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*"A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots... He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins." **Isaiah 11:1, 3b-5***

Greetings Fellowship members and friends!

We have entered the season of Advent in the church year. For most Christians, Advent is a time of anticipation, of waiting, and of preparation. Christmas is the destination after 24 days of expectation and hope. We look forward to singing "Silent Night" by the light of candles. We clean our church buildings, hang the greens, and make sure everything is ready for the arrival of baby Jesus. At home we bake cookies, make candy, decorate the tree, light the Advent candles and count down the calendar (preferably with chocolates inside!). We ready our home for the arrival of family and friends. We plan elaborate celebratory meals. We choose gifts, wrap them carefully, and anticipate reactions of delight.

But isn't Advent really more than that? Sure, we look for the incarnation of Christ in humble circumstances, but aren't we supposed to look for Christ every day of the year? Yes, Advent leads up to Christmas, a day of high festal celebration, but how much of the holy holidays have been hijacked into a commercial consumption competition? You probably have not heard many (if any) Advent hymns played on local radio stations.

Advent offers many gifts to us on its own. The four weeks that lead up Christmas are marked with beautiful and poignant music in anticipation and preparation of the son of God's birth. The readings from the prophet Isaiah foretell the coming of Christ and give us a model for how to lead and serve in accord with God's will. Peace, fairness, equity, hopefulness, and faithfulness are lifted up as marks of leadership for the one who follows the divine way and will. Will we take the time to stop, listen, and really hear the words of the beautiful hymns and the readings? Can we leave the trappings of our culture, our comfortable traditions and habits of being church, and our fears at the door? Are we able to let the fire of the Holy Spirit ignite us, consume us, and send us out burning with faith, joy, and a desire to be the kind of change we tend to only dream about?

With God all things are possible; therefore fling wide the doors and be ready. The world is about to turn, and you are part of the dance.

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.

Generosity Giving We have paid for our roof repairs and collected \$13,700.00 for our lighting proposal (\$15,250). Please contribute to our capital fund as you are able. A big thank you to the 24 families who have generously contributed so far!

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. As we have done during the last several years, we will also offer a Quiet Christmas service on the Sunday evening before Christmas, December 18th, at 5:00 p.m.

The Smoky Row Food Pantry located at 7260 Smoky Row Rd., Columbus is in need of the following items:

- Baby items (diapers - all sizes) and wipes
- Laundry detergent
- Winter coats (new or gently used)
- Hats and gloves (adult, child, and infant)
- Food staples, including food items for the holidays
- Hygiene items
- Toilet paper



Place donations in the containers located in the Narthex during church service hours, or during the published office hours - Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays between 9:00 am and 12:00 pm. Your generosity is gratefully appreciated by our neighbors in need. Thank you!

EFT for 2023 - If you use EFT for your offering or would like to start using EFT, we need to hear from you for 2023. There are EFT sign up sheets and extra faith promise cards in the office. We will start making the 2023 entries shortly.



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.

Adult Sunday School During Advent, Susan Wolfe will be facilitating an Advent-themed discussion during the 9:00 a.m. Sunday School adult class.

Meals on Wheels

Saturday, December 17 Farel Saturday, January 21 Farel



Holy Communion Consecrated communion kits can be picked up in the church office on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays between 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon 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 either Tracy Farel or Pastor Robin know. 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!

Upcoming Advent and Christmas Services

- Wednesday, November 30, 7:00 p.m. - Midweek Advent Service (virtual and in-person)
- December 18, 10:00 a.m. - Sermon-in-Song Service
- December 18, 5:00 p.m. - Quiet Christmas Service
- December 24, 7:00 p.m. - Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
- December 25 - no morning service

Goodgifts - Through Advent, Christmas, and early January, give to Goodgifts to support work in 88 countries, sponsored by ELCA. Please select an ornament, or multiple ornaments, from the wreath located in the Narthex. The dollar amount noted on the ornament is the donation for that item. You may write a check payable to Fellowship Lutheran Church, and note Goodgifts in the memo—or you may donate using a credit card on the Vanco Mobile app by selecting Goodgifts. Thank you!

Stay Warm! - Starting December 4 through Advent, and Christmas, the Outreach Team is collecting scarves, hats, and gloves/mittens for adults, children, and infants. Place your donation in the containers located in the Narthex. The items will be used in the Blessing Bags at Fellowship and donated to the Smoky Row Food Pantry. Thank you!

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

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!

Do You Order From Amazon? If so, then try Amazon Smile to support Fellowship Lutheran Church! First, go to Amazon Smile and choose Fellowship Lutheran Church, Columbus, Ohio as your charity. Then, shop as usual and Fellowship will receive a percentage of your purchase. It's that easy!

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 or Tracy know so we can get one 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)

October 2	30/5/33 views	November 6	39/4/19 views
October 9	30/4/26 views	November 13	46/23 views
October 16	25/5/13 views	November 20	43/18 views
October 23	40/4/28 views	November 27	25/12 views
October 30	41/30 views		

Church Staff

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

Executive Committee

President	Kathryn Tucker
Vice-President	George Biemel
Secretary	Sonya Thelin Pastor Robin

Congregational Life

Director	Cindy Frey
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Education & Youth

Director	Dianna Roll
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Outreach

Director	Carol Jaeger
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Stewardship & Support

Director	John Votino
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Worship

Director	Karen Harris
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Thank you for your leadership!!!

Worship Servers Schedule for December 2022

	December 4	December 11
Lay Reader	Ruth Albert	Kathy Farel
Counter	Andy Smith	Jim Jaeger
Greeter	Kathryn Tucker	Karen Harris
Altar Guild	Carol Scantland	Kathy & Tracy Farel

	December 18	December 24
Lay Reader	Sonya Thelin	
Counter	Bill Lude	
Greeter	Bill Lude	
Altar Guild		

Worship Servers Needed!

We have not yet returned to our full schedule of worship servers. If you can fill any of our openings for readers, counters or greeters or help out in future months, please call or email Tracy or Pastor Robin. Thanks!



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27 10:00 am - Worship 11:00 am - Put up tree & decorations 11:30-4:00 pm - CJMC	28 7:00 pm - NA	29	30 7:00 pm - Midweek Advent Service	1 11:00 am - SICC Pastors Meeting 8:00 pm - CJMC	2	3
4 9:00 am - Sunday Sch. 10:00 am - Worship 11:00 am - Choir 11:30-4:00 pm - CJMC 5:00 pm - Worship	5 7:00 pm - NA	6 7:00 p.m. - Worship Team (zoom)	7	8 8:00 pm - CJMC	9 CJMC - evening song service	10
11 9:00 am - Sunday Sch. 10:00 am - Worship 11:00 am - Choir 11:30-4:00 pm - CJMC	12 7:00 pm - NA	13 7:00 pm - Council	14	15 8:00 pm - CJMC	16	17
18 9:00 am - Sunday Sch. 9:15 am - Choir 10:00 am - Worship 11:30-4:00 pm - CJMC 5:00 pm - Quiet Christmas Service	19 7:00 pm - NA	20	21	22 8:00 pm - CJMC	23	24 Christmas Eve 7:00 pm - Service
25 Christmas 11:00 am - - CJMC	26 7:00 pm - NA	27	28	29 8:00 pm - CJMC	30	31

FOR OUR MEMBERS:

Fritzi Bear	Lillian Kachic
Maxine Brunner	Frank & Leena LeMay
Major N Crispin	Sonja Meighen
Barb Fisher	Joshua Mott
Margery Gress	Martha Sampson
Claire Haase	John Votino
Cheryl Hamilton	Ray & Carol Ward
Zach Jaeger	

FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

Joan Albert, Ruth Albert's mother
Rosemary Craig, Cindy Frey's mother
Sharon Gray, Karen Harris' classmate
Marc Hamilton, Cheryl Hamilton's son
Megan Harris, Karen Harris' daughter
Jack Renner, Pastor Robin's uncle
John Tolbert, Karen Harris' daughter-in-law's father

DEATHS:

John Bilden, Byron Engen's friend
James L. Hazelrigg, Jim Jaeger's scouting friend's father
Allen Larson, Byron Engen's friend

December Birthdays

Allen Farel	12/6
Lauren Scantland	12/8
Major Crispin	12/9
John Votino	12/10
Jase Cleveland	12/18
Fritzi Bear	12/21
Angela Kidd	12/21
Adelaide Wolkan	12/22
Pete Meighen	12/23
Darcy Dom	12/24
Carol Ward	12/24
Barb Fisher	12/25
Heather Tonn	12/25
Carol Scantland	12/28



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!

December Anniversaries

Lori & Jason Hobbins 12/09



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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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