



#### **ALL CHURCH EVENT**

JOIN US

SEPTEMBER 15th
9:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School
9:30 a.m. Children's Sunday School

THEME: Stay on the RIGHT TRACK and Follow JESUS

10:00 a.m. Worship

11:00 a.m. Lunch Fundraiser by the Board of Christian Education And BRING your Pinewood Derby CARS to race during lunch!

## First UCC Clothes Closet Boutique



Saturday, September 14th 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon

Free clothing and accessories for youth and adults, all sizes

This will be an ongoing ministry to our community, we will be accepting clothing, shoes, boots, coats, hats and any other gently used accessories for our Clothes closet for several months. You can leave your donations in the tote in the entrance hall.

Anyone is welcome to stop in and browse!

## **H20 Ministry**

(Help to Others)

On a weekly basis, we have locals coming into the church office needing assistance with food, toiletries, and gas.

IT'S TIME TO RESTOCK.....

ANY GROCERY ITEMS OR TOILETRIES ARE WELCOME

Deadline to bring in items is September 29th. Thanks!!

# SEPTEMBER Newsletter 2024 First United Church of Christ 526 W Main St. Sugarcreek OH 330-852-2632

Worship 10 AM

#### First UCC ~ Notes From the Pastor

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# What's Happening..... at First UCC

#### **SEPTEMBER**

- 1 10:00 a.m. Worship
  Have a wonderful Labor Day!!
- 8 10:00 a.m. Worship

11:00 a.m. Called to Care meeting

2:00 p.m. Pirate Backpacking Anyone is welcome to help:)

- 9 7:00 p.m. Consistory meeting
- 10 7:00 p.m. Women of Faith Book Discussion
- 15 \*\* RALLY RACE DAY \*\*
  10:00 a.m. Worship
  11:00 a.m. Lunch & Pinewood Derby
- 22 10:00 a.m. Worship Heritage Sunday 11:00 a.m. Soup & Sandwich

#### **Fundraiser Lunch**

27 & 28 Swiss Festival





\*\*Please note: the Owls group will not be meeting this month due to the Fair and Swiss Festival.\*\*

# Women of FAITH.....

September 10th 7:00 p.m. in the church parlor, Book Discussion



**Necessary Lies**, by Diane Chamberlain. No sign up is required, just read the book and join us.



### SEPTEMBER 28th Swiss Festival

MISSION COMMITTEE

Lunch stand Fundraiser at the Church Drive Thru

11:00 to 2:00

If you would like to help, please see Ginny Baab.
Many hands make light work!:)



#### FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 **Donald Dodge Kyle Miller**
- 2 Fred Welsch **Robin Werker**
- 4 Mick Fanning Helena Immel
- 5 Pam Osborne **Chad Wallace**
- **Brooke Werker** 6
- 7 **Matthew Baab** 8 **David Green**
- 9 **Kathy Hostetler**
- 11 **Marion Troyer Bob Jones**
- Pam Blickensderfer 12
- 15 **Doyle Miller** Sammi Miller

- 21 **Keith Trover**
- 23 **Paul Snyder Devon Werker**
- **Charlene Crilow** 25 Dawn Lahm
  - **Alaina Edwards**
- 26 **Kyle Huprich**
- 29 Kylie Miller
- 30 Chris Parson Liam Lippencott



# Reminder! Prayer Shawls are always available to be given to

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people who need them.
They can be found in a classroom on

the 3rd floor







SOUP & SANDWICH LUNCH FUNDRAISER by the Heritage Committee

> Sunday, September 22nd 11:00 a.m. Stay for a delicious lunch and wonderful fellowship!!

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# FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK....

September is here, friends, and I am glad to know that the seasons will be changing soon. I was born and raised in high snow, low temperature areas, and I was not built for these kinds of summers. That said, the changing of the seasons is so much more than just some degrees on a thermometer. There are processes taking place in plants, among animals, and in our atmosphere that are the stuff of a science teacher's favorite lectures. All these amazing things set in motion by the movement of God's big, beautiful world.

As I think about all the things we've set in motion, I'm excited for what is coming soon. In just a couple short weeks, we'll be gathering in our fellowship hall to cheer on the Jim Harrison Memorial Pinewood Derby. Our kids, and adults, will be showing off their imaginations and craftsmanship as they participate in the race. We'll gather for a meal, and just spend that wonderful quality time with each other. It is an uplifting and rallying experience, to be sure.

The race is not our only event this month, either. Just the next week, we will be celebrating Heritage Sunday, and our 203 rd anniversary. I know it's not the big round number that 200 was, but every year we are here is a reason to celebrate God's blessings in our lives. On that Sunday, we'll also be gathering for a meal following worship and spending time with one another to mark this significant place in time.

You may have picked up on a common theme among our events this month, the shared meals. From our church picnic at the end of August, we have several upcoming meals together. Every time we have a chance to gather at the table together, we join in the ancient and great tradition that Christ himself used as one of the main ways to spread the message and love of God. Joining together at the table was, and is, a practice that welcomed everyone. Jesus ate with leaders, holy men, tax collectors, and outcasts. No one was kept from the table, despite what the crowds might have wished. When we meet at the table to share our meals, we are called to do the very same.

So, join us at the table this month. You are an honored guest, and it is our pleasure, our honor, to welcome you. May we feed one another and know the blessing of God in our lives.

Blessings to you, Pastor Earl

#### **PRAYERS**

In the Spirit of Christ, you are invited to hold these persons in your prayers and thoughts. We lift up for healing and strength:
Ed Klein, Craig Morris, Ada Miers, Sharelle Miller, Lee Radefeld,
Annette Rossi, Elaine Stein, Garrett Milks, Paul Yoder, Virginia
Trimmer, Don Gintz, Ruth Beechy, Ron Stein, Rick Lewis, Freddie,
Christie, Laura Waymak, Davis, Jane Conkle, Mike Stingel, Lindsey
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#### **PRAYER CHAIN**

The new Prayer Chain email is now in place. All requests can go into the church office and an email will be sent by Robin. If you would like to be a part of this ministry, please contact Robin.