



First Church NEWS

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

MAY 2026



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Bring a Friend Sunday

Bring a friend to check out summer choir & summer worship!
Summer choir is a great way to explore choir with just one rehearsal Sunday mornings at 9am

JOIN US FOR SOME STRAWBERRY SHORTCAKE AFTER WORSHIP!



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.

Panda Express Fundraiser

Mark your calendars for **Monday, May 4** for a fundraiser benefitting Work Camp! Simply order online from 10-9:30pm with code 3859484, or bring the paper [flyer](#) to order in person (can also be found at the Welcome Center), and Work Camp will receive 20% of sales. Thanks for your support!



Summer Bible Study

Join us for Summer Sunday Bible Study (start date TBD) after the 9:30 service. Jerry Killian will lead the study, focusing on "**The Commandments of Jesus – The Essence of Discipleship.**" More details to come!

John 15:10a - "If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love."



First Church Feeds April Collection

FCF is collecting deodorant, feminine hygiene products, and cleaning sprays/wipes for the month of May. Donations can be brought in to the boxes by the church Library. Thank you for supporting First Church Feeds!

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.



Royal Family Kids' Camp

We are again this year providing the Birthday Celebration for the campers at The Royal Family Kids' Camp on **June 1**. This camp provides a week of activities for area foster children. We could use some volunteers to help us serve and prepare this event, as well as donations to help underwrite the cost. If you are able to help or donate, please contact Donna Curfman. Thank you!

Christian Education

Vacation Bible School- June 22-26. Register TODAY!

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

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

For: ages 3 (by 9/30/26) through 6th grade.

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

For: Ages 4 (by 9/30/26) through 6th grade. The cost is \$100.

Spaces are limited, register today!

There are partial scholarships available. Contact Donna for more information.

Volunteers Needed: We are still looking for volunteers to help with this program.

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

Mandatory trainings for volunteers will be June 3 @12:30 or 6:30pm.

The make-up time will be June 7, after worship.

Chess Camp-July 6-10, 9:00am-Noon. Register TODAY!

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

Giving Board: We'll be asking for donations of supplies for VBS, Chess Camp, and Royal Family Kids Camp during the month of May. Check the Giving Board for items needed. Thank you!

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

Summit Bells

We hope you'll join us on **May 4 @7:00pm** for this concert. *Summit Bells* is a nonprofit community handbell ensemble. It's highly skilled ringers love to play challenging music of all styles and to explore the many techniques that are unique to handbell ringing. A free-will offering will be collected.

A logo for the Master Singers Chorale's 25th anniversary. It features the text "MASTER Singers Chorale OF NORTHEAST OHIO" and "25th ANNIVERSARY" in a stylized font. The background is dark blue with golden and light blue circular patterns.

Sunday, May 17, 2026
3:00 p.m.
First United Methodist Church

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

Master Singers Chorale

We hope you'll join us on **May 17 @3:00pm** for this special concert featuring a special piece by our own Eric Charnofsky! The concert is open for all to attend. A free-will offering will be collected.

First Friday Picnic

Join us at Water Works park for a potluck cookout on **Friday, June 5**, beginning at 5:00pm! We'll provide hotdogs, plates, and drinks, you provide sides and desserts. We're looking forward to this summer fellowship opportunity.



A Note About First Church News...

We will continue to accept responses through the end of May. No changes are planned at this time. We are trying to gauge response, so we can make the best decisions moving forward.

Would you take a moment to fill out the following survey if you haven't already? 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 to receive my *FCN Monthly* via **USPS MAIL** (I do not have email, a smart phone, or a computer).
- I would like my *FCN Monthly* **PRINTED**, and I am willing to pick it up at **church** on Sundays, or during office hours.
- I no longer read the *FCN Monthly* and would like to be **REMOVED** from the mailing list.

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The Gift/Memorial Book is located in the parlor and is open to **Glenna Kelsey Snyder and Wilfred Arthur**.

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 **June FCN** is **Thursday, May 21**.

Per tradition bring in a red geranium on **Sunday, May 24** before 9:30am, and place it on the Chancel. Plants will be used to decorate the Sanctuary for Pentecost and then planted outside to beautify the church grounds.



May 3—8:30am & 10:45am
Confirmation & Communion Sunday

May 10— 8:30am & 10:45am
Mother's Day

Rev. Priebe preaching: 5/10, 5/24, 5/31
Rev. Pippin preaching: 5/3, 5/17

May 17—8:30am & 10:45am
Senior Sunday

May 24—*9:30am one service
Pentecost & New Members

May 31—9:30am
Bring a Friend Sunday

*switch to summer hours