



Come Grow With Us!



United Church of Christ

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Welcome Home

***Faith Community UCC's first
service in our new home***

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Greetings, Faith Community Church, from our new location on Anderson St. in Maumee, Ohio.

Wow! What a way to open at our new location. The church looked beautiful, there were 71 people in attendance, and the weather was great! Everyone's hard work of painting, scraping, washing, lifting, pulling, pushing or any other adjective you can think of that people did to get the job done, paid off. So, to anyone who helped by physically working, or gave moral support by their encouraging comments or silent prayers, I say "Well done my good and faithful servants." You not only had the vision, but actually made that vision become a reality.

Now that we are in our new location, like the month of September, Faith is in a transition. September is a transition month. The weather starts to become a little cooler. Schools are getting into full swing. Most high school football teams are playing only their second football game of the new season. Change is in the air all across the area, and the country for that matter. The same is true with Faith Community Church.

What kind of changes can Faith expect to happen? Perhaps more former members will come back on a regular basis since we have a new attitude as well as a new location. Perhaps people that live in the residential area around the church will come and join Faith and share in our New Beginnings. These are all exciting expectations that will be answered only as times passes. But, let's not get too far ahead of ourselves and just enjoy the moment of our accomplishment. Moving from Byrne to Anderson St. is no small feat and should be savored and appreciated for a bit. Again I say, "Well done my good and Faithful servants."

Pastor Scott



Birthdays & Anniversaries

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Sept. 9	Debbie Myrice
Sept. 10	Gloria Parker
Sept. 16	Phyllis Rietzke
Sept. 18	Lauren Cole
Sept. 19	Carolyn Gerber

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Sept. 4	Roger & Cathy Hammack
Sept. 22	Tim & Julie Moran
Sept. 23	Darryl & Jeanette Utter
Sept. 28	Bob & Peggy Walters



Remember *in* Prayer

Please remember the following people in your prayers this month:

Peggy Walters (recent fall and surgery)
 Donna Creswell (recent surgery)
 John and Inez Reichard
 Sylvia Loe (recent fall)
 Margaret Loos,
 Douglas Farnsworth (Ruth's son)
 Eleanor Huss
 Elva Goudy
 Barbara Monhollen (Dorothy and Joe Kowalski's daughter)
 Jacques Rietzke
 Helen Shearon



September

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 Worship, 10 am	30	31 Office Open 9 am -1 pm	1 Office Open 9 am -1 pm	2 Office Open 9 am -1 pm Bible Study, 10 am	3	4
5 Worship, 10:30 am	6 Office Open 9 am -1 pm	7 Office Open 9 am -1 pm	8 Office Open 9 am -1 pm	9 Office Open 9 am -1 pm Bible Study, 10 am	10	11
12 Worship, 10:30 am	13 Office Open 9 am -1 pm	14 Office Open 9 am -1 pm	15 Office Open 9 am -1 pm	16 Office Open 9 am -1 pm Bible Study, 10 am <i>Dialog</i> Deadline	17	18
19 Worship, 10:30 am Council, 11:30 am	20 Office Open 9 am -1 pm	21 Office Open 9 am -1 pm	22 Office Open 9 am -1 pm	23 Office Open 9 am -1 pm Bible Study, 10 am	24	25
26 Worship, 10:30 am	27 Office Open 9 am -1 pm	28 Office Open 9 am -1 pm	29 Office Open 9 am -1 pm	30 Office Open 9 am -1 pm Bible Study, 10 am	1	2 TENT SALE 10 am to 4 pm



The big news is that we have a library! Although it's also the location for Bible study, council meetings and older children's Sunday school, it's much more spacious than our

library in our former building. It's also more inviting – you can sit down at the table and peruse a book or open one of the larger volumes much more comfortably.

The collection is smaller, but it still contains the essentials we need. There's some organizing and labeling to do as well as a backlog of materials to be added but we're definitely open for business. During the down time we've continued to add new materials. Come in for a visit; you may be surprised. We've also added a book truck of interesting items in the narthex so that you are in contact with the library as soon as you enter the building.

We love our new location!

Gloria Parker

Notes from Roger

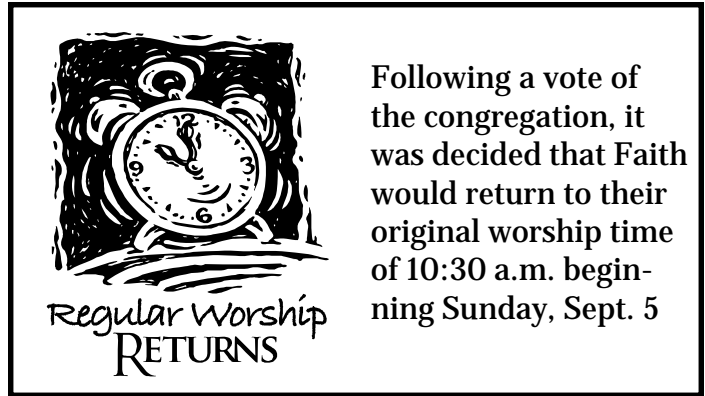
In the thirteen weeks we were at Heatherdowns Church of the Brethren, we averaged 31 in attendance per week, took in \$9,562.38 for an average of \$735.50 per week, and we paid the Church of the Brethren \$1,100 for using their church.

In the next several months, the pastor, council, and congregation will need to work with the community in meeting certain goals in and around the church.

The opening of the church was very successful, but the church will need to meet some of the community's needs. All of our older members are important to us, but we need to encourage more new members to get involved.

There is a suggestion box in the narthex hallway and we hope the congregation will utilize it to make good suggestions and to assist council and leadership in meeting our goals.

*Thank You,
Roger Reese*



Following a vote of the congregation, it was decided that Faith would return to their original worship time of 10:30 a.m. beginning Sunday, Sept. 5

Funny things that happened during the remodeling

- Our flag poles inside the church had to be cut off several inches because they were too tall. While Roger Hammack took the bottom part off and was shortening it, he placed the rest of the pole and flag back in the stand. Of course, the flags were dragging on the floor. When Dorothy Trail walked in she was concerned because she thought he had cut them too short.
- We were putting paint in plastic cups when painting the ceiling grids. Cathy Hammack nearly took a drink out of her paint cup.
- Then, while replacing ceiling tiles in the kitchen, a bird's nest fell out landing on Earlene Billings.
- When the new signs went up in front, we discovered that they had an incorrect phone number on them. They had 887-1796 and our number is 887-1976.
- Charlene Reese planted a new rose bush in front of the new sign. The next day one of our neighborhood rabbits or squirrels had eaten half of it. Charlene put some moth balls around it. So far, go good.
- Also, when Charlene was planning something to use to add water to the baptismal font, she selected a vase, only to find out there was no bottom in the vase. It was really a decorative glass tube to fit over a candle.
- And, finally, while not a mishap, it was nevertheless funny to watch Cathy Hammack and Pastor Scott moving between the rows and measuring the distance with a tape measure for the placement of each chair in their rows.

Annoying things that happened during the remodeling

We also ran into some things more annoying ...

- We had to obtain permits for everything and have final inspections on everything when the work was finished. We also had to have asbestos tile removed from both bathrooms and the kitchen, and had to have an environmental agency check it when done. We also had to replace all the ceiling tiles with new tiles, which took much extra time.
- When we first began work cleaning the building, we had the front doors open. All of a sudden Cathy Hammack started screaming. An uninvited guest had come for a visit (a chipmunk). He was more scared than we were and quickly darted back outside.
- Finally, due to a lack of storage space, many of our items are stored in Jo Ann Diefenthaler's garage. We are going to need to add a shed in the back yard for storage.

Best Wishes!

The following is an e-mail that Faith Community received from former member Judith Heisler on August 14:

Dear Faith Community United Church of Christ,

I was reviewing articles from the Toledo Blade Online and came across an article recently that Faith Community United Church of Christ had moved from its location on South Byrne Road to a new location in Maumee, OH.

As a child I had attended your church from when I was in about the first grade through about my Junior or Senior year in High School, and was Confirmed in your church.

I have many fond memories of the building and the people at the South Byrne Road church home.

My life's journey has taken me away from Toledo for about 20 years and I had not known that

the church membership had diminished so greatly in numbers.

Many thank you's to the dedicated Sunday School teachers and church members that invested their time and talents and made a difference in a young person's life.

Thank you especially to Mr. and Mrs. Huss who brought me to and from Sunday School virtually every single Sunday and extended their caring and kindness; to Mrs. Humason who taught Sunday School and coached girls YMCA church basketball, to Mr. and Mrs. Good who found my sister and I a piano, to Pastor Al and wife Pearl Schwenke whose support and understanding were immeasurable ... and to everyone else who made a difference.

To all of you, thank you. Best wishes in your new building ... the old one will be missed, but held with warm regards in my memories.

*Many Blessings,
Judith Heisler*

Note from B.J.: I have not responded to this nice email yet. If there is someone in the church who knew Judith and would like to respond to this email, and possibly give Judith an update, please let me know. If you want to come to the office, I can walk you through sending an email if you don't have that experience. If I don't hear from any from the congregation within a short time of this newsletter arriving in your mailboxes, I will respond to the email to the best of my ability. For others, who might want to respond on your own, here is Judith's email address: jannheisler@hotmail.com

New at Faith

With our move into our new facilities on Anderson Avenue in Maumee, we are also beginning a new experience with a full-color copy machine. Because of the copy machine's ability to recognize color and match it on copies, the *Dialog* has been slightly re-designed. For those who get the newsletter by email, you will find much less color throughout. Even one dot of color on any page will register as if the entire page is in color, therefore many interior pages are created completely all black and white. We will be using the color mostly for the front page and for photos. This move will allow everyone to enjoy the photos in full color, as the email copies have been for a couple of years.

More photos from Faith's first service in our new home



Joe Kowalski creates a 'Touch of Home'

Joe Kowalski spent many hours creating an altar background with cross for the new building on Anderson Ave. Using the design from the organ box that graced the altar on Byrne Road, he built an altar piece that brings a touch of the old into the new. The following photos show just some of the process he went through to complete this project.



Before



After





Dialog

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TENT SALE

This year at Faith Community UCC we are having a tent sale instead of a Rummage Sale. It will be for only one day —

Saturday, October 2, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

You can bring items the week of September 27th for the sale.

We will need workers to set up tables, put items on tables, and pricing of items. There will be a notice on the church bulletin board for those to sign up and the time you can work.

We will also need people to help clean up. If you have any questions, contact Jo Ann Diefenthaler or Roger Reese.