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"At this Christmas when Christ comes, will He find a warm heart? Mark the season of Advent by loving and serving the others with God's own love and concern." - Mother Teresa

Greetings Fellowship Members and Friends!

On November 30th we enter the season of Advent and are reminded that this time is not only about waiting but about watching—watching for the light that breaks into our world, even when shadows seem long. Advent invites us to slow down, to breathe, and to prepare our hearts for Christ's coming with hope and expectation. In the midst of busy schedules, shopping lists, and holiday preparations, we are called to notice the quiet signs of God's presence already among us: in acts of kindness, in moments of stillness, and in the promise that Emmanuel—God with us—draws near.

Christmas, then, is not simply the culmination of December's festivities, but the fulfillment of God's promise of love made flesh. The child born in Bethlehem is the assurance that God's light will never be extinguished, no matter how dark the world may feel. My prayer for us this month is that as we prepare our hearts for Christ's coming with hope and expectation and joy, we also carry His light into our homes, our neighborhoods, and our community. May we be bearers of hope, peace, joy and love, reflecting the gift we have received in Jesus Christ.

Please join us for Advent Family Night on December 3rd at 6:15 p.m. with a potluck, Advent devotion, and carol singing (need a minimum of ten people to sign-up). Then on December 21st, we will again have a joyful, joint worship service with Columbus Joeun Methodist Church at a special time (11:00 a.m.) followed by a potluck. This year, it will be my turn to preach, and I hope that you'll be able to join us. Please sign up so we have an idea on the number attending and if you plan to bring a dish to share.

And let's not forget our special Candlelight Christmas Eve service at 7:00 p.m. on the 24th (music begins at 6:30 p.m.). Invite your friends and family to join us on this most holy night of worship and wonder.

See you in church!

Pastor Robin



ANNOUNCEMENTS



The Smoky Row Food Pantry is at 7260 Smoky Row Rd., Columbus. The most needed items for **October, November, and December** include:

- Baby Items (Diapers 2-3-4, Wipes)
- Toiletries, such as shampoo/conditioner, hand soap & deodorant
- Turkeys/Hams
- Laundry Detergent
- Winter Coats, Hats, Gloves

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

Women's Dinner and Guys' Night Out The women will meet on Tuesday, December 2nd at 6:00 p.m. at Tanuki Japanese Steakhouse, 3954 W. Powell Rd., Powell, OH 43065 (614) 336-8888. The next Guys' Night Out will be on Thursday, December 18th, at 6:00 p.m. at Nasty's Sports Bar & Grill, 4561 Scioto Darby Rd., Columbus, Ohio 43026 (614) 219-1531. All are welcome!

Advent Family Night - Please join us on Wednesday, December 3rd at 6:15 p.m. for our Advent Family Night. We will have a potluck first, followed by a short Advent devotion, and carol sing. Sign up sheet is on the table in the narthex for the number coming and what you will be bringing. (We need a minimum of 10 to sign up for Advent Family Night)



Give ELCA Good Gifts!
GIVE A GIFT. CHANGE A LIFE.

Fellowship Christmas Outreach Opportunity From December 1st through the 24th, FLC members can contribute to reach others during the Christmas season. To improve our global reach, FLC will again use the ELCA good gifts effort to support outreach beyond our borders. You can select from many options on their website or make a donation toward Good Gifts in an envelope. Amounts range from as little as \$10 for set of chicks to \$2500 to commission a water well. The gifts amounts are here: <https://goodgifts.elca.org/>



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 or recurring gift, or a special occasion.

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.



Sunday School Sunday School classes continue on Sundays at 9:00 a.m. for youth and adults. If you are interested in helping with a preschool class, please let Dianna Roll or Pastor Robin know. There will be no Sunday School classes on December 21st or December 28th.

Save the Dates!

- November 30 - Advent begins; decorate church for Christmas after worship
- December 3, 6:15 p.m. - Advent Family Night (potluck, devotion, & carol sing)
- December 21, 11:00 a.m. - Joint Christmas service with Columbus Joeun Methodist Church with potluck to follow
- December 24, 7:00 p.m. - Candlelight Christmas Eve service (Music @ 6:30)

Poinsettias - If you have ordered a poinsettia(s) for Christmas Eve, please pay by check, marking it for poinsettias, or with Vanco Mobile, poinsettia fund. Poinsettias are \$10.99 this year. Poinsettias may be taken home after our Christmas Eve service.



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!

Fellowship now has an Instagram Page thanks to Pete and Lilly Cardimen! Click on this link: https://www.instagram.com/fellowship_lutheran_church/#

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!



Worship Servers Needed If you are willing to serve as assisting minister, reader, greeter, or counter for our 10:00 a.m. service, please sign up on the sign-up sheet on the table in the narthex. We are especially in need of counters. We are also looking for fellowship hosts to serve light refreshments after Sunday worship once a month. Thanks!

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.



Attendance Information (In-person & virtual)

October 5	34/28 views	November 2	28/31 views
October 12	26/21 views	November 9	36/45 views
October 19	33/24 views	November 16	39/22 views
October 26	52/29 views	November 23	35/15 views
		November 30	

Worship Servers Schedule for December 2025

	December 7	December 14	December 21
Asst. Minister	Ruth Albert	Sonya Thelin	--
Lay Reader	Ruth Albert	Sonya Thelin	--
Counter		Darcy Dom	
Greeter		Karen Harris	--
Fellowship Host	--	--	Potluck with CJMC
Altar Guild	Carol Scantland	Carol Scantland	Carol Scantland

	December 24	December 28
Asst. Minister	Ruth Albert	Ruth Albert - worship leader
Lay Reader	Ruth Albert	Mike Rankin
Counter		
Greeter		
Fellowship Host	--	--
Altar Guild	Darcy Dom & Karen Harris	Dianna Roll & Angela Kidd



Worship Servers Needed!

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

FOR OUR MEMBERS:

Maria Anderson	Lillian Kachic
Carolyn Crispin	Ed Lathy
Major N Crispin	Frank LeMay
Byron Engen	Leena LeMay
Claire Haase	Pete Meighen
Cheryl Hamilton	John Votino
Don Johnson	Ray Ward

December Birthdays

Allen Farel	12/6
Lauren Scantland	12/8
Major Crispin	12/9
John Votino	12/10
Angela Kidd	12/21
Adelaide Wolkan	12/22
Pete Meighen	12/23
Darcy Dom	12/24
Conner Smith	12/24
Heather Tonn	12/25
Carol Scantland	12/28

FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

Mark Albert, Ruth Albert's brother
Ron Laucher, Chad Laucher's father
Evelyn Powers, Pastor Robin's colleague's daughter
Mike McKinley, David Fleisher's friend
Charlotte Schall, Pastor Robin's mother



DEATHS:

Barb Huston, Pastor Robin's friend's mother

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
Matthew & Sarah Burns	12/16



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30 9:00 am - Sun. School 10:00 am - Worship 11:15 am - Put up Christmas decorations 11:30-4:00 - CJMC	1	2 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 6:00 pm - Women's Dinner	3 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 6:15 pm - Advent Family Night 7:30 pm - Worship 6:30 - 9:30 pm - Iglesia	4 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 8:00 pm - CJMC	5 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	6 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 8:00-12:00 - SJCO 5:30-8:30 pm - Iglesia 6-8 pm - CJMC Bible Study
7 9:00 am - Sun. School 10:00 am - Worship 11:30-4:00 - CJMC	8	9 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	10 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 6:30 - 9:30 pm - Iglesia	11 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 8:00 pm - CJMC	12 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	13 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 8:00-12:00 - SJCO 5:30-8:30 pm - Iglesia 6-8 pm - CJMC Bible Study
14 9:00 am - Sun. School 10:00 am - Worship 11:15 am - Executive/ Council 11:30-4:00 - CJMC	15	16 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	17 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 6:30 - 9:30 pm - Iglesia	18 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 6:00 pm - Guys' Night Out 8:00 pm - CJMC	19 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	20 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 8:00-12:00 - SJCO 5:30-8:30 pm - Iglesia 6-8 pm - CJMC Bible Study
21 11:00 am - Joint Worship & Potluck with CJMC	22	23 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	24 Christmas Eve 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 7:00 pm - service (6:30 music begins)	25 Christmas 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 8:00 pm - CJMC	26 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	27 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 8:00-12:00 - SJCO 5:30-8:30 pm - Iglesia 6-8 pm - CJMC Bible Study
28 10:00 am - Worship 11:30-4:00 - CJMC	29	30 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	31 New Year's Eve 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 6:30 - 9:30 pm - Iglesia	1 New Year's 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 8:00 pm - CJMC	2 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	3 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 8:00-12:00 - SJCO 5:30-8:30 pm - Iglesia 6-8 pm - CJMC Bible Study

Church Staff

Pastor	Rev. Robin Wargowsky
Treasurer	Bill Farel
Secretary & Financial Secretary	Tracy Farel
Organist/Pianist	Suzanne McNutt
Sub. Pianist/Organist	Amy Wargowsky, David Fleisher, Ruth Albert
Band Director	George Biemel
Custodian	Kenneth Hunt

Executive Committee

President	Ruth Albert
Vice-President	Mike Rankin
Secretary	Angela Kidd
	Pastor Robin

At-large Council Members

Andy Smith
Cathy Votino
Donna Williamson

Team Coordinators

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

Thank you for your leadership!!!

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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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