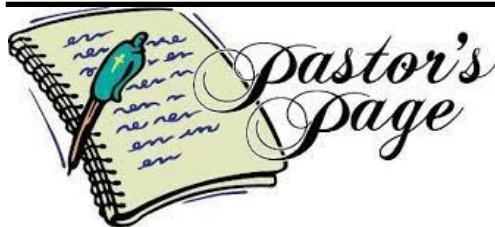


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"You can find something truly important in an ordinary minute." — Mitch Albom, For One More Day

Dear Fellowship Members and Friends:

As I sit down to write my July newsletter article, the whirlwind of the past few months finally seems to be settling. On a personal level, we've got our daughter, Amy, moved from Fort Wayne to Columbus to start her new job at Lower Lights Christian Health Center, and Paul and I have recently celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary. And in the church, the solemn journey through Lent, the depth of Holy Week and Easter, the recognition of our graduates and Sunday School teachers, and the celebrations of Pentecost and Trinity Sunday are now behind us. In the rhythm of the church year, we find ourselves in what's often called "Ordinary Time" - a season that stretches long with few major feast days (except Reformation and All Saints Sunday), and whose liturgical color remains green, steady and seemingly unchanging.

But this so-called "ordinary" time holds a quiet invitation. It urges us to look more deeply within, to notice the sacred woven into our everyday lives. As theologian, Kathleen Norris, beautifully puts it, "when we truly live the Season after Pentecost we discover that every moment is sacramental, nothing is just ordinary, and the Kingdom of God is within."

And yet, what often keeps us from recognizing this truth is the very pace of our lives. Calendars, appointments, and to-do lists keep us moving, checking boxes and staying on schedule. But underneath that surface of control, many of us still feel unsettled - chasing some unnamed "more," hoping the next thing we do will quiet that restlessness.

St. Augustine once wrote, "Our hearts are restless until they rest in You." And while "resting in God" sounds peaceful, it can also feel elusive in our busy lives. But maybe that internal restlessness isn't something to silence - it's something sacred. Maybe it's God calling us to pause, to turn inward, to breathe in God's presence right where we are.

This season, I believe God is drawing us to embrace faith not just in special moments, but in the everyday: the errands, the conversations, the quiet routines. These are not interruptions to the spiritual life - they *are* the spiritual life.

As Psalm 90:12 reminds us: "Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom." Even the most ordinary day is a gift, a chance to grow in grace.

This summer, I'm choosing to be more intentional with my prayer and devotional life. I'm practicing what it means to "rest in God" in the middle of an ordinary moments of life. I invite you to do the same. Open your heart to grace in the little things, and you might just find that the ordinary has been sacred all along.

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 **July, August, and September** include:



- Non-perishable food staples, such as beans, corn, rice, pasta
- Toiletries, such as shampoo/conditioner, hand soap, deodorant, toilet paper, etc.
- Toothpaste and toothbrushes

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

Our next Women's Dinner and Guys Night will be on Tuesday, July 1st at 6:00 p.m. The women will meet at Rusty Bucket, 7800 Olentangy River Rd., Columbus, OH 43235, (614) 436-2626 and the guys at City Barbeque, 3758 W. Powell Rd., Powell, OH 43065, (614) 224-8224. All are welcome!

Sunday School Sunday School will resume in the fall for youth and adults. If you would like to teach/facilitate the adult class in the fall, please let Dianna Roll or Pastor Robin know.



Worship Servers Needed If you are willing to serve as assisting minister, reader, greeter, communion assistant, 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.



School Supply Drive To support Smoky Row Food Pantry, Fellowship will collect school supplies until July 19th. Due to a surplus of supplies from last year, the only supplies needed in 2025 are Kleenex tissues, dry erase markers, and dry erase board cleaning wipes. Please put items in donation bins in the narthex.



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.



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!

Attendance Information (In-person & virtual)

May 4	31/25 views	June 1	27/21 views
May 11	34/17 views	June 8	31/24 views
May 18	33/18 views	June 15	25/13 views
May 25	24/15 views	June 22	30/16 views
		June 29	

Congratulations to Angela and Zach Kidd on the birth of their new daughter! Wrenley Aurora Kidd was born on June 21st at 1:16 p.m., weighing 8 lbs. 1 oz and measuring 19.75 inches long. Mom and baby are healthy and went home Sunday afternoon, 6/22.



Welcome to Fellowship, Mary Beth Hammeren! Mary Beth has been visiting with us since March and joined Fellowship on June 1st.



Philippians 4:12-13 *“I know what it is to have little, and I know what it is to have plenty. In any and all circumstances I have learned the secret of being well fed and of going hungry, of having plenty and of being in need. I can do all things through him who strengthens me.” (NRSVue)*



“What a fellowship, what a joy divine, leaning on the everlasting arms!” This was the hymn that opened the Southern Ohio Synod Assembly held June 6 – 7, 2025. This year’s assembly, with a theme of “Anchored in Grace: Freed to Serve”, was held at the Africa Event Center at the Columbus Zoo and Aquarium. Thank you for allowing me to represent the church as the voting member from FLC. What a beautiful setting with all the animals just outside off of the deck. It was a bit of a distraction with the giraffes being nearby most of the time. Many people, including me, went outside at breaks to take pictures. The giraffe in the picture to the left was just 20 feet from me.

This year featured a number of elections, including bishop, Discipline Committee, Consultation Committee, and Synod Council. Current Bishop Dillahunt was re-elected on the first ballot. A two-year budget was passed as there will not be a synod assembly next year. Instead of a special keynote speaker, each of the bishop’s assistants were given time to update the assembly on their activities over the past year.



The Friday night communion service had a jazz band for accompaniment. It was very different singing many familiar hymns to a jazz beat, including Let Us Break Bread Together. As the bishop election process did not take long, the assembly ended early and everyone who wanted to was able to enjoy the Zoo for the rest of the day on Saturday.

The Synod has a resource called the Sandbox. It has many resources that we can possibly make use of. I now have access and will be looking for things we can do. I also need your input into things you would like to do. If there is something you are interested in doing, please talk with Pastor Robin, anyone on Council, or one of our Ministry Teams.



WHAT – What activities do you want to do?

CAN – Choose what we can do.

WE – Not just leadership, but all of us

DO – Let’s get busy!

In Christ,

Ruth Albert

“Therefore, as God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.” – Colossians 3:12 (NIV)

4/2 & 4/9 - We had our last soup suppers and Lenten midweek services. For Palm Sunday, all gathered outside the sanctuary to receive palms and processed in to our seats to worship. We raised our palms at any mention of Hosanna, thereby honoring Christ, our soon-to-be-risen Savior. Also, the executive committee spoke of Christ’s Passion instead of Pastor Robin giving a sermon. We shared our Maundy Thursday service with the Joeun Methodist Church. An ecumenical Good Friday service was shared with members of the Sawmill Interfaith churches at Redeemer Moravian Church. On Easter, we celebrated Jesus’ Resurrection during our 10 am worship and enjoyed a fellowship time in the narthex with other members and visitors.

4/21-4/27- Pastor Robin took a much needed vacation!

In May, WT did not hold a meeting.

On May 13th, Fellowship held a Celebration of Life service for a much-loved member, Bill Lude. Dianna Roll and her family coordinated a meal afterwards with help from members of our congregation.

6/1 - Pastor performed a Healing Service immediately following our regular worship.

6/4-9 - Pastor Robin and Paul took time off to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary in Hocking Hills. Congratulations to them both! Pastor Monte Stevens filled in during our Sunday worship on 6/8.

Also, on 6/8, we switched to our summer liturgy and a newer version of the Lord’s Prayer.

6/10 - WT held a regular meeting during which Ruth Albert reported on the very recent SOS Assembly and bishop selection. We discussed a need for a different method of visitor registration. Pastor has gotten nice visitor cards and they are accessed on the small table as you enter the sanctuary. Sonya Thelin made FLC’s reservation for 8/10/2025 for our annual outdoor worship (under the shade!) & picnic at Murphy Park in Powell.

Important upcoming dates:

7/8 - Next WT meeting

8/10 - Outdoor worship at Powell’s Murphy Park

9/7 - Healing service

10/26 - 45th Anniversary of FLC, Pastor Robin’s 12th year anniversary, and REFORMATION SUNDAY

Worship Servers Schedule for July 2025

	July 6	July 13
Asst. Minister	Cindy Frey	
Lay Reader	Gabby Frey	
Counter		Andy Smith
Greeter	Karen Harris	Kathryn Tucker
Communion Asst.	Cam Frey	Dom Frey
Fellowship Host		
Altar Guild	Kathy & Tracy Farel	Kathy & Tracy Farel

	July 20	July 27
Asst. Minister		
Lay Reader		
Counter		
Greeter	Karen Harris	
Communion Asst.	Karen Harris	
Fellowship Host		
Altar Guild	Kathy & Tracy Farel	Kathy & Tracy Farel



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:

Carolyn Crispin	Ed Lathy
Major N Crispin	Frank LeMay
Byron Engen	Leena LeMay
Margery Gress	Pete Meighen
Cheryl Hamilton	Sonja Meighen
Jim Jaeger	John Votino
Lillian Kachic	Ray Ward

FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

Cindy Anderson, Maria Anderson's mother-in-law
Sue Brim, Karen Harris' friend
Jane Credicott, Karen Harris' friend
Larry Dasher, Cheryl Hamilton's brother
Garrett Henry, Mike Rankin's step-grandson
Joy Kerner, Jim & Carol Jaeger's friend
Wendell Knott, Jim Jaeger's friend's son
Ron Laucher, Chad Laucher's father
Mike McKinley, David Fleisher's friend

DEATHS:

July Birthdays

Erin Jaeger	7/2
Katie Rankin	7/3
Jason Hobbins	7/4
Carolyn Crispin	7/6
Andy Poland	7/8
Lorien Crispin	7/11
Callen Anderson	7/12
Amy Wargowsky	7/15
Byron Engen	7/19
Cindy Frey	7/24
Evelyn France	7/26
Grayson France	7/26



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!

July Anniversaries

Steve & Cheryl Hamilton	7/20
Ryan & Rebecca Roll	7/20



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Sun		Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29 10:00 am - Worship 11:30-4:00 - CJMC	30 9 am-8 pm - HLC	1 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 9 am-8 pm - HLC 6:00 pm - Women's Dinner 6:00 pm - Guys' Night Out	2 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 9 am-8 pm - HLC	3 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 9 am-8 pm - HLC 8:00 pm - CJMC	4 Independence Day 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	5 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 8:00-12:00 - SJOC 11:00-3:00 - HLC 6-8 pm - CJMC Bible Study	
6 10:00 am - Worship 11:30-4:00 - CJMC	7 9 am-8 pm - HLC	8 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 9 am-8 pm - HLC 7:00 pm - Worship (zoom)	9 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 9 am-8 pm - HLC	10 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 9 am-8 pm - HLC 8:00 pm - CJMC	11 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	12 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 8:00-12:00 - SJOC 11:00-3:00 - HLC 6-8 pm - CJMC Bible Study	
13 10:00 am - Worship 11:10 am - Executive 11:30-4:00 - CJMC	14 9 am-8 pm - HLC	15 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 9 am-8 pm - HLC 7:00 pm - Council	16 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 9 am-8 pm - HLC	17 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 9 am-8 pm - HLC 8:00 pm - CJMC	18 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	19 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 8:00-12:00 - SJOC 11:00-3:00 - HLC 6-8 pm - CJMC Bible Study	
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Church Staff

Pastor	Rev. Robin Wargowsky
Treasurer	Bill Farel
Secretary & Financial Secretary	Tracy Farel
Organist	Dixie Heck
Sub. Pianist/Organist	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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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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