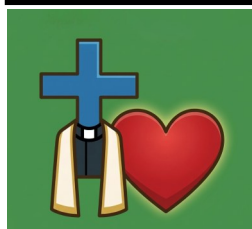




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"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." (Romans 15:13)

Dear friends in Christ,

July has a way of slowing us down. Maybe it's the heat, maybe it's vacation schedules, maybe it's just the long stretch of "ordinary time" we're in on the church calendar right now. Whatever the reason, summer often gives us a little more space to breathe — and a little more space to notice what's filling us up, and what's draining us dry.

That's part of why Paul's words to the Romans feel like such a gift this month. He doesn't just wish the church well. He prays something specific and bold: that God — whom he names "the God of hope" — would fill them with joy and peace, so completely that hope spills over the edges.

Notice what Paul doesn't say. He doesn't say hope comes from getting everything sorted out, from having a clear plan, or from circumstances finally settling down. He says joy and peace come "as you trust in him." Hope, for Paul, isn't a feeling we manufacture by gritting our teeth and thinking positive. It's a gift, poured into us by the Holy Spirit, as we lean into trust rather than control.

That's good news for a summer (or any season of life) that doesn't feel especially calm. We don't have to wait until our circumstances are peaceful to know God's peace. We don't have to earn enough joy to qualify for hope. The Spirit does the filling. Our job is simply to keep showing up — in prayer, in worship, in community — and let ourselves be filled.

I love the word "overflow" here. It's not a stingy image. Paul isn't praying that we'd have just enough hope to get by. He's praying for abundance — hope that spills over into how we treat our neighbors, how we handle disappointment, how we show up for one another even when life is hard.

So here's my prayer for our congregation this month: that whatever this summer holds for you — rest or busyness, joy or struggle, certainty or question marks — you would know the God of hope filling you up. And that what overflows from that fullness will be a blessing to everyone around you.

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
- Peanut butter & jelly
- 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!



Women's Dinner and Guys' Night Out The next Women's Dinner is on Tuesday, July 7th, at 6:00 p.m., at 3 Brothers Diner, 345 W. Olentangy St., Powell, OH 43065 (380) 281-5292. The next Guys' Night Out is on Tuesday, July 21st at 6:00 p.m. at Elliot's Wood Fired Kitchen & Tap, 50 S. Liberty St., #104, Powell OH 43065 (740) 670-8510. All are welcome!

Sunday School Sunday School classes for adults and youth are on break until September.



BACK TO SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE



School Supply Drive To help support the Smoky Row Food Pantry, Fellowship will collect school supplies until July 12th. The supplies needed in 2026 are wide rule and college rule notebooks, wide rule and college rule filler paper, fine tip markers (12 piece), cylinders of surface wipes, and small backpacks (15 inch) for little kids. Please put items in donation bins in the narthex.

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.



Save the Date! - August 9th, 10:00 a.m. - Outdoor Worship Service & Picnic @ Murphy Park



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!

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. White grape juice is available on the trays. Non-communing children and adults are welcome to come forward for a blessing.



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.

Fellowship 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!



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

Attendance Information (In-person & virtual)

May 3	21/10 views	June 7	21/15 views
May 10	25/12 views	June 14	18/17 views
May 17	18/19 views	June 21	19/18 views
May 24	32/21 views	June 28	31/17 views
May 31	27/6 views		

Welcome to our Newest Members!

Lara Elaine Kilian., a former member of Fellowship, reactivated her membership on May 17, 2026. Welcome back Lara!

Bridget Jane Smith, daughter of Kathryn Tucker and Andy Smith, and sister to Connor, was baptized at her home on May 31, 2026. We will celebrate her baptism at Fellowship at a later date.



Philippians 4:13 "I can do all things through him who strengthens me." (NRSVue)

And the summer heat has started. For those who have longed for warmer temperatures, they are finally here. But is our church warm and welcoming? I will leave your answer up to you. As we get into these warm days and vacations, please remember to go to church. Fill out a visitor's card while there and have them send the record of communion back to Fellowship. Bring back your bulletins. It is interesting to see how other congregations worship and what they are doing.

Summer is also the time for several special opportunities. We have been asked to help with school supplies. This has a VERY short window this year and the supplies are needed by July 12. See the list in the bulletin and elsewhere in this newsletter. There is an outdoor worship service at Murphy Park. This is a great time to invite someone to worship with us.

Regular opportunities include assisting with the worship service. We need greeters, lay readers, assisting ministers, and counters. The lay reader and assisting minister can be different members. Both our women's and men's groups are going out to eat each month. Maybe this might be the chance to invite someone to one of these dinners, or church? Unable to do any of the above? Pray for those who are able to volunteer, and remember to financially support the church.

As the autumn season approaches, there are more opportunities we need to prepare for. One of those things is church leadership elections. I have agreed to continue serving as President of the congregation for the next two years. We will need members to serve in the rest of the positions of Vice President, Secretary, and At-Large Council Members. If it will make it easier, we are meeting by Zoom at times due to schedules of the current Congregation Council members. Please prayerfully consider serving in one of these positions. We respectfully request that Ministry Team leaders have their budgets for 2027 to Congregation Council and Pastor Robin by September 30 so they can be finalized for inclusion in the November Annual Meeting.

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

“Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.”

1 Thessalonians 5:11

On May 17 & 24, FLC honored its two college graduates: Lorien Crispin, and Gwen Cardimen. Dianna Roll provided refreshments after worship in the narthex. On the 24th, we also honored our youth Sunday School teacher, Pete Cardimen. Sunday School is now on break until the fall.

Want to be a bit whimsical this summer? Join us for Pastor Robin’s *Gospel According to Dr. Seuss* sermon series for the first 3 Sundays in July .

Every 1st Sunday of the month, Fellowship has a Worship & Praise feel in our worship service. We use music selections from the W & P music book, there is no sung liturgy, and the music is all on piano.

Every third month (March, June, September, and December) on the 1st Sunday of the month, we also offer a healing service at the end of the service. You are always welcome to stay at the end of the service for a healing prayer and anointing with oil.



On August 9th, we’ll continue the annual tradition of our Outdoor Worship Service at Murphy Park in Powell @ 10 am. George Biemel will lead FLC’s Dixieland band for our music. Cindy Frey is coordinating the meal, possibly box lunches or City Barbeque this year. Don’t forget to bring your lawn chairs to enjoy the service under the oak trees. There will be a sign-up sheet on the table in the narthex as the date draws nearer.

Dates to remember:

- **July 5 - W & P Worship Service @ 10 am**
- **August 2 - W & P Worship Service @ 10 am**
- **August 9 - Outdoor Worship Service & Picnic @ Murphy Park in Powell @ 10 am**
- **September 6 - W & P Worship Service @ 10 am with healing offered at end of worship**
- **September 13 - God’s Work. Our Hands. Sunday**

Worship Servers Schedule for July 2026

	July 5	July 12
Asst. Minister	Cindy Frey	Paul Wargowsky
Lay Reader	Kathy Farel	Kathy Farel
Counter		
Greeter		Karen Harris
Fellowship Host	--	--
Altar Guild	Carol Scantland	Carol Scantland

	July 19	July 26
Asst. Minister	Cindy Frey	Ruth Albert
Lay Reader	Cam Frey	Ruth Albert
Counter		
Greeter	Ethan Wolkan	
Fellowship Host	--	--
Altar Guild	Dianna Roll & Angela Kidd	Karen Harris & Darcy Dom



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:

Carolyn Crispin	Ed Lathy
Major N Crispin	Frank LeMay
Byron Engen	Leena LeMay
Claire Haase	Pete Meighen
Cheryl Hamilton	Bridget Smith
Karen Henry	Sonya Thelin
Lillian Kachic	Ray Ward

July Birthdays

Erin Jaeger	7/2
Katie Rankin	7/3
Jason Hobbins	7/4
Carolyn Crispin	7/6
Andy Poland	7/8
Lorien Crispin	7/11
Callen Anderson	7/12
Amy Wargowsky	7/15
Byron Engen	7/19
Cindy Frey	7/24
Evelyn France	7/26
Grayson France	7/26

FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

Ron Laucher, Chad Laucher’s father
Mike McKinley, David Fleisher’s friend
Supriya Palepalli, FLC visitor
Jon Self, John Votino’s friend
Rovan Spears, Jasmine Neal-Spears’ husband



DEATHS:

Patricia Bianconi, Carol Jaeger’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!

July Anniversaries

Steve & Cheryl Hamilton	7/20
Ryan & Rebecca Roll	7/20



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28 10:00 am - Worship 11:30-4:00 - CJMC	29	30 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	1 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 7:30 pm - CJMC	2 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	3 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	4 Independence Day 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 8:00-12:00 - SJCO 6-8 pm - CJMC Bible Study
5 10:00 am - Worship 11:30-4:00 - CJMC	6	7 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 6:00 pm - Women's Dinner	8 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 7:30 pm - CJMC	9 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	10 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	11 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 8:00-12:00 - SJCO 6-8 pm - CJMC Bible Study
12 10:00 am - Worship 11:30-4:00 - CJMC	13	14 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 7:00 pm - Worship Team (Zoom)	15 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 7:30 pm - CJMC	16 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	17 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	18 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 8:00-12:00 - SJCO 6-8 pm - CJMC Bible Study
19 10:00 am - Worship 11:30-4:00 - CJMC	20	21 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 6:00 pm - Guys' Night Out 7:00 pm - Council (zoom)	22 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 7:30 pm - CJMC	23 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	24 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	25 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 8:00-12:00 - SJCO 6-8 pm - CJMC Bible Study
26 10:00 am - Worship 11:30-4:00 - CJMC	27	28 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	29 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 7:30 pm - CJMC	30 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	31 6:00 am - CJMC Pray	1 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 8:00-12:00 - SJCO 6-8 pm - CJMC Bible Study

Church Staff

Pastor	Rev. Robin Wargowsky
Treasurer	Bill Farel
Secretary & Financial Secretary	Tracy Farel
Organist/Pianist	Suzanne McNutt
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
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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!!!

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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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