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WEDNESDAY AUGUST 17

1st UCC Galion Annual Corn Roast!

Please join us!

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

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Intentional Interim
Pastor



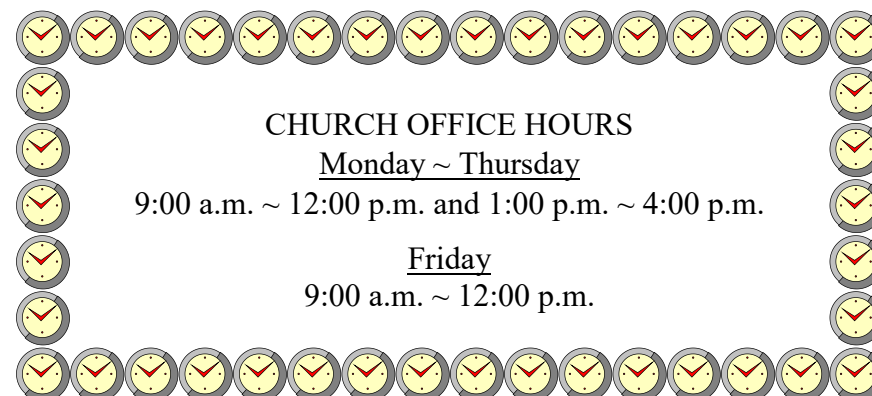
SUNDAY SERVICES

Sunday School

9:00 a.m.

Worship Service

10:00 a.m.



CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday ~ Thursday

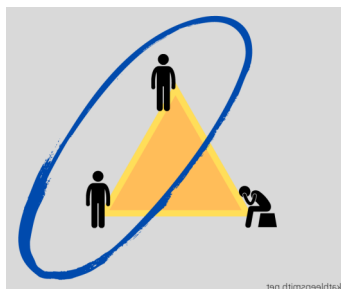
9:00 a.m. ~ 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. ~ 4:00 p.m.

Friday

9:00 a.m. ~ 12:00 p.m.

THE INTERIM PASTOR'S NOTEBOOK:

Jesus, Detriangulation & Us



Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

I've been giving a lot of thought and prayer to identifying the things we could do now to give the next pastor of First United Church of Christ – and therefore the next chapter of our story here in Galion -- the very best possible shot at success.

No. 1, I think, would be to cultivate a habit and culture of detriangulation.

We ought to do this, as much as we can, not only at home, but also in the church. Detriangulation not only resolves many, if not most, conflicts with a minimum of drama. It also helps us get really useful clarity about important issues that we wouldn't without direct discussion.

Again, this works not only at home, but also in the church.

Detriangulation is simply a fancy word for dealing directly and fairly with the people involved, including the next pastor, rather than first taking an issue to a third party.

This means basically dealing straight up with people. Not surprisingly, Jesus has something to say about detriangulation.

Several weeks ago, I preached about how dealing directly, calmly and fairly with the folks we have an issue with at home can dial down lots and lots of family problems. But the same principle also applies to our church family.

August

Bearing Fruit

Day 1: Galatians 5:22-23

Day 2: Colossians 3:12-14

Day 3: Matthew 3:8

Day 4: John 15:7

Day 5: Psalm 1:3

Day 6: Romans 12:1-2

Day 7: Titus 2:14

Day 8: 2 Corinthians 5:15

Day 9: John 15:16

Day 10: Matthew 12:33

Day 11: Romans 6:15-19

Day 12: Colossians 1:10

Day 13: James 3:13-18

Day 14: Matthew 7:19

Day 15: Ephesians 2:10

Day 16: Romans 7:4

Day 17: John 15:8

Day 18: 2 Timothy 3:16-17

Day 19: Luke 3:9

Day 20: 2 Corinthians 5:17

Day 21: Philippians 1:6

Day 22: Hebrews 12:4

Day 23: Matthew 12:35

Day 24: Deuteronomy 28:1

Day 25: Romans 6:21-22

Day 26: Matthew 7:17

Day 27: Ephesians 5:8-9

Day 28: Matthew 16:24-28

Day 29: John 15:4

Day 30: Romans 8:6

Day 31: Ephesians 5:11

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32. Forgiveness

BITTERNESS	HURLED	STRIKES
CHEEK	INSULTS	TENDERHEARTED
CLAMOUR	JUDGES	THREATS
DEFER	MALICE	TOOTH
DISCRETION	NEIGHBOR	TRANSGRESSION
ENEMIES	PERSECUTE	UNTIL
ENTRUSTED	PURIFY	WAIT
FORBEARING	QUARREL	WRATH
FORGAVE	RENDER	WRONG

THE INTERIM PASTOR'S NOTEBOOK: (con't)

"If your brother (the NRSV translates it: 'If another member of the church ...') sins against you, go to him and show him his fault. But do it privately, just between yourselves. If he listens to you, you have won your brother back. But if he will not listen to you, take one or two other persons with so, so that 'every accusation may be upheld by the testimony of two or three witnesses,' as the scripture says. But if he will not listen to them, then tell the whole thing to the church. Finally, if he will not listen to the church, treat him as though he were a pagan or a tax collector."

[Jesus' detriangulation principle is simply this: Let's talk first, directly and fairly, to folks with whom we have an issue. Start at the lowest level possible. And this really works. It reconciles people.](#)

This passage can obviously also be misapplied. Some churches talk about heavy handed "church discipline." Yet Jesus may just be telling us to lower our expectations a bit when someone won't respond to other Christians trying to talk directly with her about an issue. After all, who were the folks Jesus hung out with? Many were exactly these tax collectors and folks whom others called "pagans."

Significantly, Jesus then goes on to talk a lot about forgiveness.

Let's embrace Jesus.

Let's embrace detriangulation.

Let's embrace one another.

Fraternally, Bill Meyer

July 16, 2022

Minutes of the Discernment Team

In attendance were Rev. William Meyer, Douglas Stone, Sandy Kennedy, Sandy Keller, Paul Sulser, Tom Jeffers, and Brian Treisch.

The meeting began with prayer and song.

The discussion began discussion of the need for clarity, vision and communication. The need for a clear vision of what was to be accomplished and the means to effectively reach consensus of this vision in an efficient manner was determined.

The desire of the group to reach a "sweet spot" where the church will move forward was discussed.

It was agreed to interview key members of the community to determine issues that they see as impacting the community. Each team member will interview two or three identified community leaders to gain their insight on three questions.

The team agreed that the need to move quickly was important, but that a clear vision was needed to move to the next steps.

The next meeting will be held August 13, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. in the lounge.
Respectfully submitted by Brian Treisch

Finance Committee Report for the August "Visitor"

At the special meeting called for Sunday July 10, 2022, Consistory members, at the recommendation of the Finance Committee, approved the transfer of \$20,000 in Reserve Funds to help shore up our Current Operating Fund. This amount of Reserve funding remains in line with amounts used during the preceding decade.

Because Consistory did not meet in July for their regular session, the matter of the revamped Annual Budget (described in last month's "Visitor") remains on the table for Consistory's approval. This course of action is recommended by the Finance Committee.

At the time of this writing (July 26, 2022), our Congregation's giving is holding at about 90% of the Annual Budget. Hopefully, the revamping of our budget will allow our Church to enter 2023 with a healthy balance to continue ^{our}missions.

Respectfully submitted by,
Alan Mularski (Finance Committee Chair)



CONGRATULATIONS



We are again a 5 for 5 church for the year 2021.

Our certificate acknowledging this fact is posted in the back of the sanctuary in the hallway.

Great job gang!



It's a Boy!!

Congratulations to Ryan & Deseree Neal who have welcomed Mason Ray!
Born Tuesday July 12.
Checking in at 7 lbs; 5 oz. 20.5" long.
Grandparents are Brenda & Gary Neal.
Aunt is Reanne Neal.

The birth of Clara Grace born on Saturday June 25 to [Ellie Hocker and Steven Groves](#). She arrived weighing in at 7 pounds, 11 ounces.

Parents are Ellie Hocker and Steven Groves.
Grandparents are Bradley and Stacey Hooker.
Paternal great grandmother is Paula Hocker.
Proud maternal great grandmother is Jackie Hill.



Do you have a milestone you would like to share with the congregation? Please send it to office@uccgalion.org or call the Church Office!



JANUARY

Spaghetti
Spaghetti Sauce
Canned Fruits
Dried Beans

FEBRUARY

Canned Meats
Boxed Potatoes
Jell-O
Puddings

MARCH

Soups
Crackers
Pastas
Peanut Butter

APRIL

Macaroni & Cheese
Noodles
Cake Mix
Frosting

MAY

Cereal
Canned Meats
Dry or Canned Milk
Canned Fruits

JULY

Pancake Mix
Pancake Syrup
Canned Fruits
Peanut Butter

AUGUST

Spaghetti
Spaghetti Sauce
Canned Vegetables
Pastas

SEPTEMBER

Canned Meats
Soups
Crackers
Noodles

OCTOBER

Boxed Meals
Boxed Potatoes
Canned Fruits
Jell-O

NOVEMBER

Noodles
Rice
Peanut Butter
Jelly

DECEMBER

Cereal
Canned Vegetables
Pancake Mix
Pancake Syrup

Annual Corn Roast Wednesday August 17



2:00 Corn Husking
5:00 Set Up
5:30 Start the Fire
FELLOWSHIP
6:00 Eat the Corn

Please feel free to vary from the above list. Cookies, Kool-Aid, chips, paper products, detergents, cleaning supplies, toothpaste, toothbrushes, diapers, baby products, shampoos, conditioners, sanitary supplies, and deodorant are always helpful. Thank you for your support!

**Fairhaven Community
Volunteer Service
Group Newsletter
July 18, 2022**



Due to pandemic this meeting was held at Emmanuel UCC,
13898 Township Rd. 127, Upper Sandusky, OH.

Vice President Arlene Main called the meeting to order.
Devotions were given Dagmar Rinderknecht of Emmanuel UCC.

Roll Call: Volunteers – 11, Staff - 3

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Treasury Balance - \$2,908.76

Gift Shop - \$1,106.04

Bingo Cup - \$21.00

VSG Business:

Opening of the Gift Shop was tabled until August meeting.

Bingo at Fairhaven not on schedule for today so pies being furnished will be taken to Fairhaven to be used at future date. Hopefully Bingo will be scheduled for August meeting date and volunteers will be allowed in to help.

The letter for the Castle online auction was presented and discussed. The auction will be Nov. 7th through the 20th. The letter along with a list of auction ideas and a flyer insert will be ready to go at the August meeting.

Marcy Miller will contact all the churches after the August meeting to let them know the letter and flyer are on the way. Brenda Koehler will draft the flyer. A list of free advertisement sites will be confirmed at the August meeting, such as Crawford County Now, First Federal Community Bank in Bucyrus, etc. It was mentioned that for those without internet who want to participate in auction, free access is available at public library.

Jean Pratt informed the group that the \$250 donation made the prior month to Fairhaven community as a memorial for Miriam Schifley was an incorrect amount. A total of \$430 had been received in memory of Miriam. Therefore, it was agreed to donate the balance of \$180 to Fairhaven for an outdoor cabinet and lock.

**happy
ANNIVERSARY**

AUGUST

2nd	Larry & Mary Shifley
6th	Kevin & Kelly Spore
7th	Adrian & Becky Sunday
9th	Chris & Melissa Stiffler
17th	Dake & 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



Thursday Aug. 4 Finance Committee 7:00pm
Tuesday Aug. 9 Consistory Meeting 7:00pm
Wed. August 17 1st UCC Corn Roast
Thursday Aug. 18 Community Dinner 5:00pm
Friday Aug. 19 3rd Friday (Uptown Galion)
Monday Aug. 29 Mission Committee
*Genesis Friends will be back in Sept.

Everyone is welcome to attend and/or participate!



August

4th: Barbara Keller
5th: Kaylee Wise
Ethan Weithman
6th: Justin McDaniel
7th: Keith Ketterman
8th: Anna Court
9th: Dale Opperman
10th: Abigail Brocwell
Leonard Ness
12th: Jerry Badgley
Dale Miller
13th: Julie Court
Ken Eichhorn
Eric Powell
14th: Trudy DeWitt
Don Woodmansee
15th: Doris Van Allen
17th: Zach James
Linda Woodmansee
18th: Larry Shifley

August

19th: Mason McKibben
Dominic Pittman
20th: Jenay Pfeifer
21st: Clayton Lusk
23rd: Richard DeWitt
24th: Janet Lugo
Lauren Neal
25th: Amy Neal
Lynne Shifley
26th: Kevin Feik
27th: James Gibson
28th: Jason Moore
30th: Ciera McGibben
31st: Joe Deppen
Katelyn Stone

(Fairhaven continued)

Arlene said that since they are now able to get into Doll Room she will schedule a date with those who volunteered to work on this project. Discussion was held on how to establish a value for the dolls for auction.

Staff:

Becky Blocksum shared changes being made to Reflection Ridge.
Pastor Darla shared that she is taking OMA training for art work for Reflection Ridge.

Alyssa Clouse congratulated the group for the Spirit Award which will be awarded to them at the banquet on Thursday, July 21st. Everyone attending the banquet will be screened and requested to wear a mask. She also shared that Donna Randell is working on door décor for the fall.

The meeting was closed with The Way.

The next meeting will be held at Emmanuel UCC on August 15th at 10:30am. Galion First UCC will have devotions.

A sack lunch will be held following the meeting. Barb Schiefer and Brenda Koehler will furnish three pies for Bingo to be held at Fairhaven following the meeting.

Mary Louise Diebler, Arlene Main, and Jean Pratt will attend and assist at bingo if access is allowed.

The recent BORN Garage Sale collected \$3,675.15!! Submitted by Jean Pratt

New phone number(s)?

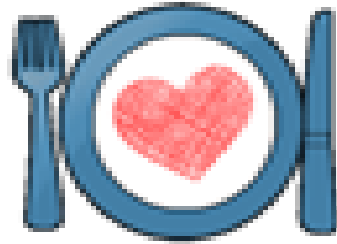
Do you have a new mailing address(es), including if you have a seasonal address so we can make sure your Visitor always reaches you.



Even if you are not much of an email person, please consider adding an email address so we can keep you informed on important church matters. We do not saturate you with emails!

Email office@uccgalion.org or call the office.

FELLOWSHIP & OUTREACH MEAL



Thank you to the cooks and cookie bakers that made the July Fellowship and Outreach Meal possible. We served 72 hungry people with your help. We are always in need of not just desserts but also monetary donations to make this mission possible. Our next meal will be on Thursday, August 18th at 5:00 p.m. Sandy is looking for brownies as dessert for the meal.

If you can help, please sign the sheet outside the office.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

What a great night it was! Thank you to everyone that donated food, worked, or supported us by eating supper and ice cream. Thank you to Jenny from Mark's Ice Cream for bringing their Ice Cream truck and serving up their sweet treat. A special thank you to our entertainment: the kids from Seussical, Jessica Hammond and Marcia Yunker. Proceeds from the Social will be spent to help the remodel of the dining room.

Submitted by Lisa Eichhorn and Mary Ann Stone.

STUFF THE CABINET

It's August and time to take donations for the Community Action Pantry to help get our local kiddos off to a good start this school year. We will be collecting taxable (shampoo, toothpaste, laundry detergent, toilet paper, etc..) and staple food items. If you would like us to do the shopping, you may drop your donation in the offering plate and the mission committee will shop for you.

REMINDER

Our Mission Committee meets August 30th @ 7 p.m.

Mark your calendars please.



THIRD FRIDAY

The August Third Friday on the Square will be on August 19th from 5 p.m. till 8 p.m. We will be

setting up our popcorn machine and distributing a tasty treat to folks that stop. This is a great way to grab supper from a local vendor, see old friends and neighbors and be entertained by local bands. If you would like to help with setting up and staffing our booth, please let someone know. The more the merrier and these warm summer days won't last for long. The last Third Friday Celebration event for this year is Friday, Sept. 16.

CHRISTMAS IN JULY

During the month of July, we celebrated the Christmas Fund or Veterans of the Cross. We thank all our faithful donors that help to make us a 5 for 5 church each year.

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.

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.