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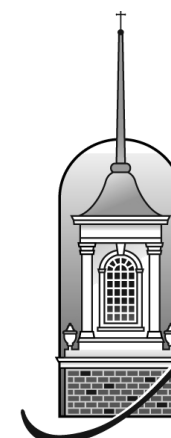
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FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Please join us as we kick-off our Fall schedule of activities.

It's a Tea Party! Please register TODAY!

Our own Betsy Booth will share the story, *Who Sang the First Song?* at the "Daughters In Christ" Tea, Saturday, **September 14, from 2-4pm** here at First UMC. We will share in fellowship, activities for ages 4 and up, tea and goodies. Feel free to invite others. Wear tea party attire if you wish! A love offering will be taken to cover expenses, but you need to register by filling out the online form or contacting Valerie Riedthaler 330-620-9132 or Sue Boltz 330-928-8635. **RSVP by August 31.**



The Gift/Memorial Book is located in the parlor and is open to **Margaret L. Steele.**

Our Sympathies to the families of members Robert "Bob" Green (Nancy) who passed away on July 26, Shirley

Asher (Mayson and Lee Bibler), who passed away on August 14, Donna Turner (Dudley and Lori), who passed away on August 15, and LeeAnn Lloyd and family upon the death of her niece, Debbie on July 21.

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.

The deadline for the October issue of the FCN is
Thursday, September 19.

Newsletter
DEADLINE

FIRST CHURCH Doing Life Together

Sunday, September 8 — 9:30am
Pastor Jon Priebe preaching

Sunday, September 15 — 9:30am
Pastor Jon Priebe preaching

Sunday, September 22 — 9:30am
Pastor Jon Priebe preaching

Sunday, September 29 — 9:30am
Pastor Jon Priebe preaching



SEPTEMBER WORSHIP SCHEDULE



September 8, Join Us for Rally Sunday!

We will begin our fall worship schedule, Sunday School classes resume, and we'll top it off all with a Potluck after our 10:45am service.

8:30am—Early Worship Service with Communion

9:30am—Parent Meeting (preschool-6th grade in Asbury Hall)

9:30am—Sunday School Classes (children-6th grade meet in the Chapel)

10:45am—Worship Service (*Blessing of the Backpacks, **Bible Presentations)

11:45pm—Potluck (bring a dish to share)

*Blessings of the Backpacks: Students and teachers are encouraged to bring in their bags for blessing during the 10:45 service.

**Bible Presentations: If you have a child 2nd grade or older who has not received a bible, please contact Donna Curfman or the office so we can include them in our presentation on Sept. 8.

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 9:30am in Asbury Hall and the next one will take place on **Saturday, September 7.**



MEN'S TIME OUT



R.O.C.K. Begins September 11!

(pre-school-grade 3) (Wesley grade 4-6)

Bells rehearsal will start at 4:30 p.m.

Bethlehem and Wesley Choir rehearsals will start at 5:00 p.m.

ROCK activities will run from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

(Note: Children will be served a small snack, but there will be no dinner served.)

Activities will include a Bible Story and activities, Crafts, Missions, Knitting, Science and more, TBA.

These will vary each week. The complete schedule and special events will be available at the

Parent Meeting on the first night – September 11 at 6:00 p.m.

Epworth Youth

Epworth Youth Fellowship for kids entering grades 7-12, begins Rally Day, **September 8th at 4:00 p.m.** This will be a time of games and organizing for the year. Parents will receive a packet at drop off and will be asked to return forms the following week. A parent meeting will be scheduled at a later date.



Help Raise Funds for the Church Square Christmas Display

Join our friends from the Church Square in a weekly BBQ fundraiser at the *Cruise In!* The funds will be used for Christmas decorations for the Church Square. The First Christian Church has had this fundraiser for years, and has graciously extended this opportunity to the Church Square. Please contact Donna Stockman at 330-836-8500 with questions. Sign up [here](#).

Save your Acme Receipts for Workcamp Crew

The Acme 2024-2025 Cashback Program kicked off on August 1 and your Acme cash register receipts with dates from August 1, 2024 thru February 15, 2025 will be valid. If you have any Acme receipts that show "Community Cashback Earned today" at the very bottom of your receipt, they are eligible for raising funds for our annual mission trip to Henderson Settlement, and truly help offset some of the ever-rising costs of materials that are associated with that mission trip.

Your 2025 workcamp crew will be greatly appreciative if you would save all eligible Community Cashback receipts for this fundraiser. Thanks from your 2025 Henderson Settlement Workcamp crew.



We still have openings! Tell your friends and neighbors! Classes start after Labor Day.

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.



Join Us!

On **Sunday, September 15**, please join our friends on the Church Square for a picnic at noon in our adjoining lawns behind the churches. Food has already been provided on behalf of First UMC. Just bring yourself, your family and friends! Donations will be accepted for our future Christmas décor project for the Church Square.

Community Bulletin Board

Thank you to Kim Kerr for redesigning the bulletin board by the ramp just outside the Preschool area. The bulletin board is available for all to post community events, classes, or local news. Check it out!



"New" Women's Bible Study

This fall, the women's Bible study will begin "All Things New," by Kelly Minter. In this eight week study, we will explore 2nd Corinthians. There are two options – Tuesday evenings at 7:00pm and Wednesday mornings at 10am. Classes will begin on October 1 and 2 and the cost of the book will be \$20. **Please register by September 16** by calling the church office at 330-923-5241, or emailing Kathy Kuzas at kuzmom@att.net.

Multicultural Ministries Event

Join the East Ohio Conference Anti-Racism Team in welcoming John Elford, the author of *Our Hearts Were Strangely Lukewarm: The American Methodist Church and the Struggle with White Supremacy* (the book explores the history of Methodism in the United States and will help our conference understand our past). We will explore our Methodist story and tell our own stories of pain, struggle, and success in standing against racism.



Retelling is the first pillar of our East Ohio Anti-Racism Strategy and invites us into the practice of listening. Exploring our own stories deepens our self-understanding and hearing the stories of others leads to deeper other-understanding. Come and explore the power of story and the story of our own United Methodist struggle with racism.

When: September 21 from 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Where: Ashland First UMC (220 Sandusky St, OH 44805)

The day will consist of fellowship, a plenary sessions with John Elford, table discussion, and a panel discussion. Lunch and light refreshments throughout the day will be provided. **The suggested donation is \$10 per person.** All funds raised beyond the cost of the event will be used for the third anti-racism strategy; repair and reinvestment.

Register at: <https://eastohio-reg.brapp.com/OurHeartsWereStrangelyLukewarm>

Can You Help?

Nursery Attendants... Can you help with infants-age 3? We need volunteers for childcare during the Sunday School hour. Contact Donna Curfman, dcurfmanfallsumc@gmail.com, for more information. Thank you!

High School /Post Class... Sue Boltz is looking for a team teacher for the HS/Post Sunday School class. Please contact Sue at 330-928-8635 if you can help. Thanks!