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"Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love." — Joel 2:13 (NRSVue)

Greetings Fellowship Members and Friends!

As we move deeper into the season of Lent, I'm reminded how countercultural this time truly is. While the world around us urges speed, productivity, and constant self-improvement, Lent invites us into something quieter and far more honest. It asks us to slow down, to look inward, and to trust that God meets us not in our polished moments but in our real ones. Lent offers us a simple invitation: to return to the Lord. To come back. To take a breath. To remember who we are and whose we are. In a world that constantly pulls us in a dozen directions, that reminder feels like a gift.

Joel's words aren't meant to scold; they're meant to reassure. God is gracious. God is merciful. God is already leaning toward us long before we manage to take a single step back toward God. Lent isn't about proving our devotion. It's about noticing the God who hasn't stopped loving us for a moment.

March is one of those in-between months: winter is still hanging on, spring is not quite ready to commit. It feels a bit like the spiritual space many of us live in during Lent. We're not who we were, and we're not yet who we're becoming. And that's okay. God meets us right in the middle of the "not yet." Even in seasons that feel barren or uncertain, God is quietly cultivating hope, healing, and courage.

So this month, I invite you to take Lent at a human pace. Let your practices be gentle. Let your prayers be honest. Let your heart be open to the small ways God is nudging you back toward life—through a conversation, a moment of quiet, a glimpse of sunlight on a cold morning.

Wherever you find yourself on the journey, remember this: God is already there, gracious and merciful, ready to welcome you back again and again.

Blessings on your Lenten walk,

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 Out The women will meet on Tuesday, March 3rd at 6:00 p.m. at Siam Orchid, 7654 Sawmill Rd., Dublin, OH 43016, (614) 792-1112. The next Guys' Night Out will be Tuesday, March 24th at 6:00 p.m. at City Barbeque, 3758 W. Powell Rd., Powell, OH 43065, (614) 224-8224. All are welcome!



Wednesday Soup Suppers/Lenten Services Our midweek soup suppers began on Wednesday, February 25th, and will continue for 5 weeks. Soup suppers begin at 6:15 p.m., with a Lenten service following at 7:00 p.m. Both will be held in the Fellowship Hall this year. All are welcome! The theme is "Dying His Death,

Living His Life." 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.

Upcoming Congregational Meeting On Sunday, March 8th immediately following worship we will have a brief congregational meeting to vote on replacement doors at the front entrance.

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.

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!



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.

Sunday School Come join our Sunday School classes for youth and adults at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings! The adult class is studying "Living Purple," a Southern Ohio Synod Lent study. Pete Cardimen is teaching our youth. Everyone is welcome to attend!

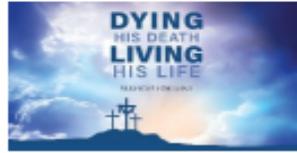


Fellowship has an Instagram Page thanks to Pete and Lilly Cardimen! Click on this link: https://www.instagram.com/fellowship_lutheran_church/#

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!

2026 Easter Flowers If you have ordered Easter flowers, please pay by either placing 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. Lilies are \$13 each; tulips, hyacinth, and daffodils are \$10 each. Flowers can be picked up at the end of the 10:00 a.m. service on Easter.

2026 MIDWEEK LENTEN/HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES



ASH WEDNESDAY – February 18th @ 7:00 p.m. "Dying to Sin, Living in Forgiveness"

February 25th @ 7:00 p.m. "Dying to Pride, Living for Others"

March 4th @ 7:00 p.m. "Dying to Greed, Living for the Treasures of Heaven"

March 11th @ 7:00 p.m. "Dying to Doubt, Living by Faith"

March 18th @ 7:00 p.m. "Dying to Turmoil, Living in Peace"

March 25th @ 7:00 p.m. "Dying to Judgment, Living in Grace"

Light Lenten meals beginning at 6:15 p.m. to be offered prior to all Wednesday evening services, except Ash Wednesday.

HOLY WEEK

PASSION/PALM SUNDAY – March 29th @ 10:00 a.m.

MAUNDY THURSDAY – April 2nd @ 7:30 p.m.

Joint Service with Columbus Joeun Methodist Church

ECUMENICAL GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE – April 3rd @ 7:30 p.m.
Community Tenebrae Service @ Highlands Presbyterian Church



THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD Easter Sunday – April 5th

Easter Service with Communion @ 10:00 a.m.
followed by light breakfast snacks afterwards in the Narthex



Attendance Information (In-person & virtual)

January 4	31/16 views	February 1	39/13 views
January 11	34/15 views	February 8	43/15 views
January 18	25/27 views	February 15	21/16 views
January 25	Virtual only/22 views	February 18	15/18 views
		February 22	25/22 views
		February 25 (mw)	12/5 views

Welcome to our Newest Member!

Wrenley Aurora Kidd, daughter of Angela and Zachary Kidd, granddaughter of Dianna Roll



Worship Servers Schedule for March 2026

	March 1	March 8	March 15
Asst. Minister	Paul Wargowsky	George Biemel	Cindy Frey
Lay Reader	Paul Wargowsky	George Biemel	Frey
Counter			
Greeter	Karen Harris		Ethan Wolkan
Fellowship Host	--	--	Kathleen Wolkan
Altar Guild	Dianna Roll & Angela Kidd	Dianna Roll & Angela Kidd	Dianna Roll & Angela Kidd

	March 22	March 29
Asst. Minister	Chad Laucher	Sonya Thelin
Lay Reader	Chad Laucher	Sonya Thelin
Counter		
Greeter		
Fellowship Host		
Altar Guild	Dianna Roll & Angela Kidd	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:

Carolyn Crispin	Ed Lathy
Major N Crispin	Frank LeMay
Byron Engen	Leena LeMay
Cheryl Hamilton	Pete Meighen
Jim Jaeger	Bridget Smith
Lillian Kachic	Ray Ward

March Birthdays

Ryan Roll	3/10
Gayle Anderson	3/12
Edwin Madari	3/13
Ethan Wolkan	3/13
Carolyn Shaw	3/31

FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

Lynda Allemang, Kathy Farel’s sister-in-law
Dixie Haynie, Don Poland’s friend
Sally Fowls, Dianna Roll’s sister-in-law
Julie Johnson, Dianna Roll’s friend
Ron Laucher, Chad Laucher’s father
Daryll & Judy Lytle, Donna Williamson’s brother and sister-in-law
Diane McClaine, Pastor Robin’s friend
Mike McKinley, David Fleisher’s friend
Judy Merca, Karen Henry’s friend
Sylvia Votino, John Votino’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!

DEATHS:

Earline Pryor, Pastor Robin’s colleague’s mother
Paul Sherer, George Biemel’s neighbor
Rob Sullivan, Carol Jaeger’s cousin

March Anniversaries

Sarah & Nathan McCormick 3/25



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:00 am - Sun. School 10:00 am - Worship 11:30-4:00 - CJMC	2	3 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 6:00 pm - Women's Dinner	4 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 6:30 - 9:30 pm - Iglesia 6:15 pm - Soup Supper 7:00 pm - MW Lent	5 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 8:00 pm - CJMC	6 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	7 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 8:00-12:00 - SJCOC 5:30-8:30 pm - Iglesia 6-8 pm - CJMC Bible Study
8 Daylight Savings 9:00 am - Sun. School 10:00 am - Worship 11:00 am - Cong. Mtg. 11:15 am - Executive 11:30-4:00 - CJMC	9	10 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 7:00 pm - Worship (zoom)	11 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 6:30 - 9:30 pm - Iglesia 6:15 pm - Soup Supper 7:00 pm - MW Lent	12 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 8:00 pm - CJMC	13 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	14 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 8:00-12:00 - SJCOC 5:30-8:30 pm - Iglesia 6-8 pm - CJMC Bible Study
15 9:00 am - Sun. School 10:00 am - Worship 11:30-4:00 - CJMC	16	17 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 7:00 pm - Council	18 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 6:30 - 9:30 pm - Iglesia 6:15 pm - Soup Supper 7:00 pm - MW Lent	19 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 8:00 pm - CJMC	20 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	21 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 8:00-12:00 - SJCOC 5:30-8:30 pm - Iglesia 6-8 pm - CJMC Bible Study
22 9:00 am - Sun. School 10:00 am - Worship 11:30-4:00 - CJMC	23	24 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 6:00 pm - Guys' Night Out	25 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 6:30 - 9:30 pm - Iglesia 6:15 pm - Soup Supper 7:00 pm - MW Lent	26 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 8:00 pm - CJMC	27 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	28 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 8:00-12:00 - SJCOC 5:30-8:30 pm - Iglesia 6-8 pm - CJMC Bible Study
29 Palm Sunday 9:00 am - Sun. School 10:00 am - Worship 11:30-4:00 - CJMC	30	31 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	1 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 6:30 - 9:30 pm - Iglesia	2 Maundy Thursday 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 7:30 pm - Maundy Thursday Service	3 Good Friday 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 7:30 pm - Community Good Friday service at Highlands Presbyterian Church	4 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 8:00-12:00 - SJCOC 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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