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<sup>35</sup>... "for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, <sup>36</sup>I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me." *Matthew 25:35-36 NRSV*

Greetings Fellowship members and friends!

Our Gospel lesson this past Sunday on the rich man and Lazarus, and a conversation with one of our members following our morning service made me think of Jesus' words in the passage above. Jesus makes it clear that we are to care for those in need - the helpless, the vulnerable, the homeless, the marginalized of society. One author writes, "Love of the other serves as a litmus test of the true measure of our love of God. This concern and action are not merely options for when we have spare time or some extra change. They are absolute imperatives." (Jerry Kearney, *True Worship in The Upper Room Disciplines* 2012).

On Sunday, October 16th, immediately following our morning worship service, we will have an opportunity to show this "love of the other" as we celebrate the life of Betty. Gayle Anderson, who joined Fellowship in the summer, welcomed Betty, a homeless woman, into her home for the last three years after being notified by her son of a woman in great need at Walmart. Betty recently died, and we will celebrate Betty's life on the 16th. Please join us for worship that day.

Thank you to all who helped out with the blessing bags for those in need in our community on God's Work. Our Hands Sunday. What a blessing you all are!



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, 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. Thank you all!



**5:00 p.m. Worship & Praise Service** Beginning November, we will only offer the evening service on the first Sunday of each month. The last weekly evening service will be on October 23rd. As we have done during the last several years, we will also offer a Quiet Christmas on the Sunday evening before Christmas, December 18th.

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

- Baby items (diapers - all sizes) and wipes
- Laundry detergent
- Winter coats (new or gently used)
- Hats and gloves (adult, child, and infant)
- Food staples, including food items for the holidays
- Hygiene items
- Toilet paper

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!



**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** Adult Sunday School has returned on Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m.! We are discussing the book, *If You Want To Walk On Water, You've Got To Get Out Of The Boat* by John Ortberg. Susan Wolfe facilitates the discussion.

## Meals on Wheels

Saturday, October 15  
Saturday, November 19

Cardimen  
Engen



**Youth Quake** - Youth Quake for 2023 will be January 6-8 in Cincinnati. This is for grades 6-12. We will be staying at the Holiday Inn in Eastgate. Please let Pastor Robin know if you are interested in going. Early registration deadline is October 16, 2022. This year's theme is Re:Ignite based on 2 Corinthians 5:17 - "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!"

## SAVE THE DATE FOR FALL CONGREGATION MEETINGS!

**October 23, 11:00 a.m.** - Special meeting for constitution changes and lighting and roof projects

**November 13, 11:00 a.m.** - Annual Meeting

**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.

**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!

**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, Ohio as your charity. Then, shop as usual and Fellowship will receive a percentage of your purchase. It's that easy!



**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.

**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!

**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/>

**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 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.



### **Attendance Information (In-person & virtual)**

August 7	25/201 views	September 4	23/4/17 views
August 14	24/5/28 views	September 11	35/5/22 views
August 21	24/4/14 views	September 18	29/4/22 views
August 28	26/3/13 views	September 25	34/3/14 views

*“Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.” 2 Corinthians 4:16-18*

Greetings Fellowship,

As I write this, I am reminded of seasons changing yet again and how our church goes through different seasons as well. The cooler air is a respite and brings with it anticipation of changing leaves and fun Fall activities. I know that many of us will miss the Pumpkin Patch this year but it made sense to put it on pause due to volunteer capacity. Hopefully we can bring it back again in the future. I really enjoyed the outdoor service in August. Cindy Frey always does a great job coordinating Congregational Life events. We also had a great turnout before church on Rally Day a few weeks ago. I loved seeing the enthusiasm as everyone came together to create so many Blessing Bags! Events like the remind me of what a giving congregation we are. I know that those Blessing Bags will be used often to help the increasing number of individuals seeking help from the church.

In September, an email was sent out regarding updating the Constitution to reflect Fellowship’s current membership and leadership participation. I would like to thank members Ruth Albert and Mike Rankin for their hard work in going through the Constitution to provide suggestions. The proposed updated Constitution was approved by Council on September 15<sup>th</sup> and will need to be voted on at the special Congregational meeting on October 23<sup>rd</sup>. Please take time to read it and direct any questions/concerns you have to myself or any other member of Council. I hope that you all can make it to the brief meeting following service on October 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Council continues to discuss building repair challenges. We recently had our roof repaired which should fix the ongoing issue with leaks in the classroom. Fellowship recently had a visit from the Fire Inspector and we had to quickly make changes to install exit signs for doors leading to the Prayer Garden. We were able to make other needed testing updates with our vendor Koorsen. We remain hopeful to update the lighting in the Sanctuary as our special Capital fund allows. The updated system will allow for more energy efficiency and give us savings on our electric bills.

Please mark November 13<sup>th</sup> on your calendars for our Congregational meeting.

Hope to see you in church soon!

Kathryn

*"You are a building that is built on the apostles and prophets. They are the foundation. Christ Jesus himself is the most important stone in the building. The whole building is held together by him. It rises to become a holy temple because it belongs to the Lord." - Ephesians 2:20-21*

Fall is finally here! The leaves are changing, pumpkins are appearing and my kids are almost another year older! There are also lots of things going on at Fellowship even though we do not have the pumpkin patch this year.

Sunday School has started again for kids and adults at 9am on Sunday mornings. If you haven't made it to a session yet, it's never too late to start!



### Congregational Meeting



We have Congregational meetings coming up, the first of which we will discuss changes to our Constitution, structure for leadership within our church - October 23rd

We have Reformation Sunday, FLC's anniversary and Pastor Robin's anniversary to celebrate at the end of October - October 30th



This will be a Sunday that there will be no 5pm service. Instead we will have a Family Game night starting at 6pm. Bring your snacks and your board games to share! Popcorn and drinks will be provided.

Then as we turn to November we will have:

Consecration Sunday and our Annual Congregational meeting where we will vote on our leaders and budget for 2023 - November 13th

Thanksgiving meal after morning service- November 20th

The start of a new Church calendar year and Advent - November 27th



## Education and Youth

Dianna Roll

*“Teach the wise, and they will become wiser. Instruct those who live right, and they will gain more knowledge.” Proverbs 9:9*

So exciting to begin this news article with a positive vibe regarding Sunday School classes! No more excuses about holding off classes due to COVID. Yes we are finally up and running for the start of a real school year.

Rally day was the kick off for Sunday school which was held September 11. We introduced our new teachers, enjoyed a special treat of ice cream sundaes and doughnuts, ending with a group service project. Thanks and appreciation to Cindy Frey for arranging and serving the snacks.

Catechism classes will be taught by Pastor Robin. Adult classes will be led by Susan Wolfe and substitute George Biemel. The Youth classes will be taught by Lilly and Pete Cardimen with Dianna Roll as substitute. We are so blessed to have these knowledgeable instructors to teach this year. Many thanks for offering to share your time and talents!

Rally Day partnered with “God’s work. Our hands. Sunday” this year. Those attending participated in this as a service project. Carol Jaeger, our Outreach Team leader, arranged the abundant supplies that were turned into Blessing Bags to be used for individuals in need in our community. Thank you to Carol for all her hard work and time coordinating everything and to everyone that used their hands to create the bags.

Everyone is welcome to attend Sunday School which is held every Sunday 9:00 - 9:45 am.

Blessings!

Dianna Roll



I begin this article with a deep and sincere THANK YOU for the generosity, time, and talent you provided to fulfill our project of Blessing Bags on "God's work. Our hands." Sunday, celebrated with Rally Day on Sunday, September 11, 2022. Your donations of funds, hygiene products, snack items, bottled water, T-shirts, and socks were provided to fill the following number of Blessing Bags, with some left over:

- Hygiene kits for males 15
- Hygiene kits for females 12
- Snack kits 50
- Adults T-shirts 45
- Adult socks 30
- Child T-shirts 10
- Gift certificates for meals \$100.00
- Thrivent Action Grant \$250.00
- Grace Lutheran Church gift \$250.00

The Blessing Bags are intended to nurture an individual who needs immediate support to get to a location of greater sustainment, such as a shelter and/or food pantry. Each bag received a verse or positive slogan of hope and resilience, as evidenced by the following examples:

- *Trust God! For I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord. They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope. Jeremiah 29:11*
- *... those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary. They will walk and not be faint. Isaiah 40:31*

A special 'thank you' goes to the Education Team (chaired by Dianna Roll), Congregational Life Team (chaired by Cindy Frey), and Bill Lude for the treats and decorations to celebrate our coming together. Twenty-nine (29) of us – adults and children - filled the room with joy, helpful hands, and early morning appetites. It was WONDERFUL, UPLIFTING, and FUN!

The Outreach Team elected to distribute funds from the financial gift of the sale of Grace Lutheran Church, Crescent, PA to Smoky Row Food Pantry, Life Care Alliance specified for Meals-on-Wheels, ELCA Lutheran World Hunger, ELCA Disaster Relief, and to Fellowship Lutheran Church (FLC) specified for the Blessing Bags. The gifted funds have been a blessing for the non-profit organizations that are struggling to support the growing population of homeless, food insecure, and immigrants who are escaping conflict and persecution.

Your continued donation of items to the Smoky Row Food Pantry is incredible! – and, so needed. There are pictures at the close of this article that show a sample of the items that have been transported to the pantry from FLC since the last newsletter. As the weather becomes cooler, wet, and wintery, there will be a need for the following:

- Hats and gloves (all sizes)
- coats (new or gently used)

And, a continuing need for the following:

- food staples
- hygiene items
- diapers (all sizes)
- baby wipes
- laundry detergent

Food items for the holidays will be helpful in the last months of the year and into the new year.

The generous support of FLC members for the Smoky Row Food Pantry and the outreach efforts for our neighbors is impressive! Sharing our blessings with others extends God's love with those who need hope, caring, sustainment, and resilience. All of God's children want to feel seen, safe, valued, and respected. THANK YOU for sharing your gifts, love, and support!



John Votino  
Property & Stewardship  
September 2022

Property Updates:

Below is an explanation of projects completed since June and some unexpected Costs that we had to incur. We are getting closer with our Generosity Giving from the Team Fellowship Congregation to complete our final project at this time for the Lighting Repair.

Roof has been repaired above the classroom. Cost was \$6400 - paid out of the generosity Giving Capital account for lighting and roofing

Fire inspection - we had several code violations which we did bring up to code - basic upgrade for emergency lighting (replaced 9 batteries in our emergency lighting system) and having exit access from the prayer garden. The invoice total was \$930.14 - paid out of building funds. Also paid from our building funds, was \$503.39 to test and replace batteries on our fire alarms.

Cross electric completed the wiring and install of the exit signs. The invoice total was \$2160 - paid out of building funds.

Trimmed the flowers

I will be discussing a fall clean up in the near future - but the outside of the property is looking pretty good.

Stewardship

As we move on to the final quarter of 2022, I always ask myself how can we (I) become better in any way. This is always on my mind on how we can bring more of our friends and or people into our congregational family at our Fellowship Lutheran Church on Sawmill road. I (We) all realize how Covid has changed the world and the way many things are done these days. Eventually and hopefully we will see some changes back to pre-Covid days. We as Stewards of God have to keep walking the walk and talking the talk to all we meet, (not over bearing style though), inviting all to join us for a visit and or watch the service on your tube - many thanks to all and let's keep trying to grow our congregation by walking God's walk and talking God's talk.

John

*"Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs." **Psalm 100, verses 1-2.***

Worship team coordinated with George Biemel and FLC musicians to celebrate worship in God's creation outdoors at Murphy Park in Powell in early August. A beautiful morning was enjoyed by all who attended. Cindy Frey and the Congregational Life team provided a very good meal, in addition to potluck contributions from our members.

Pastor Robin did a Blessing of Backpacks on August 21 during 10 am worship. A Healing service was held after 10am worship on September 4. The next Healing service will be December 4. On September 11, we began using Setting 10, and went back to the Revised Common Lectionary. We also returned to using the traditional Lord's Prayer.

Plans have begun being made for Reformation Sunday and include a celebration of FLC's 42<sup>nd</sup> anniversary plus Pastor Robin's 9<sup>th</sup> anniversary at FLC. We will finalize these during our October Worship team meeting on 10/11/22.

Charlotte Tonn did the Children's Sermon on 9/25/22 in our Worship service. Charlotte is studying to be Confirmed.

David Fleisher will be our guest organist on Reformation Sunday, October 30. He is a very gifted organist and you won't want to miss his playing that day.

We will be celebrating All Saints Sunday, November 6 and Veteran's Recognition Sunday, November 13. Also, mark your calendars for November 27, the first Sunday of Advent. We will be putting up Christmas decorations after Worship.

### **Dates to remember in December:**

- 4 - Healing Service & Christmas Caroling after Worship
- 18 - Quiet Christmas service, 5pm
- 24 - Christmas Eve Worship @ 5:30 & 7:30pm
- 25 - Christmas (no service)

**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 October 2022

	<b>October 2</b>	<b>October 9</b>	<b>October 16</b>
<b>Lay Reader</b>	George Biemel	George Biemel	Chris Tonn
<b>Counter</b>	Jim Jaeger		Bill Lude
<b>Greeter</b>	Kathryn Tucker	George Biemel	Bill Lude
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Carol Scantland	Carol Scantland	Carol Scantland

	<b>October 23</b>	<b>October 30</b>
<b>Lay Reader</b>	Cindy Frey	
<b>Counter</b>	Andy Smith	
<b>Greeter</b>	Kathryn Tucker	Karen Harris
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Carol Scantland	Carol Scantland

### 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!**



# October 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>2</b> 9:00 am - Sunday Sch. 10:00 am - Worship 11:00 am - Executive 11:30-3:00 pm - CJMC 5:00 pm - Worship	<b>3</b> 7:00 pm - NA	<b>4</b> 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	<b>5</b> 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	<b>6</b> 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 8:00 pm - CJMC	<b>7</b> 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	<b>1 / 8</b> 6:00 am - CJMC Pray
<b>9</b> 9:00 am - Sunday Sch. 10:00 am - Worship 11:30-3:00 pm - CJMC 5:00 pm - Worship	<b>10</b> 7:00 pm - NA	<b>11</b> 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 7:00 pm - Worship	<b>12</b> 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	<b>13</b> 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 8:00 pm - CJMC	<b>14</b> 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	<b>15</b> 6:00 am - CJMC Pray
<b>16</b> 9:00 am - Sunday Sch. 10:00 am - Worship 11:00 pm - Mem. Serv. 11:30-3:00 pm - CJMC 5:00 pm - Worship	<b>17</b> 7:00 pm - NA	<b>18</b> 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 7:00 pm - Council	<b>19</b> 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	<b>20</b> 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 8:00 pm - CJMC	<b>21</b> 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	<b>22</b> 6:00 am - CJMC Pray
<b>23</b> 9:00 am - Sunday Sch. 10:00 am - Worship 11:00 am - Cong. Mtg 11:30-3:00 pm - CJMC 5:00 pm - Worship	<b>24</b> 7:00 pm - NA	<b>25</b> 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 7:00 pm - Outreach Team (zoom)	<b>26</b> 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	<b>27</b> 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 8:00 pm - CJMC	<b>28</b> 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	<b>29</b> 6:00 am - CJMC Pray
<b>30</b> 9:00 am - Sunday Sch. 10:00 am - Worship 11:30-3:00 pm - CJMC 6:00 p.m. - Game Night	<b>31</b> 7:00 pm - NA	<b>1</b> 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	<b>2</b> 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	<b>3</b> 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 8:00 pm - CJMC	<b>4</b> 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	<b>5</b> 6:00 am - CJMC Pray

**FOR OUR MEMBERS:**

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|------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>Fritzi Bear</b>     | <b>Zach Jaeger</b>             |
| <b>Maxine Brunner</b>  | <b>Lillian Kachic</b>          |
| <b>Major N Crispin</b> | <b>Frank &amp; Leena LeMay</b> |
| <b>Barb Fisher</b>     | <b>Sonja Meighen</b>           |
| <b>Vanessa France</b>  | <b>Joshua Mott</b>             |
| <b>Margery Gress</b>   | <b>Martha Sampson</b>          |
| <b>Claire Haase</b>    | <b>John Votino</b>             |
| <b>Cheryl Hamilton</b> | <b>Ray &amp; Carol Ward</b>    |

**October Birthdays**

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|----------------|-------|
| Megan Cardimen | 10/07 |
| Sarah Oliver   | 10/18 |
| Kathy Farel    | 10/23 |
| Don Johnson    | 10/25 |
| Pam Crispin    | 10/28 |
| Tom Mott       | 10/29 |
| Charlotte Tonn | 10/30 |
| Pam Lude       | 10/31 |

**FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS:**

- Joan Albert**, Ruth Albert's mother
- Rosemary Craig**, Cindy Frey's mother
- Deborah Dom**, Darcy Dom's sister
- Sharon Gray**, Karen Harris' classmate
- John Haffner**, Amanda Laucher's father
- Marc Hamilton**, Cheryl Hamilton's son
- Suzanne Kemperman**, Sonya Thelin's friend
- Charlotte Schall**, Pastor Robin's mother
- John Tolbert**, Karen Harris' daughter-in-law's father



*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:**

- Betty Abbruzzese**, Gayle Anderson's housemate
- Margie Toops Easterling**, Sonya Thelin's neighbor's mother

**October Anniversaries**

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|-----------------------------|-------|
| Paul & Vanessa France       | 10/05 |
| Pat & Cindy Frey            | 10/06 |
| Andy Smith & Kathryn Tucker | 10/10 |
| Dan & Megan Howard          | 10/19 |
| Zachary & Angela Kidd       | 10/24 |
| Zak & Kathleen Wolkan       | 10/25 |



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*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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