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"...Doubt is normal. There's a measure of faith required in almost everything in life. Doubt is not the opposite of faith, but often leads to a deeper faith." **Adam Hamilton, "Wrestling with Doubt, Finding Faith"**

Dear Fellowship Members and Friends:

It's hard to believe that September is just around the corner with all the high temperatures we've had this past week! I feel sorry for the youth in schools without air conditioning and all the football players and other athletes practicing in this heat. I'm looking forward to the cooler fall temperatures and the beauty that will surround us as the leaves turn color.

We had a wonderful time at our annual October Worship Service and Picnic at Murphy Park in Powell, and couldn't have asked for better weather. The music was great! Thank you George, Todd, Paul, Kathleen and Ruth for providing the music and for Cindy and her family for organizing the picnic. It was pure joy watching the children running around and having so much fun. Don't you wish that we had their energy?

By now classes have started back up for our students, and the church is gearing up for Sunday School which resumes on Sunday, September 15th. The adult class, facilitated by Susan Wolfe, will begin by studying Adam Hamilton's *Wrestling with Doubt*. The books are available now and if you would like to make a donation to offset the cost, they are \$13.49. I was not very familiar with this author but he is highly recommended on the ELCA Clergy facebook page. I've read through the book and watched the DVD and was really impressed with his work. He addresses such questions as, "Does God exist? How can I know?" "Is the Bible true?" "Is there a heaven?" and "Why do prayers go unanswered?" Hamilton approaches these sources of doubt with insight and honesty, drawing on his pastoral experience with thousands of people on their spiritual journeys, the rich wisdom of the Bible, and Christian tradition. Come join the class, grow your faith, and get to know other Fellowship members better. For our youth, Pete and Lilly Cardimen will again be teaching, using the Sparkhouse curriculum.

Thank you to all who participated in our "Reimagining the Future" survey. By now you should have received the results via email, and our church council will discuss the results and next steps at its September meeting.

We still have vacancies on the Congregational Life, Education and Youth, and Stewardship teams. **Please volunteer so that we may fill these spots!** And we are also looking for someone for the Treasurer position as Todd would like to step down next year. If you have an interest in this position, please let one of our executive committee members know.

See you in church!

Pastor Robin

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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, hand soap, deodorant, toilet paper, etc.
- Toothpaste and toothbrushes

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



Sunday School Sunday School classes for youth and adults are on break until the fall and will resume Sunday, September 15th.

Susan Wolfe will facilitate the adult class which will be studying Adam Hamilton's *Wrestling with Faith*, and Pete and Lilly Cardimen will teach our youth.

Women's Dinner and Guys Night Out Update The next women's dinner will be on Tuesday, October 1st at 6:00 p.m. at the Tanuki Japanese Steakhouse, 3954 Powell Rd., Powell, OH 43065 (614) 336-8888. All are welcome! The next Guys' Night Out TBD.



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, along with a fellowship host on the 1st Sunday of each month. Not sure what these roles involve or never done it before? We will be happy to help you out! Sign-up sheet is on the table in the narthex.

Fellowship's "God's Work. Our Hands." During the month of September, Fellowship will collect items to support local and city pantries for "Gods Work. Our Hands." Collections for the Smoky Row Food Pantry will be based on the pantry's request list at the time. We hope to leverage Thrivent Action Grants to help support this collection.



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!

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.

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 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 or recurring gift, or a special occasion.

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.



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School Supply Results - 233 kids were served by the school supply donation drive! Through the Smoky Row Food Pantry, 74 elementary students, 59 middle school, and 36 high school students were served. Extra donations were given to the schools to help any students in need. Thank you Fellowship!

Attendance Information (In-person & virtual)

July 7 35/30 views
July 14 21/27 views
July 21 30/20 views
July 28 23/22 views

August 4 27/24 views
August 11 38/29 views
August 18 25/25 views
August 25 34/29 views

Outdoor Worship Service & Picnic at Murphy Park on August 11th



Church Staff

Pastor	Rev. Robin Wargowsky
Treasurer	Todd Engen
Secretary & Financial Secretary	Tracy Farel
Organist	Dixie Heck
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 2024

	September 1	September 8	September 15
Asst. Minister	Sonya Thelin	Ruth Albert	Cindy Frey
Lay Reader	Sonya Thelin	Ruth Albert	Cindy Frey
Counter	Jim Jaeger	Bill Lude	
Greeter			Karen Harris
Fellowship Host			
Altar Guild	Carol Scantland	Carol Scantland	Carol Scantland

	September 22	September 29
Asst. Minister	Paul Wargowsky	
Lay Reader	Paul Wargowsky	
Counter		
Greeter		
Fellowship Host		
Altar Guild	Carol Scantland	Carol Scantland



FOR OUR MEMBERS:

Sarah Lude Burns	Lillian Kachic
Carolyn Crispin	Ed Lathy
Major N Crispin	Frank LeMay
Byron Engen	Leena LeMay
Margery Gress	Pete Meighen
Cheryl Hamilton	Sonja Meighen
Ray Ward	

FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

Linda Chickey, Ruth Albert's friend
Rosemary Craig, Cindy Frey's mother
Mary Beth Cravenor, Margery Gress' friend's daughter
Mike McKinley, David Fleisher's friend
Marcia McLane, Gayle Anderson's friend
Jeff Sielaff, FLC visitor

DEATHS:

Pastor John Evans, founding pastor of Fellowship
Jung Ki Shu, Pastor Jong Pai's wife's mother

September Birthdays

Jenifer Takats	09/06
Martha Sampson	09/07
David Biemel	09/10
Ed Lathy	09/11
Donna Williamson	09/11
Alegha Crispin	09/18
Nathan McCormick	09/22
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
Jim & Carol Jaeger	09/20
Peter & Sonja Meighen	09/28



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 10:00 am - Worship; Healing Service 11:30-4:00 - CJMC	2	3 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 11:00 am - SICC @ FLC	4 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 1-2:30 pm - CJMC Bible Study	5 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 8:00 pm - CJMC	6 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	7 6:00 am - CJMC Pray
8 10:00 am - Worship 11:15 am - Executive 11:30-4:00 - CJMC	9	10 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	11 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 1-2:30 pm - CJMC Bible Study	12 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 8:00 pm - CJMC	13 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	14 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 8:00-12:00 - SJCOG
-----Pastor Robin on vacation-----						
15 9:00 am - Sun. School 10:00 am - Worship 11:30-4:00 - CJMC Pastor Robin on vacation	16	17 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 7:00 pm - Council	18 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 1-2:30 pm - CJMC Bible Study	19 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 1:30 pm - SICC Prs Mtg @ FLC 8:00 pm - CJMC	20 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	21 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 8:00-12:00 - SJCOG
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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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