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"I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God." Ephesians 3:17-19

Dear Fellowship members and friends!

As I write this newsletter, it's hard to believe that September is just around the corner. This is a time of transition for many people with endings and beginnings. As the final days of summer wane, outdoor pools are closing and children have returned to school. Children and teachers have begun a new school year, experiencing new homerooms, new teachers, new lockers, and probably new classmates. Teachers are experiencing new students and the cycle of education has begun once again. Older youth have gone off to college or the military or new jobs (if they're lucky) and onto a new phase in their lives.

Churches experience this transition also. Rally Day is just around the corner on September 10 and Sunday School classes for youth and adults will begin September 17th. The worship leaders will once again wear their albs after the heat of the summer has passed. Our leadership will be starting to focus on stewardship and next year's budget.

All beginnings have endings. All endings once had a beginning. Transitions are an important part of our lives whether it is a beginning or ending or something in between. We cannot avoid many of them. Some we greatly anticipate, some we greatly dread, some we never expected, others we planned for.

What transitions are going on in your life? What endings are you experiencing? What new beginnings are you anticipating? How does God fit into those transitions? Do you seek to make room for God in them? Or do you try to shut God out? Do you wrestle with how God is present within those important moments of your life?

As fall approaches, I invite you to continue to seek out God and stay active in church. Make room for weekly worship in your schedule and for other church activities. We are always looking for new faces in Sunday School, or the women's dinner or Guys Night Out. If you have an idea for a new activity that we don't offer, please let me know. Maybe we can begin something new. Staying active in our community of faith enhances our spiritual journeys filling us with the "fullness of God" and helps us connect with other Christians to weather all the transitions of our lives. We stay connected to each other... and we stay connected to God.

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.

5:00 p.m. Worship & Praise Service Our last 5:00 p.m. Worship & Praise service will be on Sunday, September 3rd. Beginning September 10th, we will only offer the 10:00 a.m. worship service on Sunday mornings.

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



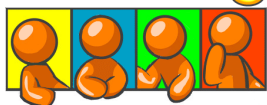
- Non-perishable food staples, such as beans, corn, rice, pasta.
- Toiletries, such as shampoo/conditioner, soap, toilet paper, etc.
- Toothpaste and toothbrushes

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

Sunday School Please join us for Rally Day on Sunday, September 10th at 9:15 a.m. Sunday School classes for youth and adults will resume Sunday, September 17th, at 9:00 a.m.



Town Hall Meeting



Renew! Re-energize! Reinvigorate! Rebirth! Our current church council has begun discussions on the future direction of Fellowship and we need your assistance. We, as a whole church, need to look at who we are. Who might we become? How do we better serve our community? How do we attract new members? Come join us for a short Town Hall meeting on

Sunday, September 10, immediately after worship to participate in the discussion and share your ideas.

Women's Dinner and Guys Night Out Update The next women's dinner will be at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 26th at Der Dutchman, 445 S. Jefferson Ave., Plain City, OH 43064 (614) 873-3414. If you need transportation, please let Pastor Robin know. Next Guys Night Out will be on Tuesday, August 29th at Cameron's, 2185 W. Dublin Granville Rd., Columbus, OH 43085 (614) 885-3663. All are welcome!

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.

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/> .

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 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)

July 2	24/5/14 views	August 6	33/3/34 views
July 9	27/20 views	August 13	38/115 views
July 16	33/30 views	August 20	25/20 views
July 23	37/31 views	August 27	33/25 views
July 30	28/22 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 September 2023

	September 3	September 10
Asst. Minister	Cindy Frey	Ruth Albert
Lay Reader	Cindy Frey	Ruth Albert
Counter	Bill Farel	Bill Lude
Greeter	George Biemel	Karen Harris
Fellowship Host		---
Altar Guild	Carol Scantland	Carol Scantland

	September 17	September 24
Asst. Minister	George Biemel	Paul Wargowsky
Lay Reader	George Biemel	Paul Wargowsky
Counter	Bill Farel	Jim Jaeger
Greeter	Darcy Dom	
Fellowship Host	---	---
Altar Guild	Carol Scantland	Carol Scantland



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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!

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27 <i>God's Work, Our Hands Sunday</i> 10:00 am - Worship 11:30-12:30 pm - Joint service project with	28 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 7:00 pm - NA	29 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 6:00 pm - Guys Night Out	30 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	31 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 8:00 pm - CJMC	1 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	2 6:00 am - CJMC Pray
3 10:00 am - Worship 11:30-4:00 pm - CJMC 5:00 pm - Worship	4 <i>Labor Day</i> 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 7:00 pm - NA	5 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	6 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	7 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 8:00 pm - CJMC	8 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	9 6:00 am - CJMC Pray
10 9:15 am - Rally Day 10:00 am - Worship 10:45 am - Town Hall 11:30 am - Executive 11:30-4:00 pm - CJMC	11 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 7:00 pm - NA	12 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 7:00 pm - Worship (zoom)	13 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	14 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 8:00 pm - CJMC	15 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	16 6:00 am - CJMC Pray
17 10:00 am - Worship 11:30-4:00 pm - CJMC	18 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 7:00 pm - NA	19 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 7:00 pm - Council	20 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	21 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 8:00 pm - CJMC	22 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	23 6:00 am - CJMC Pray
24 10:00 am - Worship 11:30-4:00 pm - CJMC	25 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 7:00 pm - NA	26 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 6:00 pm - Women's Dinner @ Der Dutchman	27 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	28 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 1:30 pm - SICC Prs 8:00 pm - CJMC	29 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	30 6:00 am - CJMC Pray

FOR OUR MEMBERS:

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|------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Fritzi Bear | Zach Jaeger |
| George Biemel | Lillian Kachic |
| Major N Crispin | Ed Lathy |
| Byron Engen | Frank & Leena LeMay |
| Barb Fisher | Pete & Sonja Meighen |
| Margery Gress | Ray & Carol Ward |
| Cheryl Hamilton | |
| Karen Harris | |

FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

- Jim Barnett**, Bill Lude's friend
- Patricia Bianconi**, Carol Jaeger's cousin
- Rosemary Craig**, Cindy Frey's mother
- John Hackworth**, Major Crispin's friend
- Keith Hall**, Sonya Thelin's neighbor
- Marc Hamilton**, Cheryl Hamilton's son
- McKenna Harris**, Karen Harris' granddaughter
- Michael Kilmer**, Jim Jaeger's friend
- Allena McLaughlin**, Cindy Frey's friend
- Amanda Modroy**, John Guthrie's sister
- Nora Murphy**, Margery Gress's friend
- River Opper**, Cindy Frey's friend
- Tom Patchett**, Jim Jaeger's cousin
- Gerri Pfeiffer**, Carolyn Cristin's sister-in-law
- Pat Reed**, Pastor Robin's friend's wife
- Scott Reimer**, John Votino's friend
- John & Charlotte Schall**, Pastor Robin's parents

DEATHS:

- Marietta Britz**, Kathy Farel's friend
- Donna Loboza**, Greg Schaughency & Bill Lude's friend
- Shawn Turnbull**, former FLC member

September Birthdays

Jenifer Takats	09/06
Martha Sampson	09/07
David Biemel	09/10
Ed Lathy	09/11
Donna Williamson	09/11
Aleigha Crispin	09/18
Mike Rankin	09/22
Ruth Albert	09/23
Nicholas Meighen	09/23
Ruth Rankin	09/24
Vanessa France	09/25
Cameron Frey	09/29
Dominic Frey	09/29
Gabriella Frey	09/29



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!

September Anniversaries

Chris & Heather Tonn	09/18
Pete & Megan Cardimen	09/19
Kevin & Maria Anderson	09/20
Jim & Carol Jaeger	09/20
Peter & Sonja Meighen	09/28



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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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