



First Church NEWS

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

WORSHIP

Sunday, October 8

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

Sunday, October 22

8:30 & 10:30 - Pastor Howard Pippin preaching

Sunday, October 15

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Sunday, October 29

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WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

This past Sunday, we had two beautiful services of worship! At 8:30, we celebrated World Communion Sunday with Pastor Pippin bringing a powerful reminder of the nurturing and barrier-breaking community that Jesus built by giving his earthly body to create a new community, the Body of Christ.

At 10:30, we gathered for worship with all five congregations that worship and serve Christ in the central downtown Cuyahoga Falls area. Six clergy from the five denominations shared in leading worship for over three hundred persons online and in-person. We heard the Gospel read in Nepali and English, Father Brian from the Episcopal Church challenged us to faithfully consider all that we do in light of what Jesus would do. We celebrated communion musically in the service with two choirs, strings and woodwinds, piano and organ!



I want to express gratitude to all the clergy, musicians, singers, tech persons, and to those who were able to join us. If you couldn't be there, check our Facebook and YouTube pages for the video and be prepared to capture a glimpse of heaven!

Blessings,

Jon



Congratulations to Kathy Kuzas on 35 years of service to Christ through First Church in September! We are so grateful for her keen eye, open heart, and watchful care over the office and building (and the Senior Minister!). Please find a time to bless Kathy as we celebrate!

MUSIC

FUN

FOOD

Art Series Concert - Friday, October 6

Red Campion, an ensemble of 4 singers and a pianist, will present a concert at 7 p.m. It will



feature music by Haydn, Purcell, Strauss, and Brahms as well as

selections from musicals such as *State Fair*, *West Side Story*, *Phantom of the Opera* and

Danny Milan on Piano - Friday, October 20

Danny Milan is a familiar face at the piano in our sanctuary. Join us at 7 p.m. for an informal piano recital and enjoy an evening of wonderful music.

NEO5 Brass - Friday, October 27

The NEO5 Brass Quintet consists of members of the Cleveland Orchestra, Cleveland Pops, and the Akron and Canton Symphonies. Enjoy a variety of music from some of the finest brass players around!



Pastor Appreciation Donuts - Sunday, October 8

Join Pastors Priebe and Pippin in Asbury Hall between 9:30 and 10:30 a.m. Have a donut and thank them for all they do for First Church!



Potluck Lunch - Sunday, October 22

Gather with your friends and family after the 2nd service (11:30 a.m.) for a potluck lunch in Wesley Hall. Bring your favorite dish to share! Paper products and drinks will be provided. During the meal Pastor Jon will deliver the State of the Church address followed by our brief Church Conference. Please plan to attend this time of food, fellowship, and conferencing.

Used Book Donations/Sale - November 3 & 4

The United Woman in Faith is having their annual Book Sale fundraiser in Wesley Hall. On sale will be used adult and children's books, puzzles, DVD's, and more. We are looking for donations of these items from October 30 - November 2. Please bring all donations to the church on these dates and come back for the big sale on Friday and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. All profits go to a variety of local and national missions.



Chandelier Repair/Cleaning... Help is needed for the sanctuary chandelier update project on October 12, 13 & 14. We will replace the old sockets, install power-saving LED lights and clean the globes in time for the holidays. Help is needed at any time, but especially on Friday & Saturday.

Thursday (13th from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. - Chandeliers lowered so that globes can be set aside and sockets repaired

Friday (14th, anytime from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.) - to finish socket repair.

Saturday (15th) - Clean the glass globes and crank the chandeliers back up. If you have never seen what is above the sanctuary, now is your chance!



We will supply gloves so that finger oils don't hurt the brass chandelier metal. We will have some tools, but if



All Hallow's Eve will be celebrated by children aged 3 through 6th grade on Sunday evening October 29.

Immediately after music rehearsals at 5:15 p.m. we will share a special festive dinner, followed by games, prizes and treats. It's a good time to invite your friends and families to join us.

To prepare for this event, we need donations of individually-wrapped candies (no peanuts, please) and small prize-type toys. Place them in the bins at the Welcome Center.

Family Promise... Several of our bins are very low again! We have plenty of peanut butter and jelly for the next several months, but are nearly out of ramen noodles (no cups) and Velveeta shells and cheese (no cups.) We make our deliveries on the 15th of the month and we have committed to take the following:



- 10 jars of peanut butter
- 10 jars of jelly
- 120 single packs of ramen noodles
- 30 single packs of Velveeta shells and cheese

We are so grateful for any help you can give. All donations go in the bin labeled for FP which is by the library.

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Would you like to join a friendly group of members on Sunday mornings to meet new people and learn more about the Christian faith? The Aldersgate Sunday School class welcomes new members at any time. They meet every Sunday from 9:30 to 10:15 in Room 10 in the music area and are led by Kathy Adie. Come join us!



United Women in Faith... Susannah Circle is always looking for new members to join their women's group which meets on the second Wednesday of each month from 9:30 to 11:30 in Wesley Hall. Along with fun, fellowship, and prayers, there are a wide variety of programs. Come join us and make new friends.

Acme Receipts... The Acme Cashback program is moving along, 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.



2024 Altar Flowers... We are now taking orders for altar flowers in 2024. The cost is \$40 (please note the change) 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 or Ext. 210.



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The Gift/Memorial Book is located in the parlor and is open to **Myron "Mike" Wilson**.

Our Sympathies to Dee Gartman and family on the death of her mother, member **Joyce Haberkost**, on 8/31; **Judy Jesson** and family on the death of her nephew, **Jeff Juhas**, on 9/2; to **Terri (Rob) Reinhold** and family on the death of her father, **Richard Eberly**, on 9/3; **Andrew Dudek** and family on the death of his wife, member **Inez Dudek**, on 9/15; to **Chris Salladay** and family on the death of her husband, member **Bob Salladay**, on 9/15; to **Marilyn Cochran** and family on the death of her husband, member **Carl Cochran** on 9/24; to **Rachel (Nick) Soboslay** and family on the death of her father, **Jim Timonere** on 9/25.

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.

First Church News... The newsletter is now going to be published once a month. It should arrive at your homes and online the last week of the month so that you have all the information you need for the coming month. All articles should be sent to Kathy Kuzas at kkuzasfumccf@gmail.com by the Friday before the last week. The exact deadline is always published in the current issue (see below.) The calendar on the website and the bulletin will give you information if you are looking between newsletters.

NewsLetter
DEADLINE

The deadline for the next issue of the FCN is **Friday, October 20**. Please submit your articles to Kathy at kkuzasfumccf@gmail.com.