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# Fellowship Family News

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"For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope." - **Jeremiah 29:11** 

Dear Fellowship Members and Friends:

As I write this newsletter article, I have been really enjoying the cooler, fall-like temperatures. It's hard to believe that summer is almost gone and that children are back in school already.

We are gearing up for Sunday School classes to resume at 9:00 a.m. on September 14th. This year our adult Sunday School class will be self-taught. They will begin a six-week study of the Old Testament books of Ruth and Esther, using the Engaging God's Word Community Bible Study. If you would like to purchase a book for \$10.00, please see Pastor Robin.

Pete and Megan Cardimen will be teaching our older youth, using Re-Form materials by Augsburg Fortress. As of this writing, we do not have any volunteers to offer a preschool class. If you would be interested in teaching this class, please let Dianna Roll or Pastor Robin know.

We had a great turnout for our annual outdoor service and potluck! Thank you to the many volunteers and cooks that made this possible. Although it was a little toasty outside, everyone seemed to have a good time. Some picnic pictures can be found elsewhere in this newsletter.

Dixie Heck, our beloved organist, has informed us that Reformation Sunday will be her last day playing for us. She has truly blessed us during the last two years with her musical gifts. Although we hate to see her go, we can understand her not wanting to make the long commute from Pataskala every Sunday morning and dealing with all the "crazy" 270 drivers. Dixie, you will truly be missed!

As a reminder, our annual meeting will be on November 16th, and only those who have communed **and** given an offering of record in 2024 or 2025 will be allowed to vote. Please try to keep your membership active.

See you in church!

Pastor Robin

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

THE SMOKY ROW FOOD PANTRY located at 7260 Smoky Row Rd., Columbus is in need of the following 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

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

Next Women's Dinner & Guys' Night Out The women will meet on Tuesday, Sept. 2nd at 6:00 p.m. at Louie's Latino - American Kitchen, 4453 Cemetery Rd., Hilliard, OH 43026 (614) 777-5606. The next Guys' Night Out is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, September 23rd, at 6:00 p.m. Place TBD. All are welcome!

Worship Servers Needed If you are willing to serve as assisting minister,



reader, greeter, communion assistant, or counter for our 10:00 a.m. service, please sign up on the sign-up sheet on the table in the narthex. We are especially in need of counters. We are also looking for fellowship hosts to serve light refreshments after Sunday worship once a month. Thanks!

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.





God's Work. Our Hands. Sunday - September 7th. Please stay after worship on the 7th to help with our service project (assembling solar lights and water filter kits for Thrivent Cause). We will gather in the fellowship hall.

Our Next Healing Service will be on Sunday, September 7th, at the end of the worship service.

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.

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!

Fellowship now has an Instagram Page thanks to Pete and Lilly Cardimen! Click on this link: https://www.instagram.com/fellowship\_lutheran\_church/#

**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!



Sunday School Sunday School will resume on Sunday, September 14th at 9:00 a.m. for youth and adults. If you are interested in helping with a preschool class, please let Dianna Roll or Pastor Robin know.

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

July 6	23/15 views	August 3	25/not recorded
July 13	37/24 views	August 10	32/44 views
July 20	34/15 views	August 17	28/27 views
July 27	25/22 views	August 24	38/19 views
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# Outdoor Service & Picnic at Murphy Park



# HOSTED BY FELLOWSHIP

## Online Event



#### **Council/Executive**

**Philippians 4:12-13** "I know what it is to have little, and I know what it is to have plenty. In any and all circumstances I have learned the secret of being well fed and of going hungry, of having plenty and of being in need. I can do all things through him who strengthens me." (NRSVue)

I don't know about you, but I am ready for some cooler fall weather! This time of year brings many changes. The leaves start changing colors, children go back to school, and fall activities begin. The church also has fall activities for all ages.

For those who are Thrivent members, there is still time to order and receive your action kit. I got the water kit. I am looking forward to assembling them at the God's Work Our Hands day, September 7, after worship.

Sunday School will be starting on September 14. There will be classes for the children and for adults. If you have not been a part of this, consider starting this fall. There will also be opportunities for a fall seminar. If you have not already gotten the invitation to the estate planning seminar (via Zoom), please let Mike Rankin know.

One of the big highlights for this fall will be the church's 45th anniversary, which will be celebrated on Reformation Sunday. Remember to wear red and come to worship that Sunday. We will also be celebrating Pastor Robin's anniversary with us.

We thank those who have been helping with the worship services. If you would like to learn how to help, please reach out to Pastor Robin. Training can be provided on how to be an assisting minister, lay reader, counter, communion assistant, and altar guild. We also would like to get more members involved in bringing light treats for after worship. We stay and talk a lot longer when there are goodies!

Our Women's Dinner and Guys' Night Out are other opportunities to spend time in fellowship outside of our normal Sunday worship time. Sign up sheets are available on the table in the narthex. I know those who attend will tell you how good it is to gather at a restaurant over food and have time to talk.

If there are activities you would like to do, let leadership know. We need your input to what type of activities you want to do.

WHAT – What activities do you want to do? CAN – Choose what we can do. WE – Not just leadership, but all of us

DO – Let's get busy!

In Christ, Ruth Albert

- Karen Harris

"Lord, you know the hopes of the helpless. Surely you will hear their cries and comfort them." **Psalm 10, vs. 17** 

Outdoor worship was held 8/10/2025 at Powell's Murphy Park on a glorious morning under the beautiful oak woods. Many hands and minds pulled this together. Sonya Thelin made sure the city of Powell had our time slot reserved. We received lots of help from George Biemel in organizing an instrumental band: Ruth Albert, Todd Engen, and Kathleen Wolkan. George got the sheets of music for them, too. The live music is always appreciated by our congregants—AND by people walking their dogs or exercising nearby! A big thanks also to Cindy and Pat Frey and family for the good sandwich fixings and drinks and to Chad and Amanda Laucher for getting tables and chairs brought from our church. A great team effort!

Visitor welcome cards were purchased by Pastor Robin. They get put out on the small table in the entrance of the sanctuary at every worship service. They are eye-catching! Check them out.

Ruth Albert is coordinating a Fellowship 45th Anniversary celebration to happen on October 26th. On 8/24/2025 after worship, a meeting was held to begin the process. Thanks to all who are putting forth effort to this.

Pastor Robin and Paul visited IKEA recently and purchased a small cart to simplify moving All Creation Sings hymnals when used in worship. Then they got to put it together!

Pastor did a 4-week sermon series based on "It's A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood: Spiritual Wisdom from Fred Rogers." It was much enjoyed by FLC members.

#### **Upcoming Dates to remember:**

9/7-Healing Service; God's Work. Our Hands Sunday.

9/9-Worship Team meeting

10/14-Worship Team meeting

10/26-45th Anniversary of FLC, Pastor Robin's 12 year anniversary, REFORMATION SUNDAY.

## Worship Servers Schedule for September 2025

	September 7	September 14
Asst. Minister	Cindy Frey	George Biemel
Lay Reader	Gabby/Cam Frey	George Biemel
Counter	Jim Jaeger	Jim Jaeger
Greeter	Karen Harris	Wolkans
Communion Asst.	Dom Frey	Cam Frey
Fellowship Host		Wolkans
Altar Guild	Carol Scantland	Carol Scantland

	September 21	September 28
Asst. Minister	Paul Wargowsky	Ruth Albert
Lay Reader	Paul Wargowsky	Ruth Albert
Counter		
Greeter		
Communion Asst.		
Fellowship Host		
Altar Guild	Carol Scantland	Carol Scantland



## **Worship Servers Needed!**

If you can fill any of our openings for assisting ministers, readers, counters, communion assistants, greeters or fellowship hosts or help out in future months, please call or email Pastor Robin or Tracy Farel. Thanks!

#### **FOR OUR MEMBERS:**

Eliana Anderson	Ed Lathy
Carolyn Crispin	Frank LeMay
Major N Crispin	Leena LeMay
Byron Engen	Pete Meighen
Margery Gress	John Votino
Cheryl Hamilton	Ray Ward
Lillian Kachic	

#### **FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS:**

Cindy Anderson, Maria Anderson's mother-in-law Kathy Applebee, Byron Engen's niece Garrett Henry, Mike Rankin's step-grandson Ron Laucher, Chad Laucher's father Diane McClain, Pastor Robin's friend Mike McKinley, David Fleisher's friend Joanne Reisberg, Byron Engen's friend

#### **DEATHS:**

Eric Wittenburg, Mike Rankin's friend

# September Birthdays

Jenifer Takats	09/06
Martha Sampson	09/07
David Biemel	09/10
Ed Lathy	09/11
Donna Williamson	09/11
Mary Beth Hammeren	09/13
Aleigha 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



# September 2025

Fri Sat	Pray 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 8:00-12:00 - SJCOC 6-8 pm - CJMC Bible Study	12   13   13   13   14   15   15   15   15   16:00 am - CJMC Pray   8:00-12:00 - SJCOC   6-8 pm - CJMC   Bible Study   Bible Study	91	Pray 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 8:00-12:00 - SJCOC 6-8 pm - CJMC Bible Study	6:00 am - CJMC Fray  6:00 am - CJMC Pray
4 5 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 6:00 am - 0 8:00 pm - CJMC		11 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 6:00 am - 0 8:00 pm - CJMC	Pray	8:00 pm - CJMC	Pray
Wed	3 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	6:00 am - CJMC Pray	17 6:00 am - CJMC Pray		24 6:00 am - CJMC Pray
Tue	6:00 am - CJMC Pray 9 am-8 pm - HLC 6:00 pm - Women's Dinner	9 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 7:00 pm - Worship (zoom)	6:00 am - CJMC Pray		23 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 6:00 pm -Guys' Night Out?
Mon	I Labor Day 9 am-8 pm - HLC Office Closed	∞	15		22
Sun	31 10:00 am -Worship 11:30-4:00 - CJMC	7 God's Work. Our Hands. Sunday 10:00 am - Worship 11:15 am - Assemble GWOH Kits 11:30-4:00 - CJMC	14 9:00 am - Sun. School	10:00 am - Worship 11:15 am - Executive 11:30-4:00 - CJMC	10:00 am - Worship 11:15 am - Executive 11:30-4:00 - CJMC 21 9:00 am - Sun. School 10:00 am - Worship 11:30-4:00 - CJMC

#### **Church Staff & Leadership**

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Pastor Rev. Robin Wargowsky

Treasurer
Secretary & Financial Secretary
Bill Farel
Tracy Farel

Organist/Pianist Dixie Heck

Sub. Pianist/Organist Amy Wargowsky, David Fleisher, Ruth Albert Band Director George Biemel

Custodian Kenneth Hunt

**Executive Committee** 

President Ruth Albert Vice-President Mike Rankin Secretary Angela Kidd

Pastor Robin

At-large Council Members Andy Smith

Cathy Votino

Donna Williamson

**Team Coordinators** 

Congregational Life Vacant

Education & Youth Dianna Roll

**Outreach** Pete Cardimen

**Property** John Votino

Stewardship Vacant (Council)

**Worship** Karen Harris

Thank you for your leadership!!!

#### **Fellowship Lutheran Church**

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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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