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"He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?" Micah 6:8 (NRSV)

Dear Fellowship Members and Friends:

As I write this newsletter article, it's hard to believe that July is almost here, and with it comes the warmth (or as the last few days have been a reminder, the scorching heat) of summer, the excitement of Independence Day, and many opportunities to enjoy the beauty of God's creation. This month is a time to embrace the joy and fun that summer brings, while also staying connected to our faith and each other.

As we gather for barbecues, fireworks, and parades on Independence Day, please remember to thank God for the freedoms we enjoy and the blessings of living in this wonderful country. It's a time to celebrate with family and friends, so fire up those grills, spread out those picnic blankets, and enjoy the festivities!

Independence Day, with its fireworks and festivities, invites us to reflect on the principles upon which our nation was founded. Our forefathers envisioned a land where liberty, justice, and the pursuit of happiness were available to all. As Christians, we are called to support these values, aligning them with the teachings of Jesus Christ. Our faith compels us to uphold justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with our God (Micah 6:8).

Patriotism, when grounded in faith, becomes more than a mere love for our country; it transforms into a commitment to contribute positively to our community and to advocate for righteousness and justice. Our faith encourages us to see our fellow citizens not just as neighbors, but as siblings in Christ. When we do this, we foster a spirit of unity and compassion that urges us to work towards a society that reflects God's love and justice. It's important to be active participants in our democracy, informed and guided by our Christian values. Whether it's through voting, volunteering, or simply extending a helping hand to a neighbor in need, every action we take can reflect the light of Christ in our community.

As we enjoy the lighter side of summer, let's also remember the power of prayer and community. Take a moment each day to pray for our church family, our nation, and our world. Reach out to someone you haven't seen in a while, send a cheerful note, or invite a neighbor to join you for a Sunday service. Little acts of kindness can make a big difference and spread the love of Christ in our community.

See you in church!

Pastor Robin



ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Smoky Row Food Pantry is at 7260 Smoky Row Rd., Columbus. The most needed items for **July, August, and September** include:



- Non-perishable food staples, such as beans, corn, rice, pasta.
- 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!



Sunday School Sunday School classes for youth and adults are on break until the fall.

Women's Dinner and Guys Night Out Update The next women's dinner will be on Tuesday, July 23rd at 6:00 p.m. at the Rusty Bucket, 7800 Olentangy River Rd., Columbus, OH 43235, (614) 436-2626. The next Guys' Night Out will be on Tuesday, July 23rd at 6:00 p.m. at the Huli Huli Tiki Lounge, 26 W. Olentangy St., Powell, OH 43065 (614) 396-8437. All are welcome!

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!

Staying Connected Program for the Elderly - 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/>.

Worship Servers Needed! If you are able to help out at our 10:00 a.m. worship service, please let Pastor Robin know. Assisting ministers, 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! We are also looking for fellowship hosts following worship on the 1st Sunday of each month. Sign-up on the table in the narthex.



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!



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 gift, a recurring gift, or a special occasion gift.

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. It does not need to be a pastoral emergency...just an opportunity to get to know you better.



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Attendance Information (In-person & virtual)

May 5	30/25 views	June 2	30/18 views
May 12	30/18 views	June 9	34/17 views
May 19	46/14 views	June 16	24/19 views
May 26	23/23 views	June 23	20/19 views
		June 30	

In 1 Peter 4:10-11, Peter writes “*God has given gifts to each of you from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Manage them well so that God’s generosity can flow through you. Are you called to be a speaker? Then speak as though God himself were speaking through you. Are you called to help others? Do it with all the strength and energy that God supplies. Then God will be given glory in everything through Jesus Christ. All glory and power belong to him forever and ever. Amen.*”

As Peter wrote, God has given each of us a variety of gifts – teaching, leading, speaking, serving, helping, and many more. Whatever gifts you have, they can be used right here at Fellowship Lutheran Church. In addition to the need for altar guild members, greeters, assisting ministers, readers, and counters; we also need assistance on the several **Ministry Teams** that keep Fellowship operating. These Teams include **Worship, Education and Youth, Congregational Life, Outreach, Stewardship, and Property.**

This summer and fall our **Nominating Committee** will be asking members to serve as leaders of the aforementioned teams as well as to serve as officers (president, vice president, council secretary) and church treasurer.

Fellowship’s **Executive Committee** is made up of our pastor, president, vice president, and secretary. The committee is tasked with preparation of the annual budget for the upcoming year, recommendation of the pastor’s salary, management of day-to-day cash flow of FLC, signing all legal documents and contracts, and appointing a church treasurer and a financial secretary.

Our **Church Council** consists of the pastor, president, vice president, secretary and three at large members. The council is responsible for general oversight of the life and activities of FLC, and in particular its worship life; for the financial and property matters of Fellowship; and for several other tasks.

As you can see, there are many opportunities to serve Fellowship and use your gifts to further the mission of God’s service in our church, our community, and beyond. When you are asked to take a leadership role for 2025-2026, please give prayerful consideration to taking the leadership position. Saying yes may seem like a leap of faith, but you’ll also reap the benefit of working with wonderful people in doing God’s work here at Fellowship.

May God richly bless you as we jointly work together in sharing God’s love.

FELLOWSHIP SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE To Support Smoky Row Food Pantry, Fellowship will hold a school supply drive. We will collect items from July 1 to 27. The wish list of supplies is posted below and on the information center board located in the Narthex, and printed copies can be found on the table near the bulletins. Please consider donating to this drive.

Colored pencils 12 pk	Paper Mate ink pens – black ink 10 pk
Compass	Paper Mate ink pens - blue ink 10 pk
Composition notebook – college rule	Pencil sharpener
Composition notebook – wide rule	Pink erasers
Crayola Crayons washable/reg. 8 pk	Protractor
Crayola magic markers 10 pk	Rulers
Crayola markers 10 pk - fine tip	Rulers (soft)
Filler paper college rule - 120 sheets or more	Scissors – blunt tip 5"
Filler paper wide rule – 120 sheets or more	Scissors 5" Pointed Fiskar
Folders	Scissors 7"
Folders, pronged	Sharpies Black marker fine tip/line
Hand sanitizer	Spiral notebooks (college rule)
Highlighter (yellow or any color)	Spiral notebooks (wide rule)
Index cards 3x5 (50 pk)	Tab dividers 5 pk
Markers washable 10 pk	Tab dividers 8 pk
Mechanical pencils 5 pk	Tissues (Kleenex)

FELLOWSHIP "GOD'S WORK. OUR HANDS SUNDAY" During all of September, Fellowship will collect items to support local and city pantries for "Gods Work. Our Hands." Collections for the Smoky Row Food Pantry will be based on the pantry's request list at the time. We hope to leverage Thrivent Action Grants to help support this collection.

GRACE FUND MONIES The outreach team continues to follow its existing plan to keep our Good Samaritan fund flush at \$2,000 using Grace Fund monies and donations from members. The need in our community this year has been great and many Kroger and gas cards have been given out to those in need. If you would like to contribute to the Good Samaritan Fund, there is a basket on the table in the narthex or you can place your donation in an offering envelope in the offering basket, marking your offering for the Good Sam fund.

The outreach team also recently decided to contribute \$500 to HTH (Hope Thru Housing) to make a impact on their ministry. HTH provides the church's lawn care and spring clean-up for a very reasonable price and also has a farm market on 161.

Team Fellowship Property update July 2024

- Changed the monument sign. "Hallowed be thy name" will be the message in July.
- Dustin replaced our Blower motor that went bad in the attic. He (his company) will also replace the furnace and air conditioning filters going forward. Thomas Heating and Cooling - 614-517-6547, ask for Dustin.
- Outside Benches will be stained - but eventually the area by the main entrance will be re-cemented and replaced. (On going project)
- Main Cross on the front of the building and the Monument Cross will be painted and re-stained. (On going project)
- Landscaping was completed Zach (614-825-6025) and HTH team did an awesome job. Bill Lude has (As Always) done an awesome, much appreciated job also helping keep the property updated and clean. - Thanks!
- I was able to cut and trim up the bushes on the back entrance way.
- Ordered Church Entrance sign for the back entrance.
- Asphalt sealed and stripped. Americoat kerry@americoat.com, 614-335-1000.
- Fixed the ladies handicapped stall with a new float valve
- Alarm system - our unit was picking up another signal and was setting the alarm off - which caused many calls to us. It was corrected. If this happens again, the number to call is 614-471-9700.

- Emptied the trash and watered the plants.
- Fixed men's room toilet paper holders and also purchased 4 new style storage units for upgrading.

Future possible fundraiser projects (*Generosity Giving*), which all church members should decide or discuss as we refresh our Church and the property. Possibly new carpet would be our next step - especially in the Narthex and the Hallway.

**Thanks,
John**

“Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.”

1 Thessalonians 5:11

On May 19, FLC honored its three high school graduates: Mallory Tonn, Aleigha Crispin, and McKenzie Laucher. We had a decorated cake with the 3 girls’ names on it and refreshments after worship in the narthex. On the same day, we honored our Sunday School teachers: Pete and Lilly Cardimen and Susan Wolfe. This was also our last day of Sunday School.

On June 29, members of Worship Team will be joining with other members of FLC in a “Church Clean-Up Day.” We hope to clean out many unusable items. There will be a large dumpster available in our parking lot. Please join us in this much-needed endeavor to make FLC a more spacious and welcoming church.



Every 1st Sunday of the month, Fellowship has a Worship & Praise feel in our worship service. We use music selections from the W & P music book. These are ones that were formerly used at our 5 pm worship.

August 11th, 12th Outdoor Worship at Murphy Park in Powell @ 10 am.



We are allowed to set up beginning at 9:30 am. George will try to get church musicians to play for us to sing hymns with. Immediately afterward, we will move our lawn chairs to the shelter for a potluck. Please bring a side, salad, or dessert to share. This is always a lovely service under the oak trees.

Dates to remember:

June 29th, “ Church Clean-Up” Day, 9am

July 7, 10 am W & P Worship service

August 11th, 10 am, Outdoor Worship @ Murphy Park, Powell

Church Staff

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

Executive Committee

President	George Biemel
Vice-President	Mike Rankin
Secretary	Sonya Thelin Pastor Robin

At-large Council Members

Angela Kidd
Bill Lude
Susan Wolfe

Team Coordinators

Congregational Life	Vacant
Education & Youth	Vacant
Outreach	Pete Cardimen
Property	John Votino
Stewardship	Vacant (Council)
Worship	Karen Harris

Thank you for your leadership!!!

Worship Servers Schedule for July 2024

	July 7	July 14
Asst. Minister	Cindy Frey	Ruth Albert
Lay Reader	Cindy Frey	Ruth Albert
Counter	Bill Farel	Bill Farel
Greeter		
Fellowship Host		---
Altar Guild	Dianna Roll & Angela Kidd	Karen Harris & Darcy Dom

	July 21	July 28
Asst. Minister		Paul Wargowsky
Lay Reader		Paul Wargowsky
Counter		
Greeter		
Fellowship Host	---	---
Altar Guild	Kathy & Tracy Farel	Dianna Roll & Angela Kidd



Worship Servers Needed!

If you can fill any of our openings for assisting ministers, readers, counters, 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
Evelyn France	Pete Meighen
Margery Gress	Sonja Meighen
Cheryl Hamilton	Dianna Roll
Lillian Kachic	Ray Ward

July Birthdays

Erin Jaeger	7/2
Katie Rankin	7/3
Jason Hobbins	7/4
Carolyn Crispin	7/6
Andy Poland	7/8
Lorien Crispin	7/11
Callen Anderson	7/12
Amy Wargowsky	7/15
Byron Engen	7/19
Cindy Frey	7/24
Evelyn France	7/26
Grayson France	7/26

FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

Martha Ackerman, Karen Harris' friend
Rosemary Craig, Cindy Frey's mother
Ray Djoice, Karen Harris' friend
Dennis Dom, Darcy Dom's brother
Pat McCarty, Paul Wargowsky's sister
Mike McKinley, David Fleisher's friend
Nora Murphy, Margery Gress' friend
Karen O'Hara, Sonya Thelin's friend
Becky Paull, Sherry Haynes's Daughter
Jeff Sielaff, FLC visitor
Val Wittkorn, Donna Williamson's friend
Diana Zinhon, Darcy Dom's friend



***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:

Alvin D. Chapman, Jim Jaeger's former boss

July Anniversaries

Steve & Cheryl Hamilton	7/20
Ryan & Rebecca Roll	7/20



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30 10:00 am -Worship 11:30-4:00 - CJMC	1	2 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	3 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	4 Independence Day 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 8:00 pm - CJMC	5 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	6 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 8:00-12:00 - SJCOOC?
7 10:00 am -Worship 11:30-4:00 - CJMC	8	9 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 7:00 p.m. - Worship (zoom)	10 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	11 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 8:00 pm - CJMC	12 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	13 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 8:00-12:00 - SJCOOC?
14 10:00 am -Worship 11:15 am - Executive 11:30-4:00 - CJMC	15	16 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 7:00 pm - Council	17 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	18 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 8:00 pm - CJMC	19 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	20 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 8:00-12:00 - SJCOOC?
21 10:00 am -Worship 11:30-4:00 - CJMC	22	23 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 6:00 pm - Women's Dinner	24 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	25 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 8:00 pm - CJMC	26 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	27 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 8:00-12:00 - SJCOOC?
28 10:00 am -Worship 11:30-4:00 - CJMC	29	30 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	31 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	1 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 8:00 pm - CJMC	2 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	3 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 8:00-12:00 - SJCOOC?

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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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