



First Church NEWS

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A Note from the Pastor, Join Us for Church Fest, June 21

On Sunday, June 21 at 10:30 a.m., our congregation is gathering with our neighbors to worship along the riverfront at the amphitheater in downtown Cuyahoga Falls.

Long before churches had names, denominations, or different traditions, we were one people gathered around Christ. This service is a chance to remember that deeper identity.

The Riverfront Ecumenical Service brings together Christians from half a dozen traditions for worship, prayer, and fellowship. Not because we are the same, but in our diversity we worship the same Lord and share the same mission of Jesus Christ.

There is also something important about being seen together. Our community and country see so much conflict, division, and disagreement. This service gives us an opportunity to offer another witness that shows Christians can still pray together, serve together, and care for one another. We want our neighbors to see that faith can build bridges over the small things that try to separate us and that the Church is still a force for unity, hope, and love.

When we know one another, worship with one another, and eat together, it becomes easier to work together for the good of our community. Following worship, we invite everyone to stay and enjoy the day together. A coffee truck and ice cream truck will be on site, and a catered lunch will be provided so that fellowship can continue beyond the service.

If walking from the downtown parking to the amphitheater may be difficult, a shuttle will be available from the First United Methodist Church parking lots to the amphitheater.

Bring a friend and join us for this witness to Christian unity!

—Pastor Jon



MEN'S TIME OUT

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All the men are invited to gather on June 6 for some food, a time for discussion, and lots of fellowship! MTO runs from 8:30-9:30am in Asbury Hall.



Scholarship Recipients

The Scholarship Committee members are pleased to announce that Eliote Barker, Brayden Carpenter, Dylan Carpenter, Dominic Dunlap, Nehemiah Priebe, and Katie Walker have all been awarded a Reid & Roberta Montgomery Scholarship for the upcoming 2026-2027 school year! Our best wishes to our graduates as they begin their college educations.

Summer Bible Study

Join us for Summer Sunday Bible Study, starting June 14 after the 9:30 service. Jerry Killian will lead the study, focusing on "The Commandments of Jesus – The Essence of Discipleship." See the sign-up at the Welcome Center.



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



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, tableware, and drinks, you provide sides and desserts. We're looking forward to this summer fellowship opportunity.

Christian Education

If you're planning on sending your kids to VBS or Chess Camp please register TODAY, so we can plan accordingly. Thank you!

Vacation Bible School- June 22-26.

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, combined. *Spaces are limited, register today!*

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

Volunteers Info: We are still looking for volunteers. We need a leader for elementary crafts, and recreation/games, 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: The board is up with donation requests. If you can help please take a slip, purchase the items, and return the items to the Breezeway by June 14. Thank you!

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

New Member Introduction

Please give a warm welcome to our newest members! **Karyn and Simon Anderson** transferred here from Grandview UMC. They started attending for the youth program and stayed connected. They enjoy worship and bible study. **Melanie and Stu Chaney** transferred from Peninsula UMC. They enjoy the kids, youth, and adult music programs. They feel God's presence here, and appreciate the community outreach and ecumenical Church Square project. Finally, **Ruthie Wheeler** comes to us from Wedgewood UMC. She loves the traditional worship service, the music program, and singing in the choir. We hope you'll introduce yourselves (if you haven't already) and get them further connected and settled into this body of Christ.



FCN Survey Results

Thank you to everyone who filled out and sent in the survey regarding the FCN. We appreciate your feedback. We are compiling the results and will keep you informed about any changes moving forward.

Calling ALL Graduates

If you or your child has graduated from **college or technical school**, please contact Christy Meyers at cmeyers@firstchurchfc.com or Ext. 210 with the name, school attended, and degree received. We'll announce our adult graduates in the August issue of *First Church News*. The deadline for publication is July 24.



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.

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Jon Priebe - Lead Minister x211; Howard Pippin - Associate Minister x217; Marvin Brown - Senior Minister Emeritus; Marie Willis - Director of Music & Worship x221; Eric Charnofsky - Organist & Accompanist; Jennifer Brooks - Director of Weekday Preschool x220; Donna Curfman - Children's Ministry Coordinator x213; Christy Meyers - Receptionist x210; Nancy Yeager - Finance x216; Sarah Neri - Publishing x212; Kim Kerr - Calendar x214; Ann Kaiser - Kitchen Manager; Joe Demeter & Greg Guarneri - Custodians

The Gift/Memorial Book is located in the parlor and is open to **Frances Weil** and **V. Isabelle Leasure Lindsley**



Congratulations to **Ben Koch** and **Kelly Robillard** who were married in Charleston, SC, on April 11.

Congratulations to **Ashley Rose** (Youngkin) and **Benjamin Luecke** on the baptism of their daughter, **Claire Ann Renee Luecke**, on April 15.

Thank you for your love, prayers, texts, phone calls, and cards. Losing a father is never easy, and I am blessed to have an awesome church family to support me through this time. With love, **Valerie Riedthaler**.

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 **July FCN** is **Wednesday, June 18**



June 7—9:30am

June 14— 9:30am

Bible Study begins after worship.

Rev. Priebe preaching: June 7, 28,

Rev. Pippin preaching: June 14

Communion will be served every Sunday this summer.

June 21—10:30am, Father's Day

Church Fest, Downtown CF

No worship in the building this day.

June 28—9:30am

Bible School Sunday