

June 2017

# NEWSLETTER



23 Church St  
Shelby, Ohio 44875

Sunday Worship 10:00 AM

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## Reflections from the Rev.

Dear Friends:

Wow! Summer is here. Just when we think things are slowing down here at the church they start to speed up. This month will be busy but wonderful as we will have two young men coming into the church family on Confirmation Sunday and then we will be welcoming ten new members the following week. In preparing for the services over the next few weeks, I came across this wonderful prayer of St. Francis of Assisi. I pray that you would consider these words and put them into action in your own lives.

*Lord, make me an instrument of your peace,  
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;  
where there is injury, pardon;  
where there is doubt, faith;  
where there is despair, hope;  
where there is darkness, light;  
where there is sadness, joy;  
O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;  
to be understood as to understand;  
to be loved as to love.  
For it is in giving that we receive;  
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;  
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.*

With Love and Gratitude.

+Pastor James

Rev. James R. Robinson

# Coming in June

## Thursday June 1<sup>st</sup>- Meal at Ganges Community Church

The Women's Guild will be attending Ganges Community Church's first Thursday Lunch on June 1<sup>st</sup>. The lunch is by freewill donation and is always very good. If you would like to ride over with the ladies please meet at our church at 11am.

## Sunday June 4<sup>th</sup>- Confirmation/ Pentecost

On Sunday June 4<sup>th</sup> Isaac Brooks and Keith Shuster will be confirmed on Pentecost Sunday at the 10:00am worship service. Please come if you can and support these young men. We will end the worship service with a live dove release on the front stairs of the church. (The doves are actually homing pigeons that will fly back to the bird sanctuary in Ashland, Ohio). The Board of Christian Education will be sponsoring a reception following the service.

## Thursday June 8<sup>th</sup>- Annual Strawberry Festival

The Strawberry Festival has been a very successful annual fundraiser for 1<sup>st</sup> UCC for many years. It started out as a brain storm of the adult Sunday school class, and has grown to an event that people in the community support enthusiastically. This year's Strawberry Festival will be on Thursday June 8<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 to 6:30pm. Volunteers are needed to cut up berries, get the potato salad ready, make strawberry desserts, cook the roast ox, serve food and clean up. For ways to help out, sign up at the welcome center in church or see Sandy Stoodt. The Fundraising Committee will be holding a basket raffle during the festival. The basket will contain strawberry related items, and possibly a gift card or two. All funds collected from the raffle will go to the improvement fund under the care of the Fundraising Committee.

## Sunday June 11<sup>th</sup>- New Member Sunday

On Sunday June 11<sup>th</sup> we will welcome ten new members into the body of Christ at Shelby during the 10:00am worship service. The new members are: Monica Shuster, Dave Myers, Kevin Shuster, Cory Shuster, Keith Shuster, Melody Voll, Angie Dull, Nicole Dull, Amy Keene, and Annette Young. We are so happy to have these great people joining the family here at First UCC!

## Sunday June 18<sup>th</sup>- Father's Day Celebration

Join us on Sunday June 18<sup>th</sup> as we will be honoring the men in our lives who have made a difference.

## Monday June 19<sup>th</sup>- Church Council Meeting

The next church council meeting will be on Monday June 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in the church parlor. All members are welcome to attend council meetings and bring questions or thoughts pertaining to the church or business thereof.

## Sunday June 25<sup>th</sup>- 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the United Church of Christ

On Sunday June 25<sup>th</sup> we will honor the 60<sup>th</sup> birthday of the United Church of Christ!

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## Financial April 2017

### **General Fund (April 2017)**

April Deposits- \$5,270.25

April Expenses- \$5,573.21

Current Balance- \$2,746.40

Earmarked- \$1,914.42 (Missions, Youth Missions, Carpet)

Available Balance- \$831.98

*Kitchen Fund-* \$4,978.76

*Certificate Account-* \$24,568.77

*Trustees Account-* \$18,000+

*Fundraising (Improvement Fund)-* \$ 700.00