

Henrietta United Methodist Church

Serving Christ Since 1872

**May 2021
Newsletter**



**“Our mission is to become
and make disciples;
to serve wherever Jesus calls us.”**

Worship Services:

Sundays at 9 & 11 AM

***Henrietta United Methodist Church
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Amherst, OH 44001
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Address correction requested.

Upcoming May Events

- 2 – 9:00 & 11:00 AM Worship Services
- 5 – 7:00 PM Choir Practice
- 8 – 9:00 AM Spring Clean-Up
- 9 – Mother's Day
 - 9:00 & 11:00 AM Worship Services
 - 4:00 PM Country Shamrocks 4H Meeting
- 10 – 6:00 PM VBS Planning Meeting
- 12 – 7:00 PM Choir Practice
- 16 – 9:00 & 11:00 AM Worship Services
- 18 – 7:00 PM Administrative Council Meeting
- 19 – Choir Practice
- 23 – 9:00 & 11:00 AM Worship Services
 - 12:00 Noon Help Us Help You Support Group
- 26 – 7:00 PM Choir Practice
- 30 – 10:00 AM Worship Service
- 31 – Memorial Day



Susan's office hours are Tuesday from 10 am to 3pm and by appointment. Please check our voicemail for possible changes. She can be reached at 440-965-2400 or send her a message at henriettaumchurch@gmail.com

Pastor Matthew Phipps can be reached at 216-906-9741 or henriettaumcpastor@gmail.com

*Watch our worship online at
henriettaumc.org*



MAY ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 – Steve & Sally Biggs
- 13 – Jim & Rhonda Palmer
- 20 – Steve & Becky Kovach
- 29 – David & Kristi Palmer

MAY BIRTHDAYS

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| 1 – Andrew Biery | 12 – Mike Grote Jr. |
| 3 – Shirley Angersbach | 18 – Adelynn Schlechter |
| 3 – Zachary Born | 19 – Dick Statler |
| 4 – Jerry Born | 20 – Steve Biggs |
| 7 – Laura Cornwell | 20 – Ellie Schlechter |
| 8 – Sara Schlechter | 24 – Carter Woods |
| 8 – Ted Logan | 27 – Landon Born |
| 12 – Kathy Grote | 30 – Julene Woods |

Worship Leaders

May

Liturgists:

First Service: Donna Phillips

Second Service: Natalie Born (5/2 & 5/9)

Laurie Holcomb (5/16, 5/23, & 5/30)

Greeters:

First Service: Woods Family

Second Service: Mike & Rhonda Smith

Humor in the Pews

One day, a grandpa and his grandson go golfing. The young one is really good and the old one is just giving him tips.

They are on hole 8 and there is a tree in the way and the grandpa says, "When I was your age, I would hit the ball right over that tree."

So, the grandson hits the ball and it bumps against the tree and lands not too far from where it started.

"Of course," added the grandpa, "when I was your age, the tree was only three feet tall."



After a church service on Sunday morning, a young boy suddenly announced to his mother, "Mom, I've decided to become a minister when I grow up."

"That's okay with us, but what made you decide that?"

"Well," said the little boy, "I have to go to church on Sunday anyway, And I figure it will be more fun to stand up and yell, than to sit and listen."



A clergyman is walking down a country lane and sees a young boy struggling to load hay back onto a cart after it had fallen off. "You look hot, my son," said the cleric. "why don't you rest a moment, and I'll give you a hand."

"No thanks," said the young boy. "My father wouldn't like it."

"Don't be silly," the minister said. "Everyone is entitled to a break. Come and have a drink of water."

Again, the young boy protested that his father would be upset. Losing his patience, the clergyman said, "Your father must be a real slave driver. Tell me where I can find him and I'll give him a piece of my mind!"

"Well," replied the boy, "he's under the load of hay."

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Church Family,

In just a few weeks, we will once again celebrate the Pentecost events, as the Holy Spirit would fall upon people as promised by Christ. As people were filled with the Spirit, they would be emboldened to share the good news of Christ into the world. Though, what did they do first? As the early church formed (The Way), birthed by the Spirit, they first took care of one another.

They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need.

Acts 2:45

I love that one of their shared values, filled now with the Spirit and ready to go into the world, was to take care of the needs of their community. Indeed, recently we read about the value of taking care of one another in 1 John.

If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person?

1 John 3:17

Our words matter. However, our actions hold so much weight, value, and love. We are called to be love in action. Intentional service was a value of the early church that we see in Acts. It was an encouragement shared to the forming Gentile churches, that John writes about in 1 John. And it should remain our core value, as the church today, and in our little corner of the world. I'll share further encouragement, as I prepare to leave for the Indiana Conference. For today, my encouragement is that in whatever you do, continue to be love in action by intentionally serving this community in kindness, love, and with care.

Blessings
Pastor Matthew

Memorial Unveiling

The unveiling of the memorial in Memory of Christena Johanssen will be held on Sunday, May 2 at the 9 AM & 11 AM Services. We are looking forward to seeing the members of our congregation again.



Beginning May 30th (Memorial Day weekend) through Labor Day weekend, we will be moving to our summer service hours. Services will be held at 10am

Vacation Bible School

We will be holding a VBS planning meeting on Monday, May 10 at 6 PM in the church basement. Anyone interested in being a volunteer is encouraged to come. If you would like to help with this year's VBS but cannot attend that meeting, please contact Susan Schlechter to let her know. Thank you!



A Mother's Prayer

Thank you, Lord, for bringing my children into my life. Help me guide them and teach them through example to lead lives of wisdom and strong, loving faith. Please let them learn to serve you always in thought and deed. And remind me, Lord, to always be there for my family as you are always there for me.

Amen.



The children will be singing a song during the 9 & 11 AM services on Mother's Day.

We will meet at 10 AM on Sunday, May 2nd to practice.



We will be having a church clean-up day on Saturday, May 8th beginning at 9 AM. We will be doing some mulching, outside work projects, and beautifying of both the church and parsonage properties. Please mark this on your calendar. Hope to see you there!

The next Help Us Help You Support Group meeting will be Sunday, May 23rd at Noon.

Please notify the church office of those who will be graduating from high school or college this spring. Graduates will be recognized on Sunday, June 6 at our 10 AM worship service.



Improvement of some COVID Precautions

You may have seen in the past month that the CDC has published a few changes to its precautions relating to individuals who have been fully vaccinated.

A fully vaccinated person is someone who is at least two weeks past their second dose of Moderna or Pfizer or their single dose Johnson and Johnson vaccine injection.

The CDC advises that small groups may meet indoors without masks or social distancing if **every** person in that group is fully vaccinated.

Parish Nursing had another Zoom meeting with the Lorain County Health Commissioner on April 11th. He told us that the CDC feels it is unlikely that a fully vaccinated individual would pass on a COVID infection. He believes that by approximately May 6th Lorain County will have more vaccine than individuals who want it even with the pause in the Johnson and Johnson vaccine. (On April 17th there were several hundred available vaccine appointments that went unused at one Lorain County Health site).

If you still need a COVID vaccination you can go to URL <https://www.loraincountyhealth.com/signup> and follow the instructions. If you need help you can call any of the Lorain County Health Department at [440-322-6367](tel:440-322-6367) or [440-224-2209](tel:440-224-2209). Erie County Health Department URL <https://book.appointment-plus.com/b9751v86/#/>, for help call (419) 626-5623. Huron County Health Department URL <https://www.huroncohealth.com/covid19vaccine>, for help call 419-668-1652 ext. 241. Or call Marsha Heuring at 440-315-2631.

Based on the information given to the commissioner about Henrietta UMC's vaccination percentages and plans for seating he felt it reasonable for choir members who are fully vaccinated to sing from the choir loft without masks during worship services. He also feels it is reasonable for other church members to begin singing during worship services as long as they **continue wearing their masks and maintain social distancing**.

Based on this information we commenced singing during worship again April 25th, including choir presentations at 11 A.M. service.

Please remember it is very important that we remain cautious and vigilant as we continue to progress to more worship freedoms so that we do not have any setbacks that cause an increase in restrictions again. Please continue to socialize outside the building after worship while maintaining appropriate social distance based on your vaccination status.

We will continue to ask that you limit movement in the church building to only those areas that are necessary for your church activities since we will need to continue the same cleaning precautions for COVID. Please contact the church office for scheduling small group meetings and activities so sanitation can be managed appropriately.

We will still need to do contact tracing if anyone is diagnosed with COVID after attending a church function so please continue to sign into the log when you are in the church building.