



First Church NEWS

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

APRIL 2026



Join Us for Easter Worship

Sunday, April 5, 2026

9:00am & 11:00am

Grab your friends, neighbors, neighbor's kids (tell them you're taking them first) and bring them to worship with you on Easter Sunday as we celebrate our Risen Lord and Savior! No matter what the weather brings we expect a beautiful time of worship, music, and joy.

Bring a fresh flower to place on our cross on 3rd Street, and encourage the children to visit Asbury Hall between services to build an Easter basket (10:15-10:45).



MEN'S TIME OUT

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All the men are invited to gather on April 4 for some food, a time for discussion, and lots of fellowship! MTO runs from 8:30-9:30am in Asbury Hall.

Golfers Wanted

The church golf league is looking for new players and subs. The league plays Wednesdays at 4:30 at Fox Den Golf Course in Stow. If you have interest or questions, please contact Jim Boss 330-697-7446.



Teacher Appreciation



On Sunday, April 19 our congregation will honor the amazing team that leads our Education Programs. From children, youth, and adult Sunday School classes to ROCK, these volunteers provide people of all ages the opportunity to get connected with Jesus.

We will honor the team during the service and you will have the opportunity to thank our volunteers with a meaningful message. We look forward to celebrating with you!

Weekday Christian Preschool



Registration is open for 2026-27 school year! Tell your friends and neighbors about our wonderful preschool with caring, dedicated teachers. Word of mouth is the best way to grow our program. Please contact Jennifer Brooks, Director, at 330-923-5243 for more information or to schedule a tour. You may also contact the church office for a registration packet.



First Church Feeds April Collection

FCF is collecting adult-sized disposable underwear and dish soap for the month of April. Donations can be brought in to the boxes by the church Library. Thank you for supporting First Church Feeds!

Daughters in Christ Tea

Celebrate another *Daughters in Christ Tea*. Save the date - May 9, 2026, from 2-4pm. Rev. Susan Lausch will share *Stories of Faith and Teacups*. There will be activities for girls 4-10, mission sharing, and of course tea and goodies. More details to come!



Montgomery Scholarship Applicants

Applications for the Reid and Roberta Montgomery Scholarship may be picked up at the main office Monday-Friday from 9:00am-3:00pm, or contact Christy Meyers at cmeyersfallumc@gmail.com. The deadline for returning the application is Monday, May 4. An applicant must be a member of First Church and a high school graduate planning to be enrolled in college or technical school this coming fall for the 2026-2027 school year.



Work Camp 2026

Work Camp '26: Mark your calendars for Work Camp June 7-13 at the Henderson Settlement in Frakes, KY. Teens and adults who are willing to do service through hard work are encouraged to sign-up. Any questions can be directed to Jack Steele 330-697-8344.

Christian Education

Vacation Bible School- June 22-26. Register starting April 6.

Use the QR code, or go to fumccf.mycokesburyvbs.com.

VBS runs from 9am-Noon, the cost is \$15.

For: ages 3-6th grade.

VBS Extreme, our extended program, runs from Noon-5:00pm and includes field trips, and other engaging activities.

For: 1st-6th grade. The cost is \$100.

There are scholarships available. Contact Donna for more information.

We are looking for volunteers to help with this program.

Teens and adults are welcome. Contact Donna to secure your spot!

Chess Camp-July 6-10, 9:00am-Noon. Registration opens April 20.

For beginners and experienced players, ages K and up. The cost is \$25 and includes chess-themed snacks, a t-shirt, and a tournament.

Register via the QR code, or the brochure at the Welcome Center.



Register VBS



CHESS CAMP

Register for Summer Camp (Aldersgate, Asbury, Wanake) Registration is now open! See the brochures at the Welcome Center for information about camp dates/themes. Register by April 15 for a \$25 credit from East Ohio Conference. Additional \$300 scholarships are available for applicants from our congregation.

For questions about our programs contact Donna Curfman dcurfmanfallsumc@gmail.com 330-923-5241 x 213.



Including works by Rutter, Brahms, Schubert, Mozart, Fauré and others.
WORLD PREMIERE performance of "Everyone Sang" by Eric Charnofsky

Sunday, April 19, 2026 4:00 p.m. St. Sebastian Church 476 Mull Ave. Akron, Ohio 44320	Sunday, May 17, 2026 3:00 p.m. First United Methodist Church 245 Portage Trail Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio 44221
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"Everyone Sang" by Eric Charnofsky

Everyone Sang is a composition for SATB choir, solo soprano, cello, and piano. The piece draws on two poems, one by the 19th century American poet Alice Cary, titled "Music," and the other by the 20th century English poet Siegfried Sassoon, titled "Everyone Sang." I've divided the piece

into three segments; the first treats the Cary poem and features the choir expressing the impact of music and how it permeates our culture and natural world. The middle section features the solo soprano with piano, an intimate setting of the Sassoon poem about music lifting humanity out of bleakness and into freedom. Finally, the third section interweaves the two poems and the settings from the first two sections, bringing a sense of unity. A bell-like chord in the piano rings 25 times at the end, signaling the silver anniversary of Master Singers Chorale. I am grateful for this opportunity to fill this commission in celebration of the Master Singers Chorale of Northeast Ohio, and I greatly look forward to the world premiere performances of *Everyone Sang*.



Our Epworth Home Concert is Sunday, April 12 @4pm. Come and support our talented youth!



Singer's Company will host their free spring concert here on Wednesday, April 29 @7:30pm.



A Note About First Church News...

Part of our job here at First Church is to access and adapt to new ways of doing things. Sometimes we are forced to make changes we didn't want to make! Microsoft Publisher is being discontinued later this year and we need to rethink the way we create the FCN. This gives us an opportunity to make improvements and adjustments to the way we deliver the news. It's important to us that we find a solution that works for everyone, and we value your input. Would you take a moment to fill out the following survey to help us make the best decision moving forward? You can fill out and return the form below by putting it in the Drop Box in the Breezeway, returning it in the mail, or scanning the QR code to fill out the survey electronically. *Please choose the ONE statement that fits you best at this time. Don't forget your name and updated email (if applicable). Thank you!*



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- I would like my *FCN Monthly* **PRINTED**, and I am willing to pick it up at **church** on Sundays, or during office hours.
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The Gift/Memorial Book is located in the parlor and is open to **Elizabeth Bonjour** and **Julie Sharp Seck**.

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 sarahnerifallsumc@gmail.com.

Newsletter
DEADLINE

The deadline for the **May FCN** is **Thursday, April 23**.

On March 19 we delivered 45 backpacks filled with food to Preston Elementary for students in need over spring break. Thank you to all who donated food, money, and time to provide for this ministry. Thank you to the ROCK kids for packing, and the volunteers for delivering the bags. We are grateful for your generosity!

thank you



April 5—9:00am & 11:00am
Easter Sunday/Communion Sunday

April 19—8:30am & 10:45am

April 12— 8:30am & 10:45am
UWIF Women's Sunday

April 26—8:30am & 10:45am