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Fellowship Family News

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"Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these." - Luke 12:27 (NRSVue)

Dear Fellowship Members and Friends:

As June unfolds before us with its longer days and warming sunshine, I find myself reflecting on the gift of

growth that this season brings. In gardens, we witness the remarkable transformation from seed to bloom, a process that requires both patience and trust in God's timing. This natural rhythm speaks deeply to our spiritual journey as well.

The early weeks of summer invite us to slow down and notice God's presence in the everyday moments. Whether it's the singing of birds that greets us at dawn, the laughter of children playing in the evening light, or the simple pleasure of sharing a meal with family and friends, these are the spaces where Christ meets us most intimately.

In our Lutheran tradition, we understand that God's grace isn't confined to Sunday mornings or formal prayers. It flows through ordinary time, through ordinary people doing ordinary things with extraordinary love. As Martin Luther reminded us, even the most humble work becomes sacred when done in service to our neighbor and in response to God's love.

This month, I encourage you to practice what I call "summer sabbath" - moments throughout your week where you pause to receive the gifts God is offering. Perhaps it's watching a sunset without rushing to the next task, or taking time to really listen when someone shares their story with you. These practices of presence are not luxuries; they are essential to our spiritual health.

Our community continues to be a source of strength and joy. I've been moved by the ways you've reached out to support one another through both celebrations and challenges. Whether it's organizing meals for the bereaved, keeping in touch with those who are homebound, or simply offering a listening ear after worship, you embody Christ's love in tangible ways. This was so palpable with the outpouring of love shown to Bill Lude in his final weeks and to his family during the visitation at the funeral home, and the celebration of life service and luncheon at church!

As we move through this season of growth, remember that God is patient with our own seasons of development. Just as gardens don't bloom all at once, our faith deepens gradually through seasons of questioning, learning, and grace. Trust the process. Trust the Gardener.

May this June be filled with moments of wonder, relationships that nourish your soul, and the quiet confidence that comes from knowing you are beloved children of God.

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 April, May, and June:



- Toilet paper
- Baby items (Diapers 2-3-4, Wipes)
- Toiletries, such as shampoo/conditioner, hand soap, deodorant, toothpaste
- Laundry detergent
- Kitchen cleaning items, such as dishwasher liquid, and dish soap

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 is on Tuesday, June 3, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. at Azteca Mexican Grill, 3962 W. Powell Rd., Powell, OH 43065 (614) 210-0900. The next Guys' Night Out is on Tuesday, June 3rd at 6:00 p.m. at Huli Huli Tiki Lounge, 26 W. Olentangy St., Powell, OH 43064 (614) 396-8437. All are welcome!

Sunday School Sunday School will resume in the fall for youth and adults. Thank you to our 2024-2025 Sunday School teachers - Susan Wolfe, Pete Cardimen, and Lilly Cardimen. 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.



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.

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!

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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Healing Service A healing service with prayer, laying on of hands and anointing will be offered on Sunday, June 1st, at the end of the worship service. All are invited to stay and participate.

Attendance Information (In-person & virtual)

| April 2 (MW) | 10/24 views | May 4 | 31/24 views |
|--------------------------|---------------|--------|-------------|
| April 6 | 26/12 views | May 11 | 34/16 views |
| April 9 (MW) | 12/24 views | May 18 | 33/17 views |
| April 13 | 37/13 views | May 25 | 24/13 views |
| April 17 (Maundy Thurs.) | 31/23 views | • | |
| April 18 (Good Fri.) | 61 (not rec.) | | |
| April 20 | 56/59 views | | |
| April 27 | 21/35 views | | |
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Congratulations to our December 24 & May 25 Graduates

Abigail Rose Cardimen



Abigail graduated cum laude from Ohio University in December 2024. She received a BS in Exercise Physiology, a BA in Dance, and a certificate in Performing Arts Health and Wellness. She is

employed as an Exercise Physiology Technologist in the cardiology department at Nationwide Children's Hospital in Columbus, Ohio.

Lillian Faith Cardimen

Lilly will graduate in May 2025 with an honors diploma from Worthington Kilbourne High school. She will be attending Ohio University in the fall to pursue a Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

Congratulations to Ryan and Becca Roll on the birth of their new son. Riley Brooks Roll was born on May 28th at 1:32 a.m. (three weeks early) and weighs 6 lb 11 oz. Mom and baby went home this morning, May 29th.







And thank you Pete Cardimen for making the arrangements and installing the basketball hoop memorial plaque in Bill Lude's memory. Thanks to all who contributed!



Worship Servers Schedule for May 2025

| | June 1 | June 8 | June 15 |
|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Asst. Minister | Chad Laucher | Sonya Thelin | George Biemel |
| Lay Reader | Chad Laucher | Sonya Thelin | George Biemel |
| Counter | Andy Smith | | |
| Greeter | Karen Harris | Wolkans | |
| Communion Asst. | George Biemel | Ruth Albert | |
| Altar Guild | Carol Scantland | Carol Scantland | Carol Scantland |

| | June 22 | June 29 |
|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Asst. Minister | Ruth Albert | Paul Wargowsky |
| Lay Reader | Ruth Albert | Paul Wargowsky |
| Counter | | |
| Greeter | | |
| Communion Asst. | | |
| 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 | Lillian Kachic |
|-----------------|----------------|
| Major N Crispin | Angela Kidd |
| Byron Engen | Ed Lathy |
| Pat Frey | Frank LeMay |
| Margery Gress | Leena LeMay |
| Cheryl Hamilton | Pete Meighen |
| Karen Henry | Sonja Meighen |
| Jim Jaeger | John Votino |
| | 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 Garrett Henry, Mike Rankin's step-grandson Emmory Jackson, Karen Harris' friend's granddaughter

Joy Kerner, Jim & Carol Jaeger's friend Wendell Knott, Jim Jaeger's friend's son Judy Lathrop, Donna Williamson's cousin Pat McCarty, Paul Wargowsky's sister Mike McKinley, David Fleisher's friend Charlotte & John Schall, Pastor Robin's parents

DEATHS:

Opal Betz, Zach Kidd's grandmother
Nic Goldsberry, Pete Cardimen's co-worker
Bill Lude, member

May Birthdays

| Sonya Meighen | 6/17 |
|------------------|------|
| Dianna Roll | 6/19 |
| Cathy Votino | 6/19 |
| Cheryl Hamilton | 6/25 |
| McKenzie Laucher | 6/26 |
| Megan Howard | 6/27 |
| Nathan Votino | 6/29 |
| Chad Laucher | 6/30 |



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!

May Anniversaries

| Paul & Robin Wargowsky | 6/07 |
|--------------------------|------|
| Doug & Carol Scantland | 6/10 |
| John & Cathy Votino | 6/17 |
| Chad & Amanda Laucher | 6/18 |
| Steve & Donna Williamson | 6/22 |



June 2025

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Ë | Sat |
|--|-----|---|--|---|---|---|
| <i>I</i> 10:00 am -Worship 11:30-4:00 - CJMC | 2 | 3 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 6:00 pm - Women's Dinner 6:00 pm - Guys' Night Out | 4 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 1-2:30 pm - CJMC Bible Study | 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 |
| 8 10:00 am - Worship 11:30-4:00 - CJMC | 6 | 10 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 7:00 pm - Worship (zoom) | 11 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 1-2:30 pm - CJMC Bible Study | 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 |
| 15 Father's Day 10:00 am - Worship 11:10 am - Executive 11:30-4:00 - CJMC | 16 | 17 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 7:00 pm - Council | 18 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 1-2:30 pm - CJMC Bible Study | 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 |
| 22 10:00 am -Worship 11:30-4:00 - CJMC | 23 | 24 6:00 am - CJMC Pray | 25 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 1-2:30 pm - CJMC Bible Study | 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 |
| 29 10:00 am -Worship 11:30-4:00 - CJMC | 30 | <i>I</i> 6:00 am - CJMC Pray | 2 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 1-2:30 pm - CJMC Bible Study | 3 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 8:00 pm - CJMC | 4 Independence Day 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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