



First Church NEWS

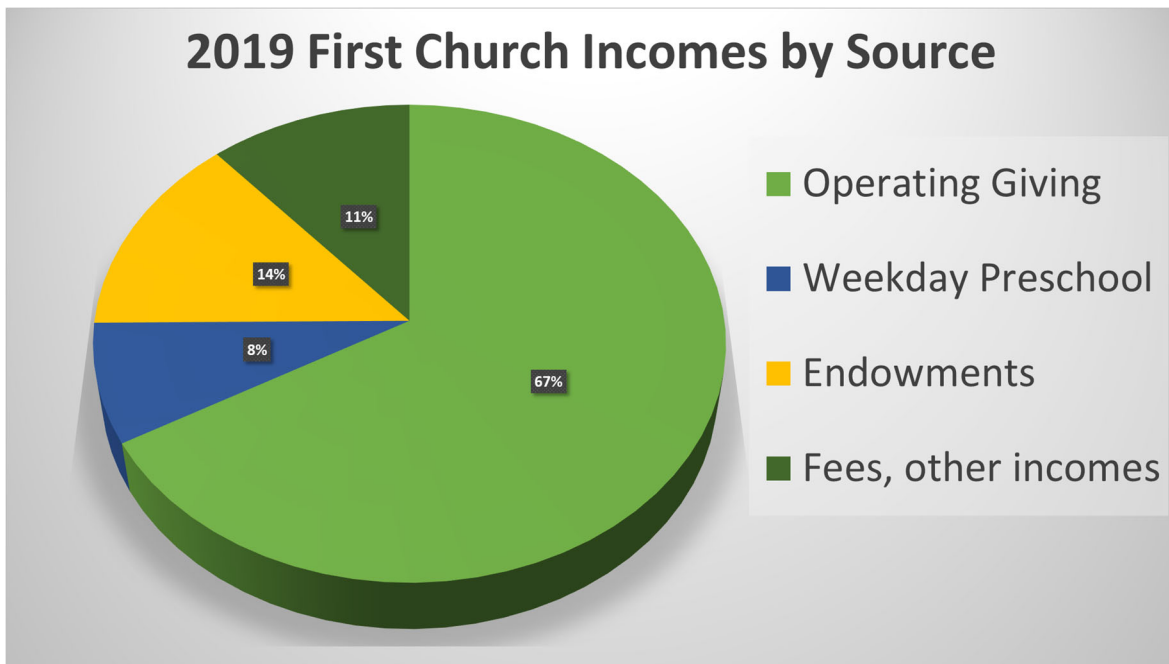
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



A Note from Pastor Jon

On Sunday, May 15, I shared a financial presentation about how our church funds the work we do in a year and trends over the last few years. If you'd like to check it out, follow the link here to the service and the presentation is at the end.

As you can see in the graphic below, our church has a variety of income sources that fund the approximately \$1.2 million that is needed in a year in the life of First Church. Tuition from the parents pays for the preschool, fees and fundraisers pay for our annual youth tour and our camps, and over \$150,000 comes from our endowments. The remaining funds come from your regular pledges and offerings. Without your extravagant generosity we couldn't be the church that we are. Thank you!



You may access a recording of the meeting at

<https://www.facebook.com/firstchurchcf/videos/739164180774092>

Forward to 1 hour and 7 minutes.



Golf Outing... The annual Walter "Bud" Mills Golf Outing will take place on Saturday, June 25, 2022. There will be a shot gun start at 1:30 p.m.

Cost is \$75 per golfer, or \$300 per four-some or \$55 for youth golfers. There will be dinner and prizes and a raffle. All proceeds benefit the Epworth Choir Tour. Brochures and registration forms are available at the Welcome Center.



We are looking for raffle items/baskets and hole sponsors for the event. In the past, people have donated services such as massages from their favorite therapist, or tickets to games or shows, new kitchen items, or candy baskets. You may pick up sponsor information on the Welcome Center or in the main office.

Greeters, Ushers and Welcome Center Short Training

On Sunday, June 5, we will have a hospitality team training right after church at 10:30 a.m. We just had an active shooter training and want to share some of that with everyone. We also have a few new folks joining the team so there will be some initial training. We also will work on a summer schedule and availability. Please make every effort to attend. Anyone who wants to serve in these areas is welcome to come. We will have a full training in August to prepare and organize for the fall. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Karol

Church Square Community Garden

Would you be interested in gardening as a mission project for the church? We're looking for helpers this summer to plant, weed, water and harvest produce in the Church Square Community Garden. Each year, the produce from the garden has gone to Good Neighbors and other community organizations. Planting will take place Saturday, May 28 of Memorial day weekend (weather permitting). If you have any questions or are interested in helping, please contact Millie Keyser at 330-945-4858 or millie.keyser@sbcglobal.net.



Altar Guild Needs... Our Altar Guild transfers the Sunday altar flowers into containers to be taken by donors each Sunday. Will you donate your used containers? If so they need to be the following sizes: 11.5 oz. coffee containers, 32 oz. plastic containers (such as large yogurt containers), 28 oz. metal cans (such as large tomato cans). Your donations can be dropped off at the Welcome Center in the breezeway. We are looking for volunteers to help care for the refilling of candles and transferring flower arrangements into containers after the last service on Sundays, changing altar cloths when needed and arranging holiday flowers. Also, are you interested in dropping altar flowers off to local homebound members? If you are interested in being part of our Altar Guild ministry, please call Carol Lewis at 330-923-0234. We would love to have your help.



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1st Church Feeds: Our next monthly food pantry called 1st Church Feeds will take place Saturday, May 28, from 11:30 am- 12:30 pm. Packing will take place Monday, May 23, at 10:00 am, and Wednesday, May 25, at 7:00 pm. If you are interested in participating, we can always use helping hands. Please contact Jen LaFleur at jenlafleur98@yahoo.com.

Geraniums for Penecost... Our tradition is to bring a potted red geranium to decorate the altar on the day of Pentecost which is June 5 this year. Red symbolizes fire and the all-consuming power and presence of God. They will be planted around the church after that

The new Methodist denomination, The Global Methodist Church, began on May 1. If you have questions about it, please email Rev. Priebe at fallsfirstjon@gmail.com.

Blessing Box... Our blessing box continues to help folks in our community. We are in need of the following items: personal hygiene items (toothpaste, soap, shampoo, toothbrushes, etc.), Ramen noodles, canned soups, granola bars, and cracker packs etc. all continue to be needed. The donation table is located outside the church library, or you may place the items in the box yourself.

Vacation Bible School... Food Truck Party VBS will take place June 13-17 from 9 a.m. to noon. VBS is for children ages 3 (by 9/30/22 and potty-trained) through 4th grade. VBS SERVE is a week of mission projects and field trips for 5th and 6th graders. VBS Extreme is an afternoon program for children entering 1st through 6th grades. Cost is \$5/child; \$10/family max; \$50 for VBS Extreme. Scholarships are available. Registration at: <https://firstchurchcf.mycokesburyvbs.com>



Spaces are limited and payment is required to reserve your spot.

The Giving Tree has been set up in the Breezeway. Please check it for items which are needed for VBS and other children's program. All donations should be turned in by May 29, except perishables which are due June 12.



VBS/Teachers' Training and Safe Sanctuary... VBS Teacher's Training Meeting is required and will be held on May 25, 2022 at either 12:30 p.m. or 5:30 p.m. A light meal will be provided. Almost everyone will need to be certified or recertified in Safe Sanctuary and this will take place at the end of this meeting. Youth under 18 who are helping need to attend the training, but do not need Safe Sanctuary certification.

Everyone who works with children and youth at First Church needs to be certified in Safe Sanctuary and anyone who received that certification prior to 2020 needs to be recertified. This can be accomplished at the VBS meeting or after church on June 5. Postcards are being sent out to all who are involved. Any questions concerning this can be directed to Donna Curfman at 330-923-5241 Ext. 219 or dcurfmanfallsumc@gmail.com.

Chess Camp... Registrations are being accepted for Chess Camp July 11 -15, 2022 from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. daily. Beginners through experienced are eligible to participate in the fun-filled adventure of using your mind. You can learn or improve your chess game and enjoy other activities. Space is limited, so register early. Brochures with application and details are available at the Welcome Center.



2022 Confirmands

- Elliotte Barker
- Brayden Carpenter
- Dylan Carpenter
- Nehemiah Priebe
- Katie Walker

2022 Graduates

- Emily Rose Hipkins
- Evan Michael Hipkins
- Regan Breanne Lieberth
- Marissa Mae Meyers
- Ryan Emery Parsons
- Luke Andrew Sawyer
- Jacob Laurence Schmidt
- Steven Samuel Shafer
- Jacob Charles Whitehouse

2022 Reid and Roberta Montgomery Scholarship Recipients

- Emily Hipkins - will attend Kent State University
- Evan Hipkins - will attend the University of Akron
- Regan Lieberth - will attend Kent State University
- Marissa Meyers - will attend Kent State University
- Luke Sawyer - will attend the University of Akron
- Jacob Schmidt - will attend Kent State University



Please mark your calendars for this summer's First Fridays which will take place June 3, July 1, and August 5. We will once again meet at Kelsey Creek Pavilion at Water Works Park for a meal together and a time of fellowship. This year we will also have our Game Night during this event as a way to enjoy God's creation in fellowship and fun with one another. Please keep an eye out for more information closer to each date.

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The Gift/Memorial Book is located in the parlor and is open to **Doris Hutchins**.

Next Opportunity for Baptism is Sunday, July 17. To sign up, call Kathy Kuzas at 330-923-5241, x212, by Friday, July 1.

Expressions of Thanks from Nancy Lyberger... Praise the Lord, thank you to the many supporters who donated to the OPEN M pregnancy project. Mia is doing well along with her little girl. She appreciated all of the items donated. This little girl is getting a good start in life thanks to your open hearts.

The deadline for the next FCN is **Friday, May 27**. Please submit your articles to Kathy Kuzas at kkuzasfumccf@gmail.com.

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Sunday, May 22

Pastor Jon Priebe preaching
8:30 am - Chancel Choir
11 am - Epworth Choir

Sunday School/Confirmation at 9:45
Nursery/Preschool Care at 9:30 a.m. & 11
Children's Worship at 11

Sunday, May 29

Pastor Jon Priebe preaching
9:30 am - Summer Choir

Nursery/Preschool Care at 9:30 a.m.

We will change to summer hours beginning Sunday, May 29. There will be one service at 9:30 a.m. There will be no Children's Worship or Sunday School until September.