

First Church News

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FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday, July 7 — 10:00 a. m.
“Church Fest” Downtown Amphitheater
Ecumenical Worship & Picnic

Sunday, July 14 — 9:30a.m.
Pastor Howard Pippin preaching



Sunday, July 21 — 9:30 a.m.
Pastor Howard Pippin preaching

Sunday, July 28 — 9:30 a.m.
Pastor Howard Pippin preaching

A NOTE FROM PASTOR JON

At the end of May, we welcomed eleven new members who have completed our new discipleship pathway. I wanted to take a moment to introduce these new folks to you. They are ready to be a part of the good things that God is doing through our congregation. We are grateful that God brought them here!

Lori Kidd: Lori has been attending FC for the past 5 years. She loves the music, singing in the choir, and the warm hearted people here.

Jenny Laconi: Jenny was invited by a FC friend and kept coming. She has been participating in Soup’s On and Women’s Bible Study.

Mark Carson: Mark was led to FC because he has a family connection here. He enjoys ushering and worship, and is looking forward to growing his spiritual connection with God and this congregation.

Anne Jeffcott: Anne, who is new to the area, came to FC after driving by and decided to try the service the next Sunday. She knew she had found her church home. She enjoys the music and worship services.

Lew and Sally King: Lew and Sally both feel like FC was home as soon as they attended. They are looking forward to getting more involved in multicultural ministries and music. They have enjoyed being a part of the New Member Class.

Vic and Evelyn Ing: Were married in the church 54 years ago, so FC has always felt like home. They have been involved with the New Member Class and are looking forward to helping with children’s ministry.

Marjorie Taylor: Marjorie found FC after moving to Cuyahoga Falls from Mentor. She was a part of the New Member Class. She is enjoying the Prayer Shawl ministry, and helping with the book sale.



The Gift/Memorial Book is located in the parlor and is open to **Letitia Youngkin**.

Our Sympathies to member Pat Carano and family on the death of her father, member Robert Vandall on 5/30; to the family of member

Marcia Woods on her death on 5/30.

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 Sarah Neri, call us at 330-923-5241 x212 or email sarahnerifallsumc@gmail.com.



Golf Outing...

Thank you to all who sponsored holes and carts, donated prizes and participated in the Annual Bud Mills Golf Outing benefiting Epworth choir.



NewsLetter DEADLINE

The deadline for the July issue of the FCN is **Thursday, July 18**. Please submit your articles to Sarah Neri at sarahnerifallsumc@gmail.com.

Office Hours

Over the last few years, many of the ways we do business have changed. Payments are more automated, and we are more likely to send an email or order online rather than call or physically go to a place of business. We've seen this in the decrease of calls and foot traffic in our church office. So, we are shortening the hours that the office will be open slightly less this year. This will allow for flexibility in hours while also giving the staff some focused time at the end of the day to complete their work.

Our new hours will be 9:00-3:00, Monday through Friday. If you need to reach the church between 3:00 and 4:30, leave a voicemail and we will return your call as soon as we are able. If you need to access the building try the buzzer, as the custodians are typically in the building later. The church building is open additional hours during the church year, including Saturday morning year-round, but the office will close one hour earlier.

—Pastor Jon

Grief Recovery Bible Study

Pastor Pippin will lead this study on Wednesdays in July at 11:00 a.m. in the church library. Each week the study looks at a different Psalm to guide the group through grief to find God's help in times of sorrow. The book of Psalms, in particular, gives us a picture of real struggles and of God's help in lifting us from our pain. All are welcomed.



All the men of the church and community are invited to gather on the first Saturday of every month for some food, a time for discussion, and lots of fellowship! It runs from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. in Wesley Hall and the next one will take place on **Saturday, July 6.**

Weekday Christian Preschool Registration

Open... We offer a Christian preschool program for children who will be 3, 4, or 5 years old by September 30, 2024. 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. We have both half and full day classes. Please call 330-923-5243 for more information.



July 7th
CHURCH FEST!

Join us for our
Ecumenical Outdoor Worship
@10:00am
at the Downtown Riverfront Amphitheater.

Church Square Garden

The Church Square garden is going on furlough this year for a couple of reasons. After being the 'head' gardener of the garden for the past 7 years, Millie Keyser has decided that she needs to step back and pass it on to another gardener. She and the pastors from First Church and First Christian Church have been discussing a solution for some time but haven't found an answer. We'd like to find someone to take over the garden this summer or next year. In addition to not having a 'head' gardener, some of the raised garden beds have deteriorated and need rebuilt. Because that might not happen until later this summer, we put the garden on a hiatus. If you have any interest in the Church Square garden mission of providing fresh produce to the community, please contact Millie Keyser at 330-414-5357 or the church office.



Vacation Bible School

VBS was held the week of June 17 - 21 and it was an enlightening and fun-filled experience for 50 children. I want to thank everyone who helped make that happen. It's not just the teachers and their helpers, or the guides and shepherds who make sure the groups get to their classes, but it's literally dozens of other people as well who make snacks, help tie-dye shirts, drive on and chaperone our field trips, register and greet parents and children, decorate our spaces, gather our supplies, run errands, take pictures, make our sound system work, handle our finances, provide office support etc. There are more helpers than students, and it's an amazing collaboration of our congregation. Nor can we overlook those of you who took cards from the Giving Board and brought in the items requested and those who made donations and funded scholarships or prayed for our endeavors.

One other group I want to thank are the teens, both the regular members of our program and also the friends that they brought to help. All I had to do was ask and they quickly, efficiently and often creatively complied. It was a delight, and VBS wouldn't have been what it was without them.

This program is another example of the embodiment of our Doing Life Together slogan. Look at what we can accomplish!! Thank you to everyone who had any part in this program.

Donna Curfman



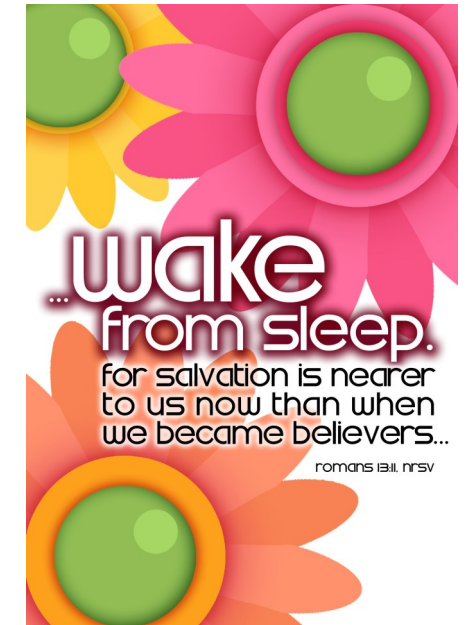
Family Promise: For the next several months, we are collecting laundry detergent PODs and bottles

of all purpose spray cleaner for the families living in Glendora House. If you are able to help us with this, please put your donation in the Family Promise bin by the library.

Good Neighbors: We've received a current "wish list" from Good Neighbors which includes: dish soap, deodorant, laundry soap, shampoo, canned meats, canned fruit, salad dressing, decaf coffee, and ramen noodles. If you are able to supply any of these, please bring them to the bins located by the church library.

College and Technical School Graduates

If you or your child has recently graduated from college or technical school, please contact Christy Meyers at cmeyersfallsumc@gmail.com and list the name, school attended, and degree received. We would like to recognize our graduates in the August issue of the First Church News. Please have your information to Christy by July 18.



Money Counters... Every Monday morning a group of dedicated First church members meet to count the offering from the previous Sunday. They begin at 8:30 a.m. and usually done by 9:30. If you are interested in helping them, please call Dale Gilbert at 330-945-4858.

Paper Bins: The paper bins have been removed. Thank you all who have participated in the recycling program over the years.

Are You Handy? Do you enjoy doing outside chores? We are looking for volunteers to help out with trimming bushes, weeding and anything else that's needed on the grounds (with the exception of mowing & weed-whacking.) We also could use people who could occasionally help with small odd jobs in the building. If you are willing and able to help, please contact Bob Boltz at rboltz@kent.edu. Young