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"If we Protestants are 'reformed and always reforming,' then commemorating the Reformation should cause us not so much to celebrate the past as to renew our mission and ministry in the present." **Professor Christopher Gehrz, "Reformed and Always Reforming... Even 499 Years Later" (Oct. 26, 2016)**

Dear Fellowship Members and Friends:

Fall has finally arrived! As the crisp air of October approaches and the leaves begin to show their brilliant hues of red, orange, and gold, we are reminded once again of the beauty of change. Fall is a season that invites us to reflect on the transitions in nature **and** in our lives. With each falling leaf, there's a quiet reminder that change, though sometimes unsettling, can be a source of beauty and growth.



This time of year also brings us to a significant moment in our faith tradition—Reformation Sunday. On Sunday, October 27th, we celebrate the courage and conviction of Martin Luther and the reformers who, over 500 years ago, sought to renew and restore the Church. It was a time of profound change, not unlike the shifting seasons, where old ways give way to something new, something grounded in the Word of God.

The Reformation was not just a one-time event with Luther's posting of the 95 Theses. It reminds us that the Church is always being reformed by God's Spirit. Just as nature moves through its seasons, our faith journeys are ever-growing, evolving, and hopefully, deepening. The Reformation is a call for us to continue to examine our own lives, practices, and beliefs, and allow God to shape us more into the likeness of Christ.

This October, let us embrace the beauty of fall and the message of the Reformation. Let's open our hearts to the possibility of transformation—personally and as a community. Whether it's taking the time to deepen our relationship with God or considering how we can serve our neighbors in new and meaningful ways, this is a season to welcome God's work in our lives.

I encourage you to take time to enjoy the beauty of God's creation this fall, and reflect on where God might be calling you to change, grow, or reform. Let's come together on Reformation Sunday (don't forget to wear red!) not only to remember the past but to look ahead with faith and hope for what God will continue to do through us.

As a reminder, while we now have a full leadership slate, we still have vacancies on the Congregational Life, Education and Youth, and Stewardship teams. **Please volunteer so that we may fill these spots!**

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 Update The next women's dinner is on Tuesday, October 1st at 6:00 p.m. at the Tanuki Japanese Steakhouse, 3954 Powell Rd., Powell, OH 43065 (614) 336-8888. The next Guys' Night Out is on Tuesday, October 1st at 6:00 p.m. at Benny's Pizza, 968 Columbus Ave., Marysville, OH 43040 (937) 303-8800. 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 or add your loved one to the list on the table in the narthex.

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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SAVE THE DATE - October 13th after Worship - Town Hall Meeting to discuss results of "Reimagining the Future" survey

Attendance Information (In-person & virtual)

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| August 4 | 27/26 views | September 1 | 28/37 views |
| August 11 | 38/34 views | September 8 | 24/20 views |
| August 18 | 25/29 views | September 15 | 26/22 views |
| August 25 | 34/36 views | September 22 | 27/25 views |
| | | September 29 | 29/9 views |

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Matthew and Sarah Lude Burns (and proud grandparents Bill and Pam Lude) on the birth of their son, Jack Richard Burns on September 3rd! Jack was 9 lbs. 5 oz. and 21.5 inches long and is doing well.



*In Matthew 20:28 Jesus said “For even I, the Son of Man, came here **not to be served but to serve others...**” (emphasis added)*

*Paul wrote in Romans 12:11 “Never be lazy in your work, but **serve the Lord enthusiastically.**” (emphasis added)*

*And in Galatians 5:13 Paul wrote “For you have been called to live in freedom – not freedom to satisfy your sinful nature, but freedom **to serve one another in love.**” (emphasis added)*

As stated in the verses above, the Bible tells us that Jesus came to serve others, much as we are called to serve others, with enthusiasm and in love for one another. At Fellowship we have many roles for service to our church – our pastor, assisting ministers, Sunday school teachers, altar guild members, choir members, property/outreach/worship team members, counters, greeters, and church officers and council members.

We are approaching our annual meeting on November 17 following worship service. At that meeting, we will be electing new officers and council members to serve Fellowship for 2025 and 2026. Our **nominating committee** has been working since June to call servants to fill the roles of president, vice president, secretary, and three at-large council members. We thank the nominating committee for their time and efforts in calling a strong set of leadership and pray that our members will support them as they lead us into the future. We also thank those who have accepted roles in the incoming leadership for their willingness to serve our church.

Fellowship’s annual Congregational Meeting will be on Sunday, November 17, 2024, immediately following worship service. At that meeting we will elect our officers and council members for 2025-26 and will also vote on the proposed budget for 2025. More details on the meeting, notably the proposed budget and the proposed 2025-26 leadership, will be provided to all members prior to the Congregational Meeting for review.

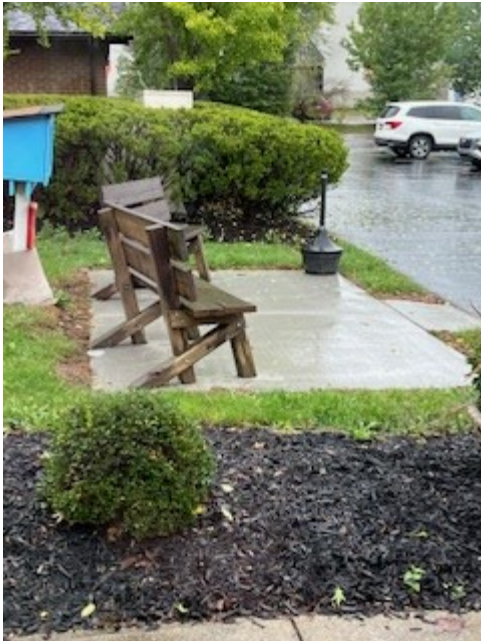
The nominating committee has also worked to call a new treasurer, a position which is appointed by the church’s Executive Committee (Pastor, president, vice president, and secretary). We look forward to accomplishing this before the end of 2024 to allow a transition from Todd Engen as treasurer to a new person in that role. We thank Todd for his time, effort, and dedication while serving as Fellowship’s treasurer for the past few years.

We will have a **Town Hall Meeting on Sunday, October 13, immediately following worship service**, to discuss the congregation survey on “Reimagining the Future of Fellowship Lutheran Church.” I sent an email to all members of Fellowship on August 23, 2024 with a summary discussion of the results along with two attachments which included the voting ratings and comments provided by members to several questions included in the survey. It might be useful for each of us to review the email and its attachments prior to the Town Hall Meeting. If you don’t have that email any more (it’s always good to clean out that in box), contact me and I can resend the email to you. All members are encouraged to attend this important meeting to review the survey results and help to chart the future for Fellowship Lutheran Church.

Thank you to all who contributed items for our month of "God's Work. Our Hands." Donations will benefit the Smoky Row Food Pantry and the LSS Champion Food Pantry. Your generosity was awesome!



Thank you John and Cathy Votino for putting in a new concrete pad for our front entrance! It looks great!



Stay tuned for the fall clean-up date after the leaves fall!



"For where two or three have gathered in My name, I am there in their midst."

Matthew 18:20

Thank you to all who participated in any way to make our August 11th Outdoor Worship a success. A special thanks to the Fellowship Band for our music in the beautiful woodsy setting made by Our Creator. This is always a wonderful fellowship time with a bonus of good food!

If you would like to get more meaning from your worship time, participate in worship. Greet attendees, do lay readings, be an assisting minister, do counting, volunteer to host a 1st Sunday of the month fellowship time.

In September, we went to using Setting 10 and praying the traditional Lord's Prayer. The FLC choir has started up once again. Practices take place right before Sunday worship in the sanctuary. If interested in joining, contact George Biemel, FLC choir director.

On Sunday, 9/22, Pastor Robin installed Susan Wolfe and Pete Cardimen as our Sunday School teachers. Lilly Cardimen also helps to teach the youth. Thank you all for your service to the FLC congregation. It is good to learn more about God's infinite love for us.

Dates to Note:

October 27 - 44th Anniversary of FLC

October 27 - Pastor Robin's 11 year anniversary

October 27 - Reformation Sunday (wear your red!)

November 3 - All Saints Sunday & Daylight Savings Time ends

November 10 - Veteran Recognition Sunday

November 17 - Congregational meeting & Consecration Sunday

Church Staff

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|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 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

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| President | George Biemel |
| Vice-President | Mike Rankin |
| Secretary | Sonya Thelin |
| | Pastor Robin |

At-large Council Members

Angela Kidd
Bill Lude
Susan Wolfe

Team Coordinators

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| 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 October 2024

| | October 6 | October 13 |
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| Asst. Minister | George Biemel | Chad Laucher |
| Lay Reader | George Biemel | |
| Counter | Bill Lude | Bill Lude |
| Greeter | Karen Harris | |
| Altar Guild | Carol Scantland | Carol Scantland |

| | October 20 | October 27 |
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| Asst. Minister | Paul Wargowsky | Ruth Albert |
| Lay Reader | Paul Wargowsky | Ruth Albert |
| Counter | | |
| Greeter | | |
| Altar Guild | Carol Scantland | Carol Scantland |



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:

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

October Birthdays

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| Megan Cardimen | 10/07 |
| Sarah McCormick | 10/18 |
| Kathy Farel | 10/23 |
| Don Johnson | 10/25 |
| Pam Crispin | 10/28 |
| Charlotte Tonn | 10/30 |
| Pam Lude | 10/31 |

FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

Cindy Anderson, Maria Anderson's mother-in-law
Jack Burns, Sarah Lude Burns' son
Linda Chickey, Ruth Albert's friend
Maci Craig, Cindy Frey's niece
Rosemary Craig, Cindy Frey's mother
Mary Beth Cravenor, Margery Gress' friend's daughter
Gerry Curran, Jim Jaeger's friend
Shelby Klinger, Jim Jaeger's friend's daughter
Mike McKinley, David Fleisher's friend
Marcia McLane, Gayle Anderson's friend
Jeff Sielaff, FLC visitor



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:

Janis Farmer, Pat Frey's cousin and Karen Henry's niece
Harold Leupp, Byron Engen's friend
Jean Reitter, Bill Lude's cousin

October Anniversaries

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| Paul & Vanessa France | 10/05 |
| Pat & Cindy Frey | 10/06 |
| Andy Smith & Kathryn Tucker | 10/10 |
| Dan & Megan Howard | 10/19 |
| Zachary & Angela Kidd | 10/24 |
| Zak & Kathleen Wolkan | 10/25 |



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| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 29 9:00 am - Sun. School 10:00 am - Worship 11:30-4:00 - CJMC | 30 | 1 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 6:00 pm - Women's Dinner 6:00 pm - Guys' Night Out | 2 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 1-2:30 pm - CJMC Bible Study | 3 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 8:00 pm - CJMC | 4 6:00 am - CJMC Pray | 5 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 8:00-12:00 - SJCOG |
| 6 9:00 am - Sun. School 10:00 am - Worship 11:15 am - Executive 11:30-4:00 - CJMC | 7 | 8 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 7:00 pm - Worship (zoom) | 9 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 1-2:30 pm - CJMC Bible Study | 10 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 8:00 pm - CJMC | 11 6:00 am - CJMC Pray | 12 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 8:00-12:00 - SJCOG |
| 13 9:00 am - Sun. School 10:00 am - Worship 11:10 am - Town Hall 11:30-4:00 - CJMC | 14 | 15 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 7:00 pm - Council | 16 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 1-2:30 pm - CJMC Bible Study | 17 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 1:30 pm - SICC Prs Mtg @ FLC 8:00 pm - CJMC | 18 6:00 am - CJMC Pray | 19 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 8:00-12:00 - SJCOG |
| 20 9:00 am - Sun. School 10:00 am - Worship 11:30-4:00 - CJMC | 21 | 22 6:00 am - CJMC Pray | 23 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 1-2:30 pm - CJMC Bible Study | 24 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 8:00 pm - CJMC | 25 6:00 am - CJMC Pray | 26 6:00 am - CJMC Pray 8:00-12:00 - SJCOG |
| 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 - SJCOG |

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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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