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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.



Dear Church,

By this time most of you have heard that my last Sunday will be November 7th. This was a hard decision to make but I believe the best for the church, myself and my family. It's been an honor to be your pastor for these past seven years and I will treasure many memories here.

We will have six Sundays together before that and I have decided to preach on some of my favorite scriptures. My favorite Gospel story is the story of the raising of Lazarus from John chapter 11. It is a long story so we are breaking it up into four parts. We will then celebrate our "All Saints Sunday" on the 31st with a passage from the extra canonical "Wisdom of Solomon" and honoring those among our congregation who have passed this year. Our last Sunday together we will focus on the final section of Romans 8 that includes the passage "nothing can separate us from the love of God," another one of my favorites. This was the scripture that hung on my office door for most of my time here.

I am grateful for the support I have gotten from many and for your thoughts and prayers. I am grateful for the chance to share the good news to many who really needed it, and to be an instrument that touched people's lives in a positive way. I am grateful to have played a part in people's milestones in life and to have had the opportunity to plant some seeds here. I am grateful for the lessons learned and the growth from the journey.

This congregation is a wonderfully diverse group of people. It's my prayer and hope that it remains active in the community and in the association and that it would not be afraid to cast a bold vision for the future.

Your Friend,

Darrin

Consistory Highlights September 14, 2021

- The resignation of Ranee Fox as Wedding Coordinator was accepted with regret.
- Pastor Darrin Harvey's resignation was accepted with regret.
- All Saints Sunday will be October 31, 2021 as November 7, 2021 will be Pastor Harvey's last Sunday and Rev. Dan Busch will be in attendance.
- The battery backup for the elevator has been replaced and the elevator has passed inspection.
- New flooring will be installed on the second and third floors.
- The Mission Committee added money to "Stuff the Bus" and \$1000 was given to Dollar Tree to buy staples for the local Community Action Center. A canopy and tablecloth sign were purchased for use when the popcorn machine is taken to any community events. On a request, the Mission Committee also picked up the Milk Voucher Program previously supported by Genesis Friends Circle, which has not been meeting. \$100 will be sent monthly to Community Action for the Milk Voucher Program. Someone is also needed to deliver weekend food bags from Community Action to the schools one Friday a month.



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



FELLOWSHIP & OUTREACH MEAL

The October Fellowship and Outreach meal will be held on Thursday, October 21st at 5:00 p.m. Doug is looking for bakers that could provide an Apple Cake. The recipe is posted outside the office window next to the signup sheet. The September meal featured sloppy joes, macaroni salad, applesauce, and cupcakes. Thank you all who support these meals either by cooking, baking, or picking up a meal and enjoying it at home.

NEIGHBORS IN NEED

In 2021, Neighbors in Need “Unfailing Love” offering is focused on supporting organizations and projects that are serving homeless and immigrant neighbors or communities. One-third of NIN funds support the **Council for American Indian Ministry** (CAIM). Two-thirds of this offering is used by the UCC’s Justice and Witness Ministries (JWM) to provide funding grants to UCC churches and organizations leading justice initiatives, advocacy efforts and direct service projects in their communities.

Enclosed in this newsletter is the form you can use to donate to this mission by purchasing a candle to be lit on All Saint’s Sunday October 31st when we celebrate and honor our loved ones. Complete the enclosed form and return it to the office or drop it in the offering plate by Sunday, October 24th.

HOLY JOE’S COFFEE/CAFÉ

It’s time to celebrate our men and women, past and present who have served our country. On Sunday, October 10th we will once again have Tim’s Horton’s coffee cups in the sanctuary. Pick up a cup and place it in your car or on the counter and when you enjoy a hot cup of coffee, add some money to the cup for a soldier. On Sunday, November 7th we will collect your cash-filled cups and purchase coffee for our troops overseas. We will also have coffee for our congregation that day and we will play our veteran’s video. If you have a soldier that is not on our video and you would like to add them, please let the office know.

HEARTFELT THANKS

Dear First Church,
Thank you for allowing us the use of your sound system & equipment for our Godspell performance in the park. We have heard so many great compliments on how well every cast member could be heard and this is from your generosity and your awesome sound system.

Thank you again so much,
GCT Board of Directors & the cast/crew of Godspell

Thank you to Tim Musselman & Douglas Stone for making electrical repairs and replacing the globes on the front light poles. It is so pleasant to drive by and see the church illuminated at night.

Dear First Church,
I want to thank everyone for their concerns, phone calls, cards, balloons, food and for Adair dropping off a 4 wheel walker (which I need to advance to.) Thank you, Rev. Harvey, for phone calls & visits after my fall and surgery. This was all greatly appreciated.

May God Bless you all,
Ruth Essex

ANNOUNCING A DINING ROOM REMODELING PROJECT

At its September meeting, Consistory officially appointed a team to remodel the dining room. Suggested improvements include air conditioning, new flooring, refreshing the walls, replacing metal ceiling tiles, new LED lighting etc. The committee will look at these and other ideas as it proceeds. Lisa Eichhorn is heading the committee which include Todd Knight, Sandy Powell and Brian Treisch with others to be brought on when their expertise is needed.

Annual Scholarship Luncheon Fundraiser

Our Annual Scholarship Luncheon fundraiser will be a “drive-up/take-out” luncheon to be held after church service on October 24th. We will be serving our popular pulled pork sandwiches, coleslaw, beans, dessert and a bottled water.

As in previous years, we appreciate the wonderful support that our Galion First UCC members show our college youth. Drive up to the west entrance of the church on October 24th at 11:00 a.m. and participate in our annual fall fundraiser.

Galion First UCC Scholarship Committee



Scholarship Applications Available

Scholarship Applications:

The 2021 Galion First UCC scholarship application forms will be available for current college students on Sunday, September 5th. Pick up forms at the Deacons’ tables on Sundays or in the church office during the week. Completed forms are due to the church by Sunday, October 31st. Eligible students will be notified of their scholarship award in early November and applied to 2022 spring semester tuition/fees.

Galion First UCC Scholarship Committee



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

How To Make Your House Smell Like

Fall

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4-6 cinnamon sticks



1 tsp vanilla



orange rind

2 tbsp whole cloves



3-5 bay leaves



fill a pot with water and simmer!



Halloween Word Search


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 GAMES
 HALLOWEEN
 PARTY
 SPOOKY
 WITCH

CANDY
 GHOSTS
 MASK
 PUMPKINS
 TRICK

COSTUMES
 GOBLIN
 MUMMY
 SKELETON
 TREAT

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October

Moments of Worship

Day 1: Daniel 2:20
Day 2: John 4:24
Day 3: Psalm 22:27
Day 4: Psalm 29:2
Day 5: Psalm 66:4
Day 6: Psalm 95:6
Day 7: Psalm 96:9
Day 8: Psalm 99:5
Day 9: Psalm 138:2
Day 10: Jeremiah 7:2
Day 11: Psalm 34:3
Day 12: Psalm 69:30
Day 13: Luke 1:46
Day 14: Psalm 22:22
Day 15: Psalm 27:6
Day 16: Psalm 33:2
Day 17: Psalm 34:1
Day 18: Psalm 35:8
Day 19: Psalm 40:3
Day 20: Psalm 42:5
Day 21: Psalm 44:8

Day 22: Psalm 47:6
Day 23: Acts 16:25
Day 24: Romans 15:11
Day 25: Ephesians 1:6
Day 26: Hebrew 2:12
Day 27: Hebrews 13:15
Day 28: 1 Peter 2:9
Day 29: Psalm 68:4
Day 30: Psalm 69:34
Day 31: Psalm 71:8



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TWICE BAKED POTATO CASSEROLE

Ingredients:

5 medium russet potatoes, **BAKED AND COOLED**
(3 to 3 1/2 lb. of potatoes)

Salt & pepper

1 1/4 cups sour cream

1/2 cup milk

1/3 cup melted butter

2 cups grated sharp cheddar cheese

8 slices bacon, cooked and crumbled

Green onions

Instructions:

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
2. Cut BAKED potatoes into 1" cubes. Place in a greased 13x9 baking dish. Sprinkle with salt and pepper.
3. In a small bowl, whisk together the sour cream, and milk and pour over potatoes. Next, pour melted butter over then top with grated cheese.
4. Cover with foil and bake for 25 minutes. Remove from oven and take off foil and sprinkle with crumbled bacon. Put back in the oven for 5 minutes.
5. Garnish with chopped green onions, if desired.

Submitted by,
Lisa Eichhorn



HOSPITALIZATIONS

None to report

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.

MARRIAGE

Congratulations to Shelby Gledhill & Samantha Marcum who were married on September 11, 2021. Best wishes!

GENESIS FRIENDS

Genesis Friends will meet in the lounge at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, October 18th. Barb Nigh will be the speaker. We look forward to seeing you there!

**Neighbors in Need-All Saints Day With Candles
October 31, 2021**

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 24, 2021**

Report from the Finance Committee

As we enter the last quarter of 2021, we begin budget planning for 2022. 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 2022 budget.

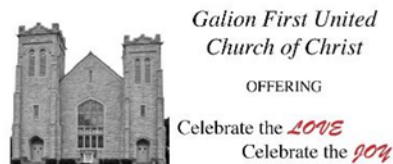
If you are in a position to give and not attending in person worship, offering envelopes can be mailed and on line giving is available. Instructions are provided below.

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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MINUTES OF A SPECIAL CONSISTORY MEETING

A special Consistory meeting was held on Wednesday, September 29th in the dining room of the church. Nine members and one guest Rev. Dan Busch of the United Church of Christ Northwest Ohio Association were present.

The meeting opened with Doug Court offering prayer.

A letter of resignation from Elder Brad Hocker was read. The motion to accept his resignation with regret passed. We will consult our constitution for the steps to find his replacement.

Rev. Busch will participate in Rev. Harvey's farewell service on November 7th.

The group ask Rev. Busch to attend and preach our service on November 14th which will also be our dedication of the church organ.

An open discussion was held with Rev. Busch. He asked us what direction we want our church to go in the search for a new pastor. Rev. Busch stated that there are not many interim pastors presently, but he will find us one. If we have emergency pastoral needs, we can contact a pastor in Crestline or Shelby and that we have three things to do as a Consistory and church, pray, pray and pray.

A Transition Team was established. This group will work with all staff and help to plan upcoming services and events. The members of this team are Judy Eichhorn, Doug Court and Sandy Kennedy.

The meeting adjourned with the Lord's prayer.

The next Consistory meeting will be on Tuesday October 12th at 7:00 p.m. at the church.

**Fairhaven Community
Volunteer Service Group Newsletter
September 20, 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 Barb Nigh.

Roll Call: Volunteers – 17, Staff – 1

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Treasury: \$951.14

Gift Shop: \$2,106.04

Bingo Cup: \$18.00

VSG Business:

Gift Shop not received permission to open yet.

Barb Nigh and Marcy Miller had received permission to enter Fairhaven to inspect door hanger supplies available but due to circumstances had not been able to do so yet. Will hopefully do so in near future. Twenty completed catheter bags were completed and will be delivered to Fairhaven.

At our October meeting in the past our group has always provided cider and donuts for the residents. Becky Blocksom will pick up the treats so they can be distributed to the residents, and submit a bill to be reimbursed.

Miriam Shifley provided a picture of a cute door hanger in case the group was interested. Barb Schiefer, Brenda Crider, and Jean Pratt will assemble the material needed so the door hangers can be made following the meeting in October.

Last year since we were unable to hold the Harvest Fest (our main fund raiser) we sent out a letter to all requesting donations so that we could continue with providing items to Fairhaven as needed for the residents. Since we have thought we might be back into the facility by October we planned fundraisers for this year. Now it has become obvious that we will not be able to do as we had hoped. Therefore, it has been agreed to once again do a letter requesting donations. A draft will be presented at the October meeting with the intent of it being mailed late November.

Staff:

Becky Blocksom presented the information of the scholarship recipient, Jessica Moss, who has worked at Fairhaven for some time.

She also shared that Jean Smith, the director, has missed seeing our group at Fairhaven and offers to support us in any way she can. Becky, as always, expressed her thanks for everything the group does. (She specifically expressed it this meeting by providing pizza for which everyone was thankful!)

Alyssa Clouse sent a statement that she was sorry she was unable to attend the meeting.

The meeting was closed with “The Way.”

The next meeting will once again be held at Emmanuel UCC Church (for which we are very thankful to Dagmar for opening, sanitizing, and closing the church for our meetings). Devotions will be given by Galion First. A sack lunch will follow the meeting.

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

