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"Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." **Matthew 9:37-38 NRSV**

Greetings Fellowship members and friends!

I hope everyone is getting some time this summer to relax a bit and spend time with family and friends. Our family is planning to spend a few days at Burr Oak State Park in August when Amy is between semesters. We're looking forward to spending time outdoors at the beautiful lake, enjoying the beauties of God's creation.

At Fellowship, we are doing our best to improve our safety measures at the church, especially in light of the recent shooting of a homeless man sleeping midafternoon behind our church. John is working on improving our lighting on the strip mall side of the church and behind our fellowship exit doors. We will also have someone sit at the back of the church to monitor entrances to our church during worship. A few months ago, Fellowship prepared an Emergency Preparedness Plan which George Biemel reviewed with the congregation in June. Thank you George for all the work you put into this! If you would like to see our plan (addressing fires, tornadoes, medical emergencies, active shooters, etc.), there's a copy in the church office that you can look over or we would be happy to email it to you. We want everyone to feel safe coming to worship and events at our church!

This summer we are also looking at changing our constitution in regards to council make-up. Ruth Albert and Mike Rankin are working on this and we thank them in advance for their work. Council will review the changes late summer/early fall. We have tentatively set up a congregation meeting for October 23 after worship for first approval of the changes. At our annual meeting (and Consecration Sunday) on November 13, we will ratify the changes prior to election of our 2023-2024 leadership slate.

The nominating team has also begun to meet to prepare the new leadership slate. Please prayerfully consider if you are willing to serve on council or on one of our ministry teams and let Pastor Robin or John Votino know if you are interested.

On a personal note, thank you for the prayers for the family and friends of our nephew, Patrick, who recently died from a tragic motorcycle accident in downtown Columbus. They were greatly appreciated!

See you in church! Pastor Robín



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.

Donation Opportunities

The School Supply Drive at Smoky Row Food Pantry is scheduled for July 1 to 27. The wish list of supplies is posted on the information center board located in the Narthex. Please consider donating to this drive.

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!

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Meals on Wheels

July 15	Farel
July 16	Wolfe

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.

Volunteers Needed for Churchwide Assembly from August 7 to August 12 at the Columbus Convention Center. If you are able to help out on any of the days, please let Pastor Robin know and I will get you in contact with the right people.

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: <u>https://aging.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/aging/care-and-living/get-help/staying-connected/</u>

Attendance Information (In-person & virtual)

May 1	31/6/20 views	June 5	31/6/17 views
May 8	25/3/15 views	June 12	35/6/20 views
May 15	17/6/26 views	June 19	27/4/21 views
May 22	28/7/18 views	June 26	24/8/14 views
May 29	15/6/21 views		

Welcome to our new member, Gayle Anderson!



Gayle recently moved into the Sawmill area from Toledo and has been visiting with us for several months. She also spends some time in Utah during the winter months to ski. Welcome to Fellowship, Gayle!

Thank you note from Gwen Cardimen:

Fellowship Lutheran Church,

I want to thank you all for the beautiful card and gift card! The love, support and community that the church has provided me with throughout my life will always stick with me. Thank you for blessing me with so many memories and a place to always call home! "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9

Hello church community!

As I reflect on the past few months, there have been ups and downs for our church and our community. It has been so wonderful to slowly return to normal activities including the Easter breakfast and graduation celebrations. We have certainly had some building challenges with the roof leaking in one of the classrooms and the lighting in the Sanctuary which John Votino has been working hard on getting quotes and fixing. Please consider giving to the Capital fund to help us with these unexpected costs.

Council finalized and approved an Emergency Preparedness Plan which George Biemel was instrumental in creating. He also reviewed highlights from the plan prior to the service on June 5th. There is a copy of the plan in the work room of the office. There are also maps on doors and throughout the church showing where fire extinguishers and exits are. In times of uncertainty and what seems like increased violence in the Columbus area, being aware of our surroundings is becoming more important. Unfortunately, we had a shooting on the church property on 6/16 involving a homeless person who was sleeping in the shade of the church. Council continues to discuss ways to keep the church safe while demonstrating Fellowship's values of being welcoming and serving our community. We are going to try having a designated person to monitor the Narthex during service as a security/welcoming measure.

Council is reviewing Fellowship's Constitution to update a few things including Council make up. This is due to the decreased size of the congregation and interest in leadership positions. A Constitution committee has been created and recommendations will be reviewed and approved by Council prior to being sent out to the congregation for review and approval. There are several open positions for leadership next year, please let Pastor or a Council member know if you are interested in serving.

I look forward to seeing you all in church! Mark Sunday August 7th on your calendar for the outdoor service and a shared meal.

Wishing you peace and a safe summer, Kathryn

Congregational Life

"Gather the people together. Gather men, women and children. Also bring together the outsiders living in your towns. They can listen and learn to have respect for the Lord your God. And they'll be careful to obey all of the words of this law." - Deuteronomy 31:12 NIRV

Summer is in full swing! Pastor has been doing a sermon series on the Ten Commandments. When was the last time you were in church or kept the 4th Commandment ("Remember to keep the Sabbath day holy. Do all your work in six days. But the seventh day is a sabbath to honor the Lord your God." Exodus 20:8-10)? I know it was easy to fall out of that habit when everything shut down for COVID. It took my family a while to get back into the routine of going to church again every Sunday. But I am so glad we made the effort to get back into the routine. It's good to see people from our congregation again, mask or no mask, and be able to have a conversation one-on-one with someone. To ask "How have you been" and be able to see all the nonverbal cues that technology doesn't always allow us to see.

We are in need of people to help out with our worship services so if you have a Sunday you know you will be in town, please volunteer to help out. We are also back to having communion every week but we are still using the personal communion kits so there is no contact.

We honored our 3 high school graduates a few weeks ago and celebrated their accomplishments as they look forward to heading off to college in a couple of months. We wish them success with the transition to college life and best of luck with their first year.

Congregational Life is preparing for the Outdoor Worship service luncheon which will be held on **August 7th**, which is the **first Sunday in August** instead of the second Sunday. Mark it on your calendars now as we will be going back to having a **potluck** lunch! The main dish will be provided (more details on what that will be as we get closer to the date) along with an assortment of drinks. Start pulling out your recipes you want to share with other members of the congregation and dust off those picnic baskets!

We are slowly putting together a new Care Team to send out cards to members and friends of members who need some cheering up or uplifting. This includes those that cannot come to worship on a regular basis as well as those who are sick or dealing with challenges in their life. If you would like more information about the Care Team or would like help send cards periodically, please let me know.

Stay safe when traveling and don't forget to come to in person worship when you can!

Cindy Frey

Hopefully everyone is enjoying the warmth and sunshine of summer!

Youth Sunday school for the year concluded on June 4 and during church service our teachers were recognized. Many thanks to Karen Harris, Cindy Frey & Dianna Roll for teaching classes over the past several months.

Our 2022 graduates were recognized on June 12. Lorien Crispin, Gwen Cardimen and Hayden Laucher will all be attending college in the fall. We wish them much success and look forward to hearing of their achievements!

It has been nice to transition from the restrictions of Covid to a back to normal atmosphere at Fellowship. Unfortunately our student attendance to Sunday school has not. We are hoping that more families will participate and the adult classes will be able to restart in the fall.

If you plan to enroll your child in Sunday School or are interested in Adult Sunday school please contact me or Pastor Robin. There will also be a sign up sheet posted.

Also, we are in dire need of new teachers, if you are available to help with Youth or Adult Sunday for the upcoming year please contact me. <u>Dianna123var@gmail.com</u> or 614 378-7979.

Brightest Blessings!

Díanna Roll



Outreach Team Carol Jaeger

Supporting those among us who are vulnerable...

⁷ If there is among you anyone in need, a member of your community in any of your towns within the land that the Lord your God is giving you, do not be hard-hearted or tight-fisted toward your needy neighbor. ⁸ You should rather open your hand, willingly lending enough to meet the need, whatever it may be. Deuteronomy 15:7-8 (NRSVUE)

¹⁰ Give liberally and be ungrudging when you do so, for on this account the Lord your God will bless you in all your work and in all that you undertake. ¹¹ Since there will never cease to be some in need on the earth, I therefore command you, 'Open your hand to the poor and needy neighbor in your land.' Deuteronomy 15:10-11 (NRSVUE)

Thank you for your generosity, kindness, respect, and support for those who are vulnerable in our community. The challenges of health, food, and shelter insecurity are mounting. As Christians who share God's love and the gifts He has given us, we are finding the call for our help becoming greater by the day.

The Outreach Team has been blessed with the mission to distribute funds from the financial gift to Fellowship Lutheran Church (FLC) from the sale of Grace Lutheran Church in Crescent, PA. To responsibly fulfill this mission, the Outreach Team members have assembled a list of organizations who credibly support health, food, and shelter insecurity for individuals, couples, children, and families in our community. Members are assessing the organizations' function, sponsor source, mission and values, distribution of funds and resources, and current/previous contribution by FLC. Some of the organizations include Lutheran Social Services (LSS), Smoky Row Food Pantry, Meals-on-Wheels, Faith Mission (LSS), Family Mentor Foundation, and First English Lutheran Church (an inter-city serving a diverse population). Through a consensus process, the Outreach Team members have initially committed \$2,000.00 from the gifted funds to the FLC Good Samaritan Fund. This fund provides food and gas gift certificates to those coming to the doors of FLC in immediate need. Our current member contributions have not been able to support the increasing number of people.

The donations from FLC members to the Smoky Row Food Pantry continue. See pictures at the end of this article. Your generosity is gratefully appreciated as the number of people seeking food and resources increase. Several of our members are volunteering their service to the work of the pantry.

The School Supply Drive at Smoky Row Food Pantry will be held July 1 to 27. The wish list of supplies is as follows (see next page):

Outreach (cont.)

- Carol Jaeger

Colored pencils 12 pk Compass Composition notebook – college rule Composition notebook - wide rule Crayola Crayons washable/reg. 8 pk Crayola magic markers 10 pk Crayola markers 10 pk - fine tip Rulers Filler paper college rule - 120 sheets or more Rulers (soft) Filler paper wide rule – 120 sheets or more Folders Folders, pronged Glue sticks (Elmers - purple) Highlighter (yellow or any color) Index cards 3x5 (50 pk) Markers washable 10 pk

Mechanical pencils 5 pk Paper Mate ink pens – black ink 10 pk Paper Mate ink pens - blue ink 10 pk Pencil sharpener Pink erasers Protractor Rulers Rulers (soft) Scissors – blunt tip 5" Scissors 5" Pointed Fiskar Scissors 7" Sharpies Black marker fine tip/line Spiral notebooks (college rule) Spiral notebooks (wide rule) Tab dividers 5 pk Tab dividers 8 pk

The Wish List of school supplies is posted on the Information Center located in the Narthex. Please place your donations in the containers located under the table in the Narthex by the close of business on Tuesday, July 26. The donations from FLC will be dropped off at the Smoky Row Food Pantry on Wednesday, July 27.

In addition to the school supplies, the most needed items at the Smoky Row Food Pantry for **July, August, and September** are as follows:

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



First and foremost - Cathy and I would like to thank all of you who have prayed and continue to pray for our family members. It was a true miracle and God answered our prays from all for little Hadley Rose as she recovered from life support in the Pittsburgh Children's hospital - she is doing well and will be 4 months young this week, what a blessing - also many thanks for the prayers for our little Grandson Callen, as he was released from Nationwide Children's Hospital June 27th, in Columbus after his bout with COVID which infected 5 of our family members which included Kevin, Maria, Eliana & Callen (while on a family vacation) - Callen went into respiratory arrest when the COVID got to his lungs. He still struggles at times, but the Staff at Children's said it will be a long-term effect for a while with a good recovery. (Praying this will happen as COVID is so unpredictable)

Stewardship:

Looking back at our church growth and situation, we are a great team of members – please keep walking the walk and talking God's talk to all, seeking new members & supporting each other.

We have come together with our generosity and are maintaining our giving to support our budget for fiscal 2022. Many thanks.

We have supported and continue to give for our unexpected repairs for the Roof Leak in classroom one which was recently finished, and I will update all when we receive the final invoice. This is more on the property side but the lighting replacement bid (First Bid) came in at \$55,230 for a complete replacement and \$21,825 for a fixed replacement that could serve our needs for the future. Way over what we originally discussed as this is an old system and we will look into other companies - We will continue to look at all options to decrease this amount and still have an effective updated system.

So far team Sawmill Fellowship Lutheran members have raised \$6546 in funds in less than 2 months. Many thanks and please continue (only if you are able) to share in your Generosity Giving when you can as this will be a long-term event to complete.

Pumpkin patch has been cancelled for fall of 2022 as we simply do not have enough youth members and or the ability to unload the truck. We need approximately 40 young rock and rolling helpers to get this done, unfortunately we do not have enough support this year. I feel we could staff the tent, but it is the unloading that we cannot complete at this time.

Hot Dogs Burgers and Hoops - if anyone would like to volunteer and start this program please contact myself as I simply do not have enough time. What I did learn was during the summer to be effective on any night and Saturdays but when school starts - Saturday is the best day.

Property:

Lighting project - on going

Roof and classroom 1 finished - waiting on final invoice

Painted the yellow curb again for awareness when stepping up on the entrance way Sprayed weeds in the parking lot several times

Watered the flowers when I could - also would like to thank Bill for helping out on this if any members see that they (the potted flowers since we are experiencing extreme heat) need watered the hose is connected for all to use. Turn it of slowly as it goes a touch spray crazy due to reduced pressure. Replaced lighting in the Korean Pastor's office

Replaced the attic ladder in the Korean Pastor's office (Finally) - this will be an add on cost with the classroom one work

I appreciate all who help keep the prayer garden weeded and clean

Spring cleanup was successful and fun

I empty the trash from the trash can by the basketball hoop and take it to NASTY's dumpster as often as I can - if anyone notices this full, please text me 614 205 4095 or call, as I drive by all the time.

Future projects

Organize a group of possibly 10 members to go throughout all areas of our church and toss and or donate items from over the years to clear and clean up. (anyone want to have coffee and donuts on a Saturday from 9 till 11 to help get this done)?

Working on a bid to get the lighting by the back entrance near the shed 100% operational.

God bless all -

"Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting." **Acts 2:4**

Weekly Communion

Having started in June, we will be celebrating Holy Communion each week for the foreseeable future.

Outdoor worship service

We plan to hold our annual outdoor worship service at Murphy Park on Sunday, August 7. We will have access to the shelter from 11am until 12:30pm. This year we are going back to having a potluck... Worship in the park will begin at 10. Bring your lawn chairs and friends. George is getting a worship band together and we will be singing. Maps will be available on the door of Fellowship Lutheran. We always enjoy being outside in God's beauty. More details will be announced in July.

Healing Services

We will have one immediately following 10am worship the first Sunday of September.

Altar Guild

I began serving on Fellowship's Altar Guild shortly after I became a member. I am now its' coordinator. I have been privileged to work with the various members, and sometimes, their husbands who generously pitch in. We are a group who consider the work a joy and a service to Our Lord and our congregation. If I happen to work alone, I enjoy my time of silent reflection with God. If you would like to join our small group, feel free to contact me.

Pastor's Vacation

Pastor will be taking a slightly shortened vacation August 8-13.

Dates to Remember:

August 7-Outdoor Worship and Potluck August 8-13, Pastor on Vacation September 4, Healing Service

Church Staff & Leadership Church Staff Pastor Rev. Robin Wargowsky Todd Engen Treasurer **Tracy Farel Financial Secretary Office Secretary Tracy Farel** Amy Wargowsky Pianist Sub. Pianist/Organist David Fleisher, Ruth Albert Choir/Band Director George Biemel Custodian Kenneth Hunt **Executive Committee** President Kathryn Tucker Vice-President George Biemel Sonya Thelin Secretary Pastor Robin **Congregational Life** Cindy Frey Director **Education & Youth** Dianna Roll Director Outreach Carol Jaeger Director **Stewardship & Support** Director John Votino Worship Director Karen Harris

Thank you for your leadership!!!

Worship Servers Schedule for June 2022

Date	July 3	July 10	July 17
Lay Reader	Ruth Albert	George Biemel	Cindy Frey
Counter	Jim Jaeger	Bill Lude	Bill Lude
Greeter		Katheryn Tucker	Karen Harris
Altar Guild	Susan Lee	Susan Lee	Susan Lee

Date	July 24	July 31
Lay Reader		
Counter		
Greeter		
Altar Guild	Susan Lee	Susan Lee

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!



July 2022

6:00 am - CJMC Pray Sat 23 30 16 6 9 6:00 am - CJMC Pray Ë 15 22 29 ∞ 5 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 8:00 pm - CJMC Thu 30 14 21 28 1 6:00 am - CJMC Pray Wed 29 13 20 27 0 3 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 7:00 pm - Outreach 7:00 pm - Outreach 7:00 pm - Worship 7:00 pm - Council Team (Zoom) Team (zoom) Team (zoom) Tue 19 28 12 26 5 \sim 4 Independence Day Office closed today Mon 7:00 pm - NA 11 25 18 27 11:30-3:00 pm - CJMC 11:00 am - Executive 10:00 am - Worship 5:00 pm - Worship Sun 10 26 17 24 31

FOR OUR MEMBERS:

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

Our Faith Family

July Birthdays

Erin Jaeger	7/02
Katie Rankin	7/03
Jason Hobbins	7/04
Carolyn Crispin	7/06
Andy Poland	7/08
Lorien Crispin	7/11
Callen Anderson	7/12
Amy Wargowsky	7/15
Jason Cleveland	7/16
Fiona King	7/16
Cindy Frey	7/24
Evelyn France	7/26
Grayson France	7/26

FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

Joan Albert, Ruth Albert's mother Kevin Anderson, Maria Anderson's husband Alisa Butscher, Karen Harris' friend Cindy, Kevin Anderson's mother Rosemary Craig, Cindy Frey's mother Lee Edwards, Karen Harris' friend CJ Frey, Pat Frey's uncle Rich Hagopian & family, Pastor Robin's friend Marc Hamilton, Cheryl Hamilton's son Tom Stiver, Mike Rankin's friend Megan Votino, Nathan Votino's wife

DEATHS:

Patrick Melton, Wargowsky's nephew Gordie Miller, Mark Roll's uncle



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!

July Anniversaries

Steve & Cheryl Hamilton7/20Ryan & Rebecca Roll7/20



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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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