



First Church NEWS

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

August 7 - Pastor Jon Priebe preaching

August 14 - Pastor Jon Priebe preaching

Child care for infants through preschoolers

A NOTE FROM PASTOR JON

CHURCH FINANCE 101: WHAT IS AN APPORTIONMENT?

As one person, each of us can make only so much of a difference in the lives of others. But, when we work together with our church family, we can make a much bigger impact for Jesus and with Jesus in the lives of others! In the same way, when you are a part of the United Methodist Church, you are a part of the worldwide ministry of 13,000,000 fellow Christians in about 32,000 connected congregations around the world. How much more impact we can make together!

Here are just a few of the works of the United Methodist Church around the world:

The Nehemiah Mission, an outreach to those in poverty in west Cleveland

Africa University, providing professional training and college level education in south-central Africa.

Administrative funds, supporting the supervision and organization of clergy and missionaries and the work of ministry both here and around the world.

Support for United Methodist college students in all study areas and specific support for pastors studying for licensed and ordained ministry.

Projects around the world that provide clean water, church planting, schools, hospitals, career training, agricultural education, children's ministry, and so much more in the name of Jesus Christ!

So, who pays for these projects that impact lives around the world? Who pays for the organization to make them happen, and happen safely? We all do, through apportionment giving.

Each congregation has its share of the total work of the church around the world. Each month, each local church forwards their apportionment of around 10% of their total budget to their annual conference. A lion's share of those funds supports their conference, a regional ministry area – ours is the East Ohio Conference. Another part of those funds is forwarded on to the worldwide church to fund the projects and work I described above.



In that way, we all get to participate, even if only a small fraction of our individual financial giving, in the whole work of the whole connected church around the world!

Thanks for your faithful generosity and feel free to reach out if you have any questions!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Leader Training... As we move into fall and gear up for a new year, we will have Leader training sessions for all of those who are participating in our various ministries including those serving or leading on ministry teams, committees, and those teaching in various ministries. The first will be on Sunday, August 14, from 10:30 am to noon. This will include all ushers, greeters, welcome center folks, those who serve on the Finance, Missions, Access, PPR, Trustees and in any other ministries/committees of the church that don't involve teaching. This is an important time for us to gather to support and learn together how to live out our calling as leaders of the church. On Sunday, August 21, from 10:30 am to noon we will have a training for all those who will be serving in the teaching ministries of our church and those who were unable to attend on August 14. We will then follow that with a safe sanctuary training for those who need to take or retake it. Growing as leaders is essential to our living into our call as a leader in the church. Questions? Please contact Pastor Karol.

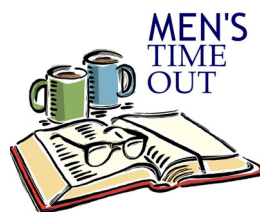


Adult Discipleship Classes for the Fall... We will again offer *Disciple Like Jesus* and *Ministry By Strengths* classes in the fall, both of which are part of our journey to membership, if you are considering that in the future. These classes are also integral for those who want to be involved in the leadership of our church. The 6 week *Ministry By Strengths* class will begin on Sunday, September 11, from 5:45 to 7 pm with a new class then beginning on Sunday, October 23 from 4 to 5:15 pm. We will also offer a 6 week *Disciple Like Jesus* class starting Sunday, September 11, from 9:30 to 10:45 am and then again starting Sunday, October 23, from 5:45 to 7 pm. We hope you will join us as we grow together as disciples this year. You may sign up by calling the church office. Childcare will be available upon request at sign up. For more information, please call Pastor Karol.



Have you ever done your taxes, looked down at the number in the income box and wondered where it all went? Ever felt like there wasn't enough money to do all the important things you know you should be doing with it or wonder how to even do the important things in the first place? Ever been in a situation where you wanted to give to a good cause but didn't because you were trying to keep up with your own bills? If so, the church is sponsoring another iteration of Financial Peace University and offering it again at a reduced price of \$75 per family with a \$25 rebate if you come to all ten classes. Classes will be from 4:00-6:00 PM starting on the second Sunday of September and going through November 20th excluding Halloween weekend. Childcare is available. For more information please contact Mark Rogalski at MarkKRogalski@gmail.com or at (330) 419-4085.

Women's Bible Study... We're back! All the ladies of the church and the community are invited to join us for a six week Bible Study beginning the first week of October. There are two opportunities for the same study: Tuesdays from 7 - 9 p.m. and Wednesdays from 10 a.m. - noon. This session will be "The Christ-Centered Woman - Finding Balance in a World of Extremes", which is based on Ephesians 3. The cost of the book is \$18. Please call Kathy Kuzas at Ext. 212 to register. The deadline is Monday, September 13.



Men's Time Out... All the men of the church and the community are invited to attend Men's Time Out this Saturday, August 6, from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. in Asbury Hall. It's a time of fellowship and discussion and a wonderful way to connect with the men of the church.





Epworth Youth and Choir will resume their evening schedule on August 28th. Choir rehearsal and a Family Meeting will begin at 4 p.m., followed by snack supper and messy games.

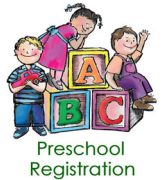
There will be a meeting for Confirmation students and their families at 9:45 a.m. on Sunday, September 11.

If you have a youth in grades 7-12 and are interested in the various youth programs available, please contact Jen McKenna at epworthyouth2@gmail.com for more information.



The Fall ROCK program will start on Rally Day, September 11 with a new season of activities. Choirs and Bell rehearsals will be every Sunday from 4 p.m. -5 p.m. and twice a month we will stay for ROCK rotation. There is no dinner this year, so the program will end at 6:00 p.m. Complete schedules and details will be available soon.

Weekday Christian Preschool... The preschool is still taking registrations for the 2022-2023 school year. Classes are on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, mornings and afternoons, for children aged 3 (by Sept. 30 and potty trained) to 5 as well as a Tuesday/Thursday Enrichment class for 4 and 5 year olds. There is also an all day option. To register or for more information please contact director Jennifer Brooks at jbrooksfallsumc@gmail.com or 330-923-5242.



Blessing of the Backpacks... Bring your backpacks, iPads, tablets, or any other items used for school to church on Sunday, August 21! As fall begins and children and teachers return to school, a flood of mixed emotions fills our hearts. Relief and gratitude from parents, apprehension and anxiety for students entering new rooms with new things to learn from new teachers, hope for positive outcomes, even concerns for the safety of our teachers and students. Where better to take all these mixed emotions than to God in worship and prayer!



Family Promise... Glendora House Food Bank needs our help each and every month. We are committed to send peanut butter, jelly of all flavors, Ramen Noodles (not in cups) and Velveeta Shells and Cheese (not in cups) and our cupboards are getting bare. If you are able to help, please put your donations in the Family Promise bin by the church library. Glendora House holds up to 46 people max (10 families) so the need is great. Thank you for always supporting families with children in need.

Habitat for Humanity... First Church will again participate with 10 other churches to build a home with Habitat for Humanity of Summit County. The home will be built in Cuyahoga Falls on Germaine St. The family building their home is a young family who come from Nepal. We are able to have 7 volunteers on each of our volunteer dates which are: September 7, October 8, November 5, and December 17. Habitat requires that all volunteers be 18 to be at a job site. If you are interested in participating in this mission, please contact Kim Kerr at 330-606-7736 or email her at kdk3rr@gmail.com with your name, phone number, email address and t-shirt size. Thank you.

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The Gift/Memorial Book is located in the parlor and is open to **Mary L. Newstetter**.

Our Sympathies to **Debbie (Pat) Kelly** and family on the death of her mother, **Carol Ingersoll**, on 7/11; to the family of member **Eileen Schley**, on 7/16.

The deadline for the next FCN is **Friday, August 12**. Please submit your articles to Kathy Kuzas at kku-zasfumccf@gmail.com.

A New Name... UMW has changed its name to **United Women in Faith**. This decision was reached to include members in churches who split off to the Global denomination. Since our humble beginnings over 150 years ago, the name has changed seven times. In our church, either name will be correct. If you have questions or need info about group meetings, please call Sue Boltz (330) 928-8635.



We are looking for a few people who would like to be buddies for a couple of the children in our kids' ministries. They

need someone to provide some one on one attention as they move through our activities. We will train those who are able to help and pair you up with a young disciple whom you can help on their faith journey. Please contact Pastor Karol if you would be able to help in this crucial ministry of our church.

First Fridays... Our final First Friday will take place on August 5. at Kelsey Creek Pavilion at Water Works Park at 5 p.m. Join us for a meal together, a time of fellowship and fun. We are combining our Game Night with the picnic during this event as a way to enjoy God's creation in fellowship and fun with one another, so bring your favorite board game or an outdoor game. The church will supply hotdogs and buns. Please bring food to share, along with tableware and something to drink. If you have been thinking of inviting someone to church, invite them to this so they can get to know some of us.