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*A place where everyone
grows in faith*

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**CELEBRATE THE LOVE!
CELEBRATE THE JOY!**

Rev. Darrin Harvey
Minister

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The
VISITOR

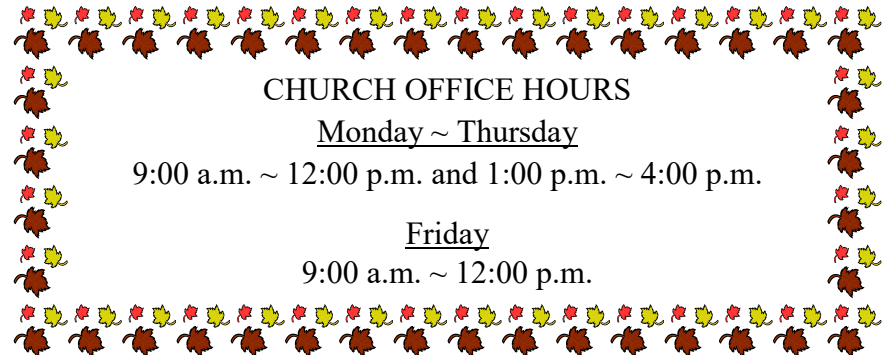
SUNDAY SERVICES

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.



“A New Normal” -

“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.”

John 14:27 NRSV

When Jesus left the disciples and went to heaven it, of course, marked a new era in the movement. It took some time before they accepted it and got used to doing things differently. The message was the same though: “The Kingdom of Heaven is upon you.”

For most of this year, we have had to change things on the fly and be adaptable but the time has come to once again look to our future and work towards it. At the beginning of the year, which seems like such a long time ago now, we spent our retreat talking about our mission and purpose. We promised that these things would not just be empty words so, we identified areas that we would like to work on and pledged to discuss these things in Consistory and all of our other team meetings, as it was relevant and have clear action plans before our next meeting.

Then in mid March COVID happened and that has dominated our time and energy since. We have spent a great deal of energy in our online broadcast and invested in new equipment to meet our needs and goals. That investment alone means that we are going to present our worship services online for the foreseeable future. I also plan on continuing the Facebook live Bible study on Tuesdays and the prayer service in the evenings on Wednesdays.

I know that most people are eager to return to normalcy as much as possible but by the numbers it looks as if we are indeed in a “new normal” as the current state will continue through the end of the year and into the next calendar year. Therefore, I encourage you to check out our internet offerings as much as possible. On Tuesdays I’m offering sessions taken from the “Living the Questions” curriculum and on Wednesdays I’m offering some excerpts of Henri Nouwen’s book “Reaching Out” as a part of our prayer service. Our home worship packets will continue as well to those not able to get to worship and lacking an internet connection.

The time has come for us to consider what our church will look like in a year. These challenges that we face now offer an opportunity to grow and evolve. Churches cannot afford to ignore their mission and purpose, otherwise they run the risk of becoming stagnant and withering on the vine. When Christ ascended into heaven many Christians expected his return within their lifetimes. When this didn’t happen they were forced to take the long view of things.

We are once again going to be considering the long view of things in our meeting agendas as we seek to welcome, love and serve all. Please continue to pray for our church and to pray especially for those on our prayer list as we have had a great deal happen the past few months to many of our members.

Blessings,

Pastor Darrin

SLOW COOKER CHEESY POTATO SOUP

1 block of cream cheese	32 oz. chicken broth
1 can cream of chicken soup	1 bag 32 oz. hash browns
1 chicken bouillon cube	3 cups grated cheddar cheese
1/2 C. bacon bits	Salt & Pepper

Cube up a softened block of cream cheese (set aside).

Add chicken broth & cream of chicken soup to slow cooker. Whisk. Stir in cubed cream cheese, add bouillon cube, add hash browns, 3 cups grated cheddar cheese & 1/2 cup bacon bits. Stir.

Cover & cook on high for 3 1/2 hours stirring often.

Add salt & pepper to taste. Top with additional cheese & bacon bits.

Enjoy!

Adair Pittman



Birthdays

3rd:	Barbara Koschnick	21st:	Terry Shifley
4th:	Rachael Worthington		Rhonda Harvey
5th:	Riley Lusk	24th:	Brayden Black
	Chuck Neal	25th:	Daniel Burkhart
	Katelynn Eagleston		Jim Heiser
10th:	Marcia Burkhart		Dorothy Wiggins
11th:	Matthew Burgess	27th:	Tami Burkhart
	Lindsey James		Pat Winters
12th:	Stone Musselman	28th:	Marci Brown
	Eric Neal	29th:	Justin Cole
	Kendra Spore		Mary Shifley
14th:	Nancy Reid	30th:	Grant Pfeifer
16th:	Karyn Christman		Sandy Powell
	Ella McGrady	31st:	Paige Rudolph
17th:	Janet Snyder		
18th:	Patsy Rowland		
19th:	Kenneth Feik		
	Todd Murray		
20th:	Tracie Opperman		
	Judy Garverick		



Anniversaries

3rd:	Phil & Sundie Brown
9th:	Dan & Lisa Eichhorn
10th:	Jason & Angie Moore
12th:	Gary & Martha See
14th:	Todd & Jill Lusk
15th:	Loren & Annie Stone
16th:	Terry & Lee Anne Shifley
17th:	Todd & Karen Rudolph
20th:	Dan & Twila Hiatt
25th:	Cody & Jennifer Gledhill

HEARTFELT THANKS

Dear First United Church of Christ Friends,

We would like to thank all of you for your thoughts, cards and, above all, your prayers for both of us. You cannot imagine how helpful they were in our recovery.

We were so fortunate to have not been at the intersection any sooner, as the outcome would not have been as good. We feel God saved us and has given us another chance. Knowing this, we will always try our best to honor Him.

Again, thanks to all of you as you helped make us better with your generous prayers.

Sincerely,

Jim and Nancy Reid

Thank you to Lisa Eichhorn for decorating the church for Fall. Your creations are beautiful!



Consistory Highlights September 15, 2020

- Online Bible Studies are now on Tuesday afternoons and Wednesday evenings.
- Stephanie Sikora will coordinate special music for Sunday worship services.
- Community Breakfasts will not be held for the rest of the year, but Community Dinners will continue.
- Donaldson Hill will be guest speaker on October 18, 2020. His topic will be "Invest In What You Believe In."
- Individual communion elements will continue to be used for October and November.
- The backpack program in the schools is being done this year. Volunteers have been contacted.
- Jamie Deppen is heading up the Neighbors in Need Program for the year.
- Holy Joe's Café will have a special collection on November 8, 2020.
- A possible turkey dinner will be held in November.
- The Scholarship Committee will have a fundraiser: a drive-by meal at the west door of the church, on Sunday, October 4, 2020.
- Funeral dinners will be discussed at the next Corona Virus Taskforce meeting.



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

PRAYER CHAIN

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

FOOD PANTRY

Boxed meals, boxed potatoes, canned fruits, Jell-O, 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



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The October mission is for our Neighbors in Need. This is one of our 5 for 5 offerings & it supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the U.S. In this Visitor you can donate to this mission by using the insert enclosed to light a candle in memory or honor of a loved one on All Saint's Sunday, November 1st. Complete the enclosed form & return it to the office or drop it in the offering plate by Sunday, October 25th.

The Hills are Alive!
THE TEMPLED HILLS CAMPAIGN

Thank you to everyone that participated in our raffle to raise money for "The Hills are Alive" renovation campaign for our church camp at Templed Hills in Bellville, Ohio. We collected with our raffle \$1298 & online donation and the Mission Committee chipped in another \$1000. The Mission Committee would like to thank everyone that donated raffle items; Ranee Fox, Judy Eichhorn, Rus-men Farms, Gary & Martha See, Doug & Mary Ann Stone & Brad & Stacey Hocker for taking the pictures so we could virtually tour all the renovations at the camp. Congratulations to the lucky winners; Cards & Mug Rugs- Stephanie Sikora, \$30 Gas Card- Barb Koschnick, \$25 Card to Phil's Deli- Miriam Shifley, Rus-men Farm Meats- Mary Ann Heitzman & Fire Pit- Doug & Carole Schreck.



FELLOWSHIP & OUTREACH MEAL

Our next Fellowship & Outreach Meal is on October 15th. We serve from 5-6 p.m. Remember this meal is CARRY OUT ONLY. See you on the 15th!

FAIRHAVEN HARVEST FESTIVAL

Well, it's that time of year but, as you all know, we will not be able to hold the Harvest Festival as in the past. And, as you all know, this is our big money maker for the Volunteer Service Group to be able to assist the Fairhaven residents.

Last year we were able to net \$4,070.33 from the festival with additional donations of \$550.00 for a total of \$4,620.33. With this money we were able to donate to the resident's specialized program and purchase arts and crafts supplies, new curtains and blinds totaling \$4,000.00. And I'm sure we would have donated our normal \$1,000.00 to the Scholarship Fund this spring, like always, with money we would have made from our normal bake sale and other miscellaneous fund. However, this year none of that is happening. Therefore, we would like to present you with an alternative. If each of you, along with your church group, would donate, at a minimum, the money that you would normally have spent at the festival, that would be nice. That would include the cost of the food items you donated for the meal, the cost of the baked goods you donated for the bake sale, the money you would normally have spent at the festival for the meal and any other items you purchase. I don't know that we will be able to equal what we made last year, but whatever we are able to collect will then be passed on by the Volunteer Service Group to help the residents of Fairhaven.

I believe most of us are in a much better position than the residents at Fairhaven as they try to contend with the restrictions forced on them by the covid pandemic. Most of them are restricted to their rooms with no freedom to go anywhere. So please look into your hearts and give as much as you can spare so that we can continue to support the residents at this time.

Any funds you can contribute can be made payable to Fairhaven Volunteer Service Group and mailed to the treasurer Jean Pratt, 3193 Kiess Road, Bucyrus, OH 44820.

Thank you all and may God Bless.
Barb Nigh & Fairhaven Volunteer Service Group

Organ Repair Payoff



The Sterrett Fund will contribute \$48,000. We need to fill the keys to get the rest. Over \$79,150 has been donated through Oct. 1, 2020. The balance due on the loan is now \$35,980.

The colored in keyboard above 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.

HOLY JOE'S COFFEE

On Sunday, October 11th we will be passing out an empty Tim Horton's coffee cup. Since COVID 19 did not allow us to have our typical potluck for Holy Joe's, we have decided to fill the empty cups with cash. Every time you stop for a cup of coffee, buy one for yourself & buy one for a soldier by adding that money into your empty Tim Horton's cup. On Sunday, November 8th we will collect your cash-filled cup & purchase coffee for our troops. We will be having coffee & cookies in the back hallway as well. If you have a soldier that is not already on our Veteran's video, please let the office know so we can include their picture along with our other soldier members. Don't forget to fill your cup with coffee money for our brave service people overseas.





HOSPITALIZATIONS

Rev. John Miller; 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.

DEATH

1st UCC extends condolences to the family of Bill Zimmerman. Bill passed away September 8th. Please keep his family in your thoughts & prayers.

GENESIS FRIENDS

On Monday, October 19, we will be appropriately spaced at 7:00pm in the fellowship hall. We will have a guest speaker from Crawford County ADAMH, Paula Brown, to talk about concerns regarding Mental Health in our area (particularly during COVID) and resources for help. Please wear face coverings, if required by the governor. This meeting is open to everyone in the congregation.

We look forward to seeing you there!

**Neighbors in Need-All Saints Day With Candles
November 1, 2020**

This year, First Church is offering you an opportunity to remember or honor a loved one, and at the same time, contribute to the greater mission of Christ's Church.

**For every donation of \$10.00,
a votive will be placed in the sanctuary.**

I would like to order _____ Votive(s)

One slip for each candle ordered. Thank you!

In Honor Of _____
or

In Memory Of _____
or

To The Glory of God _____

Given By _____

**Please return form no later than
October 25, 2020**



2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 8:00am WIC	3 9:00am Pound Exercise
4 <i>World Communion</i> 10:00am Worship Service 11:00am Scholarship Lunch (CARRY OUT) 5:00pm Pet Blessing	5	6 9:00am WIC	7 6:30pm Bell Choir 7:30pm Senior Choir	8 7:00pm Finance	9	10 9:00am Pound Exercise
11 10:00am Worship Service	12	13	14 8:00am WIC 6:30pm Bell Choir 7:30pm Senior Choir	15 5:00pm Outreach Meal (CARRY OUT ONLY)	16 8:00am WIC	17 9:00am Pound Exercise
18 10:00am Worship Service	19 5:30pm Drivers Ed 7:00pm Genesis Friends	20 5:30pm Drivers Ed 7:00pm Consistory	21 8:00am WIC 5:30pm Drivers Ed 6:30pm Bell Choir 7:30pm Senior Choir	22 5:30pm Drivers Ed	23 8:00am WIC	24 9:00am Pound Exercise
25 10:00am Worship Service	26	27 7:00pm Elders	28 8:00am WIC 6:30pm Bell Choir 7:30pm Senior Choir	29	30 8:00am WIC	31 Happy Halloween 9:00am Pound Exercise



October

Week of October 4:	Week of October 11:		Week of October 18:	Week of October 25:
Sun. 1 Kings 19:8-21 Acts 5:34-42 John 11:45-57	Sun. 2 Kings 4:8-37 Acts 9:10-31 Luke 3:7-18		Sun. 2 Kings 17:1-18 Acts 9:36-43 Luke 5:1-11	Sun. 2 Kings 20:1-21 Acts 12:1-17 Luke 7:11-17
Mon. 1 Kings 21:1-16 1 Cor. 1:1-19 Matt. 4:1-11	Mon. 2 Kings 5:1-19 1 Cor. 4:8-21 Matt. 5:21-26		Mon. 2 Kings 17:24-41 1 Cor. 7:25-31 Matt. 6:25-34	Mon. 2 Kings 21:1-18 1 Cor. 10:14-11:1 Matt. 8:28-34
Tue. 1 Kings 21:17-29 1 Cor. 1:20-31 Matt. 4:12-17	Tue. 2 Kings 5:19-27 1 Cor. 5:1-8 Matt. 5:27-37		Tue. 2 Chron. 29: 1-3:30:1 (2-9) 10-27 1 Cor. 7:32-40 Matt. 7:1-12	Tue. 2 Kings 22:1-13 1 Cor. 11:2 (3-16) 17-22 Matt. 9:1-8
Wed. 1 Kings 22:1-28 1 Cor. 2:1-13 Matt. 4:18-25	Wed. 2 Kings 6:1-23 1 Cor. 5:9-6:11 Matt. 5:38-48		Wed. 2 Kings 18:9-25 1 Cor. 8:1-13 Matt. 7:13-21	Wed. 2 Kings 22:14- 23:3 1 Cor. 11:23-34 Matt. 9:9-17
Thur. 1 Kings 22:29-45 1 Cor. 2:14-3:15 Matt. 5:1-10	Thur. 2 Kings 9:1-16 1 Cor. 6:12-20 Matt. 6:1-6, 16-18		Thur. 2 Kings 18:28-37 1 Cor. 9:1-15 Matt. 7:22-29	Thur. 2 Kings 23:4-25 1 Cor. 12:1-11 Matt. 9:18-26
Fri. 2 Kings 1:2-17 1 Cor. 3:16-23 Matt. 5:11-16	Fri. 2 Kings 9:17-37 1 Cor. 7:1-9 Matt. 6:7-15		Fri. 2 Kings 19:1-20 1 Cor. 9:16-27 Matt. 8:1-17	Fri. 2 Kings 23:36- 24:17 1 Cor. 12:12-26 Matt. 9:27-34
Sat. 2 Kings 2:1-18 1 Cor. 4:1-7 Matt. 5:17-20	Sat. 2 Kings 11:1-20a 1 Cor. 7:10-24 Matt. 6:19-24		Sat. 2 Kings 19:21-36 1 Cor. 10:1-13 Matt. 8:18-27	Sat. Jer. 35:1-19 1 Cor. 12:27-13:3 Matt. 9:35-10:4

Report from the Finance Committee

The Finance Committee continues to watch year over year giving closely. While we are still behind budget, we continue to make up ground and we are very grateful for your support!

The year over year comparison is:

2019 \$100,758
2020 \$98,460

We are blessed that we have been able to meet our obligations and pay our bills throughout this very challenging year. As of this date, we have not used budgeted reserve funds. We are hopeful that we will end the year close to our budgeted giving amount.

As we enter the last quarter of 2020, we begin budget planning for 2021. Please contact any member of the Finance Committee if you or your committee/group anticipates an expense or need that should be accounted for in the 2021 budget.

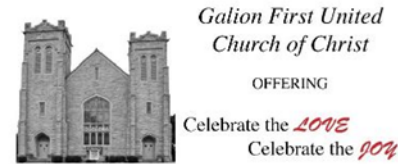
If you are in a position to give and not attending in person worship, offering envelopes can be mailed and on line giving is available. Instructions are provided on a following page.

Thank you to everyone for your continued support of the missions and programs of First UCC.

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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