



First Church NEWS

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

WORSHIP

Sunday, September 3

9:30 - Pastor Howard Pippin preaching

Sunday, September 10 - Rally Day

8:30 & 10:30 - Pastor Jon Priebe
preaching



SEPTEMBER 10

Join us for the start of our new worship schedule! There will be communion at the 8:30 service, followed by Sunday School and Confirmation for all ages at 9:30. Then there will be a second service at 10:30. Both the Epworth and Chancel Choirs will sing at the 10:30 service. There will be a Blessing of the Backpacks, recognition of Sunday School teachers, and presentation of Bibles to our 2nd graders. We are definitely “Doing Life Together!”

Morning Activities

Children

Infants and Toddlers to age 3 Room 238

9:30 a.m./10:30 a.m.

Preschool - Kindergarten Room 203

9:30 a.m./10:30 a.m.

Elementary

9:30 a.m.

1st - 3rd grades Room 108

4th - 5th grades Room 104

6th (Pre-Confirmation) Room 107

Children's Worship

(excluding 1st Sunday of the month)

Dismissed from Sanctuary during 10:30 Worship

Service to Asbury Hall (pick-up there)

Doing Life Together

Morning Activities

Youth

Confirmation I Room 112

Confirmation II Room 103

High School/Post High

Youth Lounge - Room 110

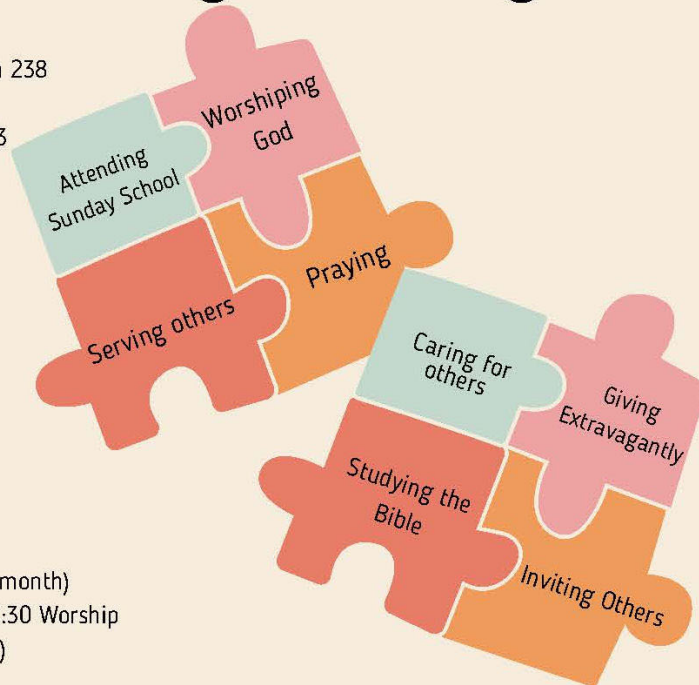
Adults

Aldersgate Room 10

Ambassador Online and Room 326

New Fellowship Room 317

New Wine Library (1st Sunday)



Spiritual Formation



Sunday Evening Activities Regular Schedule

Epworth Youth

- 4:00 p.m. Youth Group
- 5:15 p.m. Dinner – Asbury Hall
- 5:45 p.m. Epworth Choir Room 13
- 7:00 p.m. Epworth Ringers - Bell Rm

Children Preschool to 6th grade

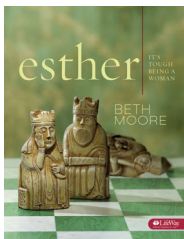
- 4:00 p.m. Children’s Ringers - Rm 9 (Bell Rm)
- 4:30 p.m. Children’s Choirs - Rm 10 & Choir Rm
- 5:15 p.m. Dinner – Wesley Hall
- 5:45 p.m. Activities Presch - 3rd grade - First Floor
- 5:45 p.m. Wesley Youth - 4th – 6th grades - Rm 107
- 7:00 p.m. Pick-up in Breezeway

Adult Spiritual Formation Evening Classes offered as announced

Child-care is available upon request for teachers, participants, and adult classes



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. 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 kku-zasfumccf@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.**

World Communion Sunday

On Sunday, October 1, our neighbors from the other churches on Church Square will join us for worship at 10:30 in the First Church sanctuary. Father Brian Bechtel will be preaching and all our clergy will lead. We had a wonderful service together at the Riverfront in July, so mark your calendar for this ecumenical service!



Are you new to First UMC? Would you like to learn more about our church and

our pastors? We would like to get to know you and help you get to know us better. Please join us for Pizza with the Pastors on September 17th following the 10:30 service. We will meet in Asbury Hall (the basement of the Education building).

We are praying for all of our students, teachers, professors, administrators, and school staff as the new school year begins. If you are a student, teacher, or work in education, please join us for worship with your bag or backpack, for a blessing during worship on **September 10** at the 10:30 service.



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.



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.

Nursery Helpers... We are in need of a few people who will volunteer to work in the nursery during the Sunday School hour and/or on the 5th Sundays of the month.. Please contact Donna Curfman at 330-329-2379 if you are able to help.

Helpers for Elementary Sunday School classes are also needed. There are three groups and all need helpers. No lesson planning is required, just come and assist the teachers. A once-a-month commitment is very helpful if that's all you can offer.

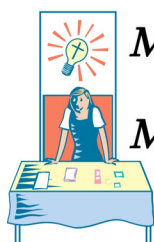
Hospitality Volunteers... Do you enjoy small talk with friends or strangers? Did God's gifts to you include sharing a smile and kindness to others? Do you have a limited amount of time available? If so, we have a wonderful opportunity for you to "go and make disciples of all nations" Matthew 28:19

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. Please let us know if you prefer the early (8:30) or late (10:30) service. Contact Kim Kerr at 330-606-7736 or kdk3rr@gmail.com.



Missions & Ministry Fair, Sunday, September 24 After Both Services

We are blessed with passionate leaders for the missions and ministries throughout First Church. We want YOU to share your passion and get the word out about your mission and/or ministry!



**Missions
and
Ministry
Fair**

The Missions and Ministry Fair on September 24 will be an opportunity to tell First Church what your group does, why you do it, and how they can help.

If you lead a mission or ministry, please join us on Sunday, September 10, in Asbury Hall, after second service, to discuss logistics for this event. If you can't make it and want to learn more, or if you just have questions, contact Jen LaFleur at 330-472-2357.

Hope to see you there!

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Jon Priebe - Lead Minister x211; Howard Pippin - Associate Minister x217; Forrest Waller and Marvin Brown - Senior Ministers Emeriti; Dean Wagner - Director of Music Ministries/Organist x221; Jennifer Brooks - Director of Weekday Preschool x220; Tim Zuschin - Assistant Choir Director; Donna Curfman - Children's Ministry Coordinator x219; Kathy Kuzas x212; Christy Meyers x210; Nancy Yeager x216; Ann Kaiser; John Fox; Joe Demeter



The Gift/Memorial Book is located in the parlor and is open to **Howard McDermott**.

Our Sympathies to **Tom & Cathy Hammonds** and family on the death of their nephew, **Jonathan Miller**, on 7/21; to **Christine Fouser** and family on the death of her brother, **Richard Mains**, on 8/3; to **Gail Kilgore, Karla Hess, Emily Knight, and Adam Kilgore** and family on the death of their husband and father, member **Keith Kilgore**, on 8/27.

Expressions of Thanks: From Mark Appleby...

Thank you for the scholarship and support over all the years. I will attend Kent State this fall and hope to keep in touch with the community here.

From Giavanna Fraley... Thank you for our camp scholarships. We had a lot of fun. I love going to camp and learning more about God and doing all the fun activities. **F**

rom Arianna Fraley... Thank you so much for our

scholarships. I had a blast! We did so many fun activities, like arts and crafts, swimming, water games and many more.

From Kathy Kuzas... Thank you for all of the prayers, thoughts and cards following my surgery. I really appreciated your thoughtfulness!



NewsLetter
DEADLINE

The deadline for the next issue of the FCN is **Friday, September 8**. Please submit your articles to Kathy at kkuzasfumccf@gmail.com.