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Pastor's Page

After Jesus had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. Luke 19:28

Greetings Fellowship members and friends!

We are almost to the end of our journey through Lent and approaching Holy Week. This year we have brought back our soup suppers and thoroughly enjoyed the delicious meals each week. A big thanks goes to our hosts: Jeanine and George Biemel, Dianna Roll and Angela Kidd, Megan and Pete Cardimen, Karen Harris and Darcy Dom, and Ruth and Mike Rankin. I've really enjoyed the fellowship time together that the soup suppers bring before our worship service.

Holy Week begins with Palm/Passion Sunday and the waving of our palms; we will offer two services at 10 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. We will celebrate Maundy Thursday with Columbus Joehn Methodist Church. Both congregations will offer a musical offering by their respective choirs and we will end the service with the traditional stripping of the altar. The service will be on April 6th at 7:30 p.m. here at Fellowship. Our community Good Friday service will be on April 7th at 7:30 p.m. at Smoky Row Brethren Church. If you would like to do one of Fellowship's reading at this ecumenical service, please let me know. I've always found both of these services quite meaningful as we anticipate the joy of the resurrection on Easter Sunday.

Following our one 10:00 a.m. Easter Sunday worship service, we will gather in the narthex for some fellowship time and light snacks. If you would like to help out with these, there will be a signup sheet on the table in the narthex on Palm Sunday.

Looking ahead, I have been in conversation with Pastor Leslie Lott, the interim pastor of Lord of Life Lutheran Church, about joining them in their Buddy Box packing event for Family Mentor Foundation which will be held in May or June. Family Mentor Foundation seeks to help meet the nutritional needs of children in our community so they can reach their full potential. They provide Buddy Boxes for 1,500 hungry children at schools in the Worthington, Columbus and South-Western City School Districts during the academic year, and at multiple summer feeding sites throughout the summer. A couple of years ago, our congregation joined Smoky Row Brethren Church in a similar packing event and we had many members participate. More details will be provided once known.

See you in church!

Pastor Robin



ANNOUNCEMENTS

In-person Worship Masks are now optional. Please feel free to wear a mask if you are more comfortable with one on.

5:00 p.m. Worship & Praise Service Come join us for our 5:00 p.m. Worship & Praise Service on the 1st Sunday of each month.

The Smoky Row Food Pantry is at 7260 Smoky Row Rd., Columbus. The most needed items for April, May, and June include:

- Toilet paper
- Baby items (Diapers 2-3-4, Wipes)
- Toothpaste (regular, not sample size)
- Laundry detergent
- Kitchen cleaning items, such as dishwasher liquid, and dish soap



Place donations in the containers located in the Narthex. Your generosity is gratefully appreciated by our neighbors in need. Thank you!



Youth Sunday School News Come join us for Youth Sunday School on Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m.! This year, we are using Sparkhouse, *Activate Faith - All Kids* for the curriculum, and classes are taught by Pete and Lilly Cardimen. **There will be no Sunday School classes on Easter Sunday and the last day of classes will be on Sunday, May 21st.**

Adult Sunday School Susan Wolfe is facilitating an ELCA study on civic life and faith.

Meals on Wheels

Saturday, April 15 Engen

Saturday, May 20 Biemel



Holy Communion Consecrated communion kits can be picked up at church on Sundays for those unable to attend in-person.



Worship Servers Needed! If you are able to help out at our 10:00 a.m. worship service, please let Pastor Robin know. Assisting ministers, lectors, counters, and greeters are needed. Not sure what these roles involve or never done it before? We will be happy to help you out!

Kroger Plus Fundraising Information: If you would like to register your Kroger card for the Community Rewards Program, please contact Pastor Robin or the church office. Thank you so much for participating in this fundraiser!

One Rollator Still Available Two rollators have been donated to Fellowship from Scioto Ridge United Methodist Church and one is still available in the coat rack area. If you are in need of a rollator, please let Pastor Robin know and take one. Please return to the church when you no longer need the rollator.

Thrivent Members - For those of you with choice dollars. don't forget that Fellowship can be a recipient of those dollars. Thank you to all who have donated this way in the past!

Give to Fellowship with Your Smartphone with Vanco Mobile - If you would like to give to Fellowship with your smartphone, please download Vanco's new smartphone app, **Vanco Mobile**. Vanco Mobile will enable anyone to donate at anytime to Fellowship. It makes it easy to give instantaneously for a regular gift, a recurring gift, or a special occasion gift.



Pastoral Care Request If you have a pastoral care request (hospitalization, upcoming surgery, need for counseling, etc.), please call Pastor Robin at (937) 725-4930. If you would like a home visit by Pastor Robin, please let Pastor Robin know so it can be scheduled. It does not need to be a pastoral emergency...just an opportunity to get to know you better.

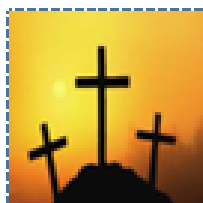
Staying Connected Program for the Elderly - Did you know that Ohio has a program for the elderly to "stay connected?" You get to pick the hour to receive the phone call. For more information, here is the link: <https://aging.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/aging/care-and-living/get-help/staying-connected/> .

Attendance Information (In-person & virtual) (MW - midweek)

February 5	27/5/24 views	March 1 (MW)	12/12 views
February 12	28/20 views	March 5	39/5/15 views
February 19	29/18 views	March 8 (MW)	12/10 views
February 22 (MW)	19/20 views	March 12	27/20 views
February 26	32/13 views	March 15 (MW)	13/13views
		March 19	39/13 views
		March 22 (MW)	11/7 views
		March 26	34/20 views

Holy Week and Easter Schedule

HOLY WEEK



PASSION/PALM SUNDAY – April 2nd
10:00 a.m. & 5:00 p.m.

MAUNDY THURSDAY – April 6th @ 7:30 p.m.
Joint Service with Columbus Joen Methodist Church

ECUMENICAL GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE – April 7th @ 7:30 p.m.
Community Tenebrae Service @ Smoky Row Brethren Church

THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD Easter Sunday – April 9th

Easter Service with Communion @ 10:00 a.m.
(Fellowship time with light snacks to follow worship)



Jesus said...*"You are the light of the world- like a city on a mountain, glowing in the night for all to see. Don't hide your light under a basket! Instead, put it on a stand and let it shine for all."* Matthew 5: 14-15.

Let Your Light Shine!

As we enter into Springtime, we enjoy the extended daylight hours and daffodils, tulips, blossoming trees, and other signs of reawakening. We experience the renewal of the world around us as well as within us as we proceed through Lent, Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and finally the blessings of Easter Sunday.

Each of us carries the light of Jesus in our hearts, not just at church, but every moment of every day as we work, play, interact with coworkers and friends, spend time with family. Remember to keep Jesus' light shining in all that you do.

Fellowship's leadership team has been busy making plans for 2023. At a leadership retreat on February 4, we looked into the crystal ball to see what we want to accomplish in 2023. On the mundane side, we want to have an internal review of our financial records for 2022. We haven't had such a review for several years and want to have fresh eyes look at our procedures to identify the strengths and weaknesses in our processes.

We are also looking to find other outreach projects that Fellowship can either lead or join another congregation in completing. Fellowship has always strongly supported outreach projects such as the blessing bags we assemble last September.

In the coming months we will be cautiously restarting our fellowship time after worship service, with light snacks and refreshments. Please plan to stay after Easter Sunday worship to enjoy some goodies and conversation.



Property update March 2023

- **The back of the church security lights were fixed**
- **The sanctuary lighting has been repaired - Evolved Lighting is looking into the track on the left side for possible repair on Wednesday 3/29.**

New - Basketball hoop replacement thoughts - Ford Employee would pitch in - Bill - Todd and Myself would donate to accomplish and I'm sure a few others - We do feel this is needed to help the kids that care and need some activity. The cost for total replacement is only \$450 and no charge for the installation as this is strictly for the back board. Very reasonable from my research.

On going

- ◇ **Spring cleanup April 15th**
- ◇ **Rhonda (Rough Roofing) - 614-805-0311 - called on 3/17 & 3/28**
- **Classroom 1 - the ceiling repair has been professionally finished - we just need to have it painted - the whole ceiling**
- **Follow up with the narthex - repainting as the leak area has been repaired as of 3/24**
- **Ladies room repair - Rough Roofing**

Discussion points for fiscal '23 - if we have any extra cash available

- ◇ **Parking lot sealing and striping**
- ◇ **Down spouts and gutters - inspect and clean monthly when the leaves start to fall - after talking with Mike the roofer. With the building being old (but with a new roof) we need to make sure all the water drains and does not sit on the roof.**
- ◇ **Mike the roofer suggested the possibility of trimming the trees back farther and or possibly removal of one or two.**

Spring Clean Up

What needs to be done (I think)

OUTSIDE

- ⇒ RAKE ALL MULCH BED AREAS
- MONUMENT ROAD SIGN
- FRONT OF CHURCH
- PARKING LOT SIDE OF CHURCH
- REPAINT THE CHURCH CROSS
- BUY MULCH AND DELIVER TO SPREAD
- BUY FLOWERS FOR ENTRANCE AND MONUMENT

- ⇒ PICK UP TRASH
- ALONG BP GAS STATION SIDE
- PIZZA HUT SIDE
- MONUMENT FRONT OF CHURCH
- CLEAN OUT SIDE WINDOWS
- Replace monument inside 4-foot bulbs

INSIDE

- ♦ Pre-walk thru of items and or things we do not use to be tossed??
- ♦ CLEAN ALL WINDOWS INSIDE AND OUT
- ♦ TOSS ITEMS THAT HAVE BEEN DESIGNATED
- ♦ DONATE ITEMS THAT NEED DONATED

***** We need to paint the narthex ceiling and classroom 1 - this does not have to be finished on April 15th - if you know how to paint and are willing, this project can be started any time before and or after if we can get a group together - one morning from 9 till 12 -

We need to paint class room one's ceiling as it has been repaired also. Any good painter volunteers - please let me know and many many thanks! rock n roll on God's journey for us.

ITEMS NEEDED

- TRASH BAGS - GLOVES - RAKES - TRIMMERS POSSIBLY-

Worship Team Submission for April 2023 Newsletter**Karen Harris, Team Director****“He is not here; he has risen, just as he said.” Mathew 28:6**

This week we will be having our last of the 2023 midweek soup suppers and the last of Pastor’s midweek Lenten offerings, “Signs of Lent.” These services have helped us focus on Jesus’ great love for mankind that He would willingly lay down His life to save ours.

Palm Sunday is next Sunday, April 2. We will offer palms at both our traditional 10 am worship and at our 5 pm Worship and Praise service. There will be no sermon. The executive committee will perform a Passion of Christ instead.

On Maundy Thursday, we will have a joint worship with the Korean Methodist church members. Both church choirs will sing. This offering will be at 7:30 pm, April 6. Communion will be offered and the traditional Stripping of the Altar will happen.

This year Smoky Row Brethren Church will host the ecumenical Good Friday service at 7:30 pm, April 7. Easter worship will be held at 10am followed by snacks. There will be a sign up sheet on Palm Sunday on the entrance table in the narthex. Please join in our Easter joyous fellowship!

Dates to remember:**Final soup supper and midweek Lenten offering, Wednesday, March 29****Palm Sunday, April 2****Maundy Thursday, April 6****Ecumenical Good Friday service, April 7****Easter, April 9**

Church Staff

Pastor	Rev. Robin Wargowsky
Treasurer	Todd Engen
Financial Secretary	Tracy Farel
Pianist	Amy Wargowsky
Sub. Pianist/Organist	David Fleisher, Ruth Albert
Choir/Band Director	George Biemel
Custodian	Kenneth Hunt

Executive Committee

President	George Biemel
Vice-President	Mike Rankin
Secretary	Sonya Thelin Pastor Robin

At-large Council Members

Angela Kidd
Bill Lude
Susan Wolfe

Team Coordinators

Congregational Life	Vacant
Education & Youth	Vacant
Outreach	Pete Cardimen
Property	John Votino
Stewardship	Vacant (Council)
Worship	Karen Harris

Thank you for your leadership!!!

Worship Servers Schedule for April 2023

	April 2	April 6	April 9
Asst. Minister	Cindy Frey	-	Ruth Albert
Lay Reader	Cindy Frey	Ruth Albert	
Counter	Bill Farel	-	
Greeter	Karen Harris		Karen Harris
Altar Guild	Karen Harris & Darcy Dom	Karen Harris & Darcy Dom	Karen Harris & Darcy Dom

	April 16	April 23	April 30
Asst. Minister			
Lay Reader			
Counter			
Greeter			
Altar Guild	Karen Harris & Darcy Dom	Karen Harris & Darcy Dom	Karen Harris & Darcy Dom

Worship Servers Needed!

If you can fill any of our openings for assisting ministers, readers, counters or greeters or help out in future months, please call or email Pastor Robin. Thanks!



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26 9:00 am - Sunday Sch. 10:00 am - Worship 11:30-4:00 pm - CJMC	27 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 7:00 pm - NA	28 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	29 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 6:15 pm - Soup Supper 7:00 pm - Worship	30 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 8:00 pm - CJMC	31 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	1 6:00 am - CJMC Pray
2 Palm/Passion Sun. 9:00 am - Sunday Sch. 10:00 am - Worship 11:00 am - Executive 11:30-4:00 pm - CJMC 5:00 pm - Worship	3 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 7:00 pm - NA	4 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 7:00 p.m. - Worship Team (zoom)	5 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	6 Maundy Thursday 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 7:30 - Joint Worship	7 Good Friday 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 7:30 pm - Community Good Friday Service @ Smoky Row Brethen Church	8 6:00 am - CJMC Pray
9 Easter Sunday 10:00 am - Worship (fellowship time following) 11:30-4:00 pm - CJMC	10 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 7:00 pm - NA	11 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	12 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	13 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 8:00 pm - CJMC	14 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	15 6:00 am - CJMC Pray
16 9:00 am - Sunday Sch. 10:00 am - Worship 11:30-4:00 pm - CJMC	17 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 7:00 pm - NA	18 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 7:00 pm - Council	19 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	20 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 1:30 pm - SICC Pastors Meeting 8:00 pm - CJMC	21 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	22 6:00 am - CJMC Pray
23 9:00 am - Sunday Sch. 10:00 am - Worship 11:30-4:00 pm - CJMC	24 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 7:00 pm - NA	25 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 7:00 pm - Outreach Team (zoom)	26 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	27 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 8:00 pm - CJMC	28 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	29 6:00 am - CJMC Pray
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FOR OUR MEMBERS:

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| Fritzi Bear | Ed Lathy |
| George Biemel | Frank & Leena LeMay |
| Major N Crispin | Pete & Sonja Meighen |
| Byron Engen | Joshua Mott |
| Barb Fisher | Ruth Rankin |
| Margery Gress | Martha Sampson |
| Cheryl Hamilton | Carolyn Shaw |
| Zach Jaeger | Sonya Thelin |
| Lillian Kachic | John Votino |
| Ray & Carol Ward | |

FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

- Joan Albert**, Ruth Albert's mother
- Rosemary Craig**, Cindy Frey's mother
- Rikki-lynn Cromlish**, Mal Tonn's teammate
- Marc Hamilton**, Cheryl Hamilton's son
- Rory Jacobsen**, Karen Harris' friend
- Kristi Mason**, Mike Rankin's cousin
- John McVey**, Bill Lude's brother-in-law
- Jenifer Takats**, Todd Engen's wife
- Sylvia Votino**, John Votino's mother

DEATHS:

- Susie Farmward**, Cindy & Pat Frey's family friend
- Chris Jordan**, Chad Laucher's cousin
- Ron Kemmerly**, Cindy Frey's cousin
- Doug Mason**, Mike Rankin's cousin
- Gail White**, Cindy & Pat Frey's friend's mother

April Birthdays

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| Todd Engen | 4/6 |
| Pat Frey | 4/6 |
| Jim Jaeger | 4/6 |
| Kathryn Tucker | 4/6 |
| Pete Cardimen | 4/11 |
| Ray Ward | 4/15 |
| Doug Scantland | 4/16 |
| Lori Hobbins | 4/18 |
| Mallory Tonn | 4/20 |
| Jeanine Biemel | 4/22 |
| Claire Haase | 4/26 |
| Bill Lude | 4/30 |
| Robin Wargowsky | 4/30 |



Happy Birthday to those celebrating birthdays this month! This list reflects the information we have in our computer at this time. We welcome your corrections and additions!

April Anniversaries

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| Andy & Jenny Devantier | 4/11 |
| Todd & Jenifer (Takats) Engen | 4/30 |



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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED



Our Purpose: To share God's love and grace through our words and actions.

Our Vision: To be a diverse, thriving community of faith where all are welcome to celebrate God's love and grace.

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