

JULY 2016

# NEWSLETTER

## FIRST UCC

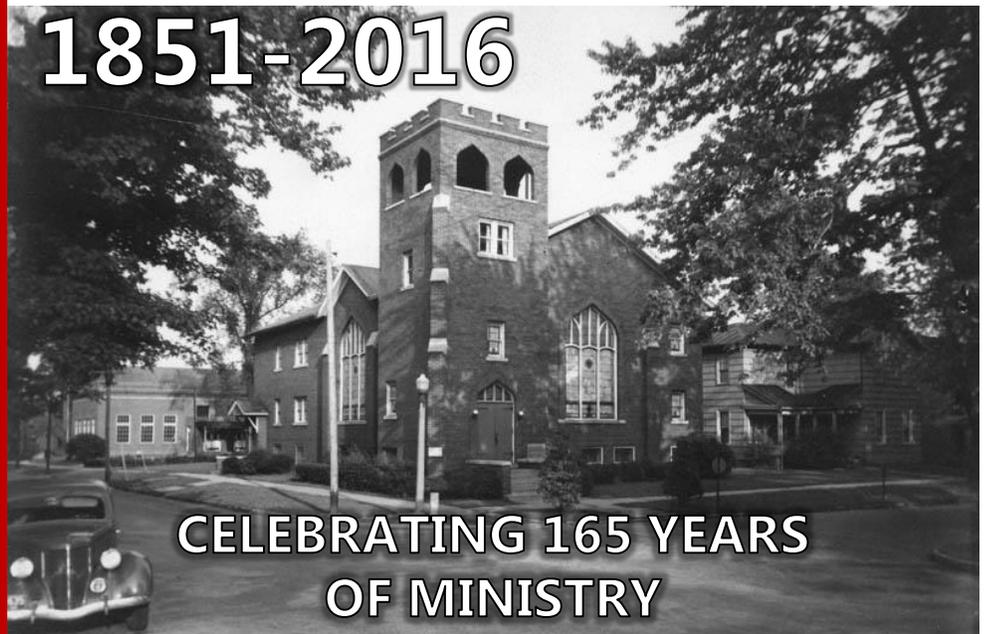
### SHELBY, OHIO



23 Church Street  
Shelby, Ohio

Sunday Worship  
10:00 AM

1851-2016



CELEBRATING 165 YEARS  
OF MINISTRY

#### Freedom To ...

*by Raymond A. Foss*

Ours is a freedom to,  
not a freedom from,  
a freedom to service others,  
to live according to Christ's example  
to act, in commitment,  
not merely a freedom from sin,  
or a freedom from the law, the ancient  
law, the code of the people  
God's given grace, the freedom,  
the sacrifice of the Christ,  
is a freedom to do, to be, to act  
in this world, now



#### A Cicada's Life

*by Alan Rubin*

Seventeen years of peaceful dreaming,  
Followed by a week of screaming.

#### Summer Sun

*by Robert Louis Stevenson*

Great is the sun, and wide he goes  
Through empty heaven with repose;  
And in the blue and glowing days  
More thick than rain he showers his rays.

Though closer still the blinds we pull  
To keep the shady parlour cool,  
Yet he will find a chink or two  
To slip his golden fingers through.

The dusty attic spider-clad  
He, through the keyhole, maketh glad;  
And through the broken edge of tiles  
Into the laddered hay-loft smiles.

Meantime his golden face around  
He bares to all the garden ground,  
And sheds a warm and glittering look  
Among the ivy's inmost nook.

Above the hills, along the blue,  
Round the bright air with footing true,  
To please the child, to paint the rose,  
The gardener of the World, he goes.

#### The New Colossus

*by Emma Lazarus*

Not like the brazen giant of Greek fame,  
With conquering limbs astride from land to  
land;  
Here at our sea-washed, sunset gates shall  
stand

A mighty woman with a torch, whose flame  
Is the imprisoned lightning, and her name  
Mother of Exiles. From her beacon-hand  
Glow world-wide welcome; her mild eyes  
command

The air-bridged harbor that twin cities  
frame.

"Keep, ancient lands, your storied pomp!"  
cries she

With silent lips. "Give me your tired, your  
poor,

Your huddled masses yearning to breathe  
free,

The wretched refuse of your teeming shore.  
Send these, the homeless, tempest-tost to  
me,

I lift my lamp beside the golden door!"

## COMING IN JULY

### Sunday July 3<sup>rd</sup> - Service at Crestwood Care Center

Our church will be leading the 2:00PM worship service for residents at Crestwood Care Center. Come help us sing, and share in fellowship with these wonderful people. It is always nice when a lot of our church members show up to help us with the service. If you can please try to attend.

### Saturday July 9<sup>th</sup> - Shelby Bicycle Days Parade

First UCC will be participating in the Shelby Bicycle Days Parade. The Parade will be at 2:00, but those who want to participate should meet at Jay Fordyce's red truck on Wentz Ave, no later than 1:30, (since we aren't doing a float this year we don't need to be there any earlier than 1:30.) Everyone is asked to wear red, and bring some candy to throw. Come show your support for your church!

### Sunday July 10<sup>th</sup> - Change the Church Offering

Don't forget to bring your loose change, (and dollar bills too), for the youth change the church offering during the Sunday service!

### Sunday July 31<sup>st</sup> - Worship Service at Shelby KOA

Our annual church picnic/worship service will take place at the Shelby KOA campgrounds on Sunday July 31. Worship will start at 10:30 and be followed lunch, the white elephant sale, and pie auction. Bring a dish to share, and any items for the pie auction and white elephant sale. If you can try to wrap some of the white elephant sale items in newspaper, in makes the auction more fun. We want to encourage our new members and visitors to try to participate in this service and picnic. It is always a fun time!

### Church Food Pantry Needs Donations

Katie Robinson has been taking care of stocking our in-church food pantry. She recently informed us that the food pantry got hit hard in late May, and that the shelves are still very low. Please make an effort to bring in some food items to restock the shelves so we can continue to make this ministry available to those who need a little assistance throughout the month. Canned fruit, boxed pasta, spaghetti, spaghetti sauce, boxed meals, cereal, laundry soap, toilet paper, paper towels and various toiletries are just a few of the items we are low on.

### Kitchen and Fellowship Hall Renovation Project

The church council voted during the June meeting to begin fund raising efforts to renovate the ground floor fellowship hall and kitchen facilities at the church. It is going to take a lot of time, work, and money in order to make this happen. Primarily we have to get the water and mold issue under control. Look for more details to come as the trustees look into what all we need to do. If you would like to donate towards the project mark your envelope, "kitchen fund," for the time being.

### May Financial

Total Income	\$5,100.16
Total Paid Out	\$5,635.41
Available Balance	+\$2,245.06 ☺☺☺
Trustees Account	\$15,847.00
Kitchen Fund	\$509.00
Sanctuary Carpet	\$5,310.00
Youth Missions	\$517.35

### July Birthdays

Ellie Bechner	3
Jeff Knapp	3
Garrett Laser	4
Nash Laser	4
Mel Shults	11
Sandy Stoodt	18
Katie Robinson	19
Helen Steele	22
Jim Kolb	25
Martha Grimwood	31

### July Anniversaries

Fred & Lynn Cooke	July 14, 1973
David & Dana Steele	July 18, 1998
Mel & Carl Shults	July 19, 1985

### Pastor James Office Hours for July

Saturday: Family Day (Emergency Calls Only)  
Sunday: 9:00AM - Noon  
Monday: On Call  
Tuesday - Thursday: 8:00AM - Noon  
Friday: 8:00AM - 2:00PM (office/ visitation)

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