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"The practice of love in this season is a quiet preparation of the heart. It is choosing to make space for God's love to flow through us to others." **Richard Rohr, "Preparing for Christmas"**

Dear Fellowship Members and Friends:

As I write this article, we are approaching the season of Advent - a time of waiting, hoping, and preparing our hearts to celebrate the birth of Jesus, the Light of the World. Advent reminds us that waiting is not passive; it's a season of faith-filled anticipation as we prepare to welcome Christ, not only in the manger but into our lives anew.

As we journey through this sacred season, I invite you to engage yourself wholeheartedly in the spirit and practices of Advent through worship, fellowship, and service. Mark your calendars for these special opportunities to celebrate together:

Advent Family Night

Please join us on **December 4th at 6:15 p.m.** for a warm evening of fellowship with a potluck dinner, a short devotion, and joyful carol singing. This is a wonderful chance to grow in community and reflect on the hope of this season. A sign-up sheet is on the table in the narthex.

Joint Worship Service with Columbus Joehn Methodist Church

On December 22nd, we will have a joint worship service and potluck with our Korean friends in Christ who share our building. Let's come together in a spirit of unity for a unique type of worship, followed by a potluck meal. This time of shared worship and fellowship with our friends at Columbus Joehn Methodist Church is sure to be a blessing. Please sign up so we have an idea on the number attending and if you plan to bring a dish to share.

Candlelight Christmas Eve Service

One of the most beautiful services of the year, our Christmas Eve gathering will begin with special music at 6:30 p.m., on December 24th followed by a candlelight service celebrating the birth of Christ at 7:00 p.m. Invite your friends and family to join us for this sacred evening of worship and wonder.

This Advent, may we all slow down amidst the busyness of the season to reflect on the gift of Emmanuel—God with us. May we prepare room in our hearts for the Christ child and embrace the peace, joy, and love that He brings.

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!

Fellowship Christmas Outreach Opportunity From December 1st through the 24th, FLC members can contribute to reach others during the Christmas season. To improve our global reach, FLC will again use the ELCA good gifts effort to support outreach beyond our borders. You can select from many options on their website or make a donation toward Good Gifts in an envelope. Amounts range from as little as \$10 for set of chicks to \$2500 to commission a water well. The gifts amounts are here: <https://goodgifts.elca.org/>

Women's Dinner and Guys Night The next Women's Dinner will be on Tuesday, December 3rd at 6:00 p.m. at Anna's Greek Cuisine, 7370 Sawmill Rd., Columbus, OH 43235 (614) 799-2207. The next Guys' Night Out will be on Wednesday, December 11th at 6:00 p.m. at Stone Bar & Kitchen, 1045 Bethel Rd., Columbus, OH 43220 (614) 914-5142. All are welcome!



Poinsettias - If you have ordered a poinsettia(s) for Christmas Eve, please pay by check, marking it for poinsettias, or with Vanco Mobile, poinsettia fund. Poinsettias are \$11.00 this year. Poinsettias may be taken home after our Christmas Eve service.

Advent Family Night - Please join us on Wednesday, December 4th at 6:15 p.m. for our Advent Family Night. We will have a potluck first, followed by a short Advent devotion, and carol sing. Sign up sheet is on the table in the narthex for the number coming and what you will be bringing.



SAVE THE DATES

- **December 1** - Decorate the church for Christmas following worship
- **December 22, 11:00 a.m.** - Joint Worship Service with Columbus Joern Methodist Church with meal to follow
- **December 24, 7:00 p.m.** - Candlelight Christmas Eve Service
- **December 29, 10:00 a.m.** - Lessons and Carols service

Sunday School Come join our Sunday School classes for youth and adults at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings! Susan Wolfe facilitates the adult class which is studying forgiveness and Pete and Lilly Cardimen are teaching our youth. Everyone is welcome to attend! There will be no Sunday School classes on December 22nd and 29th.



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.

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.

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.

Healing Service Our quarterly healing service has been moved to the December 8th worship service so we have enough time to decorate the church on December 1st.



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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!

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!

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/>.

Attendance Information (In-person & virtual)

October 6	25/15 views	November 3	34/12 views
October 13	25/21 views	November 10	32/24 views
October 20	29/36 views	November 17	40/15 views
October 27	26/16 views	November 24	43/11 views

Worship Servers Schedule for December 2024

	December 1	December 8	December 15
Asst. Minister	Ruth Albert	Sonya Thelin	George Biemel
Lay Reader	Ruth Albert	Sonya Thelin	George Biemel
Counter	Bill Farel	Bill Lude	Bill Lude
Greeter			
Communion Asst.			
Altar Guild	Carol Scantland	Carol Scantland	Carol Scantland

	December 22	December 24	December 29
Asst. Minister	---	---	Leader: Ruth Albert
Lay Reader	---	Ruth Albert	
Counter			
Greeter			
Communion Asst.	---		---
Altar Guild	Kathy & Tracy Farel	Darcy Dom & Karen Harris	Dianna Roll & Angela Kidd



FOR OUR MEMBERS:

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| Carolyn Crispin | Lillian Kachic |
| Major N Crispin | Ed Lathy |
| Byron Engen | Frank LeMay |
| Gabby Frey | Leena LeMay |
| Pat Frey | Pete Meighen |
| Margery Gress | Sonja Meighen |
| Cheryl Hamilton | Jeff Sielaff |
| Karen Henry | Ray Ward |
| Don Johnson | |

December Birthdays

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| Allen Farel | 12/6 |
| Lauren Scantland | 12/8 |
| Major Crispin | 12/9 |
| John Votino | 12/10 |
| Angela Kidd | 12/21 |
| Adelaide Wolkan | 12/22 |
| Pete Meighen | 12/23 |
| Darcy Dom | 12/24 |
| Conner Smith | 12/24 |
| Heather Tonn | 12/25 |
| Carol Scantland | 12/28 |

FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

- Cindy Anderson**, Maria Anderson’s mother-in-law
Linda Chickey, Ruth Albert’s friend
Sharon Cook, Bill Lude’s friend’s wife
Maci & Alexandra Craig, Cindy Frey’s niece and newborn daughter
Rosemary Craig, Cindy Frey’s mother
Jeremiah, Susan’s nephew
Mike McKinley, David Fleisher’s friend
Marcia McLane, Gayle Anderson’s friend
Becky Paull, Sherry Haynes’s daughter
Rebecca Sayre, former member



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:

- Betty Alexander**, Frey family friend
Mary Beth Cravenor, Margery Gress’ friend’s daughter
Pastor Jeff Wick, Pastor Robin’s friend and colleague

December Anniversaries

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| Lori & Jason Hobbins | 12/09 |
| Matthew & Sarah Burns | 12/16 |
| Jeff Sielaff & Vickie Bennett | 12/21 |



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9:00 am - Sun. School 10:00 am - Worship 11:00 am - Decorate 11:30-4:00 - CJMC	2	3 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 6:00 pm - Women's Dinner	4 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 1-2:30 pm - CJMC Bible Study 6:15 pm - Advent Family Night 7:45 pm - Worship T.	5 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 8:00 pm - CJMC	6 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	7 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 8:00-12:00 - SJCO
8 9:00 am - Sun. School 10:00 am - Worship 11:10 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 6:00 pm - Guys' Night Out	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 - SJCO
15 9:00 am - Sun. School 10:00 am - Worship 11:30-4:00 - CJMC	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 8:00 pm - CJMC	20 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	21 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 8:00-12:00 - SJCO
22 11:00 am - Worship 10:30-4:00 - CJMC	23	24 Christmas Eve 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 7:00 pm - Christmas Eve Service (music starts 1/2 hr prior)	25 Christmas	26 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 8:00 pm - CJMC	27 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	28 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 8:00-12:00 - SJCO
29 10:00 am - Worship 11:30-4:00 - CJMC	30	31 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	1 New Year's Day	2 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 8:00 pm - CJMC	3 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	4 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 8:00-12:00 - SJCO

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Custodian	Kenneth Hunt

Executive Committee

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At-large Council Members

Angela Kidd
Bill Lude
Susan Wolfe

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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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