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"Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'"
Matthew 22:36-39

Greetings FLC members and friends,

As I write this newsletter article, I was notified a few hours ago that Fellowship has lost her first member to COVID-19 after the member contracted the virus in a local nursing home. This was the second person I've known personally who has had coronavirus. There have been probably more that I've been around who have been asymptomatic carriers of the virus since many people who are carriers of the virus are without symptoms. Having coronavirus hit "close to home" has reinforced my belief that our church council made the right decision a couple of weeks ago when we decided to hold off for another month for in-person worship.

We are fortunate that as a congregation, we have never been closed during this pandemic. We are able to worship God weekly with our online worship services to which almost all of our members have access. It's definitely not my preferred way to worship - I miss your smiling faces and the fellowship we have together. But I believe we are being faithful to the commandment that we should love our neighbor. By gathering online right now, we are protecting those who are most vulnerable in our congregation and keeping each other safe.

We will be watching closely in June the effects of "opening up Ohio" on the number of new coronavirus cases and deaths. Our council will meet again on June 16th to reassess the situation. We have tentatively set a date for in-person worship in our building as July 5th. We also have thought about outside worship before then, but the road noise from Sawmill Rd. is great, even on Sunday mornings.

Meanwhile, as a church we are preparing for the return to in-person worship. In late June, the church will be deep cleaned and sanitized throughout the building. Our lawn care people from Hope through Housing will be weeding and mulching outside in the next couple of weeks. If you would like to make a contribution to help out with these costs, you are more than welcome. We have placed three hand sanitizer dispensers in the church, and hand sanitizer will be available in the entrance-way and in the sanctuary. Also we will be removing chairs from the sanctuary to provide for physical distancing. Hymnals and fellowship records will be removed from the sanctuary for the time being. Other changes to expect: a requirement that everyone except those under two wear a mask, including the pastor and worship servers (except while preaching or leading worship). We will not have singing for a while because research has shown that aerosols from singing spread even with a mask. Masks will be available if you don't have one. We will probably also start out with biweekly

communion using prefilled communion cups and wafers (with grape juice). And for our plan to safely work, it will be necessary for everyone to closely monitor his/her own health and not come to church if ill. We will inform you of other changes prior to our first services back together. I miss you all greatly, pray for you often, and look forward to seeing you soon! Take care!

God's blessings and love,
Pastor Robin

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Women's Activities

Women's Dinner - TBD

Women's Bible Study - Date TBD Come and join us as we discuss Chapter 12 from the book, *Finding Rest in a Busy World*, by Margaret Feinberg. Susan Wolfe facilitates the discussion. This will be our last meeting until fall.

Meals on Wheels for June and July

Friday, June 19	Farel	Friday, June 17	Farel
Saturday, June 20	Himmel-McDaniel	Saturday, July 18	Engen

When Will We Return to Our Regular Schedule? We continue to assess the COVID-19 situation and use the guidance and recommendations of the best sources for making our decisions about returning to our in-person worship and activity schedules. We've set a tentative date of July 5 for gathering for in-person worship.

Amazing Grace Day Camp AGDC is cancelled this year due to COVID-19. Fellowship will reappear for an Amazing Grace Day Camp in 2021.

Blessing Box We now have a blessing box on our property, thanks to HelpColumbus, a group that supports individuals and families recently impacted by the events of COVID-19. A blessing box houses non-perishable items like food, baby supplies, etc. If you or someone you know are in need of these items, feel free to stop by the church.



Smoky Row Food Pantry - Fellowship was approved for a Thrivent Action Team Grant to purchase items for the Smoky Row Food Pantry. Jim and Carol Jaeger delivered the items to the pantry this past week. Thank you Jim and Carol for helping us to fulfill our mission to "share God's love and grace through our words and actions!"



2020 Graduates We will recognize our high school and college graduates when we gather together in person again.

Give to Fellowship with Your Smartphone with GivePlus+ - Our EFT provider, Vanco, provides a smartphone app, Give+, to 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.

Frebis Food Pantry They are open Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. Healthy volunteers are needed at Frebis to fill orders, drive the truck, and work with the computer. If you are interested, call 614- 300-3263 and ask for Joel, Paul, or David. You may also call 877-LSS-MEAL or Bill Lude at 614-707-3275 or 614-764-1084.

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! We received over \$800 last year!

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!

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!

Attendance Information

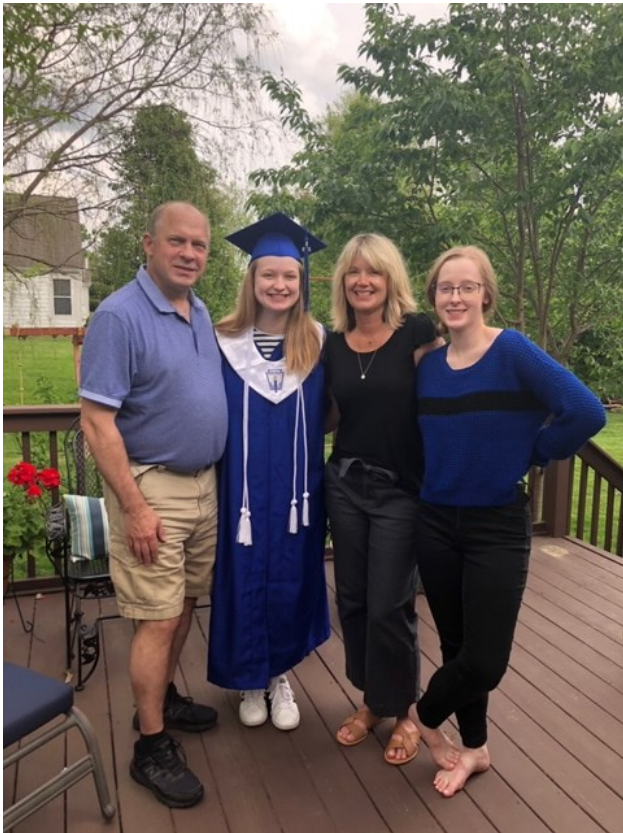
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4/5	streamed	5/3	streamed
4/12	streamed	5/10	streamed
4/19	streamed	5/17	streamed
4/26	streamed	5/24	streamed
		5/31	streamed



*Fellowship Lutheran Church
2020 Graduates*

Leah Anderson

Abigail Cardimen



WORTHINGTON KILBOURNE HIGH SCHOOL
Class of 2020



Abigail Cardimen

Ohio
University

DOUBLE MAJOR IN
EXERCISE SCIENCE AND DANCE

Leah graduated from Liberty High School in May 2020. She plans to attend Columbus State College.



*Fellowship Lutheran Church
2020 Graduates*

Jillian Mott



Jillian graduated in May 2020 from Oakstone Academy as their only class Valedictorian. She will be attending Bowling Green State University to study Forensic Science and Dance.

Michael Cherup



Michael, our organist, graduated cum laude in May 2020 from Capital University with a major in music and a minor in history. Michael is pursuing a Master of Sacred Music degree.

FOR OUR MEMBERS:

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| Sarah Almeida | Hazel Lambert |
| Fritzi Bear | Frank & Leena LeMay |
| Major N Crispin | Sonja Meighen |
| Bob Drake | Joshua Mott |
| Barb Fisher | Martha Sampson |
| Margery Gress | Ray & Carol Ward |
| Cheryl Hamilton | Bill Zahn |
| Lillian Kachic | |

FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

- Joan Albert**, Ruth Albert's mother
- Charlene Amrhein**, Carol Ward's sister-in-law
- Toni Carroll**, Pastor Ron Bott's wife
- Rosemary Craig**, Cindy Frey's mother
- Donna Engen**, Todd Engen's mother
- Janet & Eric Goldberg**, Sherri Reed's friends
- Chris Johnson**, Bruce Johnson's sister-in-law
- Suzanne Kimperman**, Sonya Thelin's co-worker
- Roger Linley**, Barb Fisher's friend
- Carol Niedecker**, Stacy Niedecker's mother
- Anna & Les Schmelzer**, Sherri Reed's friends
- Belinda & Gabriella Seemer**, Sherri Reed's friends
- Dr. Jenifer Takats**, Todd Engen's wife
- Baby Hayden Valesky**, Votino's great nephew

DEATHS:

- Sue Perry**, member
- Ken Andersen**, Jim Jaeger's high school friend
- Lynn Brown**, Debbie Bear's mother
- Ruth Kordick**, Pastor Robin's friend
- Ken Moore**, Darcy Dom's friend's father
- Carol Swank**, Pastor Robin's friend
- Russell Williams**, Michael Cherup's grandfather

June Birthdays

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| Michelle Cleveland | 6/15 |
| Sonya Meighen | 6/17 |
| Dianna Roll | 6/19 |
| Cathy Votino | 6/19 |
| Bruce Johnson | 6/21 |
| Jillian Mott | 6/22 |
| Cheryl Hamilton | 6/25 |
| McKenzie Laucher | 6/26 |
| Nathan Votino | 6/29 |
| Chad Laucher | 6/30 |
| Jacob Votino | 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!

June Anniversaries

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| Paul & Robin Wargowsky | 6/07 |
| Doug & Carol Scantland | 6/10 |
| John & Cathy Votino | 6/17 |
| Chad & Amanda Laucher | 6/18 |
| John M. & Kelly Votino | 6/20 |
| Steve & Donna Williamson | 6/22 |
| Tom & Maryann Mott | 6/25 |



Church Staff

Pastor	Rev. Robin Wargowsky
Treasurer	Heather & Chris Tonn
Financial Secretary	Tracy Farel
Office Secretary	Tracy Farel
Organist	Michael Cherup
Sub. Organist	David Fleisher
Sunday evening pianist	Amy Wargowsky
Choir Director	George Biemel
Custodian	Kenneth Hunt

Executive Committee

President	Todd Engen
Vice-President	Mike Rankin
Secretary	Ruth Albert Pastor Robin

Congregational Life

Director	Chad Laucher
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Education & Youth

Director	Bill Lude
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Outreach

Director	Carol Jaeger
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Stewardship & Support

Director	John Votino
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Worship

Director	Sonya Thelin
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Thank you for your leadership!!!

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Our Purpose: To share God's love and grace through our words and actions.

Our Vision: To be a "called and gathered" family of faith whose members so fully experience the undeserved love of God that we are moved to express that same love of God, in our relationships with one another and our whole community . . .

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