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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

Worship Service
10:00 a.m.
Sunday School
9:00 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.



July is a month we celebrate our freedom as citizens of this country. Over time we indeed have been blessed by our privilege of being an American. This year, especially, we are more appreciative of the benefits we enjoy having lived through a year of restrictions and mandates. I am

especially thankful that because of a vaccine that we are once again free to gather as a church family, go to concerts, movies and see friends and family again safely. We are mindful that in many places in the world they do not have the benefits of easy access to a vaccine. Places like Brazil or India continue to suffer many losses. As we honor fallen veterans and those who sacrificed so that we can be free, I would like to add professional health care workers who have sacrificed so that we can once again be free. May God Bless our country as we continue to make freedom ring for more and more people.

In the New Testament, Paul talks a lot about the freedom that we are offered in Christ. Because of Christ's sacrifice, we no longer have to live "in the flesh" and a whole new way of living opens up for us. But as Paul says in Galatians, we don't receive this freedom to fall back into slavery. "For you have been called to live in freedom, my brothers and sisters. But don't use your freedom to satisfy your sinful nature. Instead, use your freedom to serve one another in love." Galatians 5:13 NLT.

We have been given this mighty gift of freedom for a reason. We don't flaunt it over people or abuse our power. We use it by sharing it in humble service. Anything else than this would be falling back into a sinful nature which traps our souls in bondage. "Live in the freedom" that Christ offers this month. Rejoice and be glad! Use this freedom by being good to others but also to yourself. Bashing yourself and putting yourself down is a form of bondage. It traps you in a cycle of thought that can be difficult to break out of. Christ has labeled you good, forgiven, whole and loves you as God's creation. Own that feeling and freely embrace it.

Blessings,

Pastor Darrin

Consistory Highlights June 8, 2021

- Sunday School will start in July and meet in the Heritage Room.
- The window air conditioners will be installed in the dining room.
- Alan Mularski is chairing the "popcorn" events.
- Popcorn will be served at 3rd Fridays in Galion.
- A welcome return!! Mary Ann Stone and Lisa Eichhorn are chairing a small Ice Cream Social to be held Wednesday, July 28, 2021 from 5:30-7:30 PM. Food will be sold and Mark's Ice Cream Truck will be on the premises. Proceeds will be divided ½ to Temple Hills and ½ to a fellowship/dining hall project.
- The next major project to be done will be an upgrade to the floors, ceiling, air conditioning and posts in the fellowship/dining hall OR air conditioning the Sanctuary.
- Mark your calendars! Brian Treisch and Connor Arbaugh will host a game night in the dining hall on July 10.
- Organ Fund Balance \$0.00



3rd: Katelynn Claus	18th: Sandra Massie
Mitchell McKibben	Linnea Stone
Gail Spore	21st: Jennifer Lugo
5th: Mary Mills	22nd: Jim Nigh
6th: Sherri Murray	23rd: Hannah Ruth
7th: Connie Eichhorn	24th: David Christman
8th: Missy James	25th: Kathy Kruger
9th: Matt Jeffers	26th: Doug Court
Chloe Schreck	27th: Bruce McKibben
Amy Watts	Rose Crago-Roach
13th: Betty Tucker	28th: Jason Moore
Kathy Weithman	29th: Beth Black
14th: Erik Schreck	Michael Lovely
16th: Alec Kruger	Heather Rohr
Miriam Shifley	30th: Riley Worthington
17th: Brenda Badgley	31st: Brad Hocker
	Heidi Repp



2nd: Larry & Mary Shifley
 6th: Kevin & Kelly Spore
 7th: Adrian & Becky Sunday
 9th: Chris & Melissa Stiffler
 17th: Dale & Tracie Opperman
 18th: Ryan & Deseree Neal
 19th: Edward & Rose Crago-Roach
 20th: Jack & Barb Koschnick
 24th: Alycia & Jason Palmer
 26th: Blaine & Susan Winegarden
 28th: Dennis & Judy Garverick
 30th: Dale & Carol Miller



July

SCRIPTURE WRITING PLAN

Seeking the Truth

Day 1: Psalm 15:2-5	Day 17: 1 Corinthians 2:12-13
Day 2: Psalm 25:5	Day 18: Ephesians 1:13-14
Day 3: Psalm 51:6	Day 19: Ephesians 4:15-16
Day 4: Psalm 86:11	Day 20: Ephesians 4:25
Day 5: Psalm 119:160	Day 21: Ephesians 6:13-15
Day 6: Proverbs 12:17	Day 22: 1 Timothy 3:15
Day 7: Isaiah 45:18-19	Day 23: 2 Timothy 2:15
Day 8: Zechariah 8:16-17	Day 24: 2 Timothy 4:3-5
Day 9: John 1:14, 17	Day 25: Hebrews 10:26
Day 10: John 4:23-24	Day 26: James 1:18
Day 11: John 8:31-32	Day 27: James 5:19-20
Day 12: John 14:5-7	Day 28: 1 Peter 1:22
Day 13: John 14:15-17	Day 29: 2 Peter 2:1-2
Day 14: John 17:13-19	Day 30: 1 John 3:18-19
Day 15: John 18:37-38	Day 31: 3 John 2-4
Day 16: Romans 2:6-8	

*Commit to spending 10 minutes every day to meditate and reflect on God's Word.
 Write down what you have gleaned from each day's scripture.*





DUMP CAKE

(2) 21 oz. cans of pie filling of your choice: (cherry, apple, peach, blueberry)

1 box yellow or white cake mix

1 stick of thinly sliced butter

Spread pie filling evenly in a lightly greased 13 x 9 baking pan. Sprinkle dry cake mix over filling. Top with thinly sliced butter. Bake at 350° for 45 minutes to one hour or until topping is golden. Let cool for 5 minutes before serving.

SAVE THE DATE!

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



FAMILY GAME NIGHT

We will be hosting a family game night, July 10th at 6 p.m. Bring a board game and join the fun! Snacks and drink will be provided. See you there!



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 9:00am-10:00am.

PRAYER CHAIN

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

FOOD PANTRY

Pancake mix, pancake syrup, canned fruits, peanut butter, 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 at (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!

Fourth of July



Word Search Puzzle



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| ADAMS | FLAG | LIBERTY |
| AMERICA | FOURTH | MUSIC |
| BARBECUE | FREEDOM | PARADE |
| CELEBRATION | HOLIDAY | PATRIOTIC |
| COLONIES | HOT DOGS | PICNIC |
| CONGRESS | INDEPENDENCE | REVOLUTION |
| FAMILY | JEFFERSON | STATES |
| FIREWORKS | JULY | SUMMER |

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**Fairhaven Community
Volunteer Service Group Newsletter
June 21, 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 – 11, Staff – 0

Minutes from May 17, 2021 were read and stood approved as corrected.

Treasury - \$4,353.14

Gift Shop - \$2,106.04

Bingo Cup - \$12.00

VSG Business:

Barb announced that Becky Blocksom was unable to attend meeting but had reported that they are waiting to see when United Church home policy changes on allowing our volunteer group back into Fairhaven, hopefully no later than fall.

The Scholarship received no applications as of the normal March cutoff date, due to the pandemic. Therefore, it was decided to extend the deadline until June 30th. Applicant must be going into something in the medical field. The scholarship amount this year will be \$500, same as last year.

After review of the Wish List distributed at last meeting and the Treasury Balance, it was decided to purchase item #2 (Retractable awning for Reflection Ridge for \$2,000) and item #3 (Patio table with umbrella for Reflection Ridge for \$1,500).

Possible money makers to replace the annual Harvest Fest were discussed. It was agreed to hold a Cookie Walk at the Dec. 20th meeting with the presumption that we will be back in Fairhaven at that time. It will be held from 11am to 2pm in large room. Donations will be requested as opposed to a set price. Goods for the walk will be whatever treats the group wishes to make available, such as cookies, candies, fudge, brownies, whatever. More details will become available closer to the event.

It was also discussed to hold an ice-cream social with Mark's Ice Cream Truck and possible auction of donated items with Ken Green as auctioneer as in the past. Tentative date will be June of 2022. Other ideas will be presented as a more definite timeframe of being back in Fairhaven becomes available.

Fairhaven door decorations were discussed. New ones are needed. Everyone is asked to come up with suggestions of what we can make. Any ideas can be shared with Barb prior to next meeting so that we can begin working on them at the July 19th meeting.

The pie list was passed around. Those who signed are Miriam Shifley, Dorothy Eckert, Jean Pratt, Mary Louise Diebler, and Lydia Guthrie. These persons will bring pies for the first meeting when we are allowed back in Fairhaven and Bingo is held.

The meeting was closed with "The Way."

The next meeting will be held at the Emmanuel UCC (Mud Church) on July 19th at 10:30am unless notified differently. Upper Trinity UCC will have devotions and a sack lunch will be held following the meeting.

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**Joys &
Concerns**

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HOSPITALIZATIONS

Rev. John Miller

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.

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HEARTFELT THANKS

Dear Church Friends,
Thank you for all your kind birthday wishes. I enjoyed them all from the cards, phone calls, cookies, candy, flowers & birthday balloons. It was so nice of you to think of me. I have missed being in church & plan to be back with you real soon.

Carol Moran

First United Church of Christ,
Thank you so much for allowing me to hold my senior piano recital at First UCC. Although I do not currently attend The First UCC since my father is the pastor of the Trinity UCC in Upper Sandusky, it was the first church I attended, and it was really special to play my senior recital in the church I was baptized in.

Thanks again,

Mason McKibben

Dear 1st UCC,
Thank you so much for the Daily Devotion book and Amazon gift card for my Graduation. I really enjoyed being involved in the Graduation Sunday Worship service. I am blessed with a wonderful church family.

Thanks again,

Dom Pittman

Ice Cream Social



Featuring
Mark's Homemade Ice Cream

Wednesday, July 28, 2021
5:30 p.m.—7:30 p.m.

Hot Sandwiches, Salads, Cake,
Drinks and Ice Cream

Bring a lawn chair for music on the east lawn.



FELLOWSHIP & OUTREACH MEAL

Thank you to the bakers & cooks of this month's Fellowship & Outreach Meal. We all enjoyed a tater tot casserole, applesauce, roll and iced cake. We served over 60 meals again. This month's meal is on Thursday, July 15th at 5:00 p.m. If you can help by providing a Dump Cake dessert, sign the sheet outside of the office or call Adair. Thanks for your support!



CHRISTMAS IN JULY

We celebrate the Christmas Fund this month, formerly known as Veterans of the Cross and the Emergency Fund. This fund provides the many faithful servants of our church who find themselves facing unforeseen financial needs. Our July mission helps to supplement monies for pension and health insurance premiums for clergy and lay employees and their families. Watch for our Christmas tree decorated in the pavilion and use the enclosed envelope to donate to this very worthy cause. They helped us get through some rough times and we can help them get through their rough time now.



THIRD FRIDAY

Join us on Friday, July 16th on the square as we celebrate summer with our community at the Third Friday Celebration. We will have our popcorn machine there and will be passing out samples along with food trucks and many other vendors. There will be live entertainment on the square with Baker 47. The fun starts at 5 p.m. and goes until 8 p.m. See you there!



DID YOU SAVE THE DATE?

Have you heard that we are having an Ice Cream Social on Wednesday, July 28th and we are going to need everyone's help? Mark's Homemade Ice Cream will be here serving up their famous ice cream. We will be serving hot sandwiches, cold salads, & drinks in our pavilion along with tasty cakes to take care of your sweet tooth. Bring your lawn chair & enjoy some live entertainment music on our east lawn.

We have sign-up sheets outside the church office for cake & salad donations & workers. If you can help, look at the schedule & place your name on the appropriate line. We have enclosed a flyer in the Visitor so you will not forget. If you have any questions, contact Lisa Eichhorn 419-569-1709 or Mary Ann Stone 419-631-6442, Come HUNGRY and bring your lawn chair. We guarantee you will have a good time!

A SURPRISE NOTE

Did you ever wonder what happens to our Buckets & Personal Care Kits that we fill & send off somewhere? Who reads that cute little note that we tucked into the bucket? Did this mission really help to make someone's life better? As we opened the mail around June 20th, we got an answer to those nagging questions. Below is the note our church received.

Hello Friends,

How did you know I needed a bucket & gloves & all the items in it were great to receive. I'm lucky someone else (other than God) is looking after me. When I go to the pantry & I'm in need of something I pray that I receive it. Usually it's there & God has answered my prayer. But not always, but who cares if it's not meant to be. But it was a surprise & a great gift. Will use it gratefully & think of where it came from.

Prayers to all,
"Brenda"

We do make a difference in many lives & this is proof. Pat yourself on the back for a job well done.