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"You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us." 2 Corinthians 9:11

Dear Fellowship Members and Friends:

As the days grow shorter and the air gets crisper, November invites us into a season of reflection, remembrance, and gratitude. This month is packed with opportunities to come together, honor those who have gone before us, and celebrate the abundance of God's blessings. Here's what's happening at Fellowship this November:

All Saints Sunday - November 3rd

On All Saints Sunday, we pause to remember the saints who have touched our lives. This is a day to give thanks for members, loved ones and friends who have gone before us, whose faith has inspired us, and whose legacies continue to guide our journey. Join us as we incorporate the Roll Call of the Saints in our prayers, chiming after each name, and give thanks for the great cloud of witnesses that surrounds us.

Veteran Recognition Sunday - November 10th

We are honored to recognize and thank our veterans this Sunday. Their dedication and sacrifices have paved the way for the freedoms we enjoy today. During the service, we will acknowledge the courage and service of all veterans within our congregation, praying for those who serve and have served our nation with bravery and commitment.

Consecration Sunday & Congregation Meeting - November 17th

This Sunday is an important day for our church as we come together to consecrate our gifts and commitments for the coming year. Following the service, we will hold a Congregation Meeting to vote on the 2025-2026 Leadership Slate and the 2025 Budget. Your participation is vital as we look ahead to a new season of ministry and leadership in our community. As a reminder, we still have vacancies on the Congregational Life and Stewardship teams. **Please volunteer so that we may fill these spots!**

Christ the King Sunday - November 24th

On the final Sunday of the liturgical year, we celebrate Christ the King Sunday. This day marks the end of the Christian calendar, reminding us that Jesus is the King of all creation. As we prepare to enter the Advent season, we are called to acknowledge Christ's lordship in every aspect of our lives, reaffirming our commitment to follow Him as our guide and King.

Thanksgiving Day - November 28th

As families and friends gather around tables, we are reminded to count our blessings and give thanks for God's provision. May we carry a spirit of gratitude not only on Thanksgiving Day but throughout the entire month. Whether it's for the beauty of creation, the warmth of fellowship, or the daily grace we experience, there is so much for which to be grateful.

We look forward to seeing you at these special services and events. See you in church!

Pastor Robin

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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



- Toiletries, such as shampoo/conditioner, hand soap & deodorant
- Baby Items (Diapers 2-3-4, Wipes)
- Turkeys/Hams
- Winter Coats, Hats, Gloves
- Laundry Detergent

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 have resumed. Susan Wolfe facilitates the adult class which is studying Adam Hamilton's *Wrestling with Faith*, and Pete and Lilly Cardimen teach our youth.

Women's Dinner and Guys Night Out The next Women's Dinner and Guys' Night Out will be on Tuesday, November 5th at 6:00 p.m. The women will meet at Local Roots, 15 E. Olentangy St., Powell, OH 43065 (614) 602-8060 and the guys will meet at Shawnee Station, 6058 Glick Rd., Shawnee Hills, OH 43065 (614) 376-0754. All are welcome!



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.

All Saints Sunday - November 3 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 3rd, please contact Pastor Robin.

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!

SAVE THE DATES

- **November 3** - All Saints Sunday with Roll Call of the Saints
- **November 10** - Veteran Recognition Sunday
- **November 17** - Annual Congregation Meeting following worship; Consecration Sunday
- **December 22, 11:00 a.m.** - Joint Worship Service with Columbus Joeun Methodist Church with meal to follow

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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Attendance Information (In-person & virtual)

September 1	28/37 views	October 6	25/14 views
September 8	24/20 views	October 13	25/20 views
September 15	26/25 views	October 20	29/34 views
September 22	27/27 views	October 27	26/16 views
September 29	29/17 views		

Welcome Jeff Sielaff to Fellowship! Jeff has been a frequent FLC visitor since November 2023 and joined our congregation October 27, 2024 by Lutheran transfer. He is currently hospitalized at Riverside battling cancer but hopes to join us again in worship soon.

Women's Dinner and Guys' Night Out Pictures



“Moving Forward by Faith”

The theme of our annual stewardship emphasis this year sounds good, doesn't it? “Moving Forward by Faith” has a nice “ring” to it. But what does it mean to move forward by faith? And what does that have to do with an annual stewardship emphasis?

Hebrews 11:6 says that without faith, it is not possible to please God. It stands to reason, then, if we are to please God, we need to have faith. Faith is simply taking God at God's word. It is believing that God actually exists and that God will keep God's promises. It is realizing that God will do what God has committed to do.

That kind of confidence is only available to us through Jesus Christ. He is Alpha and Omega, the beginning and ending of everything, including our faith. Christ is both the source of our faith and the one in whom we place our faith.

How does that relate, though, to giving and to our annual stewardship emphasis? If faith is simply “taking God at God's word” and if God owns everything, then as God's managers and stewards, we are to trust God to provide what we need and to give direction concerning our giving. Let's face it — the old song is very accurate scripturally: “This world is not my home, I'm just a passin' through.” But to fully realize that takes faith. It requires us to accept God's claim that we own nothing, that we are only here temporarily on our way to our eternal home.

The Scriptures are filled with examples of people like that, people like Abraham who looked for a city whose builder and maker was God. People like Noah, who trusted God in the face of seemingly insurmountable obstacles. People like Daniel who placed his full confidence in God even when he was to be the main course for the lions' dinner.

These and many others obeyed God, even when from a human perspective, it did not make sense to do so. They were aware of a principle that has endured for the ages: When God gives us direction, and we confirm that direction according to the Scriptures, we can obey, even when circumstances appear contrary. And we can be confident that God will provide a blessing because of our obedience.

One author put it this way:

The great battle of our spiritual lives is, “Will you believe?” It is *not*, “Will you try harder?” or, “Can you make yourself worthy?” It is squarely a matter of believing that God will do what only God can do. This is what God honors.

That kind of faith involves every area of our lives, including our giving. As you think about your giving and as you consider what commitment God would have you to make as part of this year's stewardship emphasis here at Fellowship Lutheran Church, will you do so by faith?

Will you ask God to give you the ability to believe God's promises and, as God provides, to give by faith?

Many years ago, the *Christian Herald Magazine* provided this illustration:

A lady who was showing a large piece of family silver apologized as she took it from the cupboard, "Dreadfully tarnished," she said. "I can't keep it bright unless I use it." That is just as true of faith as it is of silver. Tucked away in the Sunday closet of the soul, and only brought out for show on special occasions, it needs an apology. You can't keep faith bright unless you use it.

As you think about using your faith, especially in terms of the commitment God would lead you to make concerning your giving next year, please think about what Chuck Swindoll wrote:

God honors faith and obedience. He will honor your faith if you will trust Him in a walk of obedience.



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	Dianna Roll
Outreach	Pete Cardimen
Property	John Votino
Stewardship	Vacant (Council)
Worship	Karen Harris

Thank you for your leadership!!!

Worship Servers Schedule for November 2024

	November 3	November 10
Asst. Minister	Paul Wargowsky	Cindy Frey
Lay Reader	Paul Wargowsky	Cindy Frey
Counter	Jim Jaeger	Bill Lude
Greeter	Karen Harris	
Altar Guild	Kathy & Tracy Farel	Kathy & Tracy Farel

	November 17	November 24
Asst. Minister	Sonya Thelin	
Lay Reader	Sonya Thelin	
Counter	Bill Lude	
Greeter		
Altar Guild	Kathy & Tracy Farel	Kathy & Tracy Farel



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 or Tracy Farel. Thanks!

FOR OUR MEMBERS:

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

November Birthdays

Frank LeMay	11/01
Karen Henry	11/10
Don Poland	11/11
Chris Tonn	11/14
Tracy Farel	11/21
Peter Meighen Jr.	11/22
Lillian Kachic	11/23
Bill Farel	11/25
Amanda Laucher	11/28

FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

Cindy Anderson, Maria Anderson's mother-in-law
Linda Chickey, Ruth Albert's friend
Maci & Alexandra Craig, Cindy Frey's niece and newborn daughter
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



DEATHS:

Sue Leach, Karen Harris' friend
Richard Madden Jr., Pete Cardimen's cousin

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!

November Anniversaries

Major & Carolyn Crispin 11/29



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27 Reformation Sun. 9:00 am - Sun. School 10:00 am - Worship 11:30-4:00 - CJMC	28	29 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	30 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 1-2:30 pm - CJMC Bible Study	31 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 8:00 pm - CJMC	1 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	2 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 8:00-12:00 - SJCO
3 All Saints Sunday 9:00 am - Sun. School 10:00 am - Worship 11:30-4:00 - CJMC	4	5 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 6:00 pm - Women's Dinner 6:00 pm - Guys' Night Out	6 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 1-2:30 pm - CJMC Bible Study	7 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 8:00 pm - CJMC	8 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	9 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 8:00-12:00 - SJCO
10 Veteran Recog. 9:00 am - Sun. School 10:00 am - Worship 11:10 am - Executive 11:30-4:00 - CJMC	11	12 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 7:00 pm - Worship (zoom)	13 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 1-2:30 pm - CJMC Bible Study	14 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 8:00 pm - CJMC	15 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	16 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 8:00-12:00 - SJCO
17 Consecration Sun. 9:00 am - Sun. School 10:00 am - Worship 11:10 am - Cong. Mtg 11:30-4:00 - CJMC	18	19 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 7:00 pm - Council	20 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 1-2:30 pm - CJMC Bible Study	21 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 1:30 pm - SICC Prs Mtg @ FLC 8:00 pm - CJMC	22 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	23 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 8:00-12:00 - SJCO
24 Christ the King 9:00 am - Sun. School 10:00 am - Worship 11:30-4:00 - CJMC	25	26 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	27 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 1-2:30 pm - CJMC Bible Study	28 Thanksgiving 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 8:00 pm - CJMC	29 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	30 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 8:00-12:00 - SJCO

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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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