



*January*  
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<sup>11</sup> For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the LORD, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. <sup>12</sup> Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you. <sup>13</sup> When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart... **Jeremiah 29:11-13**

Dear Fellowship Members and Friends:

I am writing this newsletter article on Christmas Eve after an inspiring Christmas Eve service with the beautiful music by our organist Dixie and her son, Justin. We lifted up our voices to God with familiar Christmas carols and heard once again the story of the birth of the Christ child - a story that never grows old. It was so nice having a full church this evening and seeing members and visitors that we haven't seen for a while. And the view from the altar as we sang Silent Night together, holding our candles up in the darkened sanctuary was spectacular! Thank you to all who helped prepare for this service, participate as worship servers, and decorate the church so nicely. Also, a big thanks to you all for the Christmas cards, goodies, gift cards, and monetary gifts and the touching words from Sonya as she presented the gift. They were greatly appreciated! I am so blessed to be the pastor of such a wonderful, generous congregation!

As we stand at the threshold of a brand new year, I am filled with excitement and anticipation for the journey that lies ahead in 2024. I'd like to share with you a poem, by Amanda Newbery, entitled *The Magic of the New Year*.

*A canvas lies blank, a story not yet told,  
with dreams and hopes, the future to unfold.  
The clock strikes twelve, voices sing with joyful cheer,  
are you wondering, are you ready to be here?  
You can let go now, all that is done,  
the shadows of last year, no more need to outrun.  
Welcome this dawn, your heart is ready,  
your strength, your courage holds you steady.  
So let your light shine, there's no need to hide,  
joy is within you, new year Magic on your side.*

I hope that you all have a wonderful and safe New Year's!

See you in church!

*Pastor Robin*



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**THE SMOKY ROW FOOD PANTRY** located at 7260 Smoky Row Rd., Columbus is in need of the following items for January, February, and March:

- Baby items (diapers - all sizes) and wipes
- Winter coats, hats and gloves (adult, child, and infant)
- Non-perishable food staples, such as beans, corn, rice, pasta
- Toiletries, such as shampoo/conditioner, soap, toilet paper, etc.
- Lightbulbs



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

**Sunday School** Come join our Sunday School classes for youth and adults at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings! The youth class is taught by Pete and Lilly Cardimen. Susan Wolfe facilitates the adult class which is studying the Old Testament, based on a DVD curriculum by Amy Jill Levine.



**Women's Dinner and Guys Night Out Update** The next women's dinner will be on Tuesday, January 23 at 6:00 p.m. at Napa Kitchen & Bar, 7148 Muirfield Dr, Dublin, OH 43017, (614) 726-9799. The next Guys' Night Out will be on Tuesday, January 23 at 6:00 p.m. at the Monte Carlo Italian Kitchen, 345 W. Olentangy Street (Powell Road), Powell, OH 43065.



**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! We are also looking for fellowship hosts following worship on the 1st Sunday of each month. Sign-up on the table in the narthex.

**Holy Communion** We celebrate Communion weekly. All baptized Christians who believe that Jesus Christ is truly present in the bread and wine are invited to join us in the celebration of Holy Communion. Grape juice is available in the center of the trays. Non-communing children and adults are welcome to come forward for a blessing.

**EFT/Faith Promise for 2024** - If you would like to make a faith promise for 2024, cards are available in the office. Please fill out as indicated and return to the financial secretary's office box. Thank you!

**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 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** - 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/> .

**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!

### **Attendance Information (In-person & virtual)**

November 5	29/38 views	December 3	37/37 views
November 12	30/54 views	December 10	28/28 views
November 19	31/30 views	December 17	36/24 views
November 26	28/39 views	December 24 am	23/12 views
		December 24 pm	71/12 views
		December 31	

In Ephesians 5:15-20, Paul writes “So be careful how you live, not as fools but as those who are wise. Make the most of every opportunity for doing good in these evil days. Don’t act thoughtlessly, but try to understand what the Lord wants you to do. Don’t be drunk with wine, because that will ruin your life. Instead, let the Holy Spirit fill and control you. Then you will sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, making music to the Lord in your hearts. And you will always give thanks for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

As 2023 comes to an end and we begin 2024, it is a good time to think of all that we have that we need to thank God for - our families and friends, our daily food, our safe places to live, our church and our church family, our country (regardless of which side of our political divisions you belong to), our jobs, our health, and so much more. Each day we live is a gift from God and Paul encourages us to “be careful how you live.” May we live each day so that each of us can make “music to the Lord in your hearts.”

At the start of this new year, here are some thoughts for 2024:

1. What are we at Fellowship Lutheran Church doing to make the world around us a better place?
2. How can Fellowship renew, revive, reinvent, reinvigorate, and/or rebirth itself to be a more vibrant service to God? And, how can each of us contribute to this rebirth initiative?
3. How can I be more involved in the mission and service of Fellowship?
4. What is God calling me to do for both Fellowship and the world around me?

None of those questions are easy to answer! However, each of us has a role in shaping Fellowship’s future here in northwest Columbus. We have a newly formed team to look at Fellowship and consider how we might wish to go forward into the future to energize and grow our membership in God’s service. If you have questions, comments, or suggestions, we encourage you to talk to one of the team members: team leader Mike Rankin, Pam Crispin, Karen Harris, Andy Smith, and John Votino.

On behalf of the executive committee and our church council, we wish you all the very best in 2024. May God richly bless you in your daily life and help you to find a deeper relationship with Him.

And may God bless Fellowship as we anticipate our mission in God’s work in this new year. “Growing In Faith Together,” let us all praise God and say “Amen!”

**“For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will save it.”  
Luke Ch. 9, vs. 24, NIV.**

On November 26<sup>th</sup>, FLC welcomed our new church organist/pianist, Dixie Heck, who comes to us with 30 years' experience. She then did an outstanding job Wednesday, December 6<sup>th</sup> accompanying us as we sang many requested hymn favorites. This followed a members' potluck and an Advent devotion given by Pastor Robin.

For Christmas Eve worship we joined with the Korean Church's pastor and wife in a 7 pm candlelight service with Communion.

The childrens' Sunday School class led by teachers, Pete and Lilly Cardimen, assembled 80 white luminaria bags to be put outside FLC just prior to the Christmas Eve worship.

On December 3<sup>rd</sup>, Pastor Robin performed a healing service immediately following worship. Also, our members decorated the church that day. An excellent job was accomplished quickly.

On Sunday, December 31<sup>st</sup>, Ruth Albert will lead the congregation in a service of lessons and carols.

In January, George Biemel will start up the Fellowship Choir once again.

**Dates to remember:**

- 1/7 - Undecorate the church after worship
- 2/11 - Souper Bowl
- 2/14 - Ash Wednesday
- 2/21-3/20 - Lenten Midweek Services & Soup Suppers

**Church Staff**

Pastor	Rev. Robin Wargowsky
Treasurer	Todd Engen
Financial Secretary	Tracy Farel
Organist	Dixie Heck
Sub. Pianist/Organist	David Fleisher, Amy Wargowsky, 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**

<b>Congregational Life</b>	Vacant
<b>Education &amp; Youth</b>	Vacant
<b>Outreach</b>	Pete Cardimen
<b>Property</b>	John Votino
<b>Stewardship</b>	Vacant (Council)
<b>Worship</b>	Karen Harris

***Thank you for your leadership!!!***

## Worship Servers Schedule for January 2024

	<b>January 7</b>	<b>January 14</b>
<b>Asst. Minister</b>	Cindy Frey	George Biemel
<b>Lay Reader</b>	Cindy Frey	George Biemel
<b>Counter</b>	Bill Lude	Bill Lude
<b>Greeter</b>	Karen Harris	
<b>Fellowship Host</b>	---	---
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Kathy & Tracy Farel	Kathy & Tracy Farel

	<b>January 21</b>	<b>January 28</b>
<b>Asst. Minister</b>		Paul Wargowsky
<b>Lay Reader</b>		Paul Wargowsky
<b>Counter</b>	Bill Farel	Bill Farel
<b>Greeter</b>		
<b>Fellowship Host</b>	---	---
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Kathy & Tracy Farel	Kathy & Tracy Farel



### Worship Servers Needed!

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

# January 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>31</b> 10:00 am - Worship 11:30-4:00 pm -CJMC 8:00 pm - CJMC	<b>1 New Year's</b> 7:00 pm - NA	<b>2</b> 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	<b>3</b> 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	<b>4</b> 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 8:00 pm - CJMC	<b>5</b> 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	<b>6</b> 6:00 am - CJMC Pray
<b>7</b> 9:00 am - Sun. School 10:00 am - Worship 11:00 am - Undecorate church; choir practice 11:30-4:00 pm -CJMC	<b>8</b> 7:00 pm - NA	<b>9</b> 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 7:00 pm - Worship Team (zoom)	<b>10</b> 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	<b>11</b> 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 8:00 pm - CJMC	<b>12</b> 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	<b>13</b> 6:00 am - CJMC Pray
<b>14</b> 9:00 am - Sun. School 10:00 am -Worship 11:00 am - Executive 11:30-4:00 pm -CJMC	<b>15</b> 7:00 pm - NA	<b>16</b> 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 7:00 pm - Council	<b>17</b> 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	<b>18</b> 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 1:30 pm - SICC Prs. 8:00 pm - CJMC	<b>19</b> 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	<b>20</b> 6:00 am - CJMC Pray
<b>21</b> 9:00 am - Sun. School 10:00 am -Worship 11:00 am - Choir 11:30-4:00 pm -CJMC	<b>22</b> 7:00 pm - NA	<b>23</b> 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 6:00 pm - Women's Dinner & Guys' Night Out	<b>24</b> 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	<b>25</b> 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 8:00 pm - CJMC	<b>26</b> 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	<b>27</b> 6:00 am - CJMC Pray
<b>28</b> 9:00 am - Sun. School 10:00 am -Worship 11:30-4:00 pm -CJMC	<b>29</b> 7:00 pm - NA	<b>30</b> 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	<b>31</b> 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	<b>1</b> 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 8:00 pm - CJMC	<b>2</b> 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	<b>3</b> 6:00 am - CJMC Pray

**FOR OUR MEMBERS:**

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|------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <b>Fritzi Bear</b>     | <b>Don Johnson</b>              |
| <b>Major N Crispin</b> | <b>Lillian Kachic</b>           |
| <b>Carolyn Crispin</b> | <b>Ed Lathy</b>                 |
| <b>Byron Engen</b>     | <b>Frank &amp; Leena LeMay</b>  |
| <b>Margery Gress</b>   | <b>Pete &amp; Sonja Meighen</b> |
| <b>Cheryl Hamilton</b> | <b>John Votino</b>              |
| <b>Zach Jaeger</b>     | <b>Ray Ward</b>                 |

**FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS:**

- Jim Barnett**, Bill Lude's friend
- Vickie Bennett**, visitor
- Dave Burger**, Jim Jaeger's friend
- Rosemary Craig**, Cindy Frey's mother
- Janis Gibbs**, N.A. Member's mother
- Steve Hamilton**, Cheryl Hamilton's husband
- McKenna Harris**, Karen Harris' granddaughter
- William Leach**, Karen Harris' brother
- Sarah Heck Luoma**, Dixie Heck's daughter
- Patty McCarty**, Paul Wargowsky's sister
- Angel McLeish**, Pete Cardimen's coworker's wife
- Nora Murphy**, Margary Gress's friend
- Scott Reimer**, John Votino's friend
- John & Charlotte Schall**, Pastor Robin's parents
- Jeff Sielaff**, visitor

**DEATHS:**

- Barbara Exton**, Carol & Jim Jaeger's family friend
- River Opper**, Cindy Frey's friend

**January Birthdays**

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|------------------|------|
| Gwen Cardimen    | 1/7  |
| Carol Jaeger     | 1/9  |
| Hayden Laucher   | 1/12 |
| Zachary Kidd     | 1/14 |
| Jenny DeVantier  | 1/17 |
| Andy Smith       | 1/20 |
| Anna Oliver      | 1/22 |
| Kim Johnston     | 1/23 |
| Major N Crispin  | 1/25 |
| Margery Gress    | 1/28 |
| Abigail Cardimen | 1/30 |



*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!*

**January Anniversaries**

- Frank & Leena LeMay 1/28



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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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