



First Church NEWS

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday, June 12 - 9:30 a.m.

Pastor Jon Priebe preaching

Sunday, June 19 - 9:30 a.m.

Pastor Karol Lewis preaching

Sunday, June 26 - 9:30 a.m.

Pastor Jon Priebe preaching



Sunday, July 3 - 9:30 a.m.

Pastor Jon Priebe preaching

Sunday, July 10 - 9:30 a.m.

Pastor Jon Priebe preaching

Sunday, July 17 - 9:30 a.m.

Pastor Jon Priebe preaching

Child care is available for infants through preschoolers

As a deer longs for flowing streams,

So my soul longs for you, O God.

My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.

When shall I come and behold the face of God?

Psalm 42:1-2

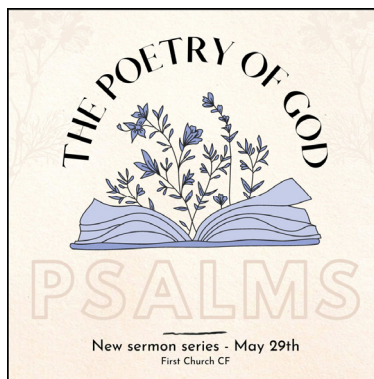
This summer, Dean and I have been planning special worship services using the Psalms as part of our worship services. If you've been around First Church awhile, you might remember times in the past when the Psalms were a regular part of worship. We are so excited to share what we've been planning!

The Psalms are a beautiful collection of poems and songs that were largely used in Israelite worship. We believe many were written by King David, but there are also many that were composed by court musicians and priests for God's people in worship.

One thing I love about the Psalms is that they use a different style of writing than the other parts of the Bible with which we are more familiar. If the Gospels give us Jesus's biography and the New Testament give us the letters that early church leaders wrote to each other and to their congregations, the lyricism of the Psalms open our hearts, like all poetry and music does, to new experiences and understandings of God.

I invite you to exercise the right half of your brains with us and worship this summer in the Psalms with us at First Church!!

Blessings,
Jon



Golf Outing - June 25... 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 foursome 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 still looking for raffle items/baskets and cart 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.



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. 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.

DISCIPLESHIP STOP

GOAL: A Life of Love, not Fear

¹⁸ *There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love.* ¹⁹ *We love because he first loved us.* ²⁰ *Those who say, “I love God,” and hate a brother or sister are liars, for those who do not love a brother or sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen.* 1 John 4:18-20 (NRSV)

ACTION: John is pretty harsh in verse 20 when he says if we say “I love God,” and hate a brother or sister are liars.” He sure doesn’t mince words, but maybe that’s because he is reminding us that Jesus constantly preached, that loving one another is a commandment, not just a suggestion. But I know I often say to myself, that sounds too hard, and Jesus couldn’t really have meant we are to love everyone. But John pulls us back to reality, and reminds us that yes, he did mean everyone.

We see so much more hate in today’s culture that it is often painful to look around and see how we treat one another. Maybe that’s where verse 18 comes into play, which might help us to reframe our own way of looking at others. John reminds us that there is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear.

Is it possible that our feelings around those we are uncomfortable with, those who are pushing us beyond our comfort zone, and those we have a hard time loving, are coming from fear instead of love? Might it be that the hate in our culture right now stems from a fear that we might have to change, or that if we love everyone, we no longer have control over the way things are done? Maybe this is why John is reminding us that perfect love casts out fear, and on the flip side, if we don’t love our brothers and sisters, then how can we truly love God.

JOURNAL REFLECTION: Who is it hard for you to love? What fear may be making it hard for you to love someone? What one thing can you do this week to love someone that you have not in the past shown love to (this could be someone you know personally, or a group of people that you may have prejudged)?



URGENT!! Our blessing box may be somewhat small in size, but it serves our community in a mighty way, and it needs your help! We are almost out of items for filling the box. Please consider donating any of the following items: canned soup/fruit/vegetables, Spaghetti's/ravioli, canned tuna/chicken, ramen noodles, individual cups of mac- n- cheese, oatmeal, dry pasta, spaghetti sauce, granola bars, individual applesauce/fruit cups/jello or pudding cups, juice boxes, or travel size personal hygiene items. Items may be left on the donation table located outside the church library.

Heart4theCity... Can you help our United Methodist local mission church again? You have been very generous in the past and we thank you for all your donations for Heart4theCity. Our next drive is to bring in **new packaged under garments for children thru adults.** We will keep this collection going thru the summer (June- August). The collection bin is located near the church office, next to the library. Drop off anytime. Thanks!

Vacation Bible School... Food Truck Party VBS will take place from June 13-17 from 9 a.m. to noon. Registration will close on June 9 and the Extreme program is full. All those registered may pick up their packets on Sunday immediately after the 9:30 a.m. service or Monday morning at 8:30. All children should bring a white t-shirt which they will tie-dye, completed medical forms and payment if it has not been made.



The Extreme and Serve programs have needed to make some schedule changes and information is being sent out to give you those details.



Teachers and Children/Youth Helpers

Mandatory Teacher Training and Safe Sanctuary classes have been held and if you are involved in VBS, but were not in attendance, please contact Donna Curfman at dcurfmanfallsumc@gmail.com or Ext. 219 as soon as possible to complete this requirement.



Epworth Summer Camp... 7th - 12th graders are invited to attend this camp which will take place June 26-30. Brochures are available at the Welcome Center or in the church office. The cost for camp is \$100. This year's camp will be at the University of Mt. Union in Alliance. It will be a great time of fellowship, music and fun!

Chess Camp... Register now 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. The cost is \$150 per child (with a \$25 discount for additional children.) Brochures with application and details are available at online and at the Welcome Center.

Wesley Camp... Children going into 4th - 6th grades are invited for a weekend of camp August 5 - 7 at Inspiration Hills camp. The Early Bird cost is \$125 (a \$25 deposit must be made before July 3.) After July 3 the cost is \$150. There will be archery, hiking, swimming, canoeing, campfires, a prayer labyrinth, games and more! Registration forms are available online and at the Welcome Center.



Parents of children involved in ROCK activities are invited to a meeting Wednesday, June 22, at 7:00 p.m. to discuss future planning for the fall. Teachers and helpers are also encouraged to attend. Contact Donna Curfman at Ext. 219 or dcurfmanfallsumc@gmail.com if you have questions.



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The Gift/Memorial Book is located in the parlor and is open to **Phillip Hamilton**.

Our Sympathies to Barb

(Larry) Behrman and family on the death of her mother, **Edna Instone**, on 5/17.

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



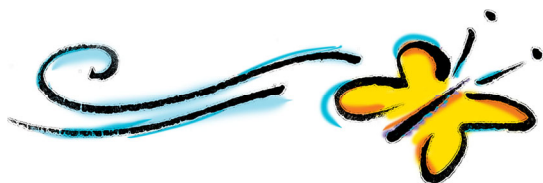
Finance Update

A few years ago we added four new funds within our 43 year old Endowments. The original unrestricted endowment that funds about \$150,000 annually of property-related expenses for our buildings which provide space for our ministries and the buses we use. We also added funds for General Operations, Children and Youth Ministries, Music and Worship, and our Scholarships. These additional endowment funds have received nearly \$200,000 in additional endowment principal which provides about \$10,000 in additional annual income.

These endowments are often grown through donations included in our congregation members' estates, but we also receive some living donations as well. If you have additional questions about how our endowments work, reach out to Pastor Jon!



The next First Friday will take place on July 1 at 5 p.m. Join us at Kelsey Creek Pavilion at Water Works Park for a meal, fellowship, and Game Night! The church will provide hot dogs and buns so bring a dish to share, a beverage, tableware, and your favorite game!



The FCN is only printed once in both June and July. The deadline for the next FCN is **Friday, July 8**. Please submit your articles to Kathy Kuzas at kkuzasfumccf@gmail.com.