

Henrietta United Methodist Church

Serving Christ Since 1872

**June 2021
Newsletter**



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

Summer Worship Service

Sundays at 10 AM

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

Upcoming June Events

- 6 – Graduation Sunday
10:00 AM Worship Service
- 8 – 6:00 PM VBS Planning Meeting
- 11 – 5:30 PM VBS Kickoff Party
- 13 – 10:00 AM Worship Service
12:00 Noon Phipps Farewell Picnic at Schlechter's
4:00 PM Country Shamrocks 4H Meeting
- 15 – Pastor Matthew Moving Day
6:30 PM Endowment Committee Meeting
700 PM Administrative Council Meeting
- 20 – Father's Day
10:00 AM Worship Service
- 27 – 10:00 AM Worship Service
12:00 Noon Help Us Help You Support Group
- 28 – Pastor Joyce Moves In



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



JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

- 15 – Ron & Judy Baumann
- 15 – Roy & Kathy Claubaugh
- 18 – David & Jenny Weese
- 22 – Mike & Kathy Grote

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

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| 1 – Susan Schlechter | 20 – David Weese |
| 7 – Brian Frombaugh | 25 – TJ Logan |
| 8 – Ann Buchs | 27 – Dan Born |
| 10 – Mya Wissinger | 27 – Sally Stinson |
| 11 – Allison Strickler | 28 – Tim Buchs |
| 13 – Steve Kovach | 28 – Rhonda Smith |
| 20 – Thomas Biery III | 28 – Emmarose Woods |

*Watch our worship online at
henriettaumc.org*

Worship Leaders

June

Liturgists: Grace Boden

Greeters: Dick & Marge Statler

Humor in the Pews

I once heard of a pastor who was doing a series of children's sermons on the symbols of the church. One Sunday the pastor was speaking about vestments and asked the question, "Why do you think I wear this collar?"

One child responded, "Because it kills fleas and ticks for up to 5 months."



**A priest, a minister, and a rabbit walk into a blood bank.
The rabbit says, "I think I might be a type o."**



I was out walking with my 5-year-old daughter. She picked up something off the ground and started to put it into her mouth.

I took the thing away from her and asked her not to do that.

"Why?" she asked.

"Because it's been on the ground, and you don't know where it's been. It's dirty. And it probably has germs."

At this point, my daughter looked at me with absolute admiration and asked, "Mom, how do you know all this stuff? You are so smart."

I thought quickly and replied, "All moms know this stuff. It's on the Mom Test. You have to know it, or they don't let you be a Mom."

We walked along in silence for two or three minutes, but she was evidently pondering this new information.

"Oh, I get it!" she beamed, "So, if you don't pass the test, you have to be the dad."

"Exactly," I said.

Memorial Picture

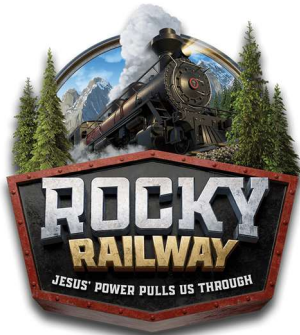
The church office has received a donation of a CD with different sized pictures of the picture of Henrietta UMC that was donated in memory of Christena Johannsen. If anyone would like a digital copy of this picture, please contact the church office.



Now through Labor Day weekend, we are on our summer service hours. Services will be held at 10am

Blessing Box

The Blessing Box is completed and stocked! Please spread the word to those in our community that may benefit from this outreach. Non-perishable donations can be made directly into the Blessing box if there is room, or Katie will have a donation box in the vestibule as well. Please no glass containers.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

We are excited to announce that we will be having an in-person VBS July 19-23 from 6:00 -8:30 pm. Our theme this year is Rocky Railway: Jesus' Power Pulls Us Through. There are registration forms available in the vestibule.

If you would like to volunteer your time and talents to help with this program, please contact Susan Schlechter. We are accepting volunteers whether they are available for just one evening or the whole week!

This year, we are also accepting monetary donations to purchase supplies. Please mark your donation as VBS.

Attention Sunday School Families

We will be having a VBS Kickoff/End of School Year Sunday School Party on Friday, June 11 at 5:30 PM.

This will be a fun time with food, games, a craft, & songs. We hope to see our children there!

The next Help Us Help You Support Group meeting will be Sunday, June 27 at Noon. Lunch will be provided. If you are a caregiver or have experienced loss, please join us.

Pastor Matthew's Farewell

Pastor Matthew and his family are leaving on June 15. Sunday, June 13 will be his last worship service with us. Worship will be at 10:00 am at the church. We will then be having a farewell picnic at Schlechter's pond pavilion at 12:00 Noon. The address is 11252 Baird Road, Amherst, OH 44001. Please bring a dish to share and a chair if you'd like.

Graduation Sunday

We will be recognizing high school and college graduates on Sunday, June 6th.

Please get anything that you would like included in the Henrietta UMC newsletter to the church office by the 20th of the month. Thank you!

GOD TOOK THE STRENGTH OF A MOUNTAIN
THE MAJESTY OF A TREE,
THE WARMTH OF A SUMMER SUN,
THE CALM OF A QUIET SEA,
THE GENEROUS SOUL OF NATURE,
THE COMFORTING ARM OF NIGHT,
THE WISDOM OF THE AGES,
THE POWER OF THE EAGLES' FLIGHT,
THE JOY OF A MORNING IN SPRING,
THE FAITH OF A MUSTARD SEED,
THE PATIENCE OF ETERNITY,
THE DEPTH OF A FAMILY NEED,
THEN GOD COMBINED THESE QUALITIES,
AND THEN THERE WAS NOTHING MORE TO ADD,
HE KNEW HIS MASTERPIECE WAS COMPLETE,
AND SO, HE CALLED IT – DAD.



Happy Father's Day



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Church,

I have certainly been feeling the weight of emotions during this season of transition, and as I write my final Newsletter article.

As I considered themes for this article, what resonated most is togetherness.

That is, my encouragement is that you continue to move forward together.

Now, moving forward in togetherness seems like a lovely concept. Right? Though, it takes intentional effort, vulnerability, and authenticity to move forward as one. This community of faith possesses all of those attributes to continue to make togetherness possible, and to continue to be the *church in the community and for the community*.

Some things to remember:

Symbolically we take the light from the altar (each week) as a sign that we are to be the light of Christ into the world

Vulnerability is not weakness, it's strength, and is the bridge to being a more empathetic person. Empathy is what leads us into the stories of others. Be willing to read other people's stories, and let others read yours.

Authenticity is more than just being honest. It is also the ability to unashamedly be who God created you to be. I have had the privilege to know many of you well. I am assured you have incredible light, gifts, and love to share with the community, when you take your part in this beloved community.

This church has the capacity, the gifts, and the graces to continue to serve the community with love and care. I am excited to hear stories of all the ways you continue to be who God created you to be, both individually and together as one.

Therefore, remember, you do not journey alone. As we recently reflected on at Pentecost, you have the Spirit, and you have one another in this community of faith.

He that made all things for love, by the same love keepeth them, and shall keep them without end. ~Julian of Norwich (Revelations of Divine Love: Chapter 8, c. 1395)

It has been a privilege to serve as your pastor. You have cared for and loved our family well. The journey has been full, as we have experienced a myriad of things in our lives together, but we have walked each part together. Continue together as you welcome Pastor Joyce and family.

We will remember you often in our prayers, and in our hearts.

Many Blessings
Pastor Matthew