



The Herald

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I recently read a very good blog on change. It clearly comes from a whole different perspective than you think.

The author was chronicling a long-time saint of the church who was packing up some women’s club items. She was the last of the “old” women’s club left and insisted on packing the boxes herself as she knew not only what the boxes contained but what they represented.

For generations this particular church group existed as the heartbeat of the mission and outreach of this particular church. These “saints” organized, raised funds, cooked, sewed, comforted and ministered to the church family.

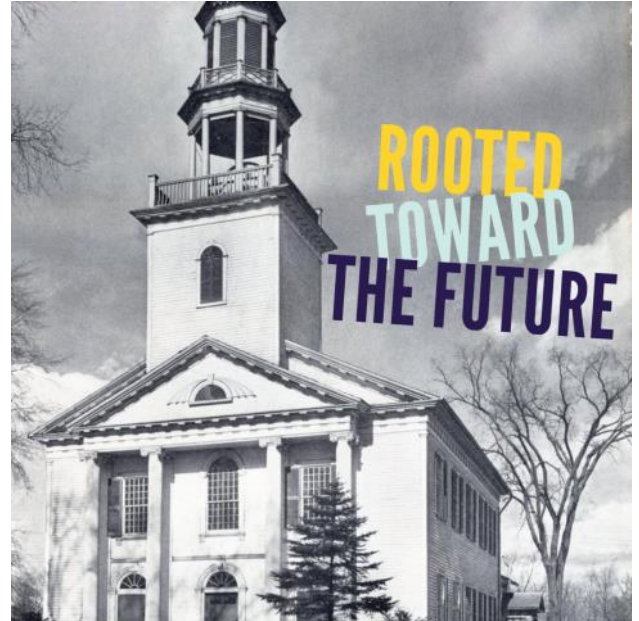
In the end, she was reminded of the old offertory sentence from the Book of Common Prayer, bidding us all “with gladness” to “present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.” She decided this was a fitting tribute “but she also had to admit that, beyond the odd ambivalence of claiming this heritage with one arthritic hand and passing it on with the other, there was something else. Deep down beneath the cobwebs and the doilies, beneath the gratitude and the disappointment lived something perhaps even more elemental. Fear.”

Let’s be honest. She’s afraid ... afraid all that work will get lost in the hurly-burly, afraid of irrelevance, afraid of being the bathwater thrown out with the baby and of being forgotten.

As we step boldly into God’s glorious future, we must keep in mind the many generations of “saints” who have brought us to this point. First Congregational Church has a long heritage of ministry to this community (and beyond!). Rest assured that we will always pay homage to that history rather than simply dismiss it onto the trash heap of time.

While other hands planted the seed of ministry in this place, subsequent generations placed their own imprint on what has become of our church home. Even when the current facility was built in 1969, we can safely assume they weren’t doing things the same way as when the Historic Church on the circle was built in 1825!

Now our fingerprints are imbued upon this place. What ministry is God calling us to now? How will we reach out to the future in faith while being firmly grounded in our past? I know with God’s guidance, you and I can find these answers together!



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

JUN 25 — FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Guest Preacher: Rev. Joyce Schroer

JUL 02 — FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Guest Preacher: Rev. John Phillips

JUL 09 — SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Scripture: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Message: "Sacred Rest"

JUL 16 — SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Scripture: Matthew 13: 1-9, 18-23

Message: "Abundant Possibilities"

JUL 23 — EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Scripture: Matthew 13:24-20, 36-43

Message: "Wheat and Weeds Together"

JUL 30 — NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Scripture: Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Message: "Pictures of God's Realm"

Thank you to Our Guest Preachers

While Dan is away for his BGSU Choral Reunion, travels to New Zealand, and the UCC General Synod, we are blessed to have four guest preachers from within and outside our FCC family. Thank you to Rev. Michael Howard, Rev. David Kiewit, Rev. Joyce Schroer, and Rev. John Phillips for supplying worship during Dan's time away. Rev. John Phillips continues to be "on call" for pastoral care situations. Please call the church office if you have need of a pastoral visit.

Fifth Sunday Worship



In an effort to vary worship styles and settings that reflect the preferences of our diverse congregation, it has been decided to move every "5th Sunday of the month" worship service to the Fellowship Hall. Here we will experience a more casual service. Come dressed in casual clothes. (Shorts for the summer are encouraged!) The music will also reflect a more diverse tradition incorporating a more contemporary flair. Our first "5th Sunday" Worship service will take place Sunday, July 30 at 9:30 in the Fellowship Hall. See you there!

With Sympathy

It is with great sympathy that we announce the deaths of the following friends of FCC:

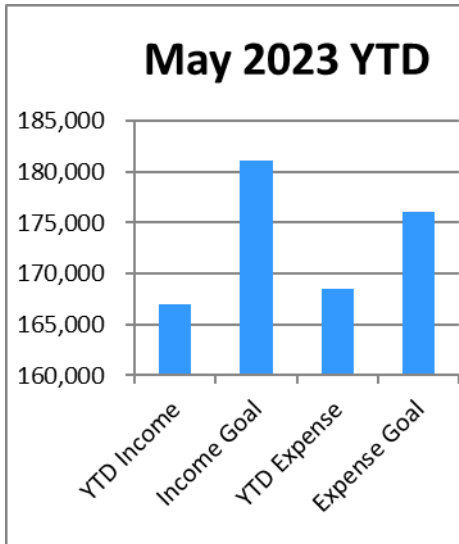
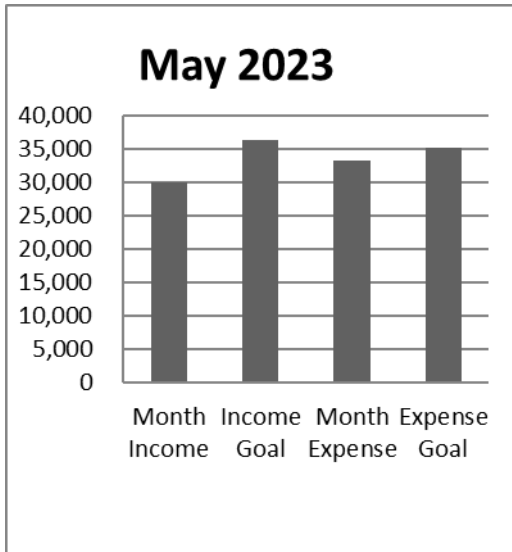
Coletta Spoler, who died on May 17, 2023.

Garry D. Scherer Sr., father of Garry Scherer Jr. and Donald Scherer, and grandfather of Charlotte, Irenne, Lillian, and Elaina Scherer, who died June 3, 2023.

John Wogan, stepfather of Missy Newcomer, who died June 8, 2023.



MONTHLY FINANCIALS



May, 2023 operating income of \$29,888 was \$6,318 **below** the monthly income budget. Operating expenses for the month were \$33,291 resulting in a **deficit** of (\$3,403) in May, and a YTD **deficit** of (\$1,426). Operating expenses continue to be higher so far this year compared with 2022. We look forward in prayer to a theology of generosity and the ability to strengthen the growth of our ministries as we move forward in 2023. Contact the Church office to find out how to sign up for automatic monthly giving. Offerings may also be made online through a link on our website, mailed to the Church or sent from your bank's online system.



QCD: Do you know what it stands for? Although the age for having to take a Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) from your IRA keeps going up, at 70 1/2 you can still have a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) made from your IRA. Talk to your financial and tax advisors to see if you can benefit from this opportunity.

SCHOLARSHIPS 2023

Congratulations to our 2023 Memorial Scholarship winners:

Allison Byron

Allison is the daughter of John and Karen Byron. She currently attends Kent State University as a Fashion Design major and will be a sophomore in the fall. Allison is the 2023 recipient of the **Pat Holcomb, Anne Schwendeman, Stanley and Daisy Watts, and Richard and JoAnn Wood** Scholarships.



Madalyn Parry

Madalyn is the daughter of John and Mari-Lyn Parry. She recently graduated from Kent State University as an Early Childhood Education major and will be pursuing a Master's degree in Education Policy from Johns Hopkins University. Madalyn is the 2023 recipient of the **Geneva Wright Atwood, Heritage, and Margaret Starkey** Scholarships.

Summer Ladies Study

Join us for Max Lucado's Video Study, "Help is Here"; finding Fresh Strength and Power of the Holy Spirit

1 pm on Wednesdays,
Beginning June 28th through July
in the Theater Room (church basement)
(enter by the side door across from the fire pit)

Leaders: Ann Holt and Diana Caldwell

"The Spirit Gives Life" (2nd Cor. 3:16)



A Message from the Prayer Chain Family:

Would you like to help us lift up prayers for our church family, staff and friends? You can show your support by holding them in your hearts and daily prayers and by serving on our prayer chain. It is a priceless gift of service! Text or call Diana Caldwell @ 330-265-5723.

"Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful!" Col. 4:2

THE PRAYER CHAIN CONNECTION

We pray for the individuals listed below and also for many other church members and their concerns, which remain confidential. You may call or text Diana Caldwell with your prayer concerns @ 330-265-5723.

Bless be God who did not refuse me the kindness I sought in prayer. Psalm 66:20

Dorothy Achimasi
Bob Anderson (Cindie Anderson's father-in-law)
Brad Ashley
Noreen Ashley
Tim Ashley
Carrie Blaydes (Sherri Tanner's sister)
Marilyn Berta
Rob Broocker (Cousin of Kristin Yoho)
Steve Burr
Bea Clarke
Jim and Bonnie Collinson (friends of Connie Mason)
Devin DeVies (grandson of Patty Calvarese)
Dianne Drummond

Gene and Janice Enlow (Kim Stock's parents)
Christine Gibson (friend of Arlene Miller)
Kara Grant (daughter of Ken and Diana Caldwell)
Eleanor Hall
Zell Lambert
Bill Laymon
Katie Moore
Marie O'Neil
Walt and Margie Nicholson
David and Jackie Parker
Robert Walchalk (son-in-law of John and Fay James)
Ken and Linda Wooley (friends of Barbara Rowles)
Alzheimer's Care Giver Support Group
Confidential Names on our Prayer List

Mission Moment from the Philippines

During a Global Ministries visit to Dansalan College, a female student wearing a head covering planted a seedling in the field far behind the academic building. This tree is one of hundreds being planted as part of a sustainable forest and garden project on the school's Annex property near Iligan City, in the southern Philippines island of Mindanao. The agricultural project has multiple goals, including teaching students to care for the land, providing needed fruits and vegetables, and further cultivating the grounds for conferences and school activities.



Dansalan College Foundation has been growing its Iligan Annex since the attack in 2017 that destroyed the school's historic campus in Marawi City, about 20 miles to the south. Six years ago on May 23, a group of militants overran the city and captured the school that stood prominently at its center, taking several faculty and staff hostage. After a month, the Philippines military defeated the militants in a battle that left the entire campus in rubble and much of it burned.



Dansalan started holding classes at the Annex for the many students who fled to Iligan after the siege, and over the years Dansalan has worked to expand and develop the Annex buildings and grounds in order to restore the school to its former teaching capacity—in hopes of one day also rebuilding its Marawi campus.

Global Ministries has a special relationship with Dansalan College and has accompanied the school during its periods of growth and renewal. The school was founded in 1950 by Dr. Frank Laubach, a Congregational missionary who nurtured relations with the Muslim Maranao people around Lake Lanao. The buildings that were destroyed carried the names of Laubach and other notable mission workers who served the school over the decades. In 2019,

Global Ministries presented an Award of Affirmation to Dansalan College Foundation for its ongoing efforts to recover from its tragedy.

Although affiliated with the **United Church of Christ in the Philippines**, Dansalan College has always served the predominantly Muslim community of Mindanao. It continues to educate both Muslim and Christian students. Global Ministries continues to support Dansalan College as it grows into the future. It remains committed to its mission of education, interfaith community-building, and peace for children of all faiths.

CONCERT ON JULY 24th

Monday, July 24th at 7pm, the Stan Hywet Good-year Concert Band, under the direction of George Martin, will be presenting a one-hour musical performance in the Fellowship Hall.

Please mark your calendars to attend.

JOIN US FOR
A SUMMER
CONCERT

Stan Hywet
Goodyear Concert
Band

Monday, July 24th
@ 7pm

FCC Fellowship Hall



WNI PAINT NIGHT | MAY 22, 2023



On Monday, May 22nd, WNI hosted a Paint Night in the Fellowship Hall with local artist, Lauren Stahl. Women of all ages gathered to make a beautiful lavender flower with bumble bees on slate. What a great night of fun and fellowship!

Women's Fellowship July Luncheon



Inviting ALL WOMEN of the church to attend the July Lunch on Thursday, July 6th at Noon in the Fellowship Hall. This will be a POTLUCK meal. Bring your favorite dish to share. Drinks, plates and silverware will be provided. Come and share your ideas for future gatherings like programs, service projects, etc. We hope you will join us for a time of delicious food and great conversation.

Betty Cottrill, Sandy Farabee and Kim Fulton will be at a signup table in the Atrium on the following Sundays: June 18, 25 and July 2nd.

Thank you Makala!

We would like to thank Makayla Harle for caring for our youngest members in the nursery and helping in the preschool Sunday school class. She has a calming presence, which is perfect for our little ones. She is heading to California to study at the American Academy of Dramatic Arts. Stop in the nursery to thank her and wish her luck on her new adventures.



Thank You!

We would like to thank the congregation for their support and donations to our four-legged friends at Paws & Prayers Pet Rescue. The volunteers were so excited about the many items we brought for their cats, dogs and facility. We got to snuggle with puppies, coo at cats and say hello to the dogs. It was a great time, and we learned so much about their dedication to find homes for these animals.



Twists & Turns Vacation Bible School

June 26– 29 from 6-8:15 PM

The Christian Education Board is hosting their annual VBS. This year's theme is: **Twists & Turns; Following Jesus Changes the Game.** We will be discovering the twists and turns of life and building our relationship with Jesus Christ like Peter did.

Our daily lessons will include:

Jesus is Holy– Peter following Jesus

Jesus is Trustworthy– Peter walked to Jesus on water

Jesus is worth following– Peter spoke boldly about Jesus

Jesus is for everyone– Peter told Cornelius about Jesus

To register your CHILD (age 4– 5th grade as of 5/1/23) or your youth HELPER (6th– 12th grader as of 5/1/23), please visit our [website](#).



Vacation Bible School Donations

We could not run a successful program without this congregation and their generosity. The items we are requesting for this year are listed below:

Food items: (fresh food arrive June 25 or 26)

Watermelon cut in chunks

3 Quarts of Strawberries

2 Quarts of Blueberries

2 Quarts of Raspberries

1 bag Red Grapes

Watch for a change!

The Christian Education Board has been talking about making some changes during the Sunday School hour this coming fall. We, like many churches, are not having good attendance during this hour. We have had good discussions, shared a survey and are working on a new plan for Christian Education for our children. It will look different, but our hope is that we will have more people participate and our discussion with children and youth about faith will continue. If you would like to be a part of this change, contact Sarah Ickes.

Kitchen entry Doors

Treehouse Preschool asked Trustees if they could replace the kitchen entry doors that do not lock properly. Trustees hired Ohio Home Improvements to complete this project. When the door arrives in August, it will be installed in two days. This project will be paid for by Treehouse grant funds.



Treehouse Preschool's 50th Anniversary Celebration on August 12 and 13



This is an exciting moment, and we are going to celebrate in grand style. On **August 12** from 1-3pm we will be offering a carnival-type atmosphere for anyone to attend. We have many activities happening that day:

Kona shaved ice truck	Balloon artist	Connect Four
Metropolis Popcorn	Facepainting	Photobooth
Ball pit	Duck pond	Wheel of prizes
Inflatable slide	Frog flip	Lollipop tree

This celebration is free to all those who attend, but we need many volunteers to help with this event. We need some people to make some games, run the games and welcome people that day. Here is an opportunity for you to participate this weekend; <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0A44A4AC2DA2F58-treehouse2>

On Sunday, **August 13** we will be celebrating in worship followed by a celebration. There were many people from the congregation that have contributed to this school becoming a solid preschool for the past 50 years. We need to honor them and their contributions.

If you were a part of Treehouse Preschool, either as a staff member, board member, founding committee or student, we would love for you to dig out some pictures. You can scan them and send them to treehouse-tallmadge@gmail.com or put them on google drive and share with the same email address.

Did you know?

In 1973, Helen Pugh, Brenda Bagnoli, Pat Keener and Clair McCaulley were the four initial Treehouse Preschool board members. They hired Virginia Eickleberry as the lead teacher and Pat Keener as the aide.

The budget for the school year was pretty simple:

Teacher salary	\$1552
Aide salary	\$ 450
Sub salary	\$ 100
Supplies	\$ 75
License fee	\$ 50
Total	\$2600

Tuition cost was \$130 per year for each of the 20 children.

Compared to 2023; we now have eight staff members— Kelly Benson, Eileen Walters, Christin Poling, Jamie Smith, Lisa Faluotico, Kim Stock, McKenzie Willingham, and Wendy Brown. Our budget is much more complicated, but generally it looks like this:

Staff salary	\$112,509
Sub salary	\$ 3640
Supplies	\$ 10,590
License fee	\$ 0
Family engagement	\$ 950
Advertising	\$ 1135
Donations	\$ 8500
Total	\$137,324

Tuition cost is \$1350 per year for each of the 88 children and \$450 for our toddler class of 12. At least we have one thing less expensive than in 1973... there is no license fee any more.





Thank you so much for naming me the recipient of the Heritage, Atwood, and Starkey scholarships. I greatly appreciate the support from the FCC congregation as I begin my masters at Johns Hopkins and teaching kindergarten in Baltimore, Maryland.

Thank you again,
Madalyn Parry

A loving “Thank You” to Pastor Dan, Diana Caldwell, our church prayer chain, and church friends for their prayers, cards, and phone calls. My surgery went well and I am home from the hospital and doing well. I am looking forward to being able to come back to church.

My love to all of you, Bill Laymon

On behalf of our entire family, we would like to thank Pastor Dan for his beautiful service and support for Dad’s funeral. We would also like to thank our church family for all your prayers, kind words, phone calls, and cards with the passing of our Dad, Ben. We are truly blessed to be a part of such a loving and supportive church family.

- Tom, Linda, and family

Thank you to Women’s Fellowship and Gary Myers for working to replace our refrigerator in the small kitchen. We really appreciate all you do for FCC Tallmadge.



5th Annual Stars & Stripes Golf Scramble

Support WJHM. Join us for a fun morning of golf at Brookledge followed by lunch and awards!

When & Where

Saturday, August 19, 2023
Brookledge Golf Club
1621 Bailey Road
Cuyahoga Falls, OH 44222

Cost

\$100 per person
\$400 per team of four

Schedule

7:15am – Registration
8:00am – SHOTGUN START
1:00pm – Lunch and Awards Ceremony

Registration

Three convenient registration options:

1. NEW this year – Register Online! Choose individual or team registration
2. Print registration form and mail, along with payment, to:
Warriors Journey Home
P.O. Box 67121
Cuyahoga Falls, OH 44222
3. Register and pay at the outing starting at 7:15am

Worship Attendance

May 21	128
May 28	123
June 4	119
June 11	101
June 18	80



June—July—August

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

WORSHIP: 9:30 AM

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF TALLMADGE

UPCOMING SUNDAYS

Greeters

June 25	Nan Nagel and Sue Canavan
July 2	Terri Poff and Yvonne Larson
July 9	Carol Dowey
July 16	Donna Marlow
July 23	Don and Judy Woerz
July 30	Walter and Ann Holt

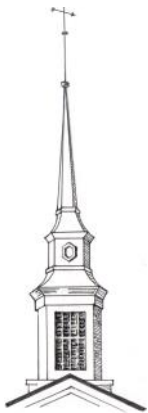
Altar Flowers

June 25	Jim Chapman, Terri Poff
July 2	
July 9	Ray and Jackie Mohr
July 16	
July 23	Cliff and Sue Yeager
July 30	

Sign up in
the hallway
\$28 per
arrangement

Ushers

June 25	Ken Caldwell, Kim and Gary Fulton, Larry Robinson
July 2	Dave Marconi, Larry Robinson, Al Lytle, Ken Caldwell
July 9	Terri Poff, Kim Fulton, Karen Huth, Larry Robinson
July 16	Dave Marconi, Bonnie Fordham, Sandy Haydu, Gary Myers
July 23	Ken Caldwell, John and Anita Lahrmer, Diana Caldwell
July 30	Gary Marlow, Jim and Dee West, Larry Robinson



June—July—August SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Monday—Thursday:
9:00 am—12:00 pm



JULY 2023

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
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2 8:45 AM—Social Action Meeting 9:30 AM—Worship/Communion	3 6:00 PM—Heritage Meeting 6:30 PM—Trustees Meeting	4 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED 6:00 PM—Naranon	5 9:00 AM—Quilters 1:00 PM—Ladies Study 6:00 PM—NA	6 10:00 AM—Staff Meeting 12:00 PM—WF Potluck in Fellowship Hall	7	8
9 8:30 AM—EC Meeting 9:30 AM—Worship	10 6:00 PM—Heritage	11 6:00 PM—Naranon	12 9:00 AM—Quilters 1:00 PM—Ladies Study 6:00 PM—NA	13 10:00 AM—Staff Meeting	14	15
16 9:30 AM—Worship	17 6:00 PM—Heritage	18 6:00 PM—Cards 6:00 PM—Naranon	19 9:00 AM—Quilters 1:00 PM—Ladies Study 6:00 PM—NA	20 10:00 AM—Staff Meeting	21	22
23 9:30 AM—Worship 10:30 AM—CE Meeting	24 6:00 PM—Heritage 7:00 PM—Stan Hywet Band Concert	25 10:30 AM—ACSG 6:00 PM—Naranon	26 9:00 AM—Quilters 1:00 PM—Ladies Study 6:00 PM—NA	27 10:00 AM—Staff Meeting	28	29
30 9:30 AM—Fifth Sunday Worship in Fellowship Hall	31 6:00 PM—Heritage					

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