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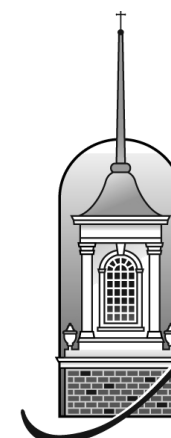
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FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

There are lots of exciting things happening at First Church!

A Note from the Pastor

Thank you for all the prayers and support while I was out on renewal leave over the summer. What a wonderful opportunity to have the time to slow down and focus on learning and growth. I also treasured every extra moment spent with my family. I'm looking forward to a new season with you all here at First Church.

—Pastor Jon



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, October 5.**



MEN'S TIME OUT



The Gift/Memorial Book is located in the parlor and is open to **Wanda W. Brewer.**

Our Sympathies to the families of members **Diane Syfer** who passed away on August 17, **Cathy Poremba** who passed away on September 3, and **Ken Tunstall**, who passed away on September 10.

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.



October Worship Schedule

Sunday, October 6 — 8:30, 10:45am

World Communion Sunday
Pastor Jon Priebe preaching

Sunday, October 13 — 8:30, 10:45am

Pastor Jon Priebe preaching

Sunday, October 20—8:30, 10:45am

Pastor Jon Priebe preaching

Sunday, October 27—8:30, 10:45am

Pastor Howard Pippin preaching

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The deadline for the November issue of the FCN is **Thursday, October 17.**



Pizza with the Pastors

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Are you new to First UMC or know someone who is? Pastor Priebe and Pastor Pippin would like to share a slice with you/them! It's a great chance to meet the clergy, other new people, and know more about the church. Please join us for pizza following the 10:45am service on Sunday, October 20.

M & M Fundraiser Happening Now!

It's time for the annual Epworth Youth fundraiser which helps defer the cost of outreach programs and regular events throughout the year. To participate: 1. take a tube of M&M's, 2. enjoy the contents!, 3. place your donation to the youth program in the tube, 4. label with your name 5. return it to the church by **October 8.**



ALL HALLOW'S EVE

All Hallows Eve

Our annual children's *All Hallows Eve Celebration* will take place on Sunday, October 27 from 5:30-7:30pm. All children through 6th grade are invited! Come dressed in costume if you wish (non-violent costumes, please).

To prepare for this event, we are collecting individually-wrapped candy or small toys to be handed out at the event (please, no candies containing nuts). You may drop off your items at the office or the Welcome Center by October 20. Thank you!

First United Methodist Church Cuyahoga Falls

Art Series Concerts

THE ARTS SERIES FALL CONCERTS 2024



More information about our Arts Series Concerts will be published in the November issue of the FCN.

Saturday, October 19, @7:00pm-Dean Wagner, Organist in Concert

Dean will perform a variety of music including the oldest written piece of music for the organ dating to 1360 AD. Included in the program will be music by David N. Johnson, Sweelinck, Stanley, Hindemith, Purcell, Hovhaness, Langlais, Alain, Bridge, and Boellmann. Chad Wagner will join his father on trumpet!

Saturday, November 16, @5:00pm-The Singer's Company

This highly acclaimed choir is back! Under the direction of Samuel Gordon, come experience their 25th anniversary season, "Discover Awesome." They will be performing "A Thank You Note to the Universe" featuring a special commissioned piece in honor of their anniversary, as well as works by, Gjeilo, Von Kampen, Hagenberg, and Mc Groarty.

Patron Information

We are excited to resume our concert series. You are encouraged to support our efforts to offer free concerts to the community by making your contribution to: First United Methodist Church, c/o Concert Series. Friend: \$5-\$24, Patron: \$25-\$49, Bronze: \$50-\$99, Silver: \$100-\$199, Gold: \$200-299, Platinum: \$300+

October Outing/Donut Sale in November

The Wesley group will have their October outing to Kingsway Farm on Sunday, October 13 from noon-5:00pm. Bring a sack lunch and money to purchase snacks or a pumpkin to take home (if you wish). Questions? RSVP to Katie Priebe 330-819-1165. Also, mark your calendars for the *Annual Donut Sale* on Sunday, November 3 in the Parlor.



October Wishlists

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| Canned Tuna | Canned Chicken | Canned Fruit |
| Deodorant | Dish Soap | Laundry Soap/Detergent |

Items may be dropped off in the Good Neighbors bin outside the Church library. We will collect any donated items and transport them to Good Neighbors. Thank you!

Thanks to your generous donations Family Promise is only in need of dish soap this month. You may place donations in the bin outside the library.



Toddler Time...Tell your friends and neighbors about this new class.

Stories, Songs, & More! A program for 2 year old and their caregivers. This interactive class will feature music, song, plays, stories, art activities, and play. The class will take place on Mondays from 9:30-10:30am October 7-December 16. The cost is \$20/month. Contact the preschool to register. 330-923-5243



Visit our Little Free Library

A big thank you to our church family for "Investing in Literacy" to help us purchase our *Little Free Library*. Your generosity along with your prayers is greatly appreciated. A special thank you to Joe Demeter and Jon Fox for installing the library on the church grounds. Please check it out! —Acts of Grace Circle

Learn to Knit or Crochet

Our fun church ladies would love to teach you how to knit or crochet. We are having a workshop on Saturday, October 19 @1:00pm at the church. All materials will be provided. Please call the church office if you would like to attend the workshop. *The Prayer Shawl Ministry has made over 1,000 shawls since 2005. Be part of this caring, impactful group.*



Dam Removal Information Session

Susannah Circle invites you join them for this special presentation... Do you have any questions about the dam removal underway on the Cuyahoga River? Dr Megan Shaeffer is the cultural resource coordinator for Summit Metro Parks. She is an archeologist and will speak on the history of the Gorge and the dam nearby in Wesley Hall on Wednesday, October 9, @10:30am. Anyone interested is welcome to attend.

Thank you

Thank you for all the thoughts, prayers, cards and comments after my mother Donna passed away. They are greatly appreciated. —Dudley Turner



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BOOK Sale
FOR MISSIONS
FRIDAY & SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26 & 27, 9AM-3PM

Book Sale Donations

Book Sale donations will be accepted on Monday, Oct. 21-24. The sale will be Friday and Saturday, Oct. 25 & 26 from 9am -3pm in Wesley Hall.

Save your Acme Receipts for Workcamp Crew

We need your *Acme Community Cash Back* receipts dated August 1, 2024-February 15, 2025. You can drop off your receipts in the container on the Welcome Center or bring them to the church office. Thanks from your 2025 Henderson Settlement Workcamp crew.



Can You Help?

Phone Visitation Ministry... We are looking for folks to help make phone calls to help check in on our members who are unable to come to church services on a regular basis. We're not asking for in person visitations (unless you want to), just a quick, regularly scheduled chat to help those members continue to feel connected to this congregation. If you're interested in helping with this ministry please contact Pastor Howard Pippin. fallsfirstpippin@gmail.com or 330-923-5241 x217