



Faith Community United Church of Christ

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PASTOR'S CORNER

Dear Faith Folks,

September is here. The temperatures and humidity are dropping from the several-week-long oppressive highs during most of the summer. So I am very relieved from my daily sweating while just sitting doing nothing. I feel my body just feeling better over all, and when my body feels better my spirit seems to follow. During September my body and spirit blend as one. They both are very calm during this transitional month when schools all across the country are beginning their new school years and fall sports are beginning, with football leading the way.

So, how is your spirit? If you remember we are still in Pentecost, which is when the Holy Spirit descended upon the disciples and members of Jesus' family. That is how the Christian Church started. Jesus was no longer going to be with the disciples in human form here on earth, but the Holy Spirit would be with them. As we know the Holy Spirit is the third person of the trinity of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is the bridge to God within you. The Holy Spirit is the Voice of God within you. God provided the Holy Spirit to bring his voice into each of our lives as we went into the world so you and I would know who we are, what we are and who's we are.

Little by little, as you and I hear, recognize, understand, and become more aware of the Holy Spirit in our lives we will come closer and closer to what God wants from us. We will, little by little, become more aware of who we are.

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Pastor's Message

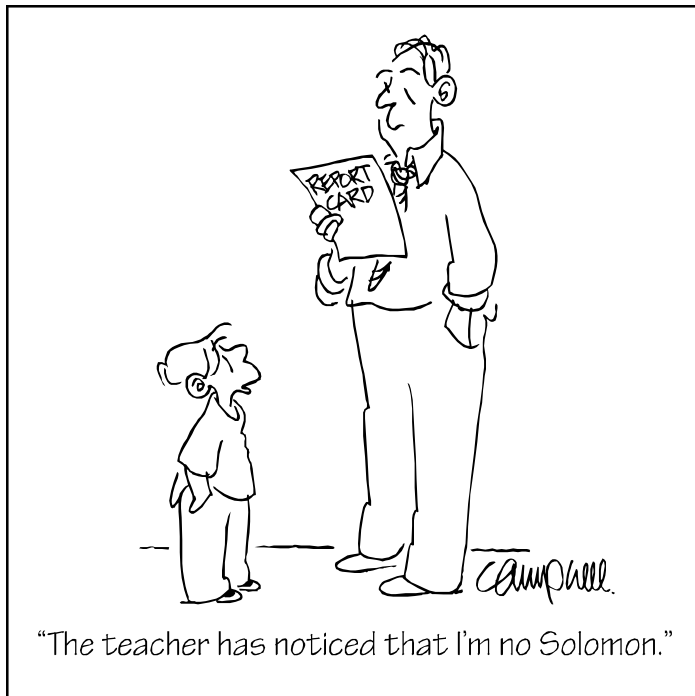
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Little by little we will be more aware of who we want to be, and who we are made to be. We will be at peace within ourselves no matter what circumstances we may be in. This self awareness may come to us from a sunset, a deer grazing, a kind word, a kind gesture, exercising, a hymn, a bible verse, or a multitude of other God Sightings we encounter on a daily basis. It's very important for us to be on the lookout for these God sightings so we grow and mature in our Christian lives, and let others know about the Holy Spirit working and moving in our lives. So in September, let us focus on the Holy Spirit within us and share what he is telling us.

Have a great September inspired by the Holy Spirit within you!

God's blessings to all!
Pastor Kaufman



"The teacher has noticed that I'm no Solomon."



HAPPY BIRTHDAY:

- Sep. 9 — Debbie Myrice
- Sep. 10 — Gloria Parker
- Sep. 16 — Phyllis Rietzke
- Sep. 18 — Lauren Cole
- Sep. 19 — Carolyn Gerber
- Sep. 20 — Ann Stine



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY:

- Sep. 4 — Roger and Cathy Hammack
- Sep. 23 — Darryl and Jeanette Utter
- Sep. 28 — Bob and Peggy Walters

Bill Wirick honored posthumously

Bill Wirick has been nominated to the State of Ohio Track Officials Hall of Fame. Congratulations to our faithful member and his family.



Prayer
 Requests

Please remember the following people in your prayers this month:

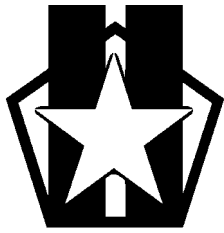
- Bob Barker
- Dorothy Einsel
- Peggy Walters
- John and Inez Reichard
- Eleanor Huss
- Helen Shearon
- Victims of Hurricane Irene
- The World Economy

Directory Change

We have a change for you to add to your new directories already. The address for Florence Pohlman is incorrect and results in much of her mail being returned to the sender.

Here is the correct address. Please make the necessary change.

Florence Pohlman
2250 Par Lane, Apt. 1113
Willoughby Hills, OH 44094



Remembering 9/11

There will be a special remembrance for 9-11 worship service on Sunday, September 11. The UCC bulletin service has created and shipped a special bulletin cover for the day also.

Everyone is invited to
First Baptist Church
of Greater Toledo
for their



29th Annual Community Chicken BBQ

Sunday, September 18

11:30 a.m. until they run out

Dining room closes at 5 p.m.

Dine in or carry-out through express drive-up.

Donation:

\$8.00 - adult

\$4.00 - children (6-12 yrs)

Free - children 5 and under

6520 Pilliod Rd., Holland, OH 43528
at Perrysburg-Holland & Pilliod Roads
419-865-9171



**The worship leaders for
September are:**

Sept. 4	Mary Anderson
Sept. 11	Mel Barrios
Sept. 18	Matthew Utter
Sept. 25	Linda Baker
Oct. 2	Mary Anderson

The new layreader list is posted on the bulletin board. There are blank lines to allow people who would like to read occasionally to fill in their name. Please add your name on one of the blank lines. Thank you.

Thank You!

Please accept our sincere gratitude for the wonderful, warm welcome we received on Tuesday for the Summer 2011 Tours of Houses of Worship—and please express that gratitude to your whole congregation for making us feel so welcome. Please extend a special thank you to Mel for his history lesson and those who made the cookies! And what a beautiful day God made for us!

Thank you for helping TAM in its mission to create community! If there is anything Toledo Area Ministries can do for you or partner with you in the future, including inviting Pr. Steve to preach or having speakers for, we would be happy to provide assistance.

Grace and peace and God's blessings to you, your family, and all the great folks at Faith Community; the name describes it well!

Donnajean Stockmaster, TAM CC Director



Photos from Vacation Bible School





Photos from the First Anniversary service



The Good Bunch will meet for their first fall gathering on Tuesday, Sept. 13, at 11:30 a.m. at the Cracker Barrel on Dussell Drive. Hosts are Barbara Hadley and Darla Myles. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board to make reservations.





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2nd Outdoor Worship Service Sunday, September 18 10:30 a.m.

All Welcome!



Inspired 4
GOSPEL QUARTET

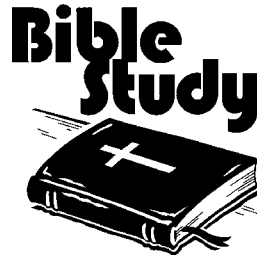
Inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ 1 Thessalonians 1:10

Gospel Quartet at Faith Followed by Ice Cream Social

The Inspired 4 Gospel Quartet will bring God's Word to the community on Saturday, Sept. 17, at Faith Community United Church of Christ, with an outdoor musical program beginning at 2 p.m.

Donations are welcome. Following the performance we will have an ice cream social with sundaes and cones for one dollar a scoop.

In the event of rain, we'll go inside.



A new bible study will begin on Thursday mornings at 10 a.m. The first meeting will be September 15. Come and join in the lively discussions and fellowship.



Yes, we will be having a rummage sale this fall. Cathy Hammack has agreed to chair the event, but will need help from any who can give a hand. No date has been set yet, but it will be held inside the church, not in the parking lot like last year. So begin thinking about the items you want to bring in and the times that you will be able to come in to help organize and to help on the day of the sale.