

# FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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*"United in Christ's Joy we  
welcome, love and serve all"*

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## The VISITOR

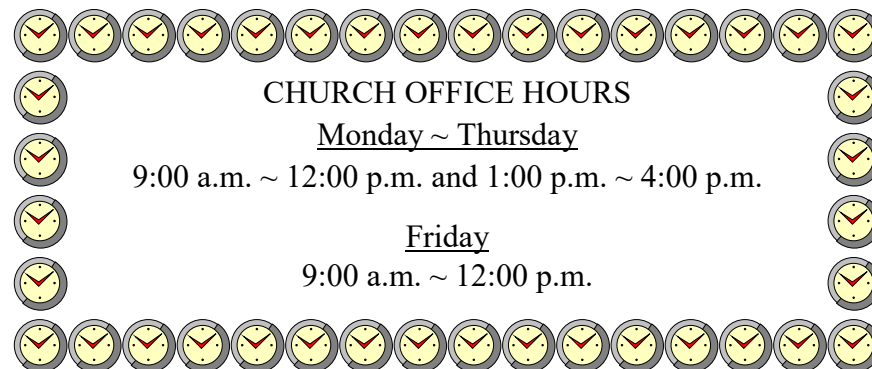
### SUNDAY SERVICES

#### 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.



Leading up to and including Easter we talked a big talk with letting the Spirit help with healing our wounds from the past year. We were eager to let the resurrection attitude reawaken and rekindle our hearts and minds and set us on the path of a new beginning for our lives and for our church. Now is the time that we take our bold talk and put it to actionable and achievable steps.

There is a lot of talk among church leaders about what church will be like and how it will function in a world that has changed so much. The relevant questions seem to be, “Has it really changed?” and “Will we go back to the way things used to be?” The consensus and honest answer is that we don’t know. The best any of us can do is to guess.

While many churches are planning on a “hybrid” model of worship, (online and in person), our folks seem to be more inclined to returning to worship in person than many places. That being said, we made a wise investment in technology to broadcast our service online and so our future plans are to continue this even when the majority of our worshipers are in the sanctuary. I think that this will continue to allow us to reach people who live out of town and those that can’t be with us in person even without Covid.

The question then turns to our other activities and when and how we might resume them. With the majority of our people being vaccinated, we feel more comfortable gathering in person for meetings and for music rehearsals with appropriate distance and masking. Fellowship gatherings like dinners will be our next step we hope to be able to do eventually and that, for now, remains elusive. The summer provides us with the opportunity to have events outside in our pavilion which we plan on doing for our corn roast in August. In September we plan to start Sunday School classes once again at 9am with Doug Court and myself leading two classes.

In the meantime, I would encourage you to continue to make the most of this time. Invite someone to join us on Sundays either in person or online and reach out to your friends and neighbors.

Check in on your church friends whom you haven’t seen in a while and wish them well. We at the church are here to be a positive place for you and your family in all times and in all circumstances.

May your Spring continue to be blessed.  
Pastor Darrin

### **DID YOU KNOW?**

In the elevator lobby on the main floor there are greeting cards for sale. These high-quality cards are only 35 cents for 3 for \$1.00. There are sympathy, get well, birthday, thinking of you/encouragement, anniversary, wedding, baby, thank you and even a few Mother's Day cards. Let someone know that you are thinking of them and brighten up their day with a greeting card!

### **KITCHEN NEWS**

If anyone has left a 9 x 13 glass dish or 1 blue -1 red 9 x 13 dish covers (red one has a G on it), a 9 x 13 metal pan & cover, or 2 - 8” metal pans, please pick them up in the kitchen.

### **GENESIS FRIENDS**

Genesis Friends will meet on Monday, May 24 at 6:00 to plant flowers and clean up around the church. Please bring gloves and assorted supplies. We will pick up dinner at Wendy's restaurant and eat on the picnic tables after.



### **HOSPITALIZATIONS**

Rosie & Tim McDaniel

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.

### **DEATHS**

1st UCC extends sympathy to the family of Fritz Durtschi. Fritz passed away April 24, 2021 at Signature Health Care. Please keep his family in your thoughts and prayers.

1st UCC extends sympathy to the family of Rosemary McDaniel who passed away April 30, 2021 at Riverside Hospital. Please keep Rosie's family in your thoughts and prayers.

### **HEARTFELT THANKS**

Thank you for all the wonderful cards and notes I received all month for my 95th birthday! I feel so blessed!

Ruth Ritchey

Thank you for your caring thoughts, prayers, calls, cards and gifts that we received when Fritz passed away. Your kindness is truly appreciated.

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! Cards are again being placed on the table in the east vestibule. Also, please continue to fill the pull tab jar. Little things mean a lot so save those tabs for the Ronald McDonald House!



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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       |       |                     |



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| 6th:  | Don & Sue Kindell       |
| 16th: | Gary & Heidi Repp       |
| 20th: | Matt & Becky Harmon     |
| 21st: | Dan & Marci Brown       |
|       | Richard & Trudy DeWitt  |
| 22nd: | Larry & Susan Ness      |
| 24th: | Bradley & Stacey Hocker |
| 31st: | Brad & Krista McKibben  |

## **CONSISTORY MEETING APRIL 13, 2021**

- Be sure to dress appropriately on cool Sunday mornings as the heat in the church is turned off.
- Weekly Home Worship will continue until summer.
- The removal of the table in the back of the sanctuary has been well received.
- The Presbyterians have moved into their new facility.
- New flooring will be installed on the top and second floors.
- Congregation members and friends will be asked to help with outdoor cleanup in a few weeks. Date and time to be announced.
- May is geranium month. Orders will be due May 17. The form to order geraniums is in this Visitor.
- The church will again have a space at Third Friday in Galion, if the event is held this year.
- Sitting in alternative pews in the sanctuary will continue due to a rise in covid cases statewide.
- The Corn Roast will tentatively be held in August, prepared by the class that usually handles the event.
- The Kiwanis Club will meet in the church dining hall every Tuesday at noon.
- The Community Concert will rehearse in the Pavilion on Sunday afternoons starting May 16, to prepare for a concert to be held in the park July 3.

## **CHICKEN ENCHILADAS**

3 cups chicken shredded  
4oz can green chilies  
2 cans of enchilada sauce (10 oz. each)  
10-12 flour tortillas  
8 oz. shredded cheese of choice

Preheat oven 350 degrees.

Combine chicken, chilies, one can of enchilada sauce and 4 oz. of cheese.

Fill tortillas with mixture, roll up and place seam down in a greased, glass dish. Pour remaining can of sauce over and sprinkle with 4 oz. cheese.

Bake at 350 degrees for 15-20 minutes.

\*Can make the night before, refrigerate and bake for 5 minutes longer\*

Submitted by,

Doug Court



### STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH

Pentecost is fast approaching and we will have beautiful geraniums to decorate our sanctuary on Sunday, May 23rd. Enclosed in this month's Visitor is the signup sheet to purchase a geranium in memory or honor of someone special in your life. You may take your flower home after the service on the 23rd or you can leave it for the Genesis Friends to plant around our church so we can enjoy them all summer long. If you do not want to purchase a flower, but would like to donate to this mission, just include it with your monthly donation. We can all look forward to a cheery red service on Pentecost.

### FELLOWSHIP & OUTREACH MEAL

Thank you to all who participated in our April Fellowship & Outreach meal. We got an early start on picnic season and served over 50 community members hamburgers, hot dogs, slaw and baked beans.

Our next Fellowship & Outreach meal will be on Thursday, May 20th @ 5:00 p.m. **(CARRY OUT ONLY)** This month we would like our bakers to provide bar cookies. There is a sign up sheet outside the office or you can call Adair and let her know that you would like to help. See you at the meal!

### DISASTER RESPONSE KITS

Wow! We had a fabulous response to our disaster response kits & buckets. We received enough donations for 12 complete buckets & 25 personal care kits. The Mission Committee also included a donation to complete any buckets they might receive that weren't complete. Thank you to everyone that donated or took the time to complete a care kit.



"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 after the service on May 23rd or on May 24th. 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 17th**

**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.



# FAIRHAVEN VOLUNTEER SERVICE GROUP

**Meeting date:** Monday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 AM

**Where:** Emanuel UCC (Mud Church) 13989 Twp Hwy 127  
Upper Sandusky, OH 43351

**Lunch:** Sack Lunch

**Devotions:** Tiffin Trinity

Becky Blocksom gave me the following list of needs for residents. If any of your churches could collect some of these items and bring them to the meeting, she will take it to Fairhaven.

Art paper 8 ½ x 11 (this is the thicker paper)

Watercolor trays (sets)

Colored pencils

No crayons are needed

Glue sticks (prefer the larger size)

Socks and footies

**Fairhaven news:** Presently the shopper volunteers are back. Residents miss the music. Visitations are scheduled and are restricted to the vestibule area with no time limit. Memory unit patients are limited to ½ hour visits. No answer or prediction when we can meet at Fairhaven, bingo, gift shop etc.

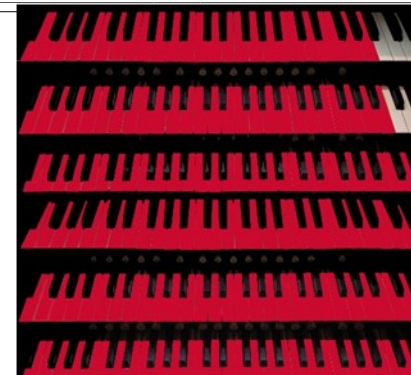
Alissa Clouse has the wish list ready for us.

Becky Blocksom will update us on the scholarship applications.

Jean Pratt has our program booklets ready.

Be sure to bring addresses of those that have moved.

## Organ Repair Payoff Exciting News!



We have had some significant contributions this month.

Over \$95,300 has been donated through May 1, 2021, so the balance due on the loan is now down to \$2,488.

Notice that the red keys in keyboard are rapidly filling in. We are high in the treble clef. When all keys in the keyboard 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.

This is very exciting news, because it means that by the end **of this summer** the balance **could be \$0.00**. Yes, if you continue your donation patterns, this note can be paid off by August. Understand that this will free the \$6000 a year trustees have been paying from the Sterrett Trust funds to cover interest and principle on the note. This money will then be used for other maintenance related costs.



## Bible Pathway Adventures

# MOTHERS IN THE BIBLE

## Mother and Child Match

Read the scriptures below.  
Put the correct letter next to the mother.

1. \_\_\_\_ Eve
2. \_\_\_\_ Sarah
3. \_\_\_\_ Rebekah
4. \_\_\_\_ Zipporah
5. \_\_\_\_ Ruth
6. \_\_\_\_ Bathsheba
7. \_\_\_\_ Naomi
8. \_\_\_\_ Hannah
9. \_\_\_\_ Elizabeth
10. \_\_\_\_ Mary
11. \_\_\_\_ Eunice
12. \_\_\_\_ Salome

- A. Solomon (2 Sam 12:24)  
B. Mahlon & Chilion (Ruth 1:2)  
C. Samuel (1 Sam 1:20)  
D. John the Baptist (Luke 1:57)  
E. Isaac (Gen 17:19)  
F. Timothy (2 Tim 1)  
G. Obed (Ruth 4: 16-17)  
H. Abel (Gen 4: 1-2)  
I. Yeshua (Mat 1:16)  
J. Gershom (Ex 2: 21-22)  
K. Jacob (Gen 25:28)  
L. James and John



# May

## Friendship

- Day 1 – Proverbs 18:24  
Day 2 – Ecclesiastes 4:9-12  
Day 3 – John 15:12-14  
Day 4 – Proverbs 27:17  
Day 5 – Proverbs 17:17  
Day 6 – 1 Thessalonians 5:11  
Day 7 – Romans 12:15-17  
Day 8 – Proverbs 27:9  
Day 9 – Job 6:14  
Day 10 – Proverbs 27:6  
Day 11 – 1 Peter 4:8-10  
Day 12 – Hebrews 10:24-25  
Day 13 – Proverbs 16:28  
Day 14 – Romans 12:18-21  
Day 15 – 1 Corinthians 1:1-8  
Day 16 – Proverbs 13:20  
Day 17 – Luke 6:27-31  
Day 18 – Proverbs 27:5-6  
Day 19 – 1 John 4:7-8

- Day 20 – Romans 12:9-10  
Day 21 – Proverbs 22:24-25  
Day 22 – Colossians 3:12-14  
Day 23 – Philippians 2:1-4  
Day 24 – 2 Corinthians 13:11  
Day 25 – Romans 15:5-7  
Day 26 – John 17:20-23  
Day 27 – 1 Corinthians 1:10  
Day 28 – 1 John 4:11-12  
Day 29 – Romans 12:13-14  
Day 30 – 1 John 4:19-21  
Day 31 – Ephesians 4:1-6

