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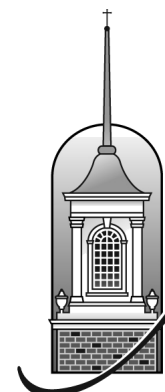
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The Gift/Memorial Book is located in the parlor and is open to **Henry and Flossie Dice**, and **Ruth Weaver**.



Our Sympathies to the family of member, **Mark Blaser**, who passed away on 5/29, the family of **Jerry Pecko**, who passed away on 6/7, the family of member, **Barb Behrman**, who passed away on 6/21, and the family of member, **Bob Theune**, who passed away on 6/23.

Congratulations to Tessa DiTirro & Matt Lawrence on the birth of their son, **Jackson Robert Lawrence** on 6/4. Proud grandparents are Tom & Barb DiTirro.

Send Us Your News... We will be glad to publish (space allowing) milestone birthdays, anniversaries, births and other special news if you send a note to Sarah Neri, 330-923-5241 x212, or sarahnerfallsumc@gmail.com.

The deadline for the **August FCN is Thursday, July 24**. Ideally, any info regarding our Fall schedule should be included in the August issue. Thanks for thinking ahead!

Newsletter DEADLINE

July 6—9:30am
Rev. Pippin, preaching

July 20—9:30am
Rev. Pippin, preaching

July 13—9:30am
Rev. Pippin, preaching

July 27—9:30am
Rev. Pippin, preaching



Discovery Class: August 23 –

Join the Mission of Jesus at First Church

Are you ready to take the next step in your faith journey? On Saturday, August 23, First United Methodist Church will offer a day-long *New Persons Class* from 9:00am to 3:00pm. This class is designed especially for those who are unable to attend the traditional Sunday morning membership series.

Becoming a member at First Church is more than adding your name to a list, it's about joining a movement. Every day, God is at work making the world a better place in and through our congregation, and we believe that every member is called not just to consume ministry, but to contribute to the life-changing work God is doing in our community and beyond.

This class is ideal for anyone who feels ready to move from attending to participating more deeply, from observing to serving. You'll learn more about the United Methodist Church, what we believe, how we serve, and how you can be part of producing the love, justice, healing, and hope that defines our mission. We'll explore the meaning of membership, the vows we make, the ministries of First Church, and the ways you can live out your faith through service, generosity, and worship.

Lunch will be provided.

To sign up or learn more, please contact the church office. We can't wait to welcome you into the family as a part of all God is doing through First Church.

—Pastors, Pippin & Priebe



Dean's Farewell Celebration & Love Offering

Dean Wagner will be leaving his position of Director of Music Ministries and Organist after almost 38 years of service. **His last Sunday will be July 20, 2025**. There will be a reception in his honor that Sunday after worship. We are collecting a Love Offering for Dean and his family leading up to that celebration. You may send your check via mail to the church or place your gift in the offering plate the next several Sundays (please make sure to mark your check "for Dean"). While we are sad to see him go, we are excited for Dean and his family. Please help us to wish him well in his future endeavors.

Men's Time Out

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. Join us for our next gathering, **July 5**.



MEN'S TIME OUT

A warm welcome to our new members!

Amy & Robert Hummel, Colleen & James Bell, Kristy Bell, and Patrick Wells, with Pastors Priebe and Pippin.



First United Methodist Church Cuyahoga Falls



THE ARTS SERIES CONCERTS 2025



Sunday, July 6 @3:00pm--BBWR (Brass Band of the Western Reserve) Patriotic Concert

Formed in 1997, the Brass Band of the Western Reserve is an award-winning British-style brass band performing a wide variety of music at the highest possible standard of performance and, in so doing, creating an enjoyable experience for its audience. The band is able to perform impressively across a wide spectrum of emotions whether the music is quiet and delicate or strong and powerful.



Thank you to all who marched with Church Square in the Memorial Day Parade!

Church Square won a 3rd place "float" award for their efforts.

Montgomery Scholarship Recipient

The Scholarship Committee members here at FUMC are pleased to announce that Chad Wagner has been awarded the *Reid and Roberta Montgomery Scholarship* for the upcoming 2025-2026 school year. Chad will be attending Kent State University. We send our best wishes with Chad as he begins his college education.



Vacation Bible School, Final Update!

Supply Collection Continues

Once again this year we will be collecting supplies for VBS for snacks, crafts, recreation and other activities. The Giving Board with cards for needed items is located in the Breezeway. There have been some new items added and those will be **due by July 6**. Any help you can provide will be greatly appreciated.

Volunteer Information

We could still use some help! Contact Donna for more information. All volunteers for VBS will be having their **Mandatory Training Sessions** on July 2 at 12:30pm or 6:30pm, or on Sunday, July 6 after the morning worship service. If you are unable to attend, please contact Donna Curfman ASAP. **Safe Sanctuaries—many of our volunteers will need to be recertified this year. If you need recertification Donna will notify you soon. Recertification sessions will take place on July 2, and 6 after VBS training.**

Vans/Transportation Help Needed

We are in desperate need of two vans to help with Extreme outings on two afternoons during VBS Week. If you can help drive please contact Donna.

Director of Children's Ministries: Donna Curfman, 923-5241 x 213, dcurfmanfallsumc@gmail.com.



Back to School Supply Collection

Good Neighbors' Annual Back to School Supply Drive is underway. Any items that you donate can be brought in to the bins by the church library. *Wish list: Thick or Thin Markers (10 packs), Glue Sticks, Black, Blue, or Red Pens (Bic 10 packs), Dry Erase Markers, College or Wide-Ruled Filler Paper, College or Wide-Ruled Composition Books.* Or use the QR code to donate towards the purchase of supplies.



Build Dates

First Church will again be participating with Habitat For Humanity of Summit County to build a home this summer. We are one of eleven churches who together form the Common Mission Coalition. Build dates are as follows: Thurs., July 31, Thurs., Sept. 11, Sat., Sept. 27. Contact Kim Kerr with any questions. 923-5241 x 214, kkerrfallsumc@gmail.com



Soup's On

Soup's On will continue in July serving bagged lunches at Good Neighbors in Cuyahoga Falls. We will prepare lunches from 8:30-9:30am on July 22 (a week late due to VBS). We then take lunches to Good Neighbors to hand out from 10:00-2:00pm. If you are interested in participating, contact Kim Kerr at kkerrfallsumc@gmail.com or 330-606-7736.



Weekday Christian Preschool

Registration continues for the 2025-26 school year. We offer a Christian preschool program for children who will be 3, 4, or 5 years old by September 30, 2025. We have both half and full day classes, as well as a Toddler & Caregiver group. Please call 330-923-5243 or visit our website for more information and 2025-26 enrollment forms.