



First Church NEWS

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

WORSHIP

Sunday, November 13

Pastor Jon Priebe preaching
8:30 am - Epworth Choir
11:00 am - Chancel, Bethlehem
& Wesley Choirs

Sunday, November 20

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8:30 am - Epworth Choir
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 MIKE

For everything there is a season and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born and a time to die; a time to plant and a time to pluck up what is planted; a time to kill and a

time to heal; a time to break down and a time to build up; a time to weep and a time to laugh; a time to mourn and a time to dance; a time to throw away stones and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing; a time to seek and a time to lose; a time to keep and a time to throw away; a time to tear and a time to sew; a time to keep silent and a time to speak; a time to love and a time to hate; a time for war and a time for peace.

Ecclesiastes 3: 1-8

Everyone has their favorite time of year. For many it is summer with its hot weather & endless sunshine. Other's favorite may be winter, perhaps they enjoy the crispness of the winter air while skiing, or sled riding, or maybe they enjoy the endless shoveling of their driveway and sidewalk & the hot chocolate that follows. Many people favor spring, with the newness & freshness it provides, as well as knowing that summer is not far away.

My favorite time of year is the fall. Some people think of fall as a dreadful time of year, after all winter is just around the corner. Others say that fall makes them sad when the leaves start to fall. Some don't appreciate the gloomy weather that we experience. Others don't like the cooler temperatures and the rain that seems to become more frequent. I like the fall because of all the above. The temperatures are cooler, so I am more comfortable most of the time. I realize the leaves have to fall from the trees, but for a period of time before that, God shows off for us, by having the leaves change a multitude of colors before they drop. Winter may be around the corner, but there is a sense of preparing for seasonal rebirth.



Today's scripture addresses this idea of there being a time for everything & a season for each activity under heaven. We may not like things out of our control, but this passage reminds us that God's timing and plans are perfect, and that the secret to peace with these things and others, is to discover, accept and to learn to appreciate God's perfect timing in all things.

So, instead of getting upset at the changes each season, try taking a deep breath, and take a slight pause, and admiring the beauty we get to experience at the end of each season. These are part of God's plans & his perfect timing.

God Bless,
Pastor Mike

Mission Opportunities

OPEN M Missions... Once again it is time to help those less fortunate than ourselves. We are collecting money for Christmas turkeys and gifts for children. Last year we provided 156 turkeys and gifts



for 78 children. Turkeys run about \$15.00 and children's gifts \$50.00 per child for two

gifts. When donating please use separate checks and do not include it at the same time as usual church gifts. You can drop your check or donation off if you like while in church. Please make sure to designate OPEN M Christmas or OPEN M turkeys. Blessings for considering others.

Operation Christmas Child helps more than 7 million children experience Christmas by collecting and distributing gift-filled shoeboxes to more than 100 countries. You can help by buying new items to pack, donating \$10 to cover the shipping costs, or taking a shoebox from the Breezeway display and returning it completed by November 20.



Recommended items include a "wow toy," other small toys, hygiene items and school supplies. A complete list is available at the Welcome Center. Please bring your items by November 13 so that on Sunday night, November 20, the children at ROCK will be able to pack shoeboxes.

Blessing Box... Our blessing box has been blessing many people as of late, and our inventory of items on hand is dwindling quickly. If you are able, please consider donating the following items: ramen noodles, flavored rice/ noodle packets, granola bars, canned soup/ vegetables/ fruit, spaghetti o's/ ravioli, canned tuna/ meats, individual oatmeal packets, individual serving cereals, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, soap, shampoo. Donations may be left on the table outside the church library, or you may be the hands of Jesus by placing the items directly in the blessing box.



Socks! The Acts of Grace Circle will continue to collect socks during the month of November for the men and women at Haven of Rest/Harvest Home. Please bring in new socks and place them in the basket located outside the church library.

Consecration Sunday - November 13

Please remember to fill out your financial and discipleship pledge cards. Then you may drop them off at church during the week, in the offering plate on Sundays, mail them in, or fill them out online. All cards received by this Sunday, November 13, will be consecrated when we celebrate the impact First Church and YOU have had on the lives of others.

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)



Parents Morning Out... We will sponsor a Parents Morning Out for infants through grade 6 on Saturday, December 10 from 9 am to noon. We serve the kids a pancake breakfast they will be able to shop at the Santa Shop for their parents, siblings and grandparents (included in the cost of the morning.) We will share the message of Christmas with the kids through a movie and they will have a chance to participate in the morning's mission project. The cost is \$10 per child and \$25 max of families of preschool and elementary children. Families with more than 3 children, will need to pay an additional \$10 for each child under 3 as we will have a paid person coordinating the crib room for our infants and toddlers. Space will be limited so sign up early to ensure a spot for your kids.

Santa Shop Items Needed... We will be once again having our Parents Morning Out with a Santa Shop for the kids to shop on Saturday, December 10 from 9 am to noon. We are in need of items for the shop especially for children, teens and men. We are also in need of Christmas gift bags of all sizes, wrapping paper and scotch tape. The kids will be wrapping their own gifts this year so we don't need wrappers, but are looking for some folks that will be able to help the kids shop or help hand out wrapping paper and gift bags to the kids so they can wrap their items. You may drop off your items in the bin by the Welcome Center by Wednesday, December 7. Please contact Karol Lewis to help with the Santa Shop or Donna Curfman to help with shepherding the kids or with the pancake breakfast.

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.



Christmas Gifts... Here's an easy way to get your Christmas shopping done AND 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/>



Last Chance! 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
11/13	Glens Trail	Gorge Metro Park

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.

2023 Altar Flowers... We are 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 Ext. 210.



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The Gift/Memorial Book is located in the parlor and is open to **Dorotha German**.

Birthday Wishes to **Joyce Haberkost** who will turn 100 on December 2. If you'd like to send her a card, please send it in care of her daughter, Dee Gartman, 3445 River Rock Dr., Cuy. Falls, 44223.

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.

The deadline for the next FCN is **Friday, November 18**. Please submit your articles to Kathy Kuzas at kkuzasfumccf@gmail.com.

Congratulations!



Pastor Mike Ward graduated from the Course of Study program! Let's shower him with cards to congratulate him. Please bring or mail cards to First Church with "Pastor Mike" on the envelope. Thank you!



In everything
give thanks.

1 Thessalonians 5:18, NASB