



Last year at this time, I was packing in Green Bay, preparing to move here. I would move in with daughter, Sarah, while Bruce and my Dad stayed in Green Bay to sell our house there. Sarah has lived in Twinsburg for the last seven years and has a cozy little apartment which she graciously shared with me through November of last year. That's when our house sold and Bruce, Dad and I moved into the church parsonage. So much has happened and is happening, including a wedding at Bainbridge Community Church UCC. Sarah, a Bainbridge member, and Michael Popovic will join together in the covenant of marriage this August 1.

In preparation for our out of town family and friends who are coming for this wedding, Bruce, Dad and I have been bustling about the parsonage and grounds. Bruce has found the poison ivy and is now wearing gloves as he weeds. I am particularly grateful to Mary Lou Sheller and Gail Herrilko for plants that just seemed to grow over night. Actually, we raided the Herrilko yard for hostas, daisies, black-eyed Susans, and ferns. Mary Lou's coral bells have settled in to the little backyard garden, but the bunnies (or other critters) seem attracted to the bells.

As you receive this newsletter, I will be on vacation beginning July 20 and returning August 5. Please call Kathy Lessman in the church office or Will Adams, Moderator, if there are needs to be addressed immediately.

Our organist, Sarah Chen, will be moving to Florida to continue her studies in music. We are so grateful to her for this past year. Sarah has brought beauty and precision in her music and joy and grace in her person. While July 19 was Sarah's last Sunday as organist, the Music Committee is planning a coffee hour reception on Sunday, **August 2**. May she know that she will always be welcome here.

August 8 (Saturday) Twins Day parade. The church will have a float in the parade. Marge Adams is chairing this effort and is yet looking for a few more who would like to ride and/or walk with the float. As part of our mission in hospitality, Women's Fellowship is providing light refreshment (food and drink) at a table on the side lawn of the church. Set up at 7:00 a.m. and serving from 7:30 a.m. through the parade. Also during that time, the church will be open for those who may need to use the restrooms or who may be curious about this "church on the square".

August 9 – “When in Our Music God is Glorified” -We will celebrate our faith through music and hymns with brief commentary on the selected hymns. As in ancient times, song continues to be a powerful expression of human faith and hope in the God who still speaks to us, calls and loves humankind, and sends us to love others.

August 16 – Parsonage Open House – 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. – Let’s keep the celebration going! We are celebrating our first year together in ministry in Twinsburg. Light refreshments and hospitality served at the parsonage following worship. Plan to park at the church and make the short walk to 2633 E. Aurora. For those needing a ride, we will offer a “shuttle” to and from the church.

August 23 – First Congregational Church of Twinsburg, United Church of Christ Birthday Celebration: born in 1822 and on the square since 1848. Come join the birthday party!

Blessings,
Kay Krejci

Our own Dottie Lippitt is a member of the Hillcrest Concert Band. They perform from April through December. Here is the schedule for the month of August:

August 4	7:30 p.m.	The Greens Adult Living Community 1515 Brainard Road, Lyndhurst
August 11	7:30 p.m.	Messiah Lutheran Church, 5200 Mayfield Rd, Lyndhurst
August 16	2:30 p.m.	Chautauqua Amphitheater, Chautauqua, New York
August 18	7:00 p.m.	McGregor Home., 14900 Private Dr.—off Lee Rd., East Cleveland
August 25	7:00 p.m.	Judson Park, 2181 Ambleside Dr.—at Cedar Hill, Cleveland Heights

There are dates open for flowers and Coffee Hour. The sheets are posted downstairs in Fellowship Hall. Remember, flowers are now \$25.00. Please pay for them when you sign up. Make the check payable to “Women’s Fellowship”. You may put the check in the offering plate, or drop it off at the office. **There are still people who have not paid for flowers from January—June.** If you aren’t sure, please check with the office.

SPREAD THE LOVE through the Strengthen the Church special mission offering, which is held appropriately each August on the anniversary Sunday (August 23 this year) of the founding of First Congregational Church. This is one of the four special mission offerings within the United Church of Christ and contributes to the UCC's future by:

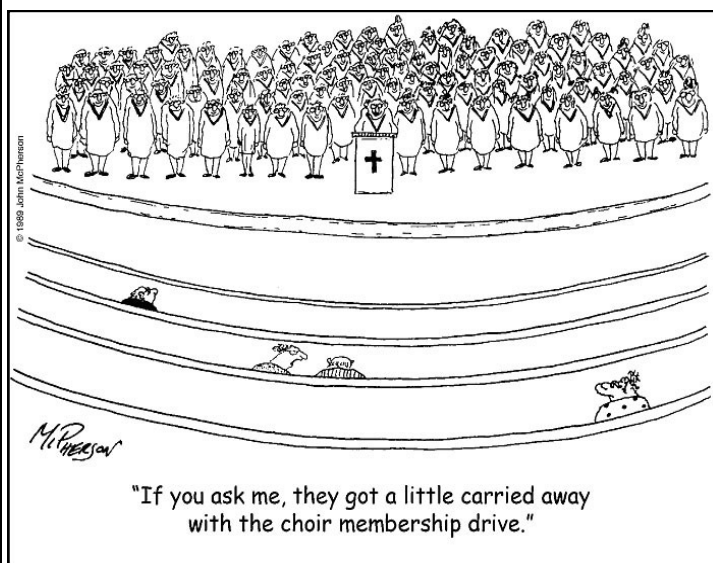
- Funding new church starts and invigorating existing congregations.
- Nurturing lay and pastoral leadership
- Building youth and young adult ministries.
- Supporting the God is Still Speaking Ministry and its extravagant welcome for all within the United Church of Christ. Our gifts to Strengthen the Church are directed to both our local Western Reserve Conference and the UCC's national ministries. For your giving convenience, Strengthen the Church giving envelopes will be in the pew racks on August 16, 23, and 30.

EMERGENCY CENTER DONATIONS

Thanks for your ongoing donations of non-perishable food items for the northern Summit County Emergency Center, which serves all of northern Summit County including many families in Twinsburg. A reminder that all non-perishable food items are welcome but with school children home during the summer months, extra donations of peanut butter/jelly, cereals, and quick foods like macaroni/cheese, tuna meals, etc are greatly appreciated! The collection box is in the hall going to the church kitchen; however, contributions may be left in the narthex if it is more convenient.

True giving is done without the slightest trace of expecting to receive.—Alice R. Pratt

NEWS FROM AZIBANATO...Many years ago, Ralph & Martha Weaver, members of our church, befriended and contributed to the education of a young Nigerian man, Azibanato. The Weavers even had Azibanato as a guest in their Twinsburg home at which time he visited our church. Following Ralph's death, Martha continued to "minister" to Azibanato until her death. Some of our church members, including Lucille Fiorelli, continue to keep in contact with him; Lucille shares his letters with us. Unfortunately, several months ago Azibanato suffered a stroke but according to his most recent letter, he is recovering. Please take time to read the complete letter posted on the downstairs hall bulletin board; however in brief, Azibanato, a man of great faith, is very grateful for God's healing power and the prayers and letters he has received from his friends. At this time, Azibanato needs some help with medical bills; as soon as it can be determined how funds can be securely sent to assist with these bills, we will try to respond to this need through the church Benevolence funds and with any special gifts directed for Azibanato. When received, updates on this situation will be in the Sunday worship folder or the next Tower.



Celebrate the Church's 187th Anniversary!

On Sunday, August 23 the Church will celebrate its 187th Anniversary. We will also celebrate Communion that Sunday. The Fellowship Committee has planned an Ice Cream Social on that day from 2:00 - 4:00 pm. It will be held in the side yard of the church. The Audacity of Horns (saxophone quartet of which Bob Davet is a member) will be performing. Bring chairs or a blanket to sit on the lawn. If the weather is foul, we will meet in Fellowship Hall. If you have any questions, please see Gayle Davet or leave a message at the office.

50 Year Members

The following people have been active members in our church for fifty years or more. Congratulations to these long-time participants! Please join us on August 23rd as we celebrate the church's anniversary and our members' commitment.

1939

Don Bissell
Charles Crouse
Harold Munn
Natalie Nichols

1941

Helen Greene

1945

David Lane
Marjorie Richner
Virginia Richner

1947

Lea Bissell
Jane Gant
Marjorie Percy

1948

Dorothy Lippitt
Robert Richner
Mary Lou Sheller

1950

Paul Munn

1951

Blanche Davies
Daryl Van Bogart

1952

Marianne Davet
Marian Flynn
Joan Terrill

1953

Larry Hurd

1954

Stanford Jewell
Mabel Price
Mary Williams

1957

Grace Fedor
Bob Heston
Marge Heston
Kay Percy
George Richner

1958

Betty Eshelman
Betty Palmer
Dick Sheller

**Lockup Trustee for the
month of August -
Ken A. Prentice**

Congratulations to Bobby Davet, who graduated on Saturday, July 18th from the Tri-C Fire Academy. Bobby spoke at Bible School this year about his training. He is the son of Bob and Gayle Davet. Good Luck, Bobby!

Guidelines for Submissions

Set by CHURCH WOMEN UNITED OF NORTH
SUMMIT COUNTY

April 1992



1. The College Book Fund applicant must be:
 - a resident of North Summit County *and*
 - a member of one of the churches affiliated with Church Women United of North Summit County.
 - a college undergraduate.
2. Application for a grant is made by letter, stating the student's need. Letters must be endorsed by the applicant's Pastor.
3. Grants of \$50.00 per semester are to be used for books only.
4. Application letters for the Fall Semester must be submitted to Marge Roberts or the office by August 15th (received by the Book Fund Chair by August 31st). Application letters for the Spring Semester must be submitted by mid-December (received by December 31st).

*To the students getting ready to enter college—**please have your letters of application turned in by August 15th**—it will soon be upon us! Completed letters may be given to Marge Roberts or dropped off at the church office. If you have any questions about this opportunity, please call Marge Roberts at 330-425-4821*

Christian Women's Fellowship Retreat
Shaw Retreat Center Camp Asbury
September 25-27, 2009


It is not too early to start planning for the annual retreat at Camp Asbury in Hiram, Ohio. The theme is **F.R.O.G.—(translated)-Let God Help You**. *"You never saw him, yet you love him. You still don't see him, yet you trust him- -"* 1 Peter 1:8A (MSG) Some of the topics to cover related to the theme will be "What does FROG have to do with anything". We pray that you will consider joining us for what can be the high point in your year of Christian Worship. It is a nourishing experience to be with a group of Christian sisters in a tranquil setting away from the cares of every day life to worship and praise God together. The total cost is \$82.00, which includes 5 meals and 2 nights lodging. Everyone must prepay! The registration deadline is September 14. Send registration fees and forms to: Dana Flenner, 11977 Waywood Drive, Twinsburg, Ohio. Registration blanks and information are available from Marge Roberts or the office. Any questions, please see Marge Roberts or email Dana Flenner at flenner@roadrunner.com.

**2008 Multiple Sclerosis (MS)
150 Pedal to the Point**

DON'T FORGET - On August 15th & 16th Dick Sheller will be doing his annual 75 mile bicycle ride from the Berea (Cuyahoga County) Fairgrounds to Sandusky High School, near the entrance to Cedar Point and back on Sunday for a two day 150 mile event. Pedal to the Point is a National MS Society major fundraiser. Over 2,000 bicyclists participate in this annual event over the two days. If anyone is willing to help by being a sponsor for his ride this year it will be greatly appreciated. Any amount would be very helpful. Please make your tax deductible checks payable directly to National MS Society and give them to Mary Lou or Dick Sheller.

Good Luck Dick!

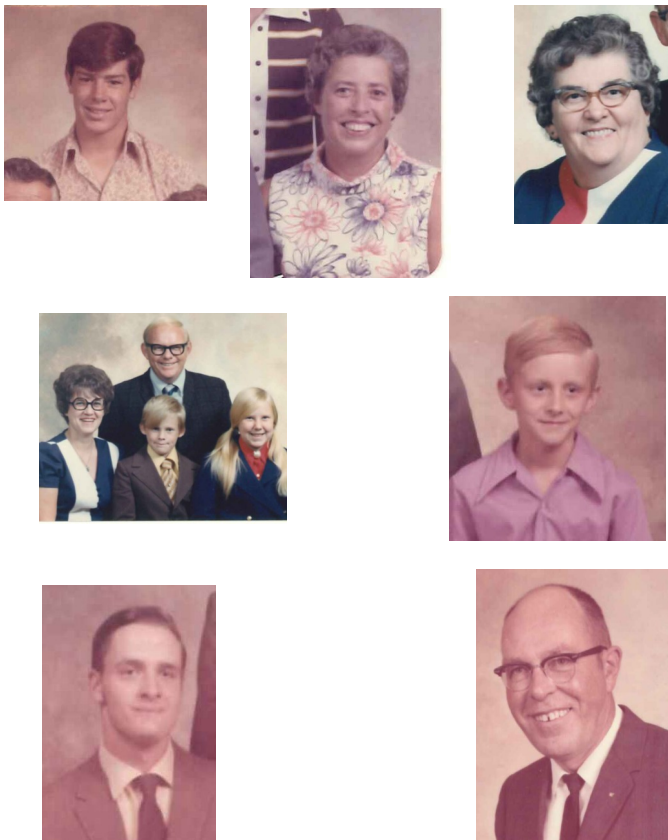
Summer Music



August 2—Judy Richner
August 9—Justin Doe
August 16—Cassie Pietrantozzi
August 23—Dottie Lippitt
August 30—Kayla Bensie

ATTENDANCE		
	Sunday School	Worship Service
June 28 th	None	65
July 5 th	None	78
July 12 th	None	62
July 19 th	None	55

Do You Know These People?




Margaret Francis Seifert
 and
Gregory Alan Russell
 invite you to join them
 at a reception celebrating their recent marriage
 which took place on July 6, 2009
 in Hanover, Indiana.
 Come celebrate with us
 Saturday, August 15, 2009
 2:00 – 5:00 P.M.
 Ivy Tech Community College Rotunda
 590 Ivy Tech Drive
 Madison, Indiana.
 R.S.V.P. by August 8 to: *Please bring only your good wishes.*
 seifert@hanover.edu

If you wish to send a card to Greg Russell, his home address is 716 West 2nd Street, Madison, IN 47250.

Member News

Happy Birthday to:

Marjorie Richner	08/01/09
Heather Hoyt	08/01/09
Blanche Davies	08/02/09
Bob Grunewald	08/02/09
Lacey Bowers	08/03/09
Ken A. Prentice	08/05/09
Janet Paiser	08/08/09
Melissa Schilling	08/08/09
Brenda Adkins	08/09/09
Lisa Davet	08/09/09
Steve Conway	08/09/09
Kevin Murphy, Jr.	08/10/09
Tiffany Neal	08/10/09
Lori Bensie	08/10/09

Happy Birthday to:

Jane Weiss	08/10/09
Helenann Conway	08/11/09
John Towslee	08/11/09
Patrick Hooper	08/13/09
Ray Keffer III	08/14/09
Marie Maynard	08/15/09
Jason Powell	08/16/09
Pat Barnes	08/18/09
Dick Sheller	08/19/09
Brianna Pratt	08/20/09
Regina Munn	08/20/09
Chrissy Sterling	08/21/09
Stephanie Schultz	08/22/09
Daryl Van Bogart	08/28/09
Robert E. Davet	08/31/09

Happy Anniversary to:

Don & Shari Schultz
08/01/1981

Stan & Jan Cook
08/11/1951

Mark & Donna Miller
08/11/1990

Ken & Kim Lacy 08/14/2004

Jim & Mitzi Karabec 08/18/1956

Joe & Mary Biaglow 08/19/2000

Russ & Peggy Davis Griffin 08/23/2003

Jon & Chrissy Sterling 08/31/1996



If we missed your birthday or anniversary,
please contact the church office to
update our records.



Scrap Booking
Friday, August 14
6:00 p.m.—midnight
in the Fellowship Hall

August Schedules

Servers—August 2009

Lynn Schmidt Diane Powell
Ken Prentice Judy Turk
Rich Bissell
Bonnie Williams - Bread
Stan Jewell - Greeters

Communion will be
Sunday, August 23rd this month

Acolyte Schedule - August 2009

August 2— **Jared Doe**
Sophie Keith
August 9— **Seth Richner**
Gordon Weiss
August 16— **Caitlin Sheehan**
Walter Sterling
August 23— **Bryan Bensie**
Madeline Sokolowski
August 30— **Andrew Prentice**
Gwen Richner

Lay Reader's Schedule—August 2009

August 2— Ariel Bissell
August 9—Dottie Oliver
August 16—Rick Sheehan
August 23—Phil Weiss
August 30—Donna Sudnick

The families of the names in **bold** have Acolyte Coordinator Duty and should light the sticks and assist the acolytes. Please see the instruction sheet posted on the wall next to the sticks.

Children's Sermon Schedule August 2009

August 2— Tom Holzwarth
August 9—Women's Fellowship
August 16—Denice Sheehan
August 23—Gayle Davet
August 30—Terri Bissell

If you are unable to serve as Lay Reader, Children's Sermon, or Acolyte on your assigned week, please find a replacement and notify the church office of the change. Thank you!

Flower Schedule—August 2009

August 2— Dan Richner family
August 9—
August 16—
August 23— Peggy & Russ Griffin
August 30—Ken & Roni Prentice

Coffee Hour Schedule—August 2009

August 2— Music Committee
August 9—
August 16—Open House
at Parsonage
August 23—Benevolence
August 30—

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**Come worship with us
and bring a friend!
Worship Service 9:30 a.m.**

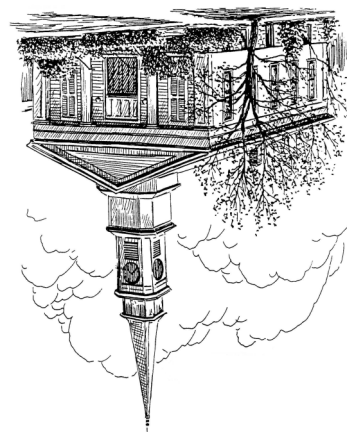
Tower Submissions

Articles for the *Tower* may be e-mailed directly to the church at firstcongregational.church@windstream.net. Hard copies, CD's, or diskettes may be dropped off at the office.

Tower deadlines are posted on the monthly calendar and in the Sunday worship bulletin. For questions, or to be added to or taken off the mailing list, please send an e-mail or call the church office at 330-425-2181.

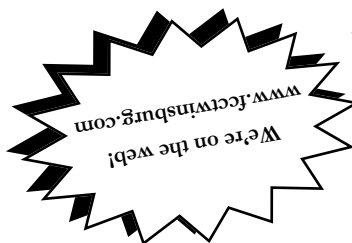
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