



Herald

First Congregational Church of Tallmadge UCC

"Making God the Foundation of Every Day Living"
Serving Summit, Portage, Medina, Stark Counties
A Stephen Ministry Congregation

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For Sunday Service of June 5, 2011

June Special Benevolence: Haven of Rest

Graduation Sunday / Scholarships

8:30 a.m. Worship Service

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

10:30 a.m. Extended Session – Grade 2 & younger

The Rev. Matthew Wooster will be giving the message.

Ushers -----

Greeters Atrium David and Sherri Hawley
Narthex -----

11:00 a.m. Reception for Graduates

1:00 p.m. Stephen Ministers – D.Bacon 200

Altar Flowers today are from:

Dick and Pat Kempf,

LaVerne Belcher – in memory of loved ones,
and from Tom and Sharon Letzler.



Pentecost Sunday



On Sunday, **June 12**, 2011, we will celebrate **Pentecost Sunday**, the day the church was born through the gifts of the Holy Spirit. This is also the Sunday we are encouraged to bring a red potted **Geranium** and place them on the Chancel before we begin worship service. *Thank You.*

RELAY FOR LIFE

Become a part of RELAY FOR LIFE to celebrate all those who have battled cancer! This is a time to remember those we have lost and a time to be empowered to fight harder! "*Finding a cure, one lap at a time*". You can fully participate by your prayers, donations and encouraging all who help in any way.

Mark your calendars for the following future dates -- several communities are holding it this month!

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| June 4 | Stow and Cuyahoga Falls |
| 10 | Hudson and Lake Township |
| 17 | Akron and S. Summit County |
| 25 | Revere |
| July 15 | Ellet |
| 16 | Barberton |

The next HERALD Newsletter :



NOTE: The next *Herald* mailing date will be on Tuesday, **June 14**, 2011. The deadline for Lori to receive articles is **Friday, June 10**, 2011. *Thank You!*



PASTOR'S SIDEBAR

I could tell by the slow body movements on Sunday that one day of good weather, Saturday, was the opportunity to get as much yard work done that had been left undone because of weather. I am not the only one who "over-did-it"!

Recently I received a letter from Anthony B. Robinson, Chairperson, Stillspeaking Writer's Group, United Church of Christ stating, "Dear Rev. Schluep, I suspect wonderful things are happening at your church. Why do I think that? Because your church is one of the 100 churches that celebrate the highest number of baptisms annually in the United Church of Christ." Late last year our church received recognition as a "Rising Star" congregation in the United Church of Christ by the Board of Pensions.

Why do I bring these two things up? It is not because I am pounding our drum, (we are doing these things because of our faithful response to Christ; not for recognition) I am proud that we are being recognized as a vital, energetic, and progressive congregation. Over the past week, two of our church members stopped in the office to discuss things about our church that has been on their mind. I welcome those opportunities to listen and hear what our members and "stakeholders" have to say about the mission and vision of their church. Essentially these two people said the same thing, "Our church needs to define its vision." I believe they are correct.

Ten years ago we conducted a bible study for discernment of our vision and mission because I thought it was important for clarity of purpose and intentionality of our working ministry. Our intention is to "Make God the foundation of everyday living." I invite you to consider where we were ten years ago and where we are today as a church and ask yourself, "Have we been faithful in our response to the call of Christ?"

Over the next several months I will be working with our present leadership to discern the best possible way for us to move forward as a congregation with clear vision and purpose. We have started that process with the ratification of our Constitution and the addition of the Guide to Governance. We are blessed with a wonderful professional staff, a company of volunteers, qualified and competent leadership, and caring people who take seriously their understanding of being Christ present in the world. I do not know what the future holds, but I have an answer to a more important question; I know who holds the future. May we be aware of God's presence in all things and continue to work and live in the purpose of Christ. Have a great summer.

Love,
Dr. J

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Narthex -----

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6:00 p.m. WJHM

Both vases of Altar Flowers today are from:

Harley, Betty and Graig Sir Louis and Shelley Hargrove
in memory of their precious Jaycee.

Celebrating Our Graduates

On Sunday, **June 5**, we will honor graduates from high school and schools of higher education. During the 10:00 AM worship service, high school graduates will be welcomed forward to receive a blessing from the congregation.

Youth Mission Tour

Quick Meeting – **June 5**, 9:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall. A quick meeting to distribute information about the Car Wash Fundraiser.

Car Wash Youth Fundraiser

Sunday, **June 19**. Have your car washed, even while you worship, and support youth trips like the Summer Mission Tour and the Confirmation Boston Tour. It makes a great Father's Day gift!



Trailmarkers

One year down, two to go!

Or...An update on my studies toward
Doctor of Ministry and Sabbatical leave:

At the end of March, I mailed the final paper required for the first of my program for a Doctor of Ministry in Preaching. In early April, I began the reading assignments to prepare me for the second summer residency at the Association of Chicago Theological Schools (ACTS). My summer residency consists of three weeks in the Hyde Park neighborhood on Chicago's south side, right next to the University of Chicago campus. I will take three one-week classes, which meet intensively during the morning and afternoon. My residency leave, which is a part of my sabbatical time away, will last from June 19 until July 9, 2011.

Following this intensive residency, I will design another independent study, or preaching project, to be implemented at this church. Over the autumn and winter, selected sermons will be video-recorded and submitted to faculty, along with critical analysis of the sermons by myself, other faculty members, and members of this church. This past year, a group of members from this church met with me over the course of several months to discuss my preaching, and their insight was incredibly helpful to me. They were gracious, intelligent, and open-minded, and I cannot thank them enough. Later this summer, I will be forming a new group to work with me on the preaching project for year two.

This program has had a great impact on my ministry, and my preaching and worship leadership in particular. It has increased my excitement for the worship and mission of our church. I am very grateful for the support of this congregation. You have given sabbatical time for me to attend class residencies, and you have worked to make things run smoothly here at the church. You have funded the cost of the program with your generous gifts, and you have been gracious to me in your encouragement, thoughtful feedback, and patience.

I have to brag about you. This is a wonderful church family. Thank you so much!

May God's peace be with you,
Matt



2011 Confirmation II Class
New Members of the Church



2011 Confirmation I Class
Affirmation of Baptism

Fund Raiser Church Treasure If you have an item for donation, or are looking for a specific item to purchase, watch *The Herald* or call **Jim/Kathy Harris** at 330-630-9627 or e-mail kharris375@hotmail.com. There will also be an ongoing list of items available for donation and/or requests in the Atrium.

Items available For Sale:

Left-hand Golf Woods:1, 3, & 5 Good Cond. \$60.;; Pull Cart, \$10.;; 9' Putting Green/electric return, \$20.;; and Free Bag! Call **W. D. Zimmerman** 330/928-0252

Ping Pong Table – asking \$30; Child's lg.Game Table 5'across – asking \$20 OBO. Call **Jackie Parker** 330/867-7149

Items Wanted:

Kendal Taylor is looking for Quilt tops. Please call her at 330-676-9986 if you can help her!

Mike and Ginny Collins are looking for the following items - please contact them at #330-266-6128 or email gabby@MRNC.com if you can help! Bicycle rack(s) for the garage to hang bikes, Wood Chipper, Chain Saw, Pressure Washer, a Lawn Mower with 20" swath, and Treadmill that can fold upright. For any of these items,

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**Remember --- To Donate or put in your request:**  
Call Kathy / Jim Harris at 330-630-9627  
or email them at [kharris375@hotmail.com](mailto:kharris375@hotmail.com).



**Quilt Drawing News!**

Thank You – Thank You – Thank You!  
We did it! We made \$500 for the Atrium!

*Carol Law was the winning ticket. Congratulations Carol!*  
We thank all for buying tickets and each one who helped sell tickets. Thank you to the Quilters for their work on the beautiful Patriotic Quilt! It is their dedication that makes all this possible. *Thank You! Dorothy Taylor*

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One Great Hour of Sharing

Dear Friends in Christ,
Thank you for your gift to the United Church of Christ Japan Earthquake & Tsunami Relief Fund. We recorded your gift of \$500 on 5/13/11.
The United Church of Christ is supporting the relief response of our partners the United Church of Christ in Japan (UCCJ) and Church World Service (CWS). Thank you so much for your support of Japan relief efforts.
Peace, Susan M. Sanders, OGHs Administrator



Yarning for Peace



Yarning for Peace will meet on Monday, **June 13** at 7:00 pm in the David Bacon Room (200). Please join us if you would like to learn to knit or crochet or just refresh those skills you haven't used in awhile. A big thank you to all those who have bought Michael's or JoAnn's Scrip cards, which provide funds to help pay off the Atrium mortgage, purchase yarn for prayer shawls and fleece for Baptism blankets. We truly appreciate your generosity. For further information contact Dee West at 330-633-4421.

Shake It up Café Vacation Bible School

The Board of Christian Education is hosting their annual Vacation Bible School; **Shake It up Café where children can learn God's recipe for Life.** We are going to "Shake it Up Café" during the week of **June 26-30** from 6-8 PM. All children age 4 years old to 5th graders come join the VBS activities and learn to Celebrate God's recipes for life. We will share different celebrations like Passover (Be Ready for God), General Celebrations (Give Happily to God), Festivals (Believe Fully in Jesus), Passover with Jesus (Remember Jesus often) and Pentecost (Celebrate God Forever). We will experience the recipe for life through games, snacks, music, crafts and puppets while having fun in the Café. Registrations are available online or from the church office. **Sign up your children and grandchildren before June 19.**



CONGREGATORS . . .

**. . . will meet Tuesday, June 7, an 12 Noon
At Erie Station in Tallmadge
Call Esta Eriksen for Reservations
at 330-633-5619.**



ESTATE SALE

Sat., **June 4** and Sun., **June 5**
12:00 - 4:00 pm
AT: **33 W. Overdale Dr. in Tallmadge**

**Held by Anna and David Bierce
and all proceeds will go to the church!**
LOTS OF GREAT ITEMS!

SPREAD THE WORD - A MUST SEE!
Anna needs help setting up on Friday, June 3rd, and if you can assist on the sale days of the 4th & 5th it would be greatly appreciated! If you can help, call Anna at 633-7544. *Thank you so much!*



Craft Nite



Mark your calendars! Join *Cherie Wade and Lori Heath*



for the *next night* of *Crafting!*



Scrapbooking, Cross-Stitching, Latch-Hook, making Jewelry, or even working with Zentangles! Bring your "favorite thing to do" for fun, relaxation, and fellowship! Bring friends – we set up in Fellowship Hall!

Friday night, June 17 6 p.m. 'till whenever!
here at First Congregational Church

☺ **and FREE!** All you have to bring is a smile! ☺
**Call Cherie at 330-630-3448 or Lori at 330-633-3853
if you have any questions!**



Gift Card Program Exciting News!

You will now be able to use credit cards. Keep in mind, there are fees which will reduce the profit on your purchase, however, if you are buying a large item such as a refrigerator, microwave, television, computer, etc., it's a great way to help the atrium. If you have any questions just visit the gift card table in the atrium.

We have raised \$1244.61 since January!

Diana Fiocca 330-923-8745
dianafiocca@sbcglobal.net



New Stephen Ministers to be Commissioned on Sunday, June 12th Please Join us for a Reception in the Fellowship Hall following the service.

We welcome to our Stephen Family Tom and Sharon Letzler, Renee Crighton, and Norma Bryant. They will complete their 50 hours of training this week. God has richly blessed us with a class with a desire to serve, grow spiritually, and make a difference.

"Bear one another's burdens and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ." Gal. 6:2



Sharing Our Life Verses...

During our fall retreat the Stephen Ministry Family searched the scriptures for our "Life Verses". We pray that you, too, will be encouraged by the "words we build our lives on".

"I am the vine, you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit. Without me you can do nothing." John 15:5 (selected by Jana Caplinger, Stephen Leader)

"Do nothing out of self-ambition or vain conceit but in humility consider others better than yourselves. Each of you should look not only to your own interests but also the interests of others." Philippians 2: 3-4 (selected by Vicky Rambler, serving Stephen Minister)

"The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters. He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness for his name sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for you are with me; Your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; My cup runs over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever. Psalm 23 (selected by Ruth McNair, serving Stephen Minister)

We encourage you to identify "Your Life Verse"... When a line or two of scripture grips you, speaks to your heart, you probably have a verse that is good prayer material.

- . Ponder that scripture.*
- . Let it roll around on the inside of you.*
- . Pray your scripture verse.*

You will end up with scripture prayer that is alive inside of you and have God's life flowing out of you through His living Word.

(adapted from: pray-the-scriptures.com)



Stephen Minister Update—

We currently have 2 men and 2 women Stephen Ministers available to support you (in the Stephen Ministry program men support men and women support women).

Stephen Ministry...Is about walking along side...Listening with the heart...keeping confidences...and being present to another's pain. For more information please contact: Jana Caplinger @330-896-4320 or Rev. Dr. John or Rev. Matt @330-633-4931.

Look What's Coming at Stewarts Caring Place—Cancer Wellness Center...

GENERAL CANCER SUPPORT GROUP
Open to all people with any type of cancer who are looking for mutual support.
Mondays 6-7:30 June 20, July 18, August 15

ALSO... CARE GIVER SUPPORT GROUP
A group for care givers providing education and emotional support during the Cancer journey
Mondays 6-7:30 June 13, July 11, August 8
Registration required Phone 330--836-1772
More Information available at the Welcome Center.

Received through BAPTISM at our
10 a.m. Service on May 29, 2011:

Child: Victor Theodon Huising
Born March 5, 2010
Parents: Damian & Cynthia Huising
Grandparents: Thomas and Anita Gedelian

Birth Announcement

Ellie Ann Putnam Born May 26, 2011
8 lbs., 8 oz. 20.5"
Parents: Heather and Rob Putnam
Grandparents: Dave & Vicki Hettinger

Please Remember in Prayer



Ginny Acken
Ryan Anderson (*Beth Schluep's student*)
Jessica Andrews (*daughter of Bob Kipp*)
Carol Carter
Larry Clarke
Milt Collins (*father of Mike Collins*)
Gwen Dove
Elaine Engle – *Bath Manor*
Tom Grathwol (*Renee Creighton's grandfather*)
David Huth (*Jane Huth's son*)
Grace Kish
Zell Lambert
George and Pat Paler
Jackie Parker
Stephen Parker
Gary and Vicky Rambler
Betty Schafer (*mother of Jack Schafer*)
Ralph Sharpnack
Margretta Stocker
Tom Walters
Sherri Whittington (*Sandee Markulis' relation*)
Lou and Rita Wray
John Zreny (*son-in-law of John & Wanda Strott*)

Wheels4Change
1st Battalion 145th Armored Regiment (Ohio Nat'l. Guard)
Prayers for our Graduates
Prayers of Thanksgiving for our PreSchool Staff
Prayers for Commissioning of our New Stephen Ministers
Prayers of Thanksgiving for Pentecost
(*Fill us with faith, lavish your love upon us and immerse us in your joy. So captivate us that we can do nothing else but turn to you, overflowing with gratitude, and follow. Amen*)

NOTE: Yes – we do have a “Prayer Chain”. If you need prayers for support, strength, or healing, we will do this for you. Call Dorothy Taylor @330-633-3008 or Karen Sauerbrey @330-920-1285.

Church Attendance

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| <u>May 22, 2011</u> | | |
| 8:30 a.m. Worship | | 39 |
| 10:00 a.m. Worship | | 337 |
| <u>May 29, 2011</u> | | |
| 8:30 a.m. Worship | | 35 |
| 10:00 a.m. Worship | | 232 |

Sincerest Sympathies to Jack and Cheryl Schafer and their family, in the loss of Cheryl's brother, **Raymond Houle**, who passed away on May 21, 2011. A memorial service was held Thursday, May 26, in Massillon, Ohio.

Sincerest Sympathies to the extended family of **Beverly McCreanor** of Lexington and formerly of Tallmadge, who passed away on Wednesday, May 18, 2011. She was preceded in death by her husband, Raymond McCreanor in 1998. They were former members of First Congregational Church of Tallmadge. A memorial service will be held in Lexington, Ohio, on June 4.

Deepest Condolences to Jim and Betty Cottrill and their entire family in the loss of Betty's brother, **Orval Hinzman** of Buckhannon, West Virginia. Orval passed away on Wed., May 25, 2011. Services will be held the week of May 30, 2011, in West Virginia.

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CALENDAR

JUNE 2 – JUNE 16, 2011



Thurs., June 2 8:00 a.m. Financial Advisory Team - Library
 6:30 p.m. Choir & Ringers Picnic – Lions Park

Friday, June 3 ----- -----

Sat., June 4 ----- -----

Sunday, June 5 **8:30 a.m.** **Worship Service**
Communion Sunday 9:15 a.m. Mission Meeting
plus Graduation **10:00 a.m.** **Worship Service**
& Scholarships 10:30 a.m. Extended Session – Grade 2 & younger
 11:00 a.m. Reception for Graduates - FH
 1:00 p.m. Stephen Ministers – D.Bacon Rm.200

Monday, June 6 7:30 p.m. Heritage AA – Rm.100

Tuesday, June 7 7:00 a.m. Men’s Bible Study – Bagnoli home
 12:15 p.m. Pastor’s Lectionary Study
 12:00 noon Congregators – Erie Station
 2:00 p.m. Senior Advisory Meeting – D.Bacon Rm. 200
 4:30 p.m. SPRC Mtg. – Dr. John’s Office

Wed., June 8 9:00 a.m. Quilters

Thurs., June 9 ----- -----

Fri., June 10 ----- -----

Sat., June 11 8:00 a.m. Stephen Ministers – D. Bacon Rm.200

Sunday, June 12 **8:30 a.m.** **Worship Service**
Pentecost Sunday **10:00 a.m.** **Worship Service** – Covenant Renewal
 10:00 a.m. Stephen Minister Commissioning
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 6:00 p.m. WJHM

Monday, June 13 7:00 p.m. Yarning for Peace – D. Bacon
 7:30 p.m. Heritage AA – Rm.100

Tuesday, June 14 7:00 a.m. Men’s Bible Study – Bagnoli Home
 12:15 p.m. Pastor’s Lectionary Study
 7:00 p.m. Board Meetings
 8:30 p.m. Executive Council

Wed., June 15 9:00 a.m. Quilters

Thurs., June 16 ----- -----



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