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Fellowship Family News

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"As a deer longs for flowing streams, so my soul longs for you,
O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I
come and behold the face of God?" Psalm 42:1-2 NRSV

Dear Fellowship Members and Friends:

I'm really looking forward to spring this year and watching the days grow longer and warmer, and flowers start to bloom. I hope the snow and cold temperatures that we've experienced this winter will soon be gone. As we step into the month of March and welcome the arrival of spring, we also begin a journey together into the season of Lent. This is a special time for us to reflect, renew, and grow in our faith as we prepare our hearts for the joyous celebration of Easter.

Lent encourages introspection and observation. Ash Wednesday is the perfect starting point for this journey, and you are invited to join us for this special service with Holy Communion on March 5th at 7:00 p.m. During this service, the imposition of ashes will be offered, a powerful symbol of not only our mortality, but also our humility and repentance.



In addition, throughout the forty days of Lent, please join us for our midweek Lenten services, when we come together as a faith community to share a meal, reflect, and worship. These special evenings are designed to deepen our spiritual journey and provide a space for connection and growth. Each Wednesday during Lent, we'll gather for a simple yet nourishing supper at 6:15 p.m. This shared meal offers a wonderful opportunity for fellowship, allowing us to support and uplift one another in a warm and welcoming environment. If you would like to help provide one of the midweek meals, there is a sign-up sheet on the table in the narthex. Following supper, we'll move into the sanctuary for a time of worship at 7:00 p.m. Our midweek services will feature the Hidden with Christ liturgy, prayer, and reflective messages with the theme, Savior Servant Friend. These services are designed to help us draw closer to God, connect with one another and nurture our spiritual lives.



As we journey through Lent together, let's embrace this season as a time to draw closer to God and to each other. May our hearts be filled with hope, love, and anticipation as we prepare for the resurrection to come.

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:



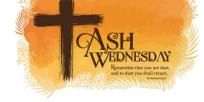
- Baby items (diapers all sizes) and wipes
- Winter coats, hats and gloves (adult, child, and infant)
- Non-perishable food staples, such as beans, corn, rice, pasta
- Toiletries, such as shampoo/conditioner, soap, toilet paper, etc.
- Lightbulbs

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

Women's Dinner and Guys Night The next Women's Dinner will be on Tuesday, March 25th at 6:00 p.m. at Monte Carlo Italian Kitchen, 345 W. Olentangy St., Powell, OH 43065 (614) 389-3711. The next Guys' Night Out is on Tuesday, March 25th at 6:00 p.m. at Don Tequila Grill, 1540 Bethel Rd., Columbus, Ohio 43220 (614) 745-0081. All are welcome!

Sunday School Come join our Sunday School classes for youth and adults at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings! Susan Wolfe facilitates the adult class which is studying "Unafraid: Living with Courage and Hope in Uncertain Times," and Pete and Lilly Cardimen are teaching our youth. Everyone is welcome to attend!

Our Ash Wednesday Service will be on Wednesday, March 5th, at 7:00 p.m. Please join us for this special service which begins Lent. The imposition of ashes and holy communion will be offered.





Wednesday Soup Suppers/Lenten Services Beginning Soup Suppers Wednesday, March 12th, we will begin our midweek soup suppers/Lenten services. Soup suppers will begin at 6:15 p.m., with a Lenten service to follow at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome! The theme this year is, "Savior

Servant Friend." We hope to have 2 volunteers each week to prepare the soup or sandwich and salad-type suppers. A sign-up sheet is on the table in the narthex. There is now a 5-quart crock pot available in the kitchen for use with the soup suppers or other FLC congregational events.

2025 Easter Flower Orders Sign-up sheet is on table in narthex. Deadline to order is Sunday, March 16th. Lilies are \$13 each; tulips, hyacinth, and daffodils are \$10 each. Place payment in the offering plate or pay with Vanco Mobile. Please make all checks payable to Fellowship Lutheran Church and put Easter flowers in memo line. Flowers can be picked up at the end of worship on Easter Sunday.

FLC Service Opportunities There are opportunities coming up that we need members to do the planning for or assist with. The first opportunity is for light refreshments after worship service on the last Sunday of the month. We have March covered already. Snacks could be cookies, cookie bars, fruit, or other small treats that will be enjoyable as people talk after church in the narthex. The second opportunity is preparations for the church's 45th anniversary of founding. This will be a short term ministry team. If you are interested in either of these opportunities, please let Ruth Albert or Pastor Robin know.

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! Sign-up sheet is 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.



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.

Time Change on Sunday, March 9th - Don't forget to turn your clocks forward one hour before you go to bed.

Fellowship now has an Instagram Page thanks to Pete and Lilly Cardimen! Scan the QR code to access the page. Or click on the link below: https://www.instagram.com/fellowship_lutheran_church/#



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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.

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!

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!

Attendance Information (In-person & virtual)

January 5	29/17 views	February 2	21/14 views
January 12	41/23 views	February 9	26/17 views
January 19	24/30 views	February 16	16/22 views
January 26	32/22 views	February 23	38/15 views

Worship Servers Schedule for March 2025

	March 2	March 9	March 16
Asst. Minister	Cindy Frey	Ruth Albert	Sonya Thelin
Lay Reader	Gabby Frey	Ruth Albert	Sonya Thelin
Counter	Jim Jaeger	Bill Lude	Bill Lude
Greeter		Karen Harris	
Communion Asst.	Dom Frey		
Altar Guild	Darcy Dom & Karen Harris	Darcy Dom & Karen Harris	Darcy Dom & Karen Harris

	March 23	March 30
Asst. Minister	Paul Wargowsky	Cindy Frey
Lay Reader	Paul Wargowsky	Gabby Frey
Counter		
Greeter		
Communion Asst.		Dom Frey
Fellowship Host	-	Mike Rankin
Altar Guild	Darcy Dom & Karen Harris	Darcy Dom & Karen Harris



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!

FOR OUR MEMBERS:

Carolyn Crispin	Ed Lathy
Major N Crispin	Frank LeMay
Byron Engen	Leena LeMay
Pat Frey	Pete Meighen
Margery Gress	Sonja Meighen
Cheryl Hamilton	Jeff Sielaff
Karen Henry	Ray Ward
Lillian Kachic	-

March Birthdays

3/10
3/12
3/13
3/13
3/31

FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

Jonah Albert, Ruth Albert's nephew
Cindy Anderson, Maria Anderson's mother-in-law
Zoe Blemlek, Bill Lude's friend's granddaughter
Wendel Knott, Jim Jaeger's friend's son
Judy Lathrop, Donna Williamson's cousin
Amy Malcolm, Pete Cardimen's co-worker's wife
Connie Margarf, Andy Smith's aunt
Kristy Mason, Mike Rankin's 2nd cousin
Mike McKinley, David Fleisher's friend



DEATHS:

Shelby Klinger, Jim Jaeger's friend's daughter Marilyn Schall, Pastor Robin's aunt Jeanette Schroeder, Jeanine Biemel's cousin 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!

March Anniversaries

Sarah & Nathan McCormick 3/25



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2 9:00 am - Sun. School 10:00 am -Worship 11:30-4:00 - CJMC	જ	4 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	5 Ash Wednesday 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 1-2:30 pm - CJMC Bible Study 7:00 pm - AW Worship	6:00 am - CJMC Pray 8:00 pm - CJMC	7 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	1/8 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 8:00-12:00 - SJCOC
9 9:00 am - Sun. School 10:00 am - Worship 11:10 am - Executive 11:30-4:00 - CJMC	10	6:00 am - CJMC Pray 7:00 pm - Worship (zoom)	6:00 am - CJMC Pray 1-2:30 pm - CJMC Bible Study 6:15 pm - Soup Supper 7:00 pm - Worship	13 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 8:00 pm - CJMC	14 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	15 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 8:00-12:00 - SJCOC
16 9:00 am - Sun. School 10:00 am - Worship 11:30-4:00 - CJMC	21	18 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 7:00 pm - Council	6:00 am - CJMC Pray 1-2:30 pm - CJMC Bible Study 6:15 pm - Soup Supper 7:00 pm - Worship	20 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 1:30 pm - SICC Prs. 8:00 pm - CJMC	21 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	22 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 8:00-12:00 - SJCOC
23 9:00 am - Sun. School 10:00 am -Worship 11:30-4:00 - CJMC	24	6:00 am - CJMC Pray 6:00 pm - Women's Dinner 6:00 pm - Guys' Night Out	26 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 1-2:30 pm - CJMC Bible Study 6:15 pm - Soup Supper 7:00 pm - Worship	27 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 8:00 pm - CJMC	28 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	29 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 8:00-12:00 - SJCOC
30 9:00 am - Sun. School 10:00 am -Worship 11:30-4:00 - CJMC	31	6:00 am - CJMC Pray	2 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 1-2:30 pm - CJMC Bible Study 6:15 pm - Soup Supper 7:00 pm - Worship	3 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 8:00 pm - CJMC	6:00 am - CJMC Pray	5 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 8:00-12:00 - SJCOC

Church Staff & Leadership

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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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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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