



"Faith is taking the first step when you don't see the whole staircase."
Martin Luther King Jr.

GATHERING TO PRAISE GOD

PRELUDE & LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES		Sandra Morris
WELCOME GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS		Julie Wilcox
*CALL TO WORSHIP		
Leader:	Open our mouths, O God,	
PEOPLE:	Make us bold to proclaim your love.	
Leader:	Open our minds, O God,	
PEOPLE:	Help us grow in faith.	
Leader:	Open our hearts, O God,	
PEOPLE:	Transform us by your love.	
:Leader:	Open our lives, O God,	
ALL:	Guide us in serving you in all that we do.	
*RINGING OF THE BELL		
*HYMN	"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"	#648
INVITATION TO THE OFFERING		
OFFERTORY		
*RESPONSE & PRESENTATION OF GIFTS	"They'll Know We are Christians" vs 4	#429
*PRAYER OF DEDICATION		
YOUNG PEOPLES MOMENT		Nancy Hamilton
PASTORAL PRAYER		
SILENT MEDITATION		
THE LORD'S PRAYER		
*HYMN	"I Surrender All"	#596
SCRIPTURE	Matthew 16:21-28, Psalm 26:1-8 & Romans 12:9-21 (NIV)	
TODAY'S MESSAGE		Rev Stewart Roberts
*HYMN	"The Servant Song"	See screens
*BLESSING & BENEDICTION		
*CLOSING HYMN OF PRAISE	"Blest Be the Tie That Binds" vs 1	#426
POSTLUDE		

*Please stand if you are able.

CHURCH EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The candle on the altar represents our continued prayers for Peace.

THIS WEEK

Aug 30	Property Team Meeting after Church
Sept 1 9:30 am	Tuesday Mornings =Prayer & scripture review
Sept 2 6:00 pm	Porch Talk – parsonage front porch
Sept 3 10:00 am	Missionary Aide Meeting & luncheon

COMING UP

Sept 6 8:30 am	Deacon's Meeting
	Sacrament of Holy Communion during the service
Sept 13 9:00 am	Youth Second Sunday Breakfast
1:00 pm	Family Day at Youngs Dairy – meet at the Church
4:00 – 6:00 pm	Scout meeting at the Church
Sept 19	Newsletter deadline – please send information to Kathy Etgen

- **Missionary Aide** will be resuming in September with their first meeting September 3rd. Their first project will be West Liberty Salem elementary supplies. Items needed include sweatshirts and sweatpants, long sleeved t-shirts, packaged socks & underwear. Children's sizes 5-6 to 14-16. Items may be left in the mission corner.
- **Family Day Event:** The Church will be sponsoring a family day event to Youngs Dairy on September 13th. Youth (under 21) will have their activities covered by the Church. We will be leaving at 1:00 from the Church. Anyone of any age is welcome to attend, feel free to bring your entire family. Adults attending who can transport youth, please let Rob Painter or Pastor Karen know by September 7th.
- **Youth Breakfast:** The /Church will begin hosting a Second Sunday Youth Breakfast on the 2nd Sunday of every month. It will be for youth who are confirmation age (middle school/early high school). We will meet at 9:00am for breakfast and devotions. This will also provide youth with a chance to plan for upcoming activities. The first Second Sunday Breakfast will be September 13th. Please let Rob Painter or Pastor Karen know by September 7th so arrangements may be made.
- Your continued support is appreciated and may be mailed to West Liberty UCC, PO Box 427, West Liberty, OH 43357.

PRAYER REQUESTS and JOYS

Praying for someone is like wrapping them in a blanket of God's Love



Rick & Renay Fullerton	Tony Grant	Deb Pattee-Chiles	Todd Harbour	Michelle Moffitt-Greene		
Cheryl Wolford	Adam Heath	Deb Piatt	Sammy McInnis	Bill Badenhop	Dave Daulton	Debbie Hamilton
Sean & Kelsey Crowe	Robin Godwin	Pam Forsythe	Springfield Hattian Community			
Our Confirmands	Our nursing home residents & shut-ins			Our service men & women		

** Christian sympathies extended to the families & friends Geogia Byers and Marcus Taylor. **

Serving Today

Organist: Sandra Morris	Nursery:	Sound: Elisa Lash
Song Leader: Lauren Flora	Youth Message: Nancy Hamilton	Screens: Brandy Powell
Ministers: The Entire Congregation	Jr. Church: Rob Painter	Videotaping: Bec Smith

Serving Next Week (Sept 6, 2026)

Organist: Sandra Morris	Nursery:	Sound: Dennis McIntosh
Song Leader: Lauren Flora	Youth Message:	Screens: John Edwards
Ministers: The Entire Congregation	Jr. Church:	Videotaping: Bec Smith