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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,  
Autumn is usually my favorite time of year, but I admit this year I find myself wondering and anxious about our future. The summer was filled with blessings that had been taken from us the year before. Family gatherings, graduation parties, concerts, a little travel here and there and movies once again became a part of our schedules. I loved it and savored it. The simple blessings that we all took for granted - seeing each other in person, was made more meaningful.

But as I see numbers of cases once again rising locally and vaccination numbers remaining stagnant, I dread a return to having more and more limitations as the weather gets colder. I urge everyone, please, do what you can to take care of yourselves and your family. Personally, I do not want to go through what we went through a year ago. I don't know how I would react to going back to not being able to see people in the hospital or nursing homes, doing worship in a completely empty sanctuary, watching another family not be able to gather to mourn as they normally would for the passing of a loved one or being torn between keeping vulnerable people in my family safe and being present for our elderly in our congregation. It was very stressful and quite frankly depressing.

Modern medicine is a gift of God. It has given us an abundance of life we wouldn't otherwise have. There is no reason we can not be supported by science and the power of the Holy Spirit of God through prayer. They are not mutually exclusive. Keeping ourselves healthy and taking precautions is a Christian act that demonstrates love for those around us and love for what God loves.

I wish you a blessed and healthy start to your autumn this year. This month I will be taking time away for intentional respite, renewal and prayer. Coverage has been arranged for the pulpit, all administrative and pastor care matters. Should you need the church's help for any reason, know that it will be here for you. I hope to return refreshed and in an all around healthier place. Know that while I am gone, I will be praying for you and your needs as God knows and understands them.

Blessings,  
Pastor Darrin



### **HOSPITALIZATIONS**

Ruth Essex

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.

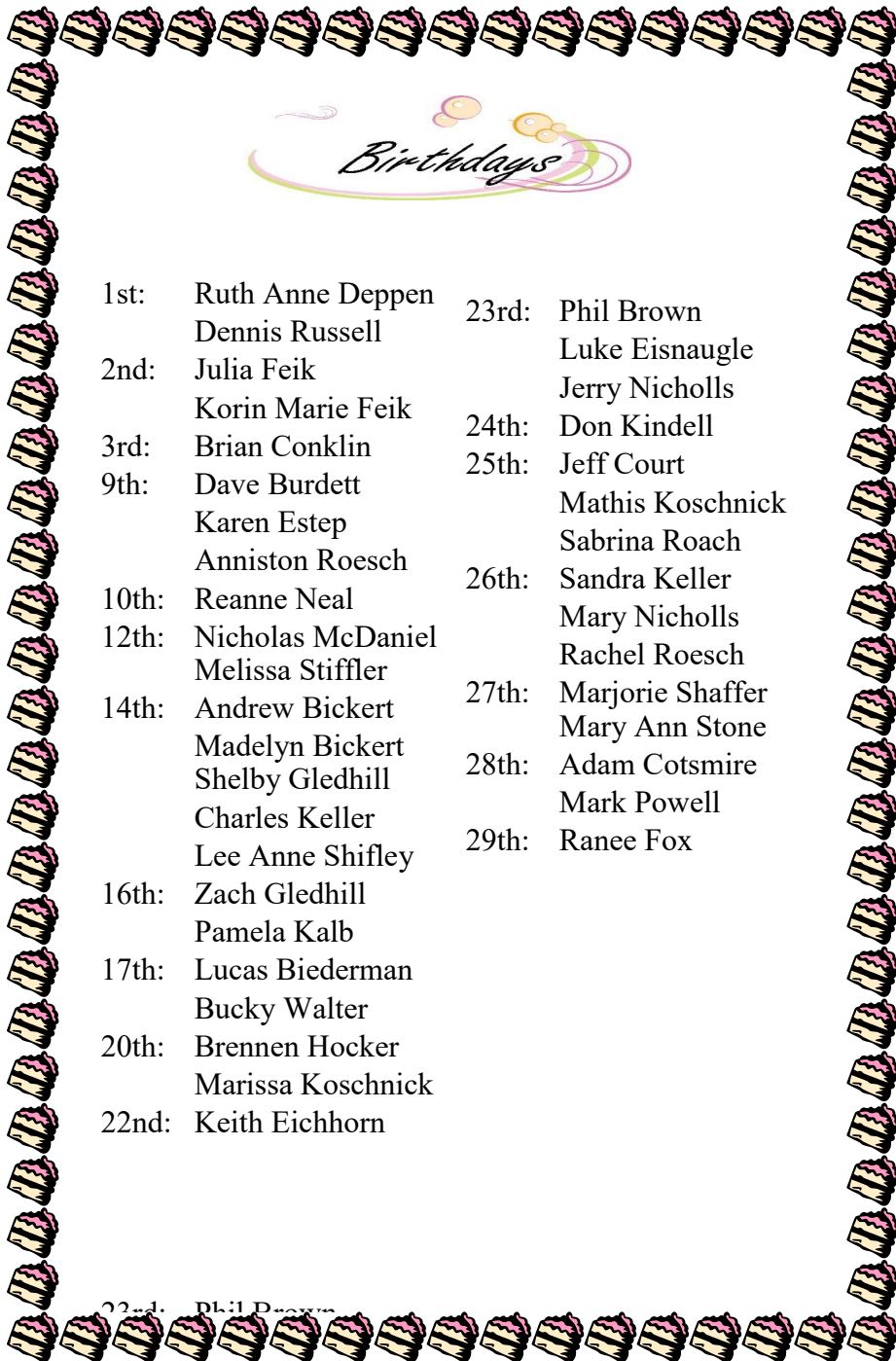
### **MARRIAGE**

Congratulations to Carrie Lehr & Heather Rohr who were married on September 4, 2021. Best wishes!

### **CONDOLENCES**

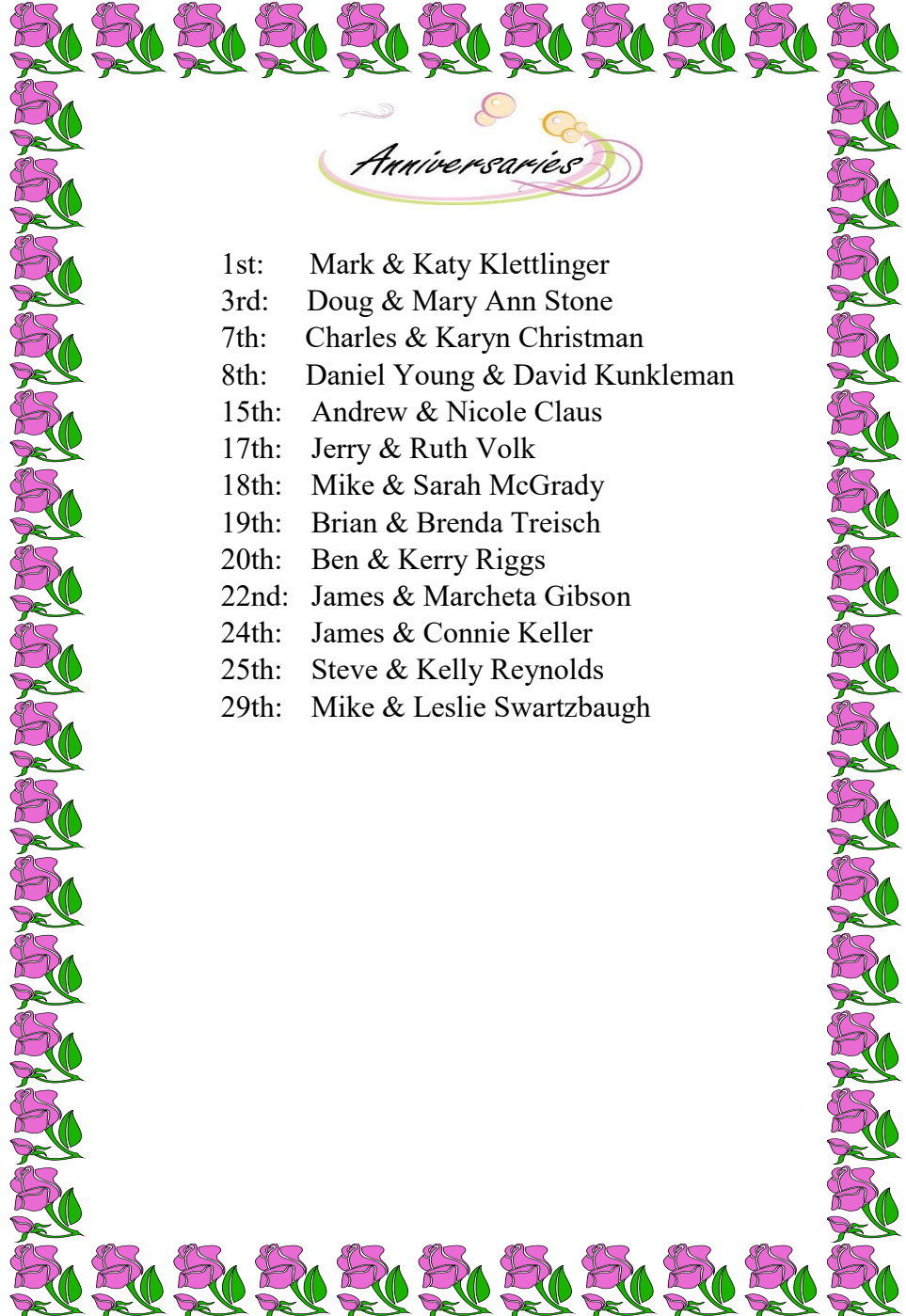
1st UCC extends sympathy to Tom & Pat Bash. Tom's brother, Ron, passed away August 19, 2021. Please keep his family in your thoughts and prayers.

1st UCC extends sympathy to Gary & Brenda Neal & family. Brenda's father, James E. Smith, passed away August 24, 2021. Please keep his family in your thoughts and prayers.



*Birthdays*

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| 1st: Ruth Anne Deppen<br>Dennis Russell  | 23rd: Phil Brown<br>Luke Eisnaugle                    |
| 2nd: Julia Feik<br>Korin Marie Feik  | 24th: Don Kindell                                     |
| 3rd: Brian Conklin   | 25th: Jeff Court                                      |
| 9th: Dave Burdett<br>Karen Estep<br>Anniston Roesch  | 26th: Sandra Keller<br>Mary Nicholls<br>Rachel Roesch |
| 10th: Reanne Neal  | 27th: Marjorie Shaffer<br>Mary Ann Stone              |
| 12th: Nicholas McDaniel<br>Melissa Stiffler  | 28th: Adam Cotsmire<br>Mark Powell                    |
| 14th: Andrew Bickert<br>Madelyn Bickert<br>Shelby Gledhill<br>Charles Keller<br>Lee Anne Shifley | 29th: Ranee Fox                                       |
| 16th: Zach Gledhill<br>Pamela Kalb   |   |
| 17th: Lucas Biederman<br>Bucky Walter  |   |
| 20th: Brennen Hocker<br>Marissa Koschnick  |   |
| 22nd: Keith Eichhorn   |   |



*Anniversaries*

- 1st: Mark & Katy Klettlinger
- 3rd: Doug & Mary Ann Stone
- 7th: Charles & Karyn Christman
- 8th: Daniel Young & David Kunkleman
- 15th: Andrew & Nicole Claus
- 17th: Jerry & Ruth Volk
- 18th: Mike & Sarah McGrady
- 19th: Brian & Brenda Treisch
- 20th: Ben & Kerry Riggs
- 22nd: James & Marcheta Gibson
- 24th: James & Connie Keller
- 25th: Steve & Kelly Reynolds
- 29th: Mike & Leslie Swartzbaugh

# FALL WORD SEARCH

## Fall Word Search

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CORN	THANKSGIVING	PUMPKIN
AUTUMN	HARVEST	FOOTBALL
BONFIRE	LEAVES	SWEATER
BOOTS	CARNIVAL	NOVEMBER
OCTOBER	APPLES	SEPTEMBER
RAKE	APPLE CIDER	SUNFLOWER



# September

## Seasons of Waiting

**Day 1:** Ecclesiastes 3:11

**Day 2:** Psalm 27:14

**Day 3:** Luke 1:45

**Day 4:** 1 Samuel 12:16

**Day 5:** Isaiah 40:31

**Day 6:** Psalm 37:7

**Day 7:** John 13:7

**Day 8:** Philippians 1:6

**Day 9:** Exodus 14:14

**Day 10:** Hebrews 6:15

**Day 11:** Micah 7:7

**Day 12:** Romans 12:12

**Day 13:** Colossians 1:11

**Day 14:** 1 Corinthians 15:58

**Day 15:** James 5:11

**Day 16:** Lamentations 3:25

**Day 17:** Isaiah 30:18

**Day 18:** James 1:12

**Day 19:** Psalm 40:1-2

**Day 20:** Psalm 62:5

**Day 21:** Acts 1:4

**Day 22:** Galatians 6:9

**Day 23:** 2 Peter 3:9

**Day 24:** Psalm 33:20

**Day 25:** Psalm 130:5

**Day 26:** Psalm 31:14-15

**Day 27:** Psalm 62:7-8

**Day 28:** Isaiah 58:11

**Day 29:** Isaiah 33:2

**Day 30:** James 5:7



**Fairhaven Community  
Volunteer Service Group Newsletter  
August 16, 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 Galion First.

Roll Call: Volunteers – 16, Staff – 1

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Two communications were read: one from Becky Blocksom thanking the VSG for all the group has done, and one from Gloria Herwitz thanking Dorothy Eckert for the resident's door decorations she had dropped off.

Treasury: \$951.14

Gift Shop: \$2,106.04

Bingo Cup: \$12.

**VSG Business:**

July 31<sup>st</sup> was deadline for Scholarship applications. Four were received. Believe final decision will be made by end of week.

Catheter bags had been made and furnished by someone with the VSG in the past and more are being requested. It was determined that Dorothy Eckert had made them. She will send the pattern to Rhonda Harvey, who along with Jean Meck and Arlene Main, will work on making more for Fairhaven.

Tree of Love will presumably operate like last year. The list of family members to send letters concerning the Tree of Love will be requested from Pastor Becky King. The forms will be included with the October 18<sup>th</sup> Newsletter which will be included with the various churches' newsletters in November so that completed forms can be returned by November 15<sup>th</sup> VSG meeting with the Dedication of Tree of Love, hopefully, to be done week of Thanksgiving. Copies for forms will also be available at October VSG meeting for members to take back to their church as required.

All various fund raisers discussed at last meeting (Cookie Walk, etc.) are on hold until further information determined on access to Fairhaven.

**Staff:**

Becky was asked if a couple of VSG members would be able to go into Fairhaven to go through the various residents' door decorations to organize and see what more are needed. Becky responded that she will speak with the director and let Barb know when this might be done and if new decorations might be put on the doors. She will also check when Gift Shop volunteers might also have access.

Becky announced that Pastor Becky King is moving to Dayton in September. No idea at this time who her replacement will be.

The meeting was closed with "The Way."

Following the close, straw hats were decorated to be used for door decorations.

The next meeting will be held at Emmanuel UCC (Mud Church) on September 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am unless notified differently. Dagmar Rinderknecht will have devotions. Pizza will be furnished by Becky Blocksom following the meeting. If needed, completion of the straw hat door decoration and possibly a new decoration might be worked on following lunch.

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

### **PRAYER CHAIN**

For prayer requests please call the office at (419)468-4380.

### **FOOD PANTRY**

Canned meats, soups, crackers, noodles, 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!

### **CAN YOU HELP?**

With the beginning of the school year comes the need to help our friends at Community Action keep hungry school age kids fed over the weekend. The Mission Committee is looking for a couple or individual that might be interested in delivering bags of goodies to the Galion School buildings one Friday a month during the school year. If you think you might be interested in this needy project, please call the office or let Mary Ann Stone know.



### **FELLOWSHIP & OUTREACH MEAL**

Mark your calendar on September 16<sup>th</sup> for the next Fellowship and Outreach Meal from 5-6:00 p.m. Last month we served pulled pork sandwiches, chips and cookies. If you could help us by baking a dozen and a half cupcakes, sign the sheet outside the office or give Adair a call. This mission has been very successful in a large part by all that have helped us out in any way by making desserts, working or giving a monetary donation. We will see you on the 16<sup>th</sup>!

### **THIRD FRIDAY**

The weather was not our friend this year for the Third Friday event in downtown Galion, but we were able to have one beautiful event in August and put our new popcorn machine to work. Thank you to Alan Mularski for heading up this event and thank you to Barbara Strauch Thompson for the generous bequest that enabled us to purchase the popcorn machine. We are looking forward to next year and putting it to good use again at Third Friday and other events here at our church.



### **STUFF THE BUS**

During August we collected taxable items and money to stuff our bus with items needed to for personal hygiene. It is always important to start a new year out staying fresh and clean as we start the new year. We collected 68 items to be donated to Community Action Center and we had monetary contributions of \$1,000 with the help of the Mission Monies to purchase taxable to stock the shelves at the Center. Thank you to everyone who donated to this worthy cause.

**CONSISTORY MEETING**

**AUGUST 10, 2021**

- The Organ Dedication has been postponed until November. The date is still to be determined.
- When it is decided to pass the elements for communion, the little disposable communion sets will still be used for those that may be concerned.
- Services will be outdoors September 5, 2021, weather permitting.
- A Committee will be formed to plan the renovation of the dining room.
- The Bus will be out to fill with taxable items and school supplies for the community.

**Scholarship Applications Available in September**

**Scholarship Applications:**

The 2021 Galion First UCC scholarship application forms will be available for current college students on Sunday, September 5th. Pick forms up 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**

**HEARTFELT THANKS**

**THANK YOU**

What a wonderful, unexpected surprise for us at church on August 15. There were balloons with numerals 50 for our anniversary plus cupcakes and many cards. We were blessed to have spent the morning with many of you in worship and appreciate all the anniversary wishes extended to us through words and cards. How great to be a part of such a caring church family! Many thanks to all the fine folks who made this possible and helped us celebrate our milestone event.

In Christian love,  
Bruce and Betty Angell

**THANK YOU!!**

We appreciate 1st UCC hosting the luncheon following the funeral of James E. Smith. Thank you to everyone who helped make the luncheon possible.

Our love,  
Erma Smith  
Brenda Neal  
Vaughn Smith

**GENESIS FRIENDS**

Genesis Friends will be having a picnic on Sunday, September 19th @ 12:30 p.m. Location is yet to be determined. There will be a potluck and everyone will be asked to wear a plastic glove when serving from the dishes on the buffet table. Please bring a dish to pass and your own table service and beverage. Look for a sign up sheet outside at the pavilion or on the office window. Husbands are welcome.

## How Many People Does It Take to Roast Corn?

First there are the people who bring in the edibles. (Carol, Doug, Jim & Ellie, Mary Ann) Next we have the huskers. (Don, Darrin, Lynne, Bill, Jean, Dan, Dennis, Alan, Gary) Of course the pavilion must be set up. (Adair, Todd, Alan, Dan, Doug) We also need the firemen/cooks. (Keith, Mike, Greg, Brian, Alan) None of this would get eaten without the kitchen/server crew. (Ranee, Marlene, Jean)

Then, they all stayed to help clean up and put away. The next day Doug S. power washed the pavilion to clean up our mess.

**Answer: It takes a whole church.**

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### CAROL WALTER'S APPLE SALAD

Chop the following ingredients:

- 3 apples
- 1 cup celery
- 1/4 cup walnuts
- 1 cup grapes

### DRESSING

- 1/2 cup mayo or Miracle Whip
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon vinegar
- Milk

Mix well, add milk until dressing is the consistency to cover the salad. Mix in chopped ingredients to dressing and serve.

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