



# The Herald

First Congregational Church of Tallmadge  
United Church of Christ

“Making God the Foundation of Everyday Living”

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It’s August and most of us will flip the calendar and wonder where the summer has gone. We had such plans, we had places to visit and people to see. Now it’s August and we wonder how we’re going to fit all that in, in the time we have left.

I remember this time a couple of years ago that some of us got really excited when a friend sent that note on Face- book that August that year had five Fri-

days, Saturdays and Sundays - which the message says only happens every 823 years. And folks got all excited because they thought of all that extra time they would have to squeeze in some summer fun. Since we probably won’t be around the “next” time it happens, we might as well make use of those days! Well here’s the thing - virtually any month with 31 days where the first day of the month is a Friday will have five Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. So there were other Facebook friends who had to be the ones to burst the “I’m going to make each of these days count because I won’t be around in 823 years” bubble.

So back to August and your panic that summer is almost over. Back-to-school shopping flyers and commercials are everywhere, and you have to begin the preparation for a new school year. I like back-to-school shopping. Who doesn’t like the smell of a new notebook, the crisp edges of folders that have yet to be stuffed with papers and thrown into the bottom of the locker, or the symmetrical look of a row of unsharpened pencils? While all of these attributes of school sup- plies are wonderful, I also think that “new” school supplies have so much potential.

The empty page and the unused pencils and folders hold the promise that something new can take place. New thoughts can be recorded, new handouts with vital information can be stored and just maybe we might receive a surprising revelation with all of this newness.

We have taken some time this summer to look through the coming year to plan some communi- ty experiences. Yes, we’ll still be having a Backpack Blessing Sunday, a funding campaign, and hopefully the return of Sup w/7, along with Advent and Christmas and everything else. But just as we’ve seen pencils, notebooks and folders before, when we look anew at what potential these events and programs have, we can open ourselves up to the movement of the Spirit amongst us. (Hopefully, we’ll also have some new faces around to get to know and be in minis- try with!) Let’s try to be attentive to the voice of the still-speaking God pushing us in new direc- tions. We might even realize “we’ve no less days to sing God’s praise - then when we first be- gun”!

Grace for the journey,



## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

### 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"

### AUG 06— TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Scripture: Matthew 14:13-21

Message: "Table of Plenty"

### AUG 13— ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Scripture: Matthew 14:22-33

TREEHOUSE PRESCHOOL ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

### AUG 20— TWELVTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

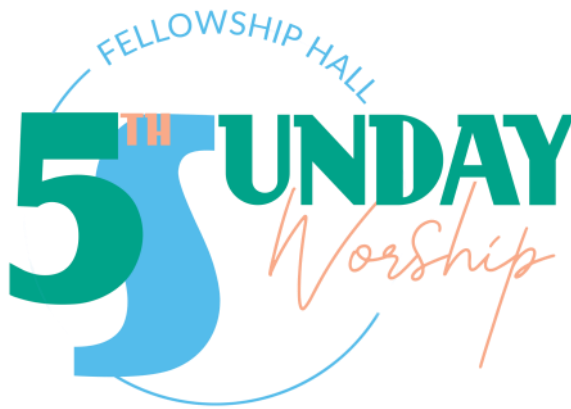
Scripture: Matthew 15:(10-20, 21-28

Message: "For the Whole World"

### AUG 27— THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Scripture: Matthew 16:13-20

Message: "Who Do You Say I Am?"



### 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 "5<sup>th</sup> 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 "5<sup>th</sup> Sunday" worship service will take place Sunday, July 30 at 9:30 in the Fellowship Hall. See you there!

## Save the date

Installation of  
**Rev. Daniel Doty,**  
*Senior Minister*  
*First Congregational Church of*  
*Tallmadge*

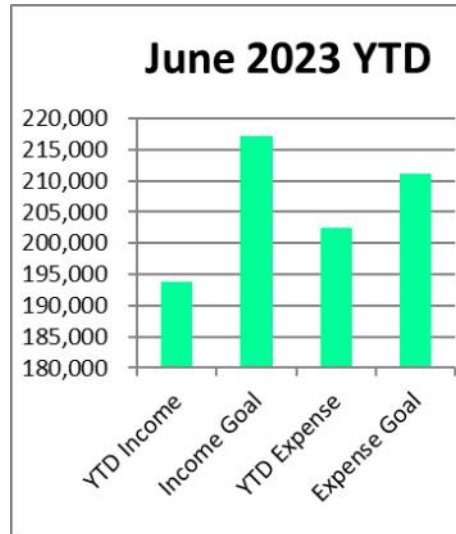
**Sunday,**  
**September 17th**  
**at 4:00 PM**

### *With Sympathy*

It is with great sympathy that we announce the death of Bob Anderson, father of Rick Anderson, and father-in-law of Cindie Anderson, who died on June 23, 2023.



# MONTHLY FINANCIALS



June, 2023 operating income of \$26,750 was \$9,500 **below** the monthly income budget. Operating expenses for the month were \$33,935 resulting in a **deficit** of (\$7,180) in June, and a YTD **deficit** of (\$8,610). Faith offerings have increased in 2023, however, 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.

## WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

### AUGUST LUNCHEON

# Olive Garden

Thursday, August 3 | 12 pm



Semi-annual giving statements have been sent via email and post. Please contact the church office if you have any questions.

## 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 24<sup>th</sup>  
@ 7pm

FCC Fellowship Hall





## The World as We Knew it: The Church's Rummage Sale

This is not another article to decry the many changes that the Covid-19 pandemic facilitated (and yet it has elements of that change). This is not another article on the shifting values/priorities of society (though there is a bit of that in here). This is not another article to bemoan the fact that the Mainline Protestant Church is declining in societal influence (though it has!)



NY Times Religion Editor Phyllis Tickle wrote extensively on the Emergence Church. She felt that the Church (universal) underwent a "rummage sale" every five hundred years. The Church in some fashion or another looked around out all the "things" of the faith and decided some things needed to be jettisoned. [Click here](#) for YouTube video that is an introductory session she has led on the subject.

As Phyllis wrote we were in the "tick up," the 50-year period of drastic change, when the church was having its "rummage sale" and emerging into something new. This "tick up" was indeed accelerated by the Covid-19 pandemic. She firmly believed that the church would survive – but it would be quite different.

We find ourselves in a season when the church has changed particularly when it comes to its faith formation aspects. The 9-month (Sept.-May) Sunday morning Sunday School seems to be a victim of our shifting society and the pandemic. We no longer find a consistent body of children we might call Sunday School attenders. The demands on our young families have grown exponentially and there is a need to alter our traditional "Sunday school" experience.

CE, Wendy, some of our SS teachers and Rev. Doty began meeting in Spring to assess the situation and try to devise alternative plans. We are going to introduce a new "Faith in Action" program that will be intergenerational, experiential, and flexible in order to address the needs of this emerging situation.

We ask that you keep an open mind and consider what part you might be able to play in this new experiment. Watch for Wendy's article in the next Herald to spell out more of the details of the "Faith in Action" program at FCC.

## 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*

*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*

*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*



## 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***

## Mission Moment from Hungary

Since 2020, the Refugee Ministry of the Reformed Church in Hungary (RCH) has been blessed with the opportunity to support ten Pakistani families who faced persecution in their homeland and sought refuge in Thailand. However, their journey did not end there, for they encountered further trials and tribulations while living in hiding, illegally, and in constant fear for many years. Yet, our faithful God is a rescuing God who never forsakes His beloved ones in times of hardship. In His infinite grace, He made a way for them to reach the promised land of Hungary, where they can openly pray, worship, and proclaim the name of our living Lord and Savior.



Through the dedicated efforts of RCH’s Ministry, a vibrant and steadfast Christian prayer and fellowship group has emerged. Here, everyone is welcome to freely share and live out their faith, which once subjected them to persecution. Their testimonies of resilience and unwavering devotion serve as an inspiration to one another and to all who encounter their journey.

In this sacred gathering, hearts are uplifted, burdens are shared, and the love of Christ flows abundantly. Together, they stand as a shining example of God’s redemptive power, demonstrating the transformative nature of faith and the strength found in Christian fellowship. Their unwavering commitment to their beliefs fuels their passion for supporting and encouraging others in their own spiritual walk.

We give thanks to the Lord for His unwavering love and provision for guiding these ten families to a place where they can freely practice their faith and become beacons of hope for others. May their story continue to touch hearts, leading many to embrace the love and salvation found in our Lord Jesus Christ.







# Thank You!

So many people came together to make Twist & Turns a successful VBS program. We had 14 youth volunteer for the week to work side by side with the 55 children who attended. We also had 13 adults providing learning moments through crafts, games, snack, story and music. Anne Pertick and Kyle Herron get the “above and beyond award.” Kyle made snacks to match our decorations and t-shirts too. She and her team went all out! Anne documented the week in photos and created a daily video to send out on Facebook. Of course, we couldn’t provide a successful program without all the donations provided by members of this congregation. You truly make my job easy by providing the funds and supplies for the week.

We had a mission opportunity for families to participate during the week. They donated supplies and funds to Portage County APL. We collected over \$200 and many supplies. We will be delivering those donations soon.

## 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.



## 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, do not have 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.



FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
**YOUTH MINISTRIES**  
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Check out our Youth Facebook Page for updates about summer missions and upcoming activities for the fall!

**6 Generosity**  
**WAYS TO GIVE**  
at FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF TALLMADGE

- In Person
- Automatic Giving
- Online Banking
- Online
- Mobile
- Text

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

## WE NEED YOUR HELP!



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 member or student, we would love for you to dig out some pictures. You can scan them and send them to [treehouse-tallmadge@gmail.com](mailto:treehouse-tallmadge@gmail.com) or put them on google drive and share with the same email address.

## Did you know?

As of spring of 2023, Treehouse Preschool has provided 2,171 students with an early childhood education opportunity. We started with just one class. The first roster we have in our records was 1978 when we had 20 4-year-olds registered for a morning class from 9:15-11:30 am. There were two teachers, Mrs. Nan Nagel and Mrs. Thelma Paleudis, who provided the education for these eager learners. Now we have eight classes offering opportunities for 2 1/2—5 year olds to learn, grow and experience preschool.

1973 One class

1975 Closed for the fall to decide if they close permanently or restructure

1976 In the spring, they reopened one class under a new name, Treehouse Preschool

1979 They expanded to two classes

1982 They added 3-year-olds for morning only, three full classes in total

1984 On to four classes offered

1989 There were five classes now

1990 Treehouse has grown to six classes for 3-, 4- and 5-year-olds

2001 Me and My Parent was added for toddlers to come learn with their parent

2011 Enrichment, science and math, was added as a 4th day option for the oldest students

We have made minor changes since 2011, but the current structure is still the same. After 50 years, however, we are adding 15 minutes to our daily schedule.







Dear Friends at Women’s New Initiative,

Thank you so much for your generous gift of \$300 in memory of your friend Susan Schunk. We are so sorry for this loss. We at Shelter Care are so appreciative of your support and kindness and feel blessed to call you our friend! The kids will benefit greatly because of your generosity.

Every contribution gives a child in Shelter Care an opportunity to grow and heal from the circumstances that brought them to us originally, and none of the work done here would be possible without you. Thank you so much for joining us in the fight to protect the youth in our community.

Gratefully Yours,

-Welsey D. Fair, Ph.D.  
President

-Jessica Purdy  
Director of Development



## 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

## Tallmadge Circle Festival - August 19



First Congregational Church will be hosting a booth this year at the Circle Fest. We need your help to make that happen. Please contact the office if you are willing to help plan or sit at the booth that evening.

## Worship Attendance

June 25	108
July 2	92
July 9	111
July 16	134



June—July—August

# SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL

WORSHIP: 9:30 AM

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## UPCOMING SUNDAYS

### Greeters

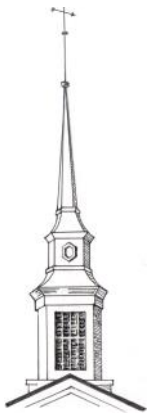
July 23	Donna Marlow
July 30	Walter and Ann Holt
Aug 6	Terri Poff
Aug 13	Walter and Ann Holt
Aug 20	Walter and Ann Holt
Aug 27	Don and Judy Woerz

### Altar Flowers

July 23	Cliff and Sue Yeager
July 30	
Aug 6	Don and Judy Woerz
Aug 13	Dan and Amy Doty
Aug 20	Jennifer and Ethan Ross
Aug 27	Jeff and Edith Sullivan

Sign up in  
the hallway  
\$28 per  
arrangement

### Ushers



July 23	Ken and Diana Caldwell, John and Anita Lahrmer
July 30	Gary Marlow, Jim and Dee West, Larry Robinson
Aug 6	Larry Robinson, Dave Marconi, Al Lytle, Ken Caldwell
Aug 13	Larry Robinson, Dave Marconi, Terri Poff, Kim Fulton
Aug 20	Dave Marconi, Bonnie Fordham, Sandy Haydu, Gary Myers
Aug 27	Ken and Diana Caldwell, John and Anita Lahrmer



## June—July—August SUMMER OFFICE HOURS



Monday—Thursday:  
9:00 am—12:00 pm

# AUGUST 2023

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
		1 6:00 PM—Naranon	2 9:00 AM—Quilters 6:00 PM—NA	3 10:00 AM—Staff Meeting 12:00 PM—WF Luncheon	4	5
6 8:45 AM—Social Action Meeting 9:30 AM—Worship/Communion	7 6:00 PM—Heritage 6:30 PM—Trustees Meeting	8 SPECIAL ELECTION 6:00 PM—Naranon	9 9:00 AM—Quilters 6:00 PM—NA	10 10:00 AM—Staff Meeting	11	12 1-3PM - Treehouse 50th Anniversary Celebration
13 8:30 AM—EC Meeting 9:30 AM—Worship/Backpack Blessing/Treehouse Celebration	14 6:00 PM—Heritage	15 6:00 PM—Cards 6:00 PM—Naranon	16 9:00 AM—Quilters 6:00 PM—NA	17 10:00 AM—Staff Meeting	18	19 Tallmadge Circle Festival
20 9:30 AM—Worship	21 6:00 PM—Heritage	22 6:00 PM—Naranon	23 9:00 AM—Quilters 6:00 PM—NA	24 10:00 AM—Staff Meeting	25	26
27 9:30 AM—Worship	28 6:00 PM—Heritage	29 10:30 AM—ACSG 6:00 PM—Naranon	30 9:00 AM—Quilters 6:00 PM—NA	31 10:00 AM—Staff Meeting 7:00 PM—Choir Practice/Ice Cream Social		



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