

# THE CARILLON



October 2020

## SCRIPTURE LESSONS

September 27	2 Corinthians 8:1-7
October 4	John 15:5-13
October 11	1 Peter 4:7-11
October 18	Galatians 6:1-10
October 25	Hebrews 10:19-25

Know that as the weather continues to be good this month, we will worship outdoors in the township park next to the church. If the weather is rainy, we will worship indoors. Please check your email on a Saturday if you are not sure whether we will be indoors or outside, or you may call Mary Ellen at 440 543-4505. Whether inside or outside, please use masks and keep social distancing. Worshippers will sing only if outdoors. When indoor for worship, there will be no live vocal music, only recorded and/or instrumental music.

Each week we will continue to post our online worship service on our website or check your email for the link taking you to YouTube. Please also note: If Geauga County Covid-19 cases rise to code red, we will discontinue live worship until the level of infection is again lowered, in alignment with the governor's mandates. In the event that no live indoor or outdoor service is advised due to red status in the county, we will renew our 11 am Sunday coffee hour zoom gatherings.

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### **PRAY FOR:**

Angstrom family  
Balzer family  
Bryan family  
Don Burt  
Patrick Carver  
Kevin O'Reilly  
Betty Ann Felberg  
Joann Giovannelli  
Ken Temple

Holtz family  
Judy Irvin  
Bruce Johnson  
Mullett family  
Betty Peck  
Carol Rogers  
the Rosali's  
Randy Rose  
Stanley family

Janice Stanek  
Connie Streble  
Keith Streble  
Stone family  
Frank Sulka  
Mary Jane Troyer  
Benjamin Waida  
Susan Zarachowicz

Born to Brent and Sarah Eysenbach, Milo James, September 17 2020. Weighing 7 pounds,10 ounces, 20 1/4 in long. Both his sisters, Zoa and Ada are very excited to have a brother. Grandma Susan is happy too.

Jagger James Stevens was born on August 24, 2020. He is the son of Summer (Sherman) and Bob Stevens. He weighed in at 7.8 lbs. and was 19.25 " long. He joins big brother Gunner Jameson Stevens at home. Grandparents Les and Janet Sherman.

As has been our custom for the past few years, on the first Sunday in November we will hold our Remembrance Day service to honor those who are now passed from our sight. Please send us names of friends and family members you wish to remember this day - send to [mehoffman11@gmail.com](mailto:mehoffman11@gmail.com). This year we will not ask individuals come forward to light candles in order to keep social distancing within our sanctuary. Instead one person will read names aloud as the deacons light candles to remember them. This has been a difficult year for so many people throughout this pandemic, yet here is one opportunity where we may lift our loved ones to the Lord who loves us unto eternal life.

# CHURCH NEWS

## **DEACONS**

Wednesday, October 14, 2020 deacon meeting at the Church. Cards in August were sent to Marion Petersen, birthday. Jean Dively, thinking of you during her medical testing, Gary Hogamier and family, sympathy, Bill and Linda Angstrom, thinking of you. Cards, September, sent to The Stanley's, Ethel Nance, Connie and Wayne Streble, thinking of you. Thank you cards to Aubrey Woods, Laura Christian, Bruce Carson, and Mark Solomon for their coverage for Mary Ellen while she was on vacation. In addition, sympathy card to the Angstrom family in memory of Bill Angstrom.

## **TRUSTEES**

The Trustees have been busy organizing various maintenance projects this past spring and summer. The parsonage has a new kitchen floor and a new roof on both the house and the garage. The front steps of the church have been straightened out and they look beautiful. On the other side of the church, the drive entrance from Mayfield ,has had the pothole repaired with a new apron. Inside the church the choir loft next to the organ has been converted to the new bell choir space, painted and with new carpeting. The pews that were there have gone up to the balcony. With all we are doing to maintain the church properties, kindly remember to keep your contributions coming even if you are unable to join us in person. Thank you

## **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

Because we are not meeting in person for Sunday school, Leslie has been working on getting Bible stories and lessons/crafts ready for our young children. These will be available at the church; families will be able to pick them up for the children to complete at home or during church if they are in attendance. At this point we don't know what things will look like once we are back in the building. We will most likely continue with packets that the children can do while they are in church instead of going into the Sunday school rooms. We will continue to monitor the situation and consult with one another as to how to proceed.

God Bless, Christian Education

## **MISSIONS**

### **Neighbors in Need**

Especially now when all of us could use some kindness from our neighbors, the Missions Committee will be supporting Neighbors in Need for October.

### **What does the Neighbors in Need Program Do?**

**Neighbors in Need (NIN)** is a special mission offering of the United Church of Christ that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. One-third of NIN funds support the [Council for American Indian Ministry](#) (CAIM). Two-thirds of this offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries (JWM) to support a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects through grants. Neighbors in Need grants are awarded to UCC churches and organizations doing justice work in their communities. These grants fund projects whose work ranges from direct service to community organizing and advocacy to address systemic injustice. This year, special consideration will be given to projects focusing on serving our immigrant neighbors and communities.

### **Hope Station Nogales to provide reverse sanctuary to deportees in Mexico**

A United Church of Christ sanctuary church offering immigrants refuge in the Arizona borderlands will soon be offering a place of hospitality, support and hope on the Mexican side of the border for people who find themselves deported from the United States. The Shadow Rock UCC Sanctuary Action Team and the Rev. Ken Heintzelman, in an extension of the spirit and intent of their ministry of sanctuary in Phoenix, are in the process of establishing Hope Station Nogales, in Sonora, Mexico.

The thought is Hope Station, which was funded in part by a \$10,000 grant from Neighbors in Need, can be a place of transition, a place where people who are deported but have family in the U.S. can find a meal, safe lodging and assistance.

### **How can we support Neighbors in Need?**

You may write a check to First Congregational Church of Claridon with a memo that it is for "NIN" and put it into the Church collection or you may donate online at [https://transactions.ucc.org/CampaignForm/UCChrist/neighbors\\_in\\_need](https://transactions.ucc.org/CampaignForm/UCChrist/neighbors_in_need)

**Thank you for joining us in support of Neighbors in Need!**

**Missions Committee**