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

Rev. Darrin Harvey  
Minister

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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.



I've reflected often that many of us settle for just getting by in life. Going about our business day by day, paying the bills and taking care of what we have to do are good but what of fulfillment and joy?

We recently had an ice cream social and later this month we are having a corn roast. There is nothing about these events that need to happen nor anything in the Bible that commands us to have something like this, yet, is it good that we do this? Absolutely! Does it have to do with our mission? Yes, I believe it does! We are called to reach out in the community and to support one another in faith and be in fellowship and gatherings like these do just that.

Further, I would also say that these gatherings help our souls! There is nothing about ice cream that we need physically (the sugar and calories), but would it feel good? Absolutely yes, and after the year many of us have had along with the difficulties we have endured in our community and personal lives, in a different sense, we do need this. (Even if you don't eat a donut, wouldn't it be good to at least see and enjoy each other?)

John 10:10 says that Jesus came that we might have life "abundantly." Most of the time we refer to this "abundance" as something that will happen in the next life in heaven but God intends for us to have this abundant quality of life beginning in this life. There is a balm for our sadness and difficulty and that is the peace that living in the Spirit offers.

So have some ice cream, take that vacation you have been meaning to take, be good to yourself and look after one another. Tend to your souls with the good things of life that are all around us and with humility take advantage of the blessings God is offering.

In Christ,

Pastor Darrin



### **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 9:00 am-10:00 am.

### **PRAYER CHAIN**

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

### **FOOD PANTRY**

Spaghetti, spaghetti sauce, canned vegetables, pastas, 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!

### **CHOIR NEWS!**

Please watch future Visitors for upcoming announcements regarding Fall Bell & Senior Choir.



# August

## Faith

Day 1 – Matthew 21:21-22

Day 2 – Hebrews 11:1-3

Day 3 – Hebrews 11:4-7

Day 4 – Hebrews 11:8-12

Day 5 – Hebrews 11:23-31

Day 6 – Hebrews 11:32-12:2

Day 7 – James 2:14-17

Day 8 – James 2:18-26

Day 9 – Proverbs 3:5-6

Day 10 – 1 Corinthians 2:1-5

Day 11 – 2 Corinthians 3:6-7

Day 12 – James 1:5-8

Day 13 – Galatians 2:15-16

Day 14 – 2 Timothy 4:7-8

Day 15 – Romans 4:13-14

Day 16 – Romans 4:15-17

Day 17 – Romans 4:18-25

Day 18 – Romans 5:1-5

Day 19 – Romans 10:9-11

Day 20 – Matthew 17:14-21

Day 21 – Psalm 37:5-6

Day 22 – 1 Timothy 4:10-12

Day 23 – Galatians 3:23-29

Day 24 – John 3:14-17

Day 25 – Romans 1:16-17

Day 26 – John 11:23-27

Day 27 – 1 Corinthians 15:16-22

Day 28 – Ephesians 3:16-19

Day 29 – Mark 10:46-52

Day 30 – 1 Peter 1:6-9

Day 31 – Galatians 2:20



### ZUCCHINI CASSEROLE

1 lb. ground beef or sausage

4 cups sliced zucchini

1 cup mayonnaise

1 cup parmesan cheese

2 eggs

1 onion, chopped

salt and pepper

Cook zucchini in 2 cups boiling water until tender. Drain. Brown beef/sausage and onion. Drain. Mix all ingredients. Layer zucchini on bottom of 9x13 pan and pour mixture over zucchini. Dot with butter and cover with breadcrumbs. Bake at 350 degrees for 1 hour.

You can make 2 smaller casseroles & freeze one.

Submitted by,

Marlene McDaniels

While the UCC General Synod was held virtually, that did not prevent the body from doing the work of the denomination. Rev. John Dornhauer, our UCC President, said in his state of the church address, the past 17 months of pandemic have been exhausting in the church as church leaders, ordained ministers, staff, and parishioners are carrying untold grief, loss, and burdens of stress. Yet our mission is still striving in the midst. As the pandemic spread and churches halted in person worship the national body, the regional conferences, the area associations, and the individual congregations of the church planned and braced for organizational disaster. Instead of disaster the church experienced adaptations and meaningful changes in ways that allowed attendance to rebound, finances to remain steady, and new avenues of worship and service to develop. It is a reminder of Rev. Dornhauer's belief, shared when he accepted the presidency 6 years ago, that the Holy Spirit envisions a world in which we matter. We as individuals and we as the church universal matter.

At Synod the delegates and guests worship, keynote speakers inspire, and committees report. In the committee reports we know that our main offices will be moving to a smaller location in Cleveland, as we are selling the 9 story century old building to avoid remodeling cost and empty rooms. The new manual of worship and a new book of worship, called for in past Synods, is in the editing stages and will be published soon. The newly formed Center for Analytics, Research & Development, and Data is actively using the data congregations send for the annual yearbook and providing real demographics to guide decision making. And more....

Of course, there are the resolutions calling for action and directing the national office. A list of the titles is included later in this newsletter. I will be leading discussions of these during the Sunday School hour beginning August 22.

## RESOLUTIONS FROM SYNOD 2021 FOR DISCUSSION

1. The alliance of associate conference ministers of the United Church of Christ requests to be recognized as a formal group
2. A resolution to advocate and act to change the cash bail bond system to eliminate racial and social injustices inherent in the present system
3. A resolution to ban the practice of conversion therapy
4. A resolution encouraging to end 128 years of war between the United States of America and the Hawaiian Kingdom
5. Declaration for a just peace between Palestine and Israel
6. "Who will speak for the trees?" A resolution on the rights of nature
7. Becoming a church of contemplatives in action
8. A resolution to declare and respond to racism as a public health crisis
9. A resolution to recognize the United Nations International Decade for People of African Descent (2015-2024)
10. A resolution on protecting workers at churches and other religious institutions

A brief article cannot do justice to the feeling that God is alive and working through us, and the United Church of Christ will always live at the corner of Love and Justice.

Doug Court







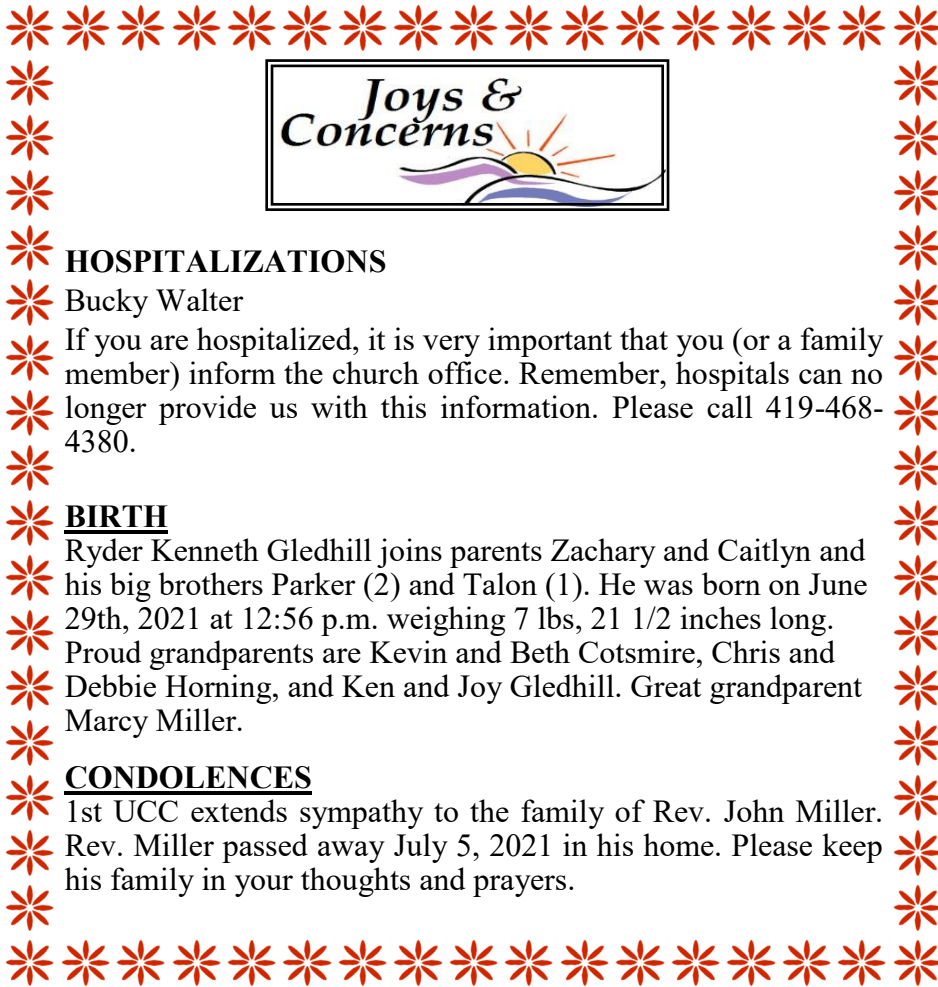
*Birthdays*

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|-------|------------------|-------|----------------|
| 4th:  | Barbara Keller   | 21st: | Clayton Lusk   |
| 5th:  | Kaylee Wise      |       | Edith Stevens  |
| 6th:  | Justin McDaniel  | 23rd: | Richard DeWitt |
| 7th:  | Keith Ketterman  | 24th: | Janet Lugo     |
| 8th:  | Anna Court       |       | Lauren Neal    |
| 9th:  | Dale Opperman    | 25th: | Amy Neal       |
| 10th: | Abigail Brocwell |       | Lynne Shifley  |
|       | Leonard Ness     | 26th: | Kevin Feik     |
| 12th: | Jerry Badgley    | 27th: | James Gibson   |
|       | Dale Miller      | 30th: | Ciera McKibben |
| 13th: | Julie Court      | 31st: | Joe Deppen     |
|       | Ken Eichhorn     |       | Katelyn Stone  |
|       | Eric Powell      |       |                |
| 14th: | Trudy DeWitt     |       |                |
|       | Don Woodmansee   |       |                |
| 15th: | Doris Van Allen  |       |                |
| 17th: | Zach James       |       |                |
|       | Linda Woodmansee |       |                |
| 18th: | Larry Shifley    |       |                |
| 19th: | Mason McKibben   |       |                |
|       | Dominic Pittman  |       |                |
| 20th: | Jenay Pfeifer    |       |                |



*Anniversaries*

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|-------|--------------------------|
| 3rd:  | Dylan & Beth Black       |
| 5th:  | Steve & Mindy Lamontagne |
| 7th:  | Chuck & Linda Swick      |
| 8th:  | Johnny & Jodi Merry      |
| 9th:  | Jay & Jennifer Arbaugh   |
| 10th: | Chuck & Maureen Neal     |
| 12th: | Ryan & Kristin Reed      |
| 14th: | Bruce & Betty Angell     |
|       | Dan & Pam Hayes          |
| 19th: | Darrin & Wendy Harvey    |
|       | John & Sandy Gibson      |
| 22nd: | Brad & Cindy Smith       |
| 23rd: | Charles & Tami Burkhart  |
| 27th: | Chris & Kim Burkhart     |



**HOSPITALIZATIONS**

Bucky Walter

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.

**BIRTH**

Ryder Kenneth Gledhill joins parents Zachary and Caitlyn and his big brothers Parker (2) and Talon (1). He was born on June 29th, 2021 at 12:56 p.m. weighing 7 lbs, 21 1/2 inches long. Proud grandparents are Kevin and Beth Cotsmire, Chris and Debbie Horning, and Ken and Joy Gledhill. Great grandparent Marcy Miller.

**CONDOLENCES**

1st UCC extends sympathy to the family of Rev. John Miller. Rev. Miller passed away July 5, 2021 in his home. Please keep his family in your thoughts and prayers.

**CORN ROAST**

Our annual Corn Roast is back! Come join us August 18th at the pavilion at 6 p.m.



**CHRISTMAS IN JULY**

Hurray! We collected \$570 for our Veterans of the Cross mission for the month of July. Thank you to all donated to help support the many faithful pastors and lay leaders of the United Church of Christ.

**STUFF THE BUS/ MEDICINE CABINET**

We have had much success with collecting taxable items as the beginning of the school year approaches. The taxable items include, laundry soap, toilet paper, paper towels, sanitary napkins, tampons, diapers, Clorox wipes, hand and body soap, toothpaste, and brushes and shampoo. If you do not want to shop for these items, we can do the shopping for you with the help of our local Dollar Tree. Please mark your envelope or check **BUS** and we will use the money to purchase these taxable items. Look for the yellow school bus on Sunday mornings and help us to fill the bus for our local friends in need.

**ICE CREAM SOCIAL**

**Thank you, thank you, thank you** to everyone that helped to make our Ice Cream Social a huge success- the band, bakers, salad makers, workers, set up and tear down crew and most of all, everyone that came to support our social event. We could not have had a successful event without **all** of you! It was so wonderful to see everyone together again and your support, along with members of our community, was greatly appreciated.



**FELLOWSHIP & OUTREACH MEAL**

It's too hot outside to cook so let us do the cooking for you. Our next Fellowship and Outreach meal will be on Thursday, August 19th from 5-6pm. We are looking for cookie bakers this month. If you are able to help, please call the office. Again, this is a **CARRY OUT ONLY MEAL**. See you on the 19th!

**REMINDER**

Our Mission Committee meets August 30th @ 7 p.m. Mark your calendars please.

**Fairhaven Community  
Volunteer Service Group Newsletter  
July 19, 2021**

Due to pandemic, the meeting was held at Emmanuel UCC (Mud Church) 13898 Township Rd. 127, Upper Sandusky, OH

President Barb Nigh called the meeting to order.

Devotions were given by Upper Trinity.

Roll Call: Volunteers – 15, Staff – 2

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Two communications were read thanking the VSG for the \$500 Scholarship and the \$3,500 for Wish List items.

Treasury - \$871.14

Gift Shop - \$2,106.04

Bingo Cup - \$13.

**VSG Business:**

Door decorations were discussed. Different decorations were suggested. Twenty-five to thirty of each will be needed. Jean was given a list and will pick up some supplies for the next decoration to be assembled. Everyone was asked to bring in artificial flowers to be used on decorations to be made at next meeting. It was agreed to continue meeting monthly and working on door decorations until such time as able to be back into Fairhaven. It is hoped to have decision on when will be allowed back in Fairhaven by end of July.

**Staff:**

Alissa thanked everyone for the outdoors furniture furnished from the Wish List. She spoke of other plans for outdoors items that are being worked on to make life for the residents more pleasant.

Becky shared that they have until July 31st for applications for the scholarship. They have currently received several. She also thanked the group for the Wish List items furnished and stressed how important it is for various residents to be able to get outside.

The meeting was closed with “The Way.”

Following the close a patriot door decoration was assembled.

The next meeting will be held at Emmanuel UCC (Mud Church) on August 16<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am unless notified differently. Galion First will have devotions with a sack lunch following the meeting. After the sack lunch another door decoration will be assembled.

**HEARTFELT THANKS**

Dear First Church Friends,

How do we begin to thank you for all you did for our family at the time of John’s death? Thank you, Darrin, for your help with the service plans. Thank you, Adair, for putting together a beautiful service bulletin. Thank you, Doug & Tech Team, for the service video we will cherish. Thank you, Jennifer & Jessica, for the beautiful music. Thank you, Lisa & your Kitchen Team, for providing a delicious meal with much food to take home. Thank you to the whole church for the beautiful floral basket. Most of all, thank you for your outpouring of love and support for our family that helped carry us through this very difficult time.

God Bless you,

Marcy, Beth & Kevin, Dan & Lezle & family

Dear Church Family,

Thank you to all who attended our celebration. It was so nice to see so many smiling faces. The weather was beautiful. We are so blessed to have you all in our lives and to have you been a part of our special day. We also appreciate receiving the At Home Worship & Upper Room that Adair sends us monthly.

Love,

Bucky & Carol Walter

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RADICCHIO  
RASPBERRIES  
SQUASH  
TOMATOES  
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## THINGS TO DO MONTHLY:

1. 1 Lunch Date with a friend
2. 24 hours NO social media
3. 1 Day Outdoors
4. 1 Night Out with friends
5. 1 Date Night (even with just yourself)
6. 1 Breakfast Meetup
7. 1 Movie Night
8. 1 Day Serving Others
9. 1 Day entirely to yourself

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