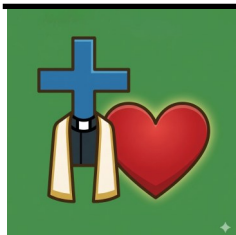


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"Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor."
-- **Romans 12:9-10 NRSVue**

Dear friends in Christ,

Can you believe it's almost September? It seems this year has flown by! In this time of transition, our routines reset, our kids are adjusting to new grades and teachers, and our church calendar shifts into a fresh groove. It's an ideal moment to pause and ask ourselves a core question: What kind of community is Fellowship called to be?

In Romans 12:9-10, the Apostle Paul gives us a vibrant blueprint for this community and sets the bar high: "Let love be genuine; hate what is evil; hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor." Paul gives us an alternative to the way that the world lives. He doesn't ask us to practice a polite, superficial kind of love—the kind that smiles on Sunday morning but forgets about neighborliness by Monday afternoon. He calls us to unhyprocritical, genuine love.

Genuine love requires vulnerability. It means dropping our masks and creating a community where people feel safe to share both their joys and their deep burdens. In a world that often highlights division and negativity, we are called to actively choose and champion what is good, honorable, and holy.

Paul's phrase "outdo one another in showing honor" is a holy challenge. Imagine a church culture where everyone is actively trying to lift up, thank, and encourage the person next to them!

As we gather for fall worship, the start of Sunday School, and community outreach (God's Work, Our Hands projects) this month, let's make Paul's instruction our daily practice. Let's look for tangible ways to honor those around us, serve with affection, and let Christ's love shine through everything we do.

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
- Peanut butter & jelly
- 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!



Women's Dinner and Guys' Night Out The next Women's Dinner is on Tuesday, September 29th, at 6:00 p.m., at Azteca Mexican Grill, 3962 Powell Rd., Powell, OH 43065 (614) 210-0900. The next Guys' Night Out is on Tuesday, September 22nd at 6:00 p.m. at Moretti's of Dublin, 5849 Sawmill Rd., Dublin, OH 43065 (614) 717-0400. All are welcome!

Sunday School Sunday School classes for youth are on break until September 20. If you would like to facilitate the adult class, please contact Dianna Roll.



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!

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.



Thrivent Members - Please order a Thrivent cause kit, either solar lights or water filters, to be completed on God's Work, Our Hands. Sunday, Sept. 13th.



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.



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



Thrivent Choice Dollars 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!

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)

July 5	20/24 views	August 2	28/12 views
July 12	31/10 views	August 9	43/27 views
July 19	38/11 views	August 16	33/17 views
July 26	21/16 views	August 23	27/16 views
		August 30	17/6 views

*Outdoor Worship Service at Murphy Park
August 9, 2026*



*Celebration of Bridget Smith's Baptism
August 16, 2026*



Philippians 4:13 "I can do all things through him who strengthens me." (NRSVue)

As the (hopefully) last summer heat fades, we look forward to the cooler days of fall and the changing of the leaves. There are many opportunities to help at the church. One of those things is church leadership. I have agreed to continue serving as President of the congregation for the next two years. We will need members to serve in the rest of the positions of Vice President, Secretary, and one At-Large Council Member. To accommodate the schedules of current Congregation Council members, meetings are held by Zoom, making it easier to participate. We plan on continuing to meet by Zoom. I do keep the meetings short. Please prayerfully consider serving in one of these positions.

For the Ministry Team leaders, please have your budgets for 2027 to Congregation Council and Pastor Robin by September 30 so they can be finalized for inclusion in the November Annual Meeting.

Sunday School starts again on September 20. We now have teachers for preschool and will offer a catechism class. If you would like to facilitate an adult class, please see Pastor Robin or Diana Roll.

For God's Work. Our Hands. Sunday (September 13th), we will be assembling the Thrivent Cause Water and Solar kits we have ordered. We will do this after worship.

Worship service opportunities include altar guild, greeters, assisting ministers, lay readers, and counters. The lay reader and assisting minister can be different members. Both our women's and men's groups are going out to eat each month. Maybe this might be the chance to invite someone to one of these dinners, or church? Unable to do any of the above? Pray for one another and those who are able to volunteer.

We might be a small congregation, but there is so much we CAN do.

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

Worship Servers Schedule for September 2026

	September 6	September 13
Asst. Minister	Paul Wargowsky	Ruth Albert
Lay Reader	Paul Wargowsky	Ruth Albert
Counter	Darcy Dom	
Greeter	Beth Hammeren	Susan Wolfe
Fellowship Host	--	--
Altar Guild	Carol Scantland	Carol Scantland

	September 20	September 27
Asst. Minister	Beth Hammeren	Chad Laucher
Lay Reader		Chad Laucher
Counter		
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, 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
Claire Haase	Pete Meighen
Cheryl Hamilton	Bridget Smith
Karen Henry	Sonya Thelin
Lillian Kachic	Ray Ward

FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

Tony Armentrout (family requested prayers)
Lynda Dinsdale, Jaeger family friend
Cliff Hammeren, Beth Hammeren's father-in-law
Garrett Henry, Mike Rankin's step grandson
Richard Kovacs, John Votino's mother's companion
Rachel Lathy, Ed Lathy's daughter
Ron Laucher, Chad Laucher's father
Mike McKinley, David Fleisher's friend
Jon Self, John Votino's friend
John Seol, CJMC Member
Rovan Spears, Jasmine Neal-Spears' husband
Danny Valley, Beth Hammeren's son-in-law

DEATHS:

Jim Burke, Votino family friend

September Birthdays

Jenifer Takats	09/06
Bridget Smith	09/07
Julian McCormick	09/09
David Biemel	09/10
Ed Lathy	09/11
Donna Williamson	09/11
Beth Hammeren	09/13
Aleigha Crispin	09/18
Nathan McCormick	09/22
Mike Rankin	09/22
Ruth Albert	09/23
Nicholas Meighen	09/23
Ruth Rankin	09/24
Vanessa France	09/25
Cameron Frey	09/29
Dominic Frey	09/29
Gabriella Frey	09/29



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!

September Anniversaries

Chris & Heather Tonn	09/18
Pete & Megan Cardimen	09/19
Jim & Carol Jaeger	09/20



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30 10:00 am - Worship 11:30-4:00 - CJMC	31	1 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	2 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 7:30 pm - CJMC	3 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	4 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	5 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 8:00-12:00 - SJCOG 6-8 pm - CJMC Bible Study
6 10:00 am - Worship 11:30-4:00 - CJMC	7 Labor Day	8 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	9 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 7:30 pm - CJMC	10 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	11 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	12 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 8:00-12:00 - SJCOG 6-8 pm - CJMC Bible Study
13 GWOH Sunday 10:00 am - Worship 11:15 am - GWOH Projects 11:30-4:00 - CJMC	14	15 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	16 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 7:30 pm - CJMC	17 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	18 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	19 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 8:00-12:00 - SJCOG 6-8 pm - CJMC Bible Study
20 9:00 am - Sun. School 10:00 am - Worship 11:30-4:00 - CJMC	21	22 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 6:00 pm - Guys' Night Out 7:00 pm - Council (zoom)	23 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 7:30 pm - CJMC	24 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	25 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	26 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 8:00-12:00 - SJCOG 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/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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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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