



First Church NEWS

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

WORSHIP

Sunday, October 16

Rev. Jon Priebe preaching
8:30 am - Epworth Choir
11:00 am - Chancel Choir

Sunday, October 23

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11:00 am - Chancel Choir

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



A NOTE FROM PASTOR JON

Galatians 6:9a – So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up.

Have you ever kicked yourself for thinking of a great thing to say right after the moment you should have said it? Or had trouble letting go of a mistake that you made even long after you're the only person who remembers it? Why is it so tempting to allow our internal critic to be a primary voice in our own brains?

When I read the Bible, I often process what I'm reading self-critically: I wish I could be as courageous as the disciples or Paul, and I wish I could be as disciplined as Daniel in the face of temptation, or I wish I could be as grateful as the one leper who came back to thank Jesus. I let that internal critic get the first, and loudest, word in my mind and heart.

However, one of the spiritual practices that has been most helpful to me over the years is honestly answering the rules of the early Methodists. They believed that a disciplined Christian life was as simple as 1. Avoiding doing harm, 2. Doing good, and 3. Attending on God's ordinances (like prayer, worship, and serving others). In particular, it's been a blessing to intentionally reflect on that second question. It's like an antidote to all the negativity that my internal critic wants to raise about my shortcomings and mistakes.

Many times we go the wrong way or say the wrong thing. But, it's okay to remind yourself that you also get it right now and again.

Blessings,
Jon



Freedom Brass Concert... We are very excited to kick off the Concert/Art Series again after a long hiatus. We welcome to our church on Sunday, October 23, at 2:30 the Freedom Brass Band under the direction of Tucker Jolly. This 40 piece brass band will be playing The National Anthem, Summon the Heroes by John Williams, My Fair Lady, Mancini Magic and other wonderful selections. Please come out to hear this concert and bring a friend with you. Our concerts are free and open to the public and we do take up a free will offering to help support this concert series. If you would like to be a patron, we welcome your financial support with a gift of any amount. Checks may be made to the church and marked "Art Series." We hope to see you then!

FALL HIKING SPREE

Join Pastor Mike on Sunday afternoons for some fellowship, fitness, and faith by participating in the Summit County Metroparks Fall Hiking Spree. The order of

hikes and the dates will be:

DATE	TRAIL	PARK	MILES
10/16	Coyote Run Trail	Liberty Park	1.2
10/23	Rock Creek Trail	Furnace Run Park	1.3
10/30	Prairie Trail	Springfield Bog Park	1.6
11/6	Celebration Trail	Cascade Valley	1.6
11/13	Glens Trail	Gorge Metro Park	1.8

UMW/UWF Book Sale Can you donate some used books, games, puzzles, DVDs, CDs for our annual sale on November 4 & 5 (9:00 to 3:00). If so, please drop off at the church (Wesley Hall) on October 31 and November 1, 2, and 3. We greatly appreciate your donations, but cannot use magazines, text books, or encyclopedias. All proceeds from the sale go to various missions.



Acme Receipts... Remember to save your Acme receipts for their Community Cash Back program. Buy store brands and save the receipts dated August 4 through December 24. The church receives 5% on qualifying products. The money is used to fund the projects done at Work Camp. Receipts may be turned in at the Welcome Center.

First Church Shirts... Here's a fun way to help the Mission Committee give more to our local missions. We are selling shirts with our church name and logo. You order and pay through Bonfire. They will send you the shirt(s). We have two links with the Bonfire Company:



1. A simple design with church name only on the front of whatever type shirt you'd like - we even have a hoodie: <https://www.bonfire.com/fumcs-mission-committee-fundraiser/>

2. Shirt with church name front and back: "I go to a great church" on back also available in different colors and styles: <https://www.bonfire.com/fumcs-mission-committee-fundraiser-1-1/>

Christmas Poinsettias... The florist has given us an early deadline, so now is the time to order the poinsettias which will adorn our altar on Christmas Eve. The plants are \$9 each. The list of donors and those memorialized or honored will appear in the bulletin on Christmas Eve. Please make your check out to First Church and return it with the order to the church office by noon on Monday, November 14.

Donor _____ Phone _____

In memory or honor of (circle one)



The Wesley Youth Group's October outing will be a trip to the Rufener Hilltop Farms Pumpkin Patch on October 16 from 12 – 3 p.m. The cost will be \$11 and will include admission to the corn maze, a pumpkin to pick, the sunflower field, a hayride and train ride. Registration, permission and medical forms and payment are due on October 9. Space is limited as well.

Everyone should bring a sack lunch.

October 23 will be the beginning of a new mission for the children and First Church, as we will be teaching the children to make yarn hats on looms. These will be put on the line in front of the church, given to school children or taken to the NICU at Akron Children's Hospital. Future opportunities for everyone will be scheduled, but we will start with the children. This is the time to clean out those knitting supplies you no longer use. We will need the donation or loan of 5" and 7" looms, #4 crochet needles, and the donation of yarn, preferably 4 ply Worsted weight. Please bring these items by October 16.

On October 30, the children will celebrate All Hallow's Eve during the regular ROCK time with games, dinner, and crafts. We need your help providing candy (no nuts please) and small treats for our goody bags. Please take a pumpkin from the patch in the breezeway and return your items by October 23. We will also need a few helpers that night to help set up and run the games.



Christmas Greens... Starting this Sunday, October 16, the Epworth youth are selling a variety of Christmas greens to help with the cost of their Spring Tour. If you are interested, you may order from any youth or you may call the church office to place your order.



Holiday Nut Sale... We will again have our Holiday Nut Sale beginning on Sunday, November 6. They will be on sale in Asbury Hall each Sunday between and after church services and in the church office during the week. You may also pre-order them and indicate the date you wish to pick them up. We will offer Deluxe mixed nuts and whole cashews for \$10/lb and raw pecans for \$12/lb. You may pick up and drop off pre-order forms at the Welcome Center.

UPCOMING EVENTS

October

23 - Freedom Brass Concert 2:30 p.m.

November

4 & 5 - UMW Book Sale 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

13 - Wesley Youth Outing

24 - Thanksgiving

25 - Church closed

December

4 - ROCK Advent Celebration 5 p.m.

11 - Procession of the Nativity 6:30 p.m.

18 - Wesley Youth Christmas Party 12:15 p.m.

18 - Epworth Youth Christmas Party 4 p.m.

24 - Christmas Eve Services at 6, 8 & 10 p.m.

25 - Christmas (one service only)

26 - Church closed

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

Did You Know? We will be glad to publish (space allowing) milestone birthdays, anniversaries, births and other special events in your family if you send a note c/o Kathy Kuzas, call us at 330-923-5241 x212 or email kkuzasfumccf@gmail.com.



Paper Bins... Just a reminder that the bins are for PAPER ONLY. The company which collects will not accept Styrofoam, glass, plastic, etc.



2023 Altar Flowers: Starting Monday, October 17, we will be taking orders for altar flowers in 2023. The cost is \$38 and the church takes care of the ordering and delivery. If you would like to reserve a date, contact Christy Meyers at cmeyersfallsumc@gmail.com or



The deadline for the next FCN is **Friday, October 21**. Please submit your articles to Kathy Kuzas at kku-zasfumccf@gmail.com.

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