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"My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When can I go and meet with God?"— Psalm 42:2

Greetings Fellowship members and friends!

On Ash Wednesday, February 22nd, the season of Lent officially began. Lent is a season of prayer, reflection, repentance and renewal. It is in this annual pilgrimage to the cross of Calvary that we are reminded of God's ultimate sacrifice for our eternal life. As we set aside time for our own spiritual practices, we remember God's incredible love for us and the tremendous sacrifice of Christ who gave His life for us.

Lent provides us the opportunity to step out of our often busy schedules to examine once again the direction we are headed in our own faith walk. We can use this time to ask ourselves core questions like: How is my faith journey going with God? Am I feeling closer or farther away from God? Where do I see my life headed, and is God a part of that equation? It is questions like these that can serve to re-center our lives on discipleship and our faith in Jesus Christ. These can help us "meet with God" as the psalmist says.



For the next five Wednesdays, we are bringing back our soup suppers at 6:15 p.m., followed by a short midweek worship service at 7:00 p.m. Our theme for Lent this year is "Signs of Lent." I hope you will be able to join us for these services!

During Holy Week, we will celebrate Maundy Thursday with Columbus Joeun Methodist Church. The service will be on April 6th at 7:30 p.m. here at Fellowship. Our community Good Friday service will be on April 7th at 7:30 p.m. at Smoky Row Brethren Church.

Our worship team has decided to offer one Easter service this year at 10:00 a.m. We are hoping to have an Easter breakfast prior to the worship service but we need volunteers to make this happen! If you are interested in helping coordinate this fellowship event, please let me or any council member know.

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.

5:00 p.m. Worship & Praise Service Come join us for our 5:00 p.m. Worship & Praise Service on the 1st Sunday of each month.

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

- Baby items (diapers - all sizes) and wipes
- Winter coats, hats and gloves (adult, child, and infant)
- Non-perishable food staples, such as beans, corn, rice, pasta
- Toiletries, such as shampoo/conditioner, soap, toilet paper, etc.
- Lightbulbs



Place donations in the containers located in the Narthex. Your generosity is gratefully appreciated by our neighbors in need. Thank you!



Youth Sunday School News Come join us for Youth Sunday School on Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m.! This year, we are using Sparkhouse, *Activate Faith - All Kids* for the curriculum, and classes are taught by Pete and Lilly Cardimen.

Adult Sunday School Susan Wolfe is facilitating an ELCA study on civic life and faith.

Meals on Wheels

Saturday, March 18 Engen Saturday, April 15 Biemel



Holy Communion Consecrated communion kits can be picked up at church on Sundays for those unable to attend in-person.



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!

Easter Breakfast Coordinator and Volunteers Needed - We are in need of a volunteer(s) to help plan our Easter breakfast. Please contact Pastor Robin or a council member if interested.

HEALING
SERVICE



Healing Service on Sunday, March 5th at the End of Both Services - In the rite of healing, the church does not replace the gifts of God that come through the scientific community nor does it promise a cure. Rather, the church offers and celebrates gifts such as these: God's presence with strength and comfort in time of suffering, God's promise of wholeness and peace, and God's love embodied in the community of faith. If you would like to participate, just remain in the sanctuary after the last hymn. If not, you may quietly exit during the last hymn.

Wednesday Soup Suppers/Lenten Services Beginning Wednesday, March 1st, we will begin our midweek soup suppers/Lenten services. Soup suppers will begin at 6:15 p.m., with a 30 minute midweek Lenten service to follow at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome! The theme this year is, "Signs of Lent."

One Rollator Still Available Two rollators have been donated to Fellowship from Scioto Ridge United Methodist Church and one is still available in the coat rack area. If you are in need of a rollator, please let Pastor Robin 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.





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.

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)

January 1	14/18 views	February 5	27/5/24 views
January 8	28/28 views	February 12	28/20 views
January 15	22/25 views	February 19	29/17 views
January 22	27/14 views	February 22	19/19 views
January 29	36/17 views	February 26	32/9 views

Church Staff

Pastor	Rev. Robin Wargowsky
Treasurer	Todd Engen
Financial Secretary	Tracy Farel
Pianist	Amy Wargowsky
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 March 2023

	March 5	March 12	March 19	March 26
Asst. Minister	Ruth Albert			
Lay Reader	Donna Williamson	Kathy Farel		
Counter	Bill Farel	Jim Jaeger	Bill Lude	
Greeter	Bill Lude		Bill Lude	
Altar Guild	Karen Harris & Darcy Dom	Karen Harris & Darcy Dom	Karen Harris & Darcy Dom	Karen Harris & Darcy Dom

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 Pastor Robin. Thanks!



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26 9:00 am - Sunday Sch. 10:00 am - Worship 11:30-4:00 pm - CJMC	27 7:00 pm - NA	28 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 7:00 pm - Outreach (zoom)	1 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 6:15 pm - Soup Supper 7:00 pm - Worship	2 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 8:00 pm - CJMC	3 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	4 6:00 am - CJMC Pray
5 9:00 am - Sunday Sch. 10:00 am - Worship 11:30-4:00 pm - CJMC 5:00 pm - Worship	6 7:00 pm - NA	7 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	8 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 6:15 pm - Soup Supper 7:00 pm - Worship	9 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 11:00 am - SICC Pastors Meeting 7:00-9:00 pm - CJMC	10 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	11 6:00 am - CJMC Pray
12 9:00 am - Sunday Sch. 10:00 am - Worship 11:00 am - Executive 11:30-4:00 pm - CJMC	13 7:00 pm - NA	14 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 7:00 p.m. - Worship Team (zoom)	15 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 6:15 pm - Soup Supper 7:00 pm - Worship	16 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 8:00 pm - CJMC	17 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	18 6:00 am - CJMC Pray
19 9:00 am - Sunday Sch. 10:00 am - Worship 11:30-4:00 pm - CJMC	20 7:00 pm - NA	21 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 7:00 pm - Council	22 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 6:15 pm - Soup Supper 7:00 pm - Worship	23 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 8:00 pm - CJMC	24 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	25 6:00 am - CJMC Pray
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FOR OUR MEMBERS:

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| Fritzi Bear | Frank & Leena LeMay |
| Major N Crispin | Pete & Sonja Meighen |
| Byron Engen | Joshua Mott |
| Barb Fisher | Martha Sampson |
| Margery Gress | Carolyn Shaw |
| Cheryl Hamilton | Sonya Thelin |
| Zach Jaeger | Ray & Carol Ward |
| Lillian Kachic | |

March Birthdays

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| Ryan Roll | 3/10 |
| Gayle Anderson | 3/12 |
| Edwin Madari | 3/13 |
| Ethan Wolkan | 3/13 |
| Carolyn Shaw | 3/31 |

FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

- Joan Albert**, Ruth Albert's mother
Diane Bowman, Karen Harris' friend
Jon Cornell, Jim Jaeger's friend
Rosemary Craig, Cindy Frey's mother
Bill Credicott, Karen Harris' friend
Rikki-lynn Cromlish, Mal Tonn's teammate
Denny Frey, Pat Frey's father
Bonnie Gamary, Jim & Carol Jaeger's friend
Marc Hamilton, Cheryl Hamilton's son
Dave Hershberger, Sonya Thelin's brother-in-law
Rory Jacobsen, Karen Harris' friend
Chris Jordan, Chad Laucher's cousin
Jill Markey, Darcy Dom's friend
Kristi Mason, Mike Rankin's cousin
Charlotte Schall, Pastor Robin's mother
Sandy Town, Cathy Votino's niece's brother-in-law's mother
Sylvia Votino, John Votino's mother
Zakaria, Karin Garcia's fiancée



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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:

- Larry Brooks**, Pete Meighen's niece's husband
Tim Guenther, Ruth Albert's friend
Robert LeMay, Frank LeMay's brother
Marjorie Loschky, Kathy Farel's aunt
James Mitchell, Karen Harris' uncle
Jack Renner, Pastor Robin's uncle
Todd Town, Cathy Votino's niece's brother-in-law's father

March Anniversaries



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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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