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*Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions. **Mark 10:21-22***

Greetings Fellowship members and friends!

With our three week sermon focus on stewardship and generosity, I have been thinking a lot about "stuff" lately, literally. The stuff I have been thinking about is the stuff which accumulates. Some people have a particular interest which creates a desire to collect particular items. When our daughter was a child, she collected Beanie Babies. She must have collected more than a hundred! I still have many in my office which I have available for children when they visit. I am not much of a collector myself, but I do have a fair number of Precious Moments and angel figurines and some Hummel's that I've collected over the years. I've known people who've collected spoons or plates or coffee mugs from different places they've visited. I've known others with collections of dolls or teddy bears. I imagine that there is probably a collection for any interest. And then there are the hoarders who collect everything... I once saw a sign that said, "It's not junk, it's a collection." Maybe that is a different way of saying, "One person's trash is another person's treasure."



This reminds me of the rich young ruler who came to Jesus asking about how to inherit eternal life. He wanted to know what he needed to do to get to heaven, and it seems that he was hoping Jesus was going to tell him he was good because he already followed all the commandments. Jesus threw him a curve ball though when he told the man to go sell all his possessions and give the money to the poor. When the young man heard this, he went away sad, because he had many possessions. The young man tried to find protection in his possessions, confidence in his collections, and belief in his belongings. The reason he went away sad was that he loved his stuff. The love he had for his stuff got in the way of having faith in God and loving God.

So, as I think about stuff, I am challenged. What do I think about my stuff? Is there something I need to give up for God? Does my stuff stop me from serving God? How about you? What stuff do you collect? Does your stuff keep you away from serving God and serving others? May we not allow our "stuff" to ever take priority in our lives over God.

See you in church!

Pastor Robin

ANNOUNCEMENTS

In-person Worship Masks are now optional. Please feel free to wear a mask if you are more comfortable with one on.

Giving Opportunity With our current unexpected expenses to correct our lighting problem or the water damage in our first classroom, we are looking for possibilities of generosity giving. Please consider giving to our capital fund (on the Vanco Mobile app or designate Capital Fund on your offering envelope) to help us offset some of our expenses. We will keep track of the total giving for this and inform you weekly of the funds raised through your generosity giving. Thank you all!

Holy Communion Consecrated communion kits can be picked up in the church office on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays between 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon for those unable to attend in-person. Beginning in June, we will celebrate communion weekly, still using the prepackaged kits.

Outdoor Worship Service & Potluck We are planning to have our annual outdoor service on Sunday, August 7th at 10:00 a.m. at Murphy Park in Powell. The park is behind Handel's Ice Cream on Powell Road. The outdoor worship service is a collaboration between our worship and congregational life teams. The FLC Band directed by George Biemel will provide music for the service. A potluck lunch will follow the service. The church will provide sandwiches and beverages and we invite members to bring a side, salad, or dessert to share. Please bring your own chairs. Please sign up on the sign-up list on the table in the narthex or call/email the office so we know how much food to order. Thanks!



Sunday School Teachers Needed! If you like working with children, can read a lesson plan with minimal lesson planning, and desire to see children growing in faith, consider joining our team. We plan on having one Sunday School class in the school year for our preschool through second grade youth and are looking for two people to team-teach. We will also offer a confirmation class (Pastor Robin will teach) and would like to offer an adult class if people are interested and someone is willing to facilitate. Please let Dianna Roll or Pastor Robin know if you are interested.



Meals on Wheels

Saturday, August 20
Saturday, September 17

Cardimen
Biemel

Donation Opportunities

The Smoky Row Food Pantry located at 7260 Smoky Row Rd., Columbus is in need of the following items:

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



Place donations in the containers located in the Narthex during church service hours, or during the published office hours - Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays between 9:00 am and 12:00 pm. Your generosity is gratefully appreciated by our neighbors in need. Thank you!

Place your donations in the tubs located in the Narthex during church service hours, or during published office hours - Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, between 9:00 am and 12:00 pm.

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Prayer Concerns If you have a pastoral care request (upcoming surgery, hospitalization, 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 or Tracy know so we can get one scheduled. It does not need to be a pastoral emergency...just an opportunity to get to know you better.

Do You Order From Amazon? If so, then try Amazon Smile to support Fellowship Lutheran Church! First, go to Amazon Smile and choose Fellowship Lutheran Church, Columbus, OH as your charity. Then, shop as usual and Fellowship will receive a percentage of your purchase. It's that easy!



Worship Servers Needed! If you are able to help out at our 10:00 a.m. worship service, please let either Tracy Farel or Pastor Robin know. 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!

Two Rollators Available Two rollators have been donated to Fellowship from Scioto Ridge United Methodist Church and have been placed in the coat rack area. If you are in need of a rollator, please let Pastor Robin or Tracy know and take one. Please return to the church when you no longer need the rollator.

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!

Give to Fellowship with Your Smartphone with Vanco Mobile - If you would like to give to Fellowship with your smartphone, please download Vanco's new 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 gift, a recurring gift, or a special occasion gift.



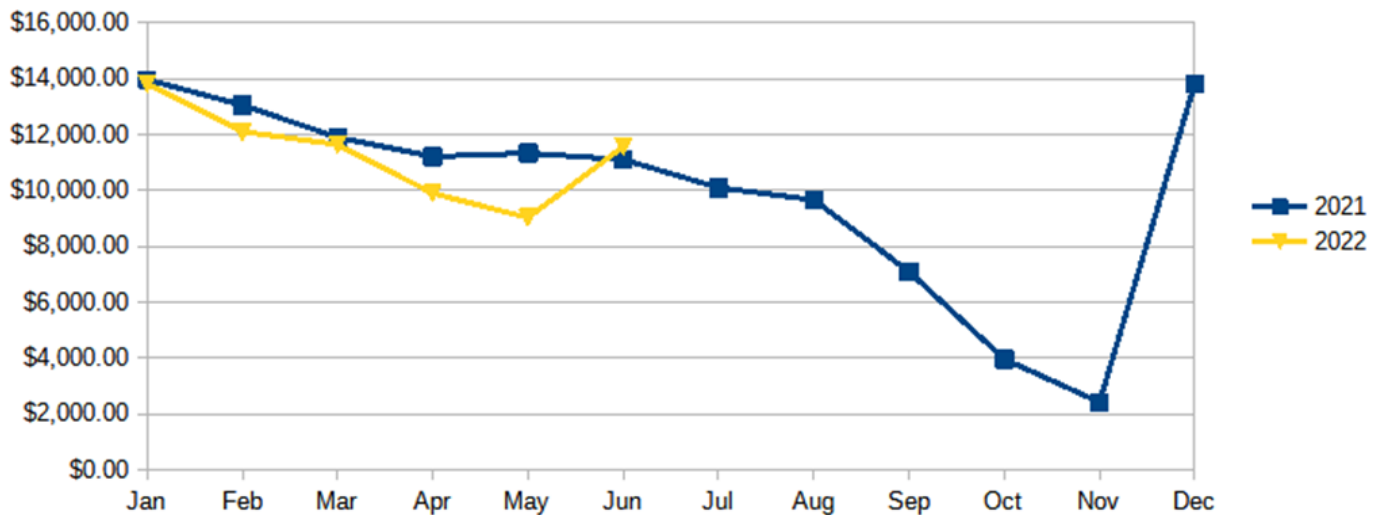
Staying Connected Program for the Elderly - Did you know that Ohio has a program for the elderly to "stay connected?" You get to pick the hour to receive the phone call. For more information, here is the link: <https://aging.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/aging/care-and-living/get-help/staying-connected/>

Attendance Information (In-person & virtual)

June 5	31/6/17 views	July 3	22/4/22 views
June 12	35/6/20 views	July 10	28/6/20 views
June 19	27/4/21 views	July 17	21/3/15 views
June 26	24/8/14 views	July 24	19/8/17 views
		July 31	

We are moving into the second half of the year, our financial situation is a little ahead of last year. The chart below shows our available cash assets. Thanks to your support, our worship offering continues to be ahead of our budget projections. Our second quarter income was about 14% more than what we had estimated.

Net Current Assets Trends by Year



For the second quarter of 2022, we will contribute \$2,979.65 to the Southern Ohio Synod based on our commitment of giving 8% of our worship offering. Added to the \$2745 that we gave in the first quarter, we have contributed \$5,726 so far in 2022. The majority of our donations to the Synod go to the operations of the Synod as well as the partner organizations of the Synod, such as programs for congregational leadership training, Hopewood Outdoors -- formerly known as Lutheran Outdoor Ministries of Ohio, and Campus Ministries at OSU, Capital and other area colleges. We continue to make contributions to the Smoky Row Food pantry as part of our outreach efforts and putting Thrivent Action Grants to use, too.

We are beginning to disburse monies that Grace Lutheran Church gave to us to use in our local area. Our Outreach team is working to identify candidate organizations and to begin disbursing monies to them.

On the next page are the second quarter statistics of our bank balances, income and expenses.

Thank you again for your support. Your support makes our ministry go and supports our mission of sharing God's love and grace through our words and actions.

I am happy to answer any questions you might have about our financial status.

Todd Engen, Treasurer

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Net Current Equity		\$11,564.53
Total Equity		\$2,539,736.40
	Bank Account	\$42,262.60
	Savings Account (MMA)	\$16,230.74
	Total Cash On-Hand	\$58,493.34
	Mortgage Balance	\$265,171.69
		Year to Date
INCOME	Worship Offering	\$71,569.51
	Building Use Donations	\$10,600.00
	Miscellaneous Donations	\$1,236.03
	Interest Income	\$6.56
	Restricted Income	\$25,577.90
Total Income		\$108,990.00

Second Quarter Expenses by Area

EXPENSES

ADMINISTRATION	\$23,596.46
ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES	\$519.20
WORSHIP	\$471.74
EDUCATION & YOUTH	\$70.41
OUTREACH	\$2,745.91
PROPERTY AND SUPPORT	\$12,625.67
RESTRICTED FUND EXPENSES	\$435.95
Total 2Q Expenses	\$40,465.34

Church Staff

Pastor	Rev. Robin Wargowsky
Treasurer	Todd Engen
Financial Secretary	Tracy Farel
Office Secretary	Tracy Farel
Pianist	Amy Wargowsky
Sub. Pianist/Organist	David Fleisher, Ruth Albert
Choir/Band Director	George Biemel
Custodian	Kenneth Hunt

Executive Committee

President	Kathryn Tucker
Vice-President	George Biemel
Secretary	Sonya Thelin Pastor Robin

Congregational Life

Director	Cindy Frey
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Education & Youth

Director	Dianna Roll
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Outreach

Director	Carol Jaeger
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Stewardship & Support

Director	John Votino
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Worship

Director	Karen Harris
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Thank you for your leadership!!!

Worship Servers Schedule for August 2022

	August 7	August 14
Lay Reader	John Votino	
Counter	-	
Greeter	-	
Altar Guild	Karen Harris	Karen Harris

	August 21	August 28
Lay Reader	Kathy Farel	George Biemel
Counter	Bill Farel	George Biemel
Greeter		George Biemel
Altar Guild	Karen Harris	Karen Harris

Worship Servers Needed!

We have not yet returned to our full schedule of worship servers. If you can fill any of our openings for readers, counters or greeters or help out in future months, please call or email Tracy or Pastor Robin. Thanks!



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<i>31</i> 10:00 am - Worship 11:30-3:00 pm - CJMC 5:00 pm - Worship	<i>1</i> 7:00 pm - NA	<i>2</i> 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 7:00 pm - Worship Team (Zoom)	<i>3</i> 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 7:00 pm - Nominating Committee (zoom)	<i>4</i> 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 8:00 pm - CJMC	<i>5</i> 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	<i>6</i> 6:00 am - CJMC Pray
<i>7</i> 10:00 am - Worship 11:30-3:00 pm - CJMC 5:00 pm - Worship	<i>8</i> 7:00 pm - NA	<i>9</i> 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	<i>10</i> 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	<i>11</i> 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 8:00 pm - CJMC	<i>12</i> 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	<i>13</i> 6:00 am - CJMC Pray
<i>14</i> 10:00 am - Worship 11:00 am - Executive 11:30-3:00 pm - CJMC 5:00 pm - Worship	<i>15</i> 7:00 pm - NA	<i>16</i> 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 7:00 pm - Council	<i>17</i> 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	<i>18</i> 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 8:00 pm - CJMC	<i>19</i> 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	<i>20</i> 6:00 am - CJMC Pray
<i>21</i> 10:00 am - Worship 11:30-3:00 pm - CJMC 5:00 pm - Worship	<i>22</i> 7:00 pm - NA	<i>23</i> 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 7:00 pm - Outreach Team (zoom)	<i>24</i> 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	<i>25</i> 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 8:00 pm - CJMC	<i>26</i> 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	<i>27</i> 6:00 am - CJMC Pray
<i>28</i> 10:00 am - Worship 11:30-3:00 pm - CJMC 5:00 pm - Worship	<i>29</i> 7:00 pm - NA	<i>30</i> 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	<i>31</i> 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	<i>1</i> 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 8:00 pm - CJMC	<i>2</i> 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	<i>3</i> 6:00 am - CJMC Pray

FOR OUR MEMBERS:

Fritzi Bear	Zach Jaeger
George Biemel	Lillian Kachic
Maxine Brunner	Frank & Leena LeMay
Major N Crispin	Sonja Meighen
Barb Fisher	Joshua Mott
Margery Gress	Martha Sampson
Cheryl Hamilton	Ray & Carol Ward

August Birthdays

Andy DeVantier	8/01
Sarah Lude	8/01
George Biemel	8/05
Andy Lee	8/06
Sonya Thelin	8/17

FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

Joan Albert, Ruth Albert's mother
Rosemary Craig, Cindy Frey's mother
Lee Edwards, Karen Harris' friend
Marc Hamilton, Cheryl Hamilton's son
Jason Melton, Paul Wargowsky's nephew



DEATHS:

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!

August Anniversaries

Mike & Ruth Rankin	8/12
George & Jeanine Biemel	8/17
Ray & Carol Ward	8/23
Erling & Susan Lee	8/24



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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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