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*A voice says, "Cry!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades when the breath of the Lord blows on it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever. **Isaiah 40:6-8 ESV***

Dear Fellowship members and friends!

What a joyous Sunday it was last week as we baptized Aria Kidd and received her father Zachary into membership. See the pictures from that happy day later in the newsletter.

I hope you have been enjoying the wonderful weather we've been having as we watch the leaves begin to turn their brilliant colors of autumn. During the season of fall, we are reminded of the beauty of change, both in nature and in our faith. The vibrant tapestry of colors adorning the trees outside reminds us of the ever-shifting seasons, and it is in this context that we can draw inspiration from the Reformation and Martin Luther.

Five centuries ago, a brave and visionary man named Martin Luther ignited a spiritual revolution that forever altered the landscape of Christianity. In challenging the established traditions of the church, he ushered in a season of profound change, much like the transformation we witness in the natural world around us.

Luther's bold act of nailing his 95 Theses to the church door in Wittenberg in 1517 signaled a shift towards a deeper understanding of faith, grace, and salvation. In a time when the church had become stagnant, Luther's actions sparked a reformation that revitalized the faith of countless believers.

Just as the leaves outside change colors to reflect the shifting seasons, our faith is also subject to transformation. As leaves transition from green to brilliant shades of red, orange, and gold, our faith can also deepen and flourish as we seek a more profound understanding of God's grace. The Reformation reminds us that our beliefs should be dynamic and rooted in a deep and personal relationship with God.

May we take time this fall to reflect on our spiritual journey. Are there aspects of our faith that need reformation? Are there traditions that have lost their meaning, waiting to be rejuvenated? May we be open to change, just as the world around us changes, and let us trust that God's grace will guide us through every season of life.

See you in church!

*Pastor Robin*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**In-person Worship** Masks are optional. Please feel free to wear a mask if you are more comfortable with one on.

**The Smoky Row Food Pantry** is at 7260 Smoky Row Rd., Columbus. The most needed items for October, November, and December include:

- 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. Your generosity is gratefully appreciated by our neighbors in need. Thank you!

**Sunday School** Come join our Sunday School classes for youth and adults at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings! The youth class is taught by Pete and Lilly Cardimen. Susan Wolfe facilitates the adult class which is studying the Old Testament, based on a DVD curriculum by Amy Jill Levine.



**Women's Dinner and Guys Night Out Update** The next women's dinner will be on Tuesday, November 7th at 6:00 p.m. at Cap City Diner, 6644 Riverside Dr., Dublin, OH 43017 (614) 889-7865. If you need transportation, please let Pastor Robin know. All are welcome! Next Guys Night Out TBD.

**One Rollator Available** If you are in need of a rollator, please let Pastor Robin know and take from the coat rack area. Please return to the church when you no longer need the rollator.

**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!

**All Saints Sunday - November 5** If you have a loved one (family member or friend) who has died in the past 12 months whom you would like remembered on November 5th, please contact Pastor Robin or add your loved one to the list on the table in the narthex.

## SAVE THE DATE FOR FALL CONGREGATION MEETING - November 12th

**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.

**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/> .

**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.

**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!

WORSHIP  
VOLUNTEER  
opportunities



**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.

## Attendance Information (In-person & virtual)

August 6	33/3/35 views	September 3	22/4/23 views
August 13	38/115 views	September 10	34/19 views
August 20	25/22 views	September 17	29/21 views
August 27	33/33 views	September 24	47/32 views

*Welcome to our newest members!  
Aria Violet Kidd & Zachary Kidd*



In Romans 12:11, the Apostle Paul encourages the Christians in Rome...and us... to "...serve the Lord enthusiastically." Let us strive to serve the Lord in our community in northwest Columbus and beyond.

In an August 28 letter and at the September 10 town hall meeting, our church council introduced an initiative to **Renew! Re-energize! Reinvigorate! Rebirth!** our work at Fellowship. We are currently recruiting members of our congregation to serve on the team to lead us in evaluating who we are, who God wants us to be, and God's mission for us to reach out and serve our community. Please plan to participate as one of God's children in this important effort.

**Stewardship, Part 1!** Council works to be good stewards of your financial gifts to support Fellowship. But stewardship is so much more than just dollars and cents. Stewardship is teaching Sunday school, making contributions to the Smoky Row food pantry, serving as a greeter, counter, assisting minister, or reader. It is caring for our members, our Pastor and our neighbors.

**Stewardship, Part 2!** But as you know, our financial gifts are indeed a part of our stewardship of God's church. Council and the executive committee are working on a budget for 2024 (do you realize Y2K is 24 years ago already!). Once we have a proposed budget, we will provide it to members of our congregation for their consideration and will ask for your support. More to follow as we are "**Growing In Faith Together.**"

As we approach 2024, please consider increasing your contribution to Fellowship to further our mission in our community. We plan to have consecration Sunday on November 12 when we will receive in-person pledges for financial support during the service. We will also have our annual meeting that same day immediately after worship.

**Financial Review!** Council asked Sarah Lude Burns (Bill Lude's daughter), an accountant, to review Fellowship's financial policies, procedures and records based on our 2022 finances. We received her report, dated September 7, 2023, and she stated "I found nothing of note concerning material discrepancies in the financials." However, she made several recommendations to improve our practices, including (1) update policies, some of which are from the late 1990s, (2) revamp the counters' procedures and reports, (3) review certain IRS rules and policies to assure we are complying. Council will be addressing the identified items over the coming year and we may ask members of the congregation to assist in this effort. If you would like to read the report, please contact George Biemel for a copy.

And remember to "**Let Your Light Shine!**"

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**“Be just and fair to all. Do what is right and good, for I am coming soon to rescue you and to display my righteousness among you.” Isaiah 56, verse 1**

Fellowship’s Outdoor Worship, held 8/13/2023, was enjoyed by a good number. We were able to worship God in His wondrous creation of a wooded park and then enjoy the fellowship of other members under the pavilion during a tasty potluck.

In September, Pastor conducted a healing service, had our final 5pm Worship & Praise service, enjoyed Rally Day with a breakfast provided by Bill Lude and crafts provided by Pastor Robin.

We are sad to accept the resignation of Amy Wargowsky, FLC’s church pianist. Amy will be moving to Indiana to begin her career in nursing. Her final day will be Sunday 10/22/2023. We will have a small reception for her after worship that morning.

Worship team has decided to continue the Worship & Praise format of singing each 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month.

On Sunday, 10/29/2023, Fellowship will hold a triple celebration of Reformation Sunday, FLC’s 43<sup>rd</sup> anniversary as a church, and Pastor Robin’s 10 anniversary as the pastor of Fellowship. Be sure to join us! On September 24, 2023, we had Aria Kidd’s sacrament of Baptism and her father, Zachary Kidd’s acceptance into membership at FLC.

**Dates to remember:**

**10/29-Reformation Sunday, FLC’s 43<sup>rd</sup> anniversary, Pastor Robin’s 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary**

**11/5-All Saints Sunday, Daylight Savings Time ends**

**11/12-Veteran’s Recognition Sunday, Congregational meeting and Consecration Sunday**

**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**

<b>Congregational Life</b>	Vacant
<b>Education &amp; Youth</b>	Vacant
<b>Outreach</b>	Pete Cardimen
<b>Property</b>	John Votino
<b>Stewardship</b>	Vacant (Council)
<b>Worship</b>	Karen Harris

***Thank you for your leadership!!!***

## Worship Servers Schedule for October 2023

	<b>October 1</b>	<b>October 8</b>	<b>October 15</b>
<b>Asst. Minister</b>	Sonya Thelin	George Biemel	Cindy Frey
<b>Lay Reader</b>	Sonya Thelin	George Biemel	Cindy Frey
<b>Counter</b>	George Biemel	Bill Lude	
<b>Greeter</b>	Karen Harris	Bill Lude	
<b>Fellowship Host</b>		---	---
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Carol Scantland	Carol Scantland	Carol Scantland

	<b>October 22</b>	<b>October 29</b>
<b>Asst. Minister</b>	Sonya Thelin	Cindy Frey
<b>Lay Reader</b>	Sonya Thelin	George Biemel
<b>Counter</b>		
<b>Greeter</b>		
<b>Fellowship Host</b>	---	---
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Carol Scantland	Carol Scantland



### 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. Thanks!



# October 2023

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

**FOR OUR MEMBERS:**

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|------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <b>Fritzi Bear</b>     | <b>Karen Harris</b>             |
| <b>George Biemel</b>   | <b>Zach Jaeger</b>              |
| <b>Major N Crispin</b> | <b>Lillian Kachic</b>           |
| <b>Byron Engen</b>     | <b>Ed Lathy</b>                 |
| <b>Barb Fisher</b>     | <b>Frank &amp; Leena LeMay</b>  |
| <b>Dominic Frey</b>    | <b>Pete &amp; Sonja Meighen</b> |
| <b>Margery Gress</b>   | <b>Ray &amp; Carol Ward</b>     |
| <b>Cheryl Hamilton</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 |
| Charlotte Tonn | 10/30 |
| Pam Lude       | 10/31 |

**FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS:**

- Linda Albert**, Ruth Albert's sister  
**Jim Barnett**, Bill Lude's friend  
**Patricia Bianconi**, Carol Jaeger's cousin  
**Rosemary Craig**, Cindy Frey's mother  
**McKenna Harris**, Karen Harris' granddaughter  
**Michael Kilmer**, Jim Jaeger's friend  
**William Leach**, Karen Harris' brother  
**Allena McLaughlin**, Cindy Frey's friend  
**Amanda Modroy**, John Guthrie's sister  
**Nora Murphy**, Margery Gress's friend  
**Bill Mustaine**, Margery Gress's friend  
**River Opper**, Cindy Frey's friend  
**Lewis Pfeiffer**, Carolyn Crispin's brother  
**Scott Reimer**, John Votino's friend  
**John & Charlotte Schall**, Pastor Robin's parents



*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:**

- Marc Hamilton**, Cheryl Hamilton's son  
**Gerri Pfeiffer**, Carolyn Crispin's sister-in-law  
**Harry Swearington**, Bill Lude & Greg Schaughency's friend

**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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