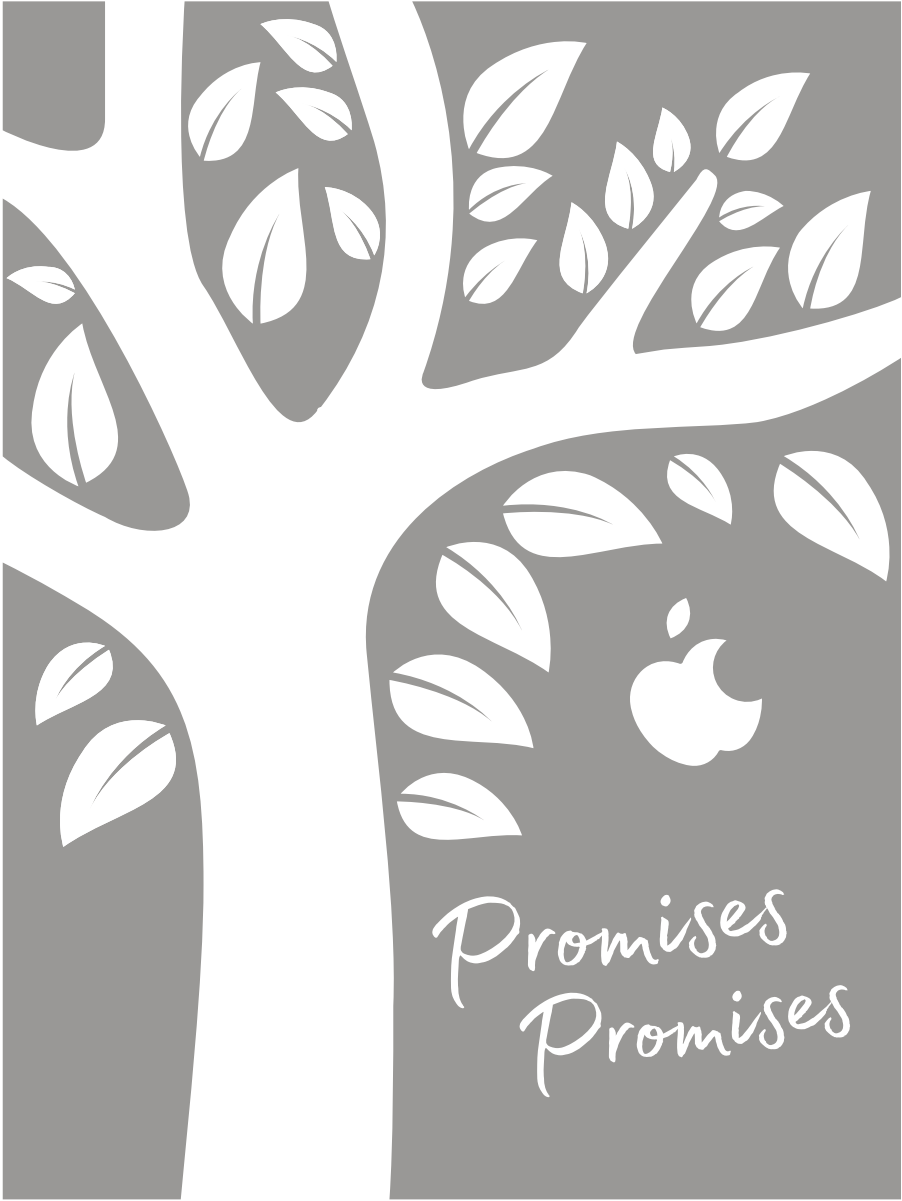


First United Methodist Church Cuyahoga Falls



Welcome to Worship and Live Streaming @9:30am

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

9:30am

June 28, 2026

GATHERING

The people of God come together in the Lord's name.

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude--Service Prelude in F--John Pyke Hullah

Call to Worship--

Praise the Lord, all you nations!

Praise the Lord all you peoples!

For great is his steadfast love towards us.

and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.

Opening Hymn596**--*Blessed Jesus at Thy Word*

Invocation (please be seated)--

God of Abraham and Sarah, you called them from their day to day life and promised to make them a blessing to the nations. Call us now, in the midst of our own lives, to trust your promises more than our abilities, and your future more than our fear. Bless us not as an end in ourselves, but as vessels of your grace for the sake of the world you love. Make our lives a sign of your covenant faithfulness, that through us others may glimpse your goodness and know your name, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

PROCLAMATION

The Word of God is read and proclaimed for all ages.

Scripture Reading--Genesis 12:1-9

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem--*Simple Praise*--Craig Courtney

Summer Choir

God's Word for Young Disciples-- (congregation sings "Jesus Loves Me" as the children come forward)

Vacation Bible School Presentation--*Snowball Mountain Challenge*

Sermon--“Promises, Promises: Blessed to Be a Blessing”

Pastor Jon Priebe

RESPONSE

The People respond to the Word

*Hymn of Response **102--Now Thank We All Our God*

Discipleship Moment

Offertory--Christ Jesus Who Maketh Us Glad--Marcel Dupré

*Doxology***

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

Prayers of the People/The Lord’s Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come,
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the
kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Communion (Hymnal p. 13)

SENDING FORTH

The people of God are sent forth to serve others and witness to their faith.

*Closing Hymn **436--The Voice of God Is Calling*

*Benediction **666--Shalom to You*

*Shalom to You now, shalom, my friends. May God’s full mercies bless you, my friends.
In all your living and through your loving, Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.*

Postlude--Praise the Lord Ye Heavens Adore Him--Lorraine Forsdick

The flowers on the altar this morning are dedicated to the glory of God.

Music--One License A-731491

***indicates please stand as you are able*

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The fastest way to contact us is to call the church office. After hours voicemails come through to the church staff.



HYMN LYRICS

OPENING HYMN

#596 At Thy Word

1. Blessed Jesus, at thy word
we are gathered all to hear thee;
let our hearts and souls be stirred
now to seek and love and fear thee,
by thy teachings sweet and holy,
drawn from earth to love thee soley.

2. All our knowledge, sense, and
sight
lie in deepest darkness shrouded,
till thy spirit breaks our night
with the beams of truth unclouded.
Thou alone to God canst win us;
thou must work all good within us.

3. Glorious Lord, thyself impart!
Light of light, from God proceeding,
open thou our ears and heart;
help us by thy spirit's pleading;
hear the cry thy people raises;
hear, and bless our prayers and
praises.

HYMN OF RESPONSE

#102 Now Thank We All Our God

1. 1. Now thank we all our God,
with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done,
in whom this world rejoices;
who from our mothers' arms
has blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.

2. O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us;
and keep us still in grace,
and guide us when perplexed;
and free us from all ills,
in this world and the next.

3. All praise and thanks to God
the Father now be given;
the Son, and him who reigns
with them in highest heaven;
the one eternal God,
whom earth and heaven adore;
for thus it was, is now,
and shall be evermore.

CLOSING HYMN

#436 The Voice of God Is Calling

1. The voice of God is calling
its summons in our day;
Isaiah heard in Zion,
and we now hear God say:
"Whom shall I send to succor
my people in their need?
Whom shall I send to loosen
the bonds of shame and greed?

2. "I hear my people crying
in slum and mine and mill;
no field or mart is silent,
no city street is still.
I see my people falling
in darkness and despair.
Whom shall I send to shatter
the fetters which they bear?"

3. We heed, O Lord, your
summons,
and answer: Here are we!
Send us upon your errand,
let us your servants be.
Our strength is dust and ashes,
our years a passing hour;
but you can use our weakness
to magnify your power.

4. From ease and plenty save us;
from pride of place absolve;
purge us of low desire;
lift us to high resolve;
take us, and make us holy;
teach us your will and way.
Speak, and behold! we answer;
command, and we obey!

BENEDICTION

#666 Shalom to You

Shalom to You now, shalom, my friends.
May God's full mercies bless you, my friends.

In all your living and through your loving,
Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.

CHURCH NOTES 6-28-26

Nursery Help Needed: We are in need of adult help in the nursery on Sunday mornings from now through the end of September. Volunteers are welcome to sign up for any combination of Sundays. We encourage parents who are using the service to help at least one time during this period. Contact Donna Curfman if you would like more information, or would like to help.

Summer Bible Study: Our summer study resumes today after worship.

Family Promise Items Needed: The following items are needed for Family Promise each month. Can you help? Items can be brought in to the boxes by the church Library. Thank you for supporting this ministry.

- Ramen noodles, not in cups. 10 needed each month.
- Velveeta mac and cheese boxes. 30 each month.
- Peanut butter 10 needed for a month. Jelly/jam 10 needed for a month.

New Members Classes: We invite everyone interested in learning more about First Church, getting to know our pastors, or joining the church as members, to attend our upcoming sessions. Please sign up for one session with Pastor Pippin and one session with Pastor Jon, held after summer worship in the Parlor. See the *Welcome Center* or call the office to sign up.

Session 1: Spiritual Foundation (July 12, 19, or 26)
Led by Pastor Pippin, covering the "Disciple Like Jesus" book and spiritual gifts.

Session 2: Heritage & History (August 16, 23, or 30)
Led by Pastor Jon, covering Wesley, UMC history, and the story of First Church.

A Call for Submissions: First Church is seeking submissions for our first art show "*Healing through the Human Experience*" as part of our Fall Art Series. Please share with your artist friends. The show will run from October-January with events and concerts throughout the exhibition. Contact Marie Willis-Guarneri for more information. Submissions are due by August 23.

FODDER

Where Are We Going?

vs. 1 – “Go to... where I will show you”

vs. 2 – God’s promises are not fulfilled on our schedule

It’s Not About You

vs. 2 – God’s blesses us not for ourselves, but to be a blessing to others

There is great joy in seeing what God’s love will do through us when we say yes

Questions for Reflection: What blessings has God entrusted to you? How might God have blessed you in ways that can help our church become a greater blessing to our community?

Questions for Discussion: Have you ever made a major decision without knowing exactly how things would turn out?

Memory Verse: **Genesis 12:2** – “I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing.”

Readings for this Week: Genesis 15:1-7, Deuteronomy 15:7-11, Ephesians 2:7-10



SAVE THE DATE

20TH ANNUAL BUD MILLS MEMORIAL GOLF OUTING
SEPTEMBER 19 | FOX DEN GOLF COURSE

CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS



First United Methodist Church is seeking artwork for an exhibition titled: **Healing Through the Human Experience**. Artists are encouraged to submit reflections on healing. This exhibition is open to all in the community. Please submit only human-made artworks (no ai)

Entry deadline: August 23, 2026
Show: October 2-January 2027.

All ages welcome. Gallery will be open to the public during regular office hours daily. In conjunction with the show, special performances and events will be held throughout the exhibition.

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We lift up soccer fans.

In our greater world:

We pray for peace.

Our sympathy & Prayers:

From our Congregation:

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Joanne Ames
Debbie Amundsen
Rick Amundsen
Dorothy Bates
Janet Blank
Suzanne Callahan
Marge Crabtree
Gabe & Rima Elissa
John Gullion
Kim Haftl
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