



# First Church NEWS

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



Sunday, August 20 - 9:30 a.m.

Pastor Jon Priebe preaching

Sunday, August 27 - 9:30 a.m.

Pastor Howard Pippin preaching



*Is Coming! September 10*

Join us for the start of our new Sunday morning schedule.

- 8:30 a.m. Morning Worship and Communion
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School for children, youth and adults, including Confirmation classes
- 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship (This Sunday will include the Blessing of the Backpacks and Distribution of Children's Bibles)  
Children's Worship for Kindergarten through 3rd grade during the service
- 4:00 p.m. Epworth Youth activities  
Children's Ringers rehearsal
- 4:30 p.m. Children's Choirs
- 5:15 p.m. Dinner for children and youth
- 5:45 p.m. Epworth choir and bell rehearsals  
Wesley Youth Group for 4th – 6 th grades  
Children's ROCK activities Preschool – 3 rd grades

\*\*Childcare for children through 3 years old will be available during Sunday School and Worship. If needed in the evening, please let us know.

**First Church Feeds...** Our monthly food distribution is now on the 3rd Saturday of each month. We are always in need of feminine hygiene products and incontinence supplies for both men and women. You may drop supplies off in the bins behind the Welcome Center.

**Visitation Team...** We are looking for folks who would like to help make monthly visits to our shut-ins, hospital patients, and those in nursing homes. There is no counseling involved, it is simply to keep them in contact with their church family. If you like to socialize with others, please contact Pastor Pippin to let him know so we can add you to the team.

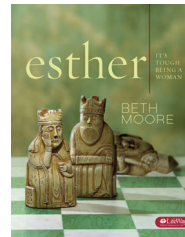
**Acme Receipts...** The Acme Cashback has begun for the year, so start saving your receipts as of August 1!

This is an easy way to help fund the projects that are done at Henderson Settlement in June.



**Paid Position Open...** We are looking for a childcare worker for Sunday mornings (9:15 - 10:45 a.m.) this summer and Sunday mornings (9:15 - 11:45 a.m. and evenings (not completely determined yet) starting in the fall. You would be caring for infants through age 3 and a second person is always there. This is a paid position - \$14/hour for the first month and then \$15/hour. If you are interested, please contact Kathy Kuzas for an application.

**Esther: It's Tough Being a Woman...**



The Women's Bible Study will begin meeting again this fall with this 10 week study of Esther, by Beth Moore. If you've ever felt inadequate, threatened, or pushed into situations that seem over-

powering, this is the study for you. Just as it was tough being a woman in Esther's day, it's tough today. You may choose between Tuesday night (7 - 9 p.m.) or Wednesday morning (10 a.m. - noon.) Please contact Kathy Kuzas at Ext. 212 or [kkuzasfumccf@gmail.com](mailto:kkuzasfumccf@gmail.com) to register. The cost of the workbook is \$15 and is due at the time of registration. The study will begin on October 3/4 and the deadline for registration is Friday, September 15.

As we proceed through the summer, we are in need of people who will volunteer to work in the nursery on Sunday mornings while we continue to look for a paid staff person. We are now able to stream the church service on a TV in the nursery, so you will still be able to enjoy worship! Please contact Donna Curfman at 330-329-2379 if you are able to help.



**2023 Altar Flowers...** We are still 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 [cmeyers-fallsumc@gmail.com](mailto:cmeyers-fallsumc@gmail.com) or Ext. 210.



### \*\*\*Parents' Meetings\*\*\*

Important Parent Meetings will be held for the following groups on Rally Day:

**Sunday School and Children's Worship**  
9:30 a.m. in Asbury Hall

**ROCK**

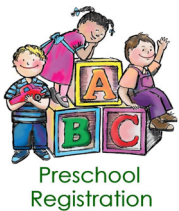
4:30 p.m. in Asbury Hall



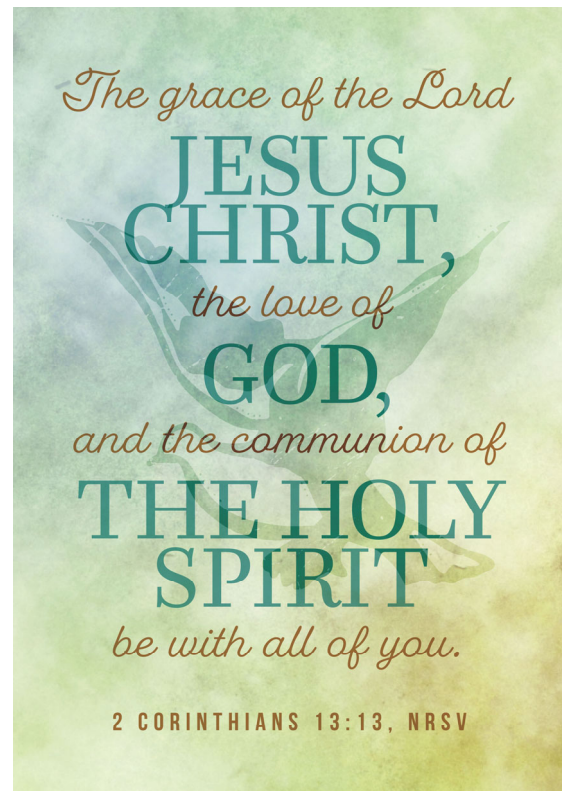
**Fall Kick-off and Family Meeting:** As summer begins to come to a close, we are looking at starting another year of Epworth Youth and Choir! On Sunday, August 27th, we will kick the year off at 3:00 with Road Rally, a photo scavenger hunt where youth go out into the community and take pictures of themselves completing challenges, followed by snack supper at 5:15. At 5:45, the youth will go to choir and Pastor Pippin will hold a meeting for parents and family members where he will talk about the upcoming year, hand out the updated Children, Youth, and Music Calendar, and pass out the permission forms and sign-ups for volunteers and snack supper.

**Drivers Needed:** We are looking for a few parents who are willing to drive small groups around for Road Rally. If you'd be willing to drive, please let us know. It is a fun event and it's always highly entertaining!

**Weekday Christian Preschool...** We offer a Christian preschool program for children who will be 3, 4, or 5 years old by September 30, 2023. The program is state licensed and staffed with degreed lead teachers and trained teachers' assistants. We believe that learning takes place through discovery and play. Each classroom environment is child led and teacher facilitated. Our main objective is to foster a positive self-image in each child while nourishing their social, emotional, physical and intellectual growth. Please call 330-923-5243 for more information.



**Volunteers...** On occasion, volunteers are needed for small projects around the church, such as trimming shrubs, weeding, painting, etc. If you are interested, please give your email address to Bob Boltz or email him at [rboltz@kent.edu](mailto:rboltz@kent.edu).



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## Help Wanted for Customer Service Positions

Do you enjoy small talk with friends or strangers? Did God's gifts to you include sharing a smile and kindness to others? Do you have a limited amount of time available? If so, we have a wonderful opportunity for you to "go and make disciples of all nations" Matthew 28:19

This position is for one Sunday each quarter (3 times per year). You would need to be at church 30 minutes prior to service and stay 10 - 15 minutes after the service. As a Lighthouse Methodist Church, it will take many people to make our guests feel comfortable visiting us. (Many hands make light work.)

This is a volunteer position and the pay involves knowing we are members caring for each other. Please let us know if you prefer helping with the early (8:30) or late service (10:30). If you are willing to help, please contact Kim Kerr at 330 606 7736 or email at [kdk3rr@gmail.com](mailto:kdk3rr@gmail.com) by August 30.



NewsLetter  
**DEADLINE**

The deadline for the next issue of the FCN is **Friday, August 25**. Please submit your articles to Kathy at [kkuzasfumccf@gmail.com](mailto:kkuzasfumccf@gmail.com).