable future. When we have communion, we will do so with sealed kits that contain the juice and bread.

The office will be available during most normal business hours if you need something at the church. Our committee meetings that have been taking place online will be held at the church property using masks and social distancing, outside when possible. Our community dinner on the 21st was a success. We served just about as many as we normally would have. We are making plans to do it again on the third Thursday of June, the 18th, in the same manner – a drive up distribution. It turned out to be a relatively easy process.

We are not planning to have our community breakfast for the foreseeable future. If you have any questions or comments, you can direct those to any member of the task force. We have included this information later in the newsletter. Thanks for your patience with us regarding this process as nothing like this has ever happened before and we are navigating as best we can.

I ask that you continue to pray for our church and for our leaders during this. It has not been easy to make decisions about this. We are grateful that we have still been able to have meaningful moments online. Thank you for supporting each other during this crisis. The Spirit of God has been evident in keeping us connected and vibrant. We the people are the church now more than ever! God Bless you and your family as we begin summer.

Pastor Darrin

TWO SPECIAL ANNIVERSARIES

Our First UCC Galion has a double anniversary opportunity this spring as Pastor Darrin Harvey and Reverend Emeritus John Miller are celebrating their ordination anniversaries. Pastor Darrin is celebrating 10 years and Reverend Miller is celebrating 55 years since their ordination into church ministry.

These special events will be recognized this summer as our church reopens for in-person worship and during virtual services in the upcoming weeks. We are proud to recognize these two special church leaders. Thank you for your many years of ministerial service.



Birthdays

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|-------|--------------------|-------|--------------------|
| 1st: | Jordan Burgess | 15th: | Ed Pfeifer |
| | Ken Gledhill | 16th: | Brett Green |
| 2nd: | Keith Cotsmire | 17th: | Nick Brown |
| | Mary Jane Bays | | Carol Walter |
| 3rd: | Ethan Burkhart | 18th: | Dylan Black |
| | Mary Fulkerson | | Ryan Reed |
| | Tom Jeffers | 20th: | Karen Meyers-Reid |
| 4th: | Kendyl Guinther | 24th: | Robert Reid |
| | Jacalin Lugo | 25th: | Steve Lamontagne |
| | Matt Powell | 26th: | Sundie Brown |
| 5th: | Logan Pfeifer | 27th: | Ron Burkhart |
| 6th: | Cameron Arbaugh | 28th: | Rev. Darrin Harvey |
| | Conner Arbaugh | | Deb Jeffers |
| 8th: | Amanda Harvey | | Dennis Garverick |
| 9th: | Martha See | 29th: | Isaac Black |
| 10th: | Leslie Swartzbaugh | | Zechariah Kennedy |
| 11th: | Angie Moore | 30th: | Miriam Berry |
| 12th: | Carter McGrady | | Kevin Spore |
| 13th: | Brenda Treisch | | |
| 14th: | Dedra Collins | | |
| | Teri Ekleberry | | |
| | Chuck Musselman | | |



Anniversaries

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| 3rd: | Ken & Evelyn Feik |
| | Mark & Sandy Powell |
| | Doug & Carole Schreck |
| 8th: | Bruce & Rachel McKibben |
| 9th: | Steve & Jessica Hammond |
| 10th: | Ken & Nancy Green |
| 11th: | Chris & Hannah Ruth |
| 13th: | Frank & Jo Isaacs |
| 18th: | Steve & Lynda Eidt |
| | Keith & Cheryl Ketterman |
| 21st: | Andy & Rachel Roesch |
| 23rd: | Tom & Deb Jeffers |
| 25th: | Terry & Janet Snyder |
| 26th: | Ted & Robin Bruner |
| | Ed & Jenay Pfeifer |
| 27th: | Jim & Ellie Heiser |
| 28th: | Gary & Brenda Neal |
| | Jerry & Mary Nicholls |
| | Kevin & Beth Cotsmire |
| 29th: | Dave & Angie Brocwell |
| | Robert & Robin Zier |



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 9:00am-10:00am.

PRAYER CHAIN

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

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!

FOOD PANTRY

Canned vegetables, Hamburger Helper, Tuna Helper, dried beans, paper products, cleaning supplies and personal care products are needed. There are containers at both entrances to the sanctuary.

PANDEMIC UPDATE

Consistory, at its May meeting, created a Corona Compliance Team consisting of Doug Court, Darrin Harvey, Brad Hocker, Doug Stone, and Brian Treisch. Adair Pittman has also been added to the team. The intent of the team is to create a safe and meaningful return to congregational worship. The team is monitoring local corona data for the next two weeks and plans to open in sanctuary worship, if infection rates stabilize or lower. June 14 is our target date. You will receive more information about worship style and protective procedure in a later mailing. What we need now is a good idea of how many worshippers we can expect when we open our sanctuary doors. Will you please contact one of the team members or the church office with how you plan to worship this summer.

- 1) I plan to continue with the on-line service from the safety of my home.
- 2) I will wait until worship is in the pavilion before returning to in person worship.
- 3) I am comfortable with worshipping in the sanctuary in June.

Of course, this is a straw poll and we will not be taking attendance, if you choose one of the three and don't show up some Sunday. We really do, however, want to hear your preference. Please contact Adair or Darrin in the office at 419-468-4380, Doug C. at 419-468-5316, Brad H. at 419-989-3705, Doug S. at 419-610-1109, or Brian T. at 419-566-5326.



JUNE

Week of June 7th:

Sun. Deut. 6:1-9
(10-15)
Eph. 4:1-16
John 1:1-18

Mon. Ruth 1:1-18
1 Tim. 1:1-17
Luke 13:1-9

Tue. Ruth 1:19-2:13
1 Tim. 1:18-2:8
Luke 13:10-17

Wed. Ruth 2:14-23
1 Tim. 3:1-16
Luke 13:18-30

Thu. Ruth 3:1-18
1 Tim. 4:1-16
Luke 13:31-35

Fri. Ruth 4:1-22
1 Tim. 5:17-22
(23-25)
Luke 14:1-11

Sat. Deut. 1:1-8
1 Tim. 6:6-21
Luke 14:12-24

Week of June 14th:

Sun. Deut. 4:1-9
Rev. 7:1-4, 9-17
Matt. 12:33-45

Mon. Deut. 4:9-14
2 Cor. 1:1-11
Luke 14:25-35

Tue. Deut. 4:15-24
2 Cor. 1:12-22
Luke 15:1-10

Wed. Deut. 4:25-31
2 Cor. 1:23-2:17
Luke 15:1-2,
11-32

Thu. Deut. 4:32-40
2 Cor. 3:1-18
Luke 16:1-9

Fri. Deut. 5:1-22
2 Cor. 4:1-12
Luke 16:10-
17(18)

Sat. Deut. 5:22-33
2 Cor. 4:13-5:10
Luke 16:19-31

Week of June 21st:

Sun. Deut. 11:1-12
Rev. 10:1-11
Matt. 13:44-58

Mon. Deut. 11:13-19
2 Cor. 5:11-6:2
Luke 17:1-10

Tue. Deut. 12:1-12
2 Cor. 6:3-13
(14-7:1)
Luke 17:11-19

Wed. Deut. 13:1-11
2 Cor. 7:2-16
Luke 17:20-37

Thu. Deut. 16:18-20;
17:14-20
2 Cor. 8:1-16
Luke 18:1-8

Fri. Deut. 26:1-11
2 Cor. 8:16-24
Luke 18:9-14

Sat. Deut. 29:2-15
2 Cor. 9:1-15
Luke 18:15-30

Week of June 28th:

Sun. Deut. 29:16-29
Rev. 12:1-12
Matt. 15:29-39

Mon. Deut. 30:1-10
2 Cor. 10:1-18
Luke 18:31-43

Tue. Deut. 30:11-20
2 Cor. 11:1-21a
Luke 19:1-10

Wed. Deut. 31:30-
32:14
2 Cor. 11:21b-33
Luke 19:11-27

Thu. S. of Sol. 1:1-3,
9-11
2 Cor. 12:1-10
Luke 19:28-40

Fri. S. of Sol. 2:8-13
2 Cor. 12: 11-21
Luke 19:41-48

Sat. S. of Sol. 5:10-16
2 Cor. 13:1-14
Luke 20:1-8



HOSPITALIZATIONS

Bill Zimmerman; Emery Shaffer

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 Steve Tucker. Steve passed away May 5, 2020. Please keep his family in your thoughts and prayers.



First United Church of Christ wishes to thank Dale Miller for his eight years of service as our custodian. Thank you, Dale, for your commitment, dedication and a job well done!

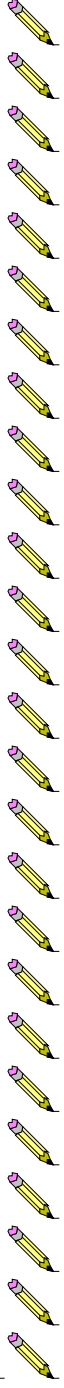
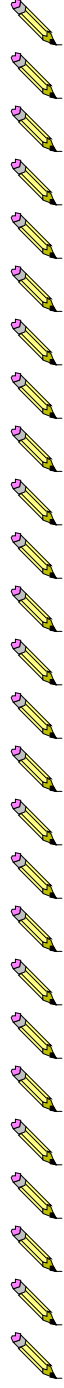


FELLOWSHIP & OUTREACH MEAL

The June Fellowship & Outreach meal will be held on Thursday, June 18th from 5-6 p.m. We will be practicing social distancing and it will again be carry-out..

CONSISTORY HIGHLIGHTS

May 19,2020



- Met in Dining Room utilizing social distancing.
- Seniors were honored at the 5/17/20 service featuring a video of all 5. Gifts have been purchased for seniors and will be delivered to their homes by Pastor Darrin. Seniors will be featured in the June Visitor.
- The website has been changed so it is easier to access live broadcasts online.
- Worship packets for May have been sent to those in the congregation without Internet access.
- Wednesday night Prayer Services will continue through May.
- Church office hours will resume May 26.
- Flowers from the May 31 service can be picked up on the following Monday or Tuesday during office hours.
- *Church Services will resume outside in the pavilion June 7 dependent on the working of the WiFi Transmitter. Members may sit in their cars.*
- A 5 member Corona Compliance Team was formed consisting of: Pastor Darrin Harvey; Elder, Brad Hocker; Trustee, Doug Court; Deacon, Brain Treisch; Tech representative, Doug Stone.
- ***Since Consistory met this time table has been changed to June 14th***
- ***Please refer to the "Pandemic Update" article included in this newsletter. ***



REPORT FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Finance Committee has continued to meet every two weeks by video conference. We have done so to keep the Elders and Consistory apprised of our financial situation, so they can make informed decisions.

Last month, we reported we were running about 85% of budgeted giving in a year over year comparison. As of mid-May, this has improved slightly to 88% of budgeted giving. On line giving has increased during the period of shut down.

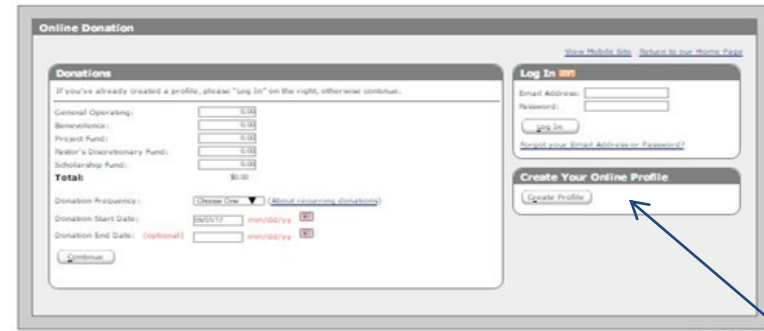
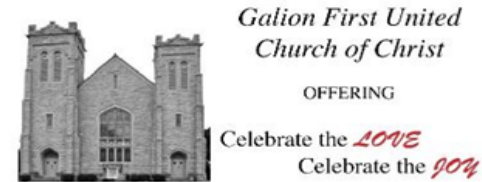
Again this month, the committee would like to extend a sincere thank you. We had no idea how not meeting in person for worship would affect the church financially. We are very thankful we have been able to meet our obligations and pay our bills. It is likely we will have to look at our budget differently as the year progresses. To date however, we have not had to use budgeted reserve funds because of your continued support.

If you are in a position to give, offering envelopes can be mailed and the church office collects these daily. On line giving is also an option and instructions are provided on a previous page. Thank you to everyone who continues to keep our church in mind financially during this unprecedented time.

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:



- 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

Geranium Project

May 31, 2020

Geraniums Are Given In Loving Memory of:

Lee & Marsena Brooks by Douglas & Mary Ann Stone
Mary Conklin by Bruce & Betty Angell
Allen & Mary Conklin by Doug & Cathy Conklin
Betty M. Durtschi by the Fritz Durtschi family
Lowell & Mabel Eichhorn by Dan & Lisa Eichhorn
Our daughter, Kaylee by Keith & Judy Eichhorn
Our parents by Keith & Judy Eichhorn
Carol Flick by Bruce & Betty Angell
Fred & Theresa Heitzman by Jim & Nancy Reid
John Heitzman by Mary Ann & our children
Arpad & Teresa Kiss by First U.C.C. Mission Committee
Charles, Ruth & Linda Neal & Don Hayes by Dan & Pam Hayes;
Chuck & Maureen Neal & family & Gary & Brenda Neal & family
Cloyd & Mildred Rhinehart by Jo & Dave Bosh
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 Mary Ann Heitzman
Melinda M. Sheriff by The Fritz Durtschi family
Joyce Spore by Gail A. Spore
Eric Stone by Douglas & Mary Ann Stone
L. Dean & Louise Stone by Douglas & Mary Ann Stone
Nick & Stephanie Supron by Doug & Cathy Conklin
Loved ones by Ruth Swick
Barbara Thompson by Bruce & Betty Angell
Richard Wiggins by Dorothy Wiggins
James Wittibschlager by Douglas & Mary Ann Stone
Chet & Alice Zimmerman by their family
Harold & Thelma Zimmerman by their family

Geraniums Are Given in Honor of:

Our 5 grandchildren by Dan & Lisa Eichhorn
Our grandchildren by Keith & Judy Eichhorn
Our family by Darrin & Wendy Harvey
Dorothy Rhinehart by Jo & Dave Bosh

Geraniums Are Given To The Glory of God by:

Doug Court & family
Genesis Friends

Geranium 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.

YOU'RE INVITED!



*Home Address:
272 N Union St.
Galion, OH 44833*

*Drive-in Graduation Party:
Saturday, June 13, 2020
1pm - 4pm
Outside at First United Church of Christ Pavilion
248 Harding Way West*

YOU'RE INVITED!



**Congratulations!
Abigail Brocwell
4959 Galion New Winchester Rd.
Galion, OH 44833
June 6, 4-7 p.m.**

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**GET UP!
OPEN YOUR HEART
OPEN YOUR MIND
DEDICATE YOUR DAY TO GOD**

**MEDITATE ON GOD'S WORD
OPTIMIZE YOUR FAITH & HOPE
REBUKE ALL EVIL
NEVER DOUBT GOD'S LOVE
INSPIRE SOMEONE
NOTHING SHOULD SCARE YOU
GO OUT WITH JOY!!**



**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR
2020 GRADUATES!**

HIGH SCHOOL

Abbie Brocwell

Anna Court

Douglas Harvey

Jaci Lugo

Paige Rudolph

COLLEGE

Dani Court

***First United Church of Christ
248 Harding Way West
Galion, Ohio***

***2020 Graduates
June 7, 2020***



***Congratulations
Graduates!***

Remember the love of your family and friends. Remember your own sacrifice and hard work. And, remember that God has a special plan for your life.

- Author Unknown

Name: Abigail Brocwell

Parents: Grant & Angie Brocwell

School: Colonel Crawford

Graduation Date: May 17, 2020



Awards/Honors: 4-year academic letter, Award of Distinction, graduated with honors, Byron Carmean Award finalist, 2019-2020 HOSA President

School Activities: Marching band, Pep band, Rock band, Concert band, Show Choir, School Musical, Student Council, NHS, NTHS, FFA, HOSA

Community Activities: 4-H, Jr. Fair Board, Camp Counselor, Tri-County Garden Tractor Pullers

Church Activities: Youth group, help with breakfast and meals

What has been a most memorable moment in school?

Going to Pioneer and being in the Medical Technologies Lab

What will you miss? Having lunch with friends everyday while trying to frantically finish last minute work

What will you not miss? Long practices after school and cramming for tests

What are your immediate plans after graduation?

Attend North Central State College for nursing & get a job at the hospital

What are some goals down the road?

Become a Labor & Delivery Nurse and get my Bachelors degree.

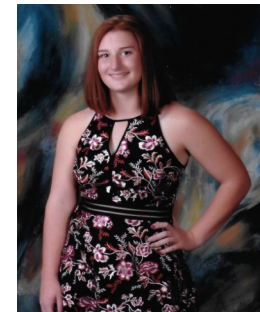
College you will be attending: North Central State College

Name: Anna Court

Parent: Jeff Court

School: Galion High School

Graduation Date: May 30, 2020



Awards/Honors: Academic-All Ohio, 5-year Marching Band, 4 year Track & Academic Letters, Tiger Pride 12+, National Award of Excellence, District Champ, Crawford County Field Event MVP

School Activities: National Honor Society, Student Council, Teen Green, All school bands & choirs, Theater, Tennis, Wrestling, Indoor & Outdoor Track

Community Activities: Galion Community Theater, Galion Community Band

Church Activities: General Synod Delegate, Choir & Bell Choir

What has been a most memorable moment in school?

Getting to introduce one of my Grandma's best friends at the school Veteran's Day Ceremony.

What will you miss? My friends & community

What will you not miss? My lack of free time

What are your immediate plans after graduation?

Attending and throwing at Ohio Wesleyan University. Also, catch me at McDonald's all summer

What are some goals down the road?

Attend Law School

College you will be attending: Ohio Wesleyan University

Name: Dani Court

Parent: Jeff Court

School: Southern New Hampshire University–
Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration with
a minor in Accounting

What has been a most memorable moment in school?

Finally finishing.

What will you miss? Constantly being challenged

What are some goals down the road?

Going into store management with Kroger's and eventually district front end coordinator.



Name: Douglas Harvey

Parent: Darrin & Wendy Harvey

School: Galion High School

Graduation Date: May 30, 2020

Awards/Honors: 4.0 Academic Award, the Academic Award in
Tennis, The Leonard Bernstein Award

School Activities: Tennis, Soccer, Concert Band, Jazz Band, Pep Band,
Marching Band & Symphonic Choir

Community Activities: Shawshank Big Band, Mid-Ohio Youth Jazz
Orchestra, Columbus Community Jazz Band, Columbus Youth Jazz
Orchestra.

Church Activities: Youth Group, Church Choir & occasionally
Church Bell Choir.

What has been a most memorable moment in school?

The Band trip to Nashville my Sophomore year.

What will you miss? My family and I will miss the friends that I have
made in Galion

What will you not miss? I will not miss getting up at 6am to go to
school.

What are your immediate plans after graduation?

Attending Capital University in the fall to study music; more
specifically, to study Jazz.

What are some goals down the road?

Short term goals: I want to begin releasing original music this summer.
Long term: I want to travel the world sharing my music as well as learn
how natives express their music.

College you will be attending: Capital University

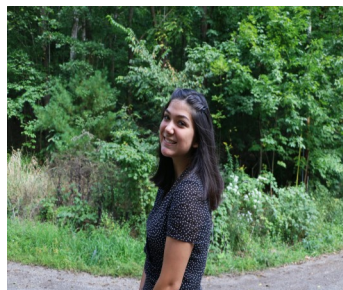


Name: Jacalin Lugo

Parent: Jennifer Lugo

School: Galion High School

Graduation Date: May 30, 2020



Awards/Honors: Merit Roll, Honor Roll, Student Athlete Award, Track MOAC Champions 2018

School Activities: Track, Show Choir, Choir, Performing Arts

Community Activities: Galion Community Theater Set Build, Galion Theater Strike, Teen Green Recycling, Meals On Wheels, Museum Tour Guide

Church Activities: Youth Group & Community Breakfast

What has been a most memorable moment in school?

All of my Senior year, from being on Homecoming Court in the fall to spending time the last 3 months in quarantine. I will cherish all the moments, good and bad.

What will you miss? ShowTunes, Choir & High School plays. I will miss being a part of them & especially miss the amazing people as well.

What will you not miss? The work, early mornings & late nights

What are your immediate plans after graduation?

Spending time with friends before attending college in the fall.

What are some goals down the road?

Graduate from college and pursue a career in Interior Design, while having smaller art hobbies on the side.

College you will be attending: North Central State College

Name: Paige Rudolph

Parent: Todd S. & Karen L. Rudolph

School: Galion High School

Graduation Date: May 30, 2020



Awards/Honors: Letter in band

School Activities: Marching Band, Pep Band & Concert Band

Community Activities: Youth Group for church

Church Activities: Youth Group

What has been a most memorable moment in school?

Senior Night recognition for fall sports

What will you miss? Band

What will you not miss? School uniforms & school lunches

What are your immediate plans after graduation?

Attending Ohio University in the fall

What are some goals down the road?

Obtain my college degree & start my career

College you will be attending: Ohio University