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"For now the winter is past, the rain is over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth; the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land. The fig tree puts forth its figs, and the vines are in blossom; they give forth fragrance."
Song of Solomon 2:11-13

Dear Fellowship Members and Friends:

As I write this May newsletter article, I'm mindful of the blossoming of nature around us. I always look forward to this time of year with the lengthening days and the vibrant colors of spring abounding everywhere - we are immersed in a tapestry of beauty and growth. Spring is a season that mirrors the transformative power of faith and renewal in our lives. Just as nature emerges from its winter slumber, bursting forth with new life, we are reminded of the opportunity for our own spiritual growth and renewal.

May is a month that invites us to pause and reflect on the blessings of this season—both in nature and in our own spiritual journeys. As we witness the beauty of new life around us, may we be inspired to not only cultivate a deeper connection with creation, but also our faith.

Amidst the busyness of all the happenings in May with Mother's Day, Memorial Day, the festival days of Pentecost and Holy Trinity, graduations, vacations, etc., may we always take time to reflect on the abundance of blessings that grace our lives each and every day—the warmth of the sun...the laughter of loved ones...the simple joys of living. Cultivating a spirit of gratitude, we can open ourselves to receive and appreciate the richness of life's gifts. Our world often emphasizes scarcity instead of abundance. We are blessed with resources, talents, and opportunities that enable us to make a positive difference in the lives of others. How can we share our many blessings with others? Whether through acts of kindness, generosity, or service to others, may we embody the spirit of abundance by extending love and compassion to our community.

Thank you to all who helped out in any way with Fritz Bear's memorial service on Monday, April 22nd., those who provided the refreshments in the fellowship hall afterwards, and those who helped Pastor Robin with set-up and clean-up. The Bear family greatly appreciated the food and hospitality! The spirit of abundance was very evident in all that you did for the Bear family with your acts of kindness and generosity!

As Sunday School wraps up on Sunday, May 19th, until fall, we will celebrate our three teachers on the 19th during worship: Pete and Lilly Cardimen (Youth Sunday School) and Susan Wolfe (Adult Sunday School). We will also recognize our graduates so please try to come to church that day.

May the blessings of this season be with you all. See you in church!

Pastor Robin

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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)
- **Toiletries, such as shampoo/conditioner, hand soap, deodorant, toothpaste**
- 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!



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 and Susan Wolfe facilitates the adult class and is currently using the Faith Lens studies.

The last day of Sunday School (until fall) will be Sunday, May 19th.

Women's Dinner and Guys Night Out Update The next women's dinner will be on Tuesday, May 28th at 6:00 p.m. at BD's Mongolian Grill, 6242 Sawmill Rd., Columbus, OH 43017 (614) 798-8300. The next Guys' Night Out will be on May 28th at 6:00 p.m. at Shawnee Station Taproom, 6058 Glick Rd., Powell, OH 43065 (614) 376-0754. All are welcome!

2024 Graduates We will recognize our high school and college graduates on **Sunday, May 19th**. If you or a family member are graduating in 2024, please provide the church with the following information: Name, school/university, month graduating, degree if applicable, future plans and a picture. Please email the church with this information at flc7350@gmail.com.



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.

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!

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Attendance Information (In-person & virtual)

March 3	33/17 views	April 7	17/27 views
March 6 (Midweek)	13/17 views	April 14	20/38 views
March 10	32/16 views	April 21	35/23 views
March 13 (Midweek)	13/6 views	April 28	36/17 views
March 17	36/20 views		
March 20 (Midweek)	13/28 views		
March 24	37/26 views		
March 28 (Maun. Th)	33/22 views		
March 29 (Good Fr)	6 of 61		
March 31	58/20 views		

Church Staff

Pastor	Rev. Robin Wargowsky
Treasurer	Todd Engen
Secretary & 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

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 May 2024

	May 5	May 12
Asst. Minister	Cindy Frey	Ruth Albert
Lay Reader	Cindy Frey	Ruth Albert
Counter	Bill Farel	Bill Lude
Greeter	Susan Wolfe	Karen Harris
Fellowship Host	---	---
Altar Guild	Carol Scantland	Carol Scantland

	May 19	May 26
Asst. Minister	Sonya Thelin	---
Lay Reader	Sonya Thelin	Paul Wargowsky
Counter	Bill Lude	Jim Jaeger
Greeter		
Fellowship Host	---	---
Altar Guild	Carol Scantland	Carol Scantland



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 or Tracy Farel. Thanks!

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28 9:00 am - Sun. School 10:00 am - Worship 11:30-4:00 - CJMC	29	30 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	1 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	2 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 5:00 pm - CJMC	3 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	4 6:00 am - CJMC Pray
5 9:00 am - Sun. School 10:00 am - Worship 11:00 am - Choir 11:30-4:00 - CJMC	6	7 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 7:00 p.m. - Worship (zoom)	8 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	9 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 8:00 pm - CJMC	10 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	11 6:00 am - CJMC Pray
12 Mother's Day 9:00 am - Sun. School 10:00 am - Worship 11:30-4:00 - CJMC	13	14 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	15 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	16 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 8:00 pm - CJMC	17 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	18 6:00 am - CJMC Pray
19 Pentecost 9:00 am - Sun. School 10:00 am - Worship 11:00 am - Choir 11:30-4:00 - CJMC	20	21 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 7:00 pm - Council	22 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	23 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 8:00 pm - CJMC	24 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	25 6:00 am - CJMC Pray
26 Holy Trinity 10:00 am - Worship 11:30-4:00 - CJMC	27 Memorial Day	28 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 6:00 pm - Women's Dinner 6:00 pm - Guys Night Out	29 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	30 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 1:30 pm - SICC Prs 8:00 pm - CJMC	31 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	1 6:00 am - CJMC Pray

FOR OUR MEMBERS:

Major N Crispin	Ed Lathy
Carolyn Crispin	Frank LeMay
Byron Engen	Leena LeMay
Margery Gress	Pete Meighen
Cheryl Hamilton	Sonja Meighen
Don Johnson	Ray Ward
Lillian Kachic	

May Birthdays

Susan Lee	5/05
Tom Scantland	5/07
Maria Anderson	5/09
Sam Sgro	5/13
Karen Harris	5/24

FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

Martha Ackerman, Karen Harris' friend
Becky Paull, Sherry Haynes daughter
Rosemary Craig, Cindy Frey's mother
McKenna Harris, Karen Harris' granddaughter
Kristi Mason, Mike Rankin's second cousin
Mike McKinley, David Fleisher's friend
Nora Murphy, Margery Gress' friend
Charlotte Schall, Pastor Robin's mother
John Schall, Pastor Robin's stepfather
Jeff Sielaff, FLC visitor
Val Wittkorn, Donna Williamson's friend



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!

DEATHS:

Fritzi Bear, member
Scott Reimer, John Votino's friend
Peter Tours, Jim Jaeger's friend

May Anniversaries

Bill & Kathy Farel	5/12
Bill & Pam Lude	5/30



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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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