



First Church NEWS

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
OCTOBER 2026

A Note From the Pastors

BISHOP'S VISIT/RALLY DAY

We had a successful Rally Day, Sunday, September 13. Bishop Hee-Soo Jung delivered the message at both services, helped bless backpacks for the children, had a meet-n-greet with the Pastor's Sunday School class and our staff, and he attended the Church Square Picnic. Chancel and Epworth Choirs resumed singing in worship and we welcomed 8 new members! What a special day!



Welcome New Members: Steve Hilton, Will Fenton-Jones, Brandon Mackey, Valyrie Phillips, Janet Riedthaler, Matt Rice, Aaron Shepherd, Joseph Underwood.

MEN'S TIME OUT

All men of the church and community are invited to join us **Saturday, October 3** for some food, a time for discussion, and lots of fellowship! MTO runs from 8:30-9:30am in Asbury Hall the first Saturday of each month.



**WORLD
COMMUNION
SUNDAY**
OCTOBER 4

Our ecumenical worship service will take place @10:00am
at St. Luke's ELCA, 2121 6th Street

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

Sunday, October 4 at 10:00am we will gather for our Ecumenical Community Worship at St. Luke's Lutheran ELCA (2121 6th Street 44221) to join with Christians around the world in celebrating Holy Communion, remembering that we are one in Christ, no matter our background, language, or culture. We hope you'll join us! *Note: we will not have a worship service in the building that Sunday.*



ART SERIES

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

We are very excited to launch our revamped Arts Series which includes a Fall exhibition, new concerts, and interactive community activities, in partnership with the City of Cuyahoga Falls Parks and Recreation! We hope you'll join us for the opening night of our gallery on October 2 in the Parlor. See below for more information. Scan the QR code or visit firstchurchcf.com/arts-series-2. Please share our events with your friends and neighbors!

October 2, 6:30-8:30pm | Opening Night in Parlor Join us for our opening of "*Healing through the Human Experience*." Enjoy music from a jazz combo, meet the artists and explore their healing works of art. The gallery will be open during office hours daily M-F from 9-4 and Sunday mornings before and after our 8:30am and 10:45am worship services.

October 13, 9-9:55am | Tai Chi in Parlor Tai Chi is for health, balance and strength. Space is limited; registration is required. Call CF Parks & Rec 330.971.8225 or click [here](#) to sign up.

October 20, 11-Noon | American Standard Songbook in Wesley Hall From Gershwin to Porter, remember old favorites & unforgettable standards. The healing power of music is tied with memories of songs from the past.

November 4, 11-Noon | Healing Through Relationships in Parlor Lessons from remarkable couples whose love, resilience and commitment helped them overcome life's challenges and offer lessons in healing, hope and the enduring strength of the human spirit.

November 20, 6:30-7:30pm | Poetry Night in Parlor Join featured poets Duane Dodson and Karen Dodson as they share their poetry followed by an open mic for all poets and poetry lovers. To sign up, email Marie Willis-Guarneri: fallsfirstmarie@gmail.com

WESLEY YOUTH OUTING

Our October activity for youth 5th-8th grades will be a visit to Kingsway Pumpkin Farm in Hartville on Saturday, **October 10, 10am-1:00pm**. Details will be released to Wesley parents soon. Contact Kattie Priebe 330-819-1165 for more information about Wesley Youth.



ACTS OF GRACE DEVOTIONAL

Acts of Grace Circle is collecting and creating a book of devotions written about your favorite hymns. All are welcome to submit a favorite hymn along with a short (approx. 200 words) explanation of why this hymn is special to you. This will be printed along with the lyrics. Packets with complete details are at the Welcome Center. Submissions are due by November 1. We hope you'll consider participating!

Christian Education News

Annual All Hallows Eve Event
October 25, 2026, 4:00-5:30pm

Games, story and activities with a snack supper for all at 5:15 p.m.
All children and youth of all ages are invited to participate. Bring a friend!
Costumes are encouraged (please no violent or otherwise inappropriate costumes).

For any questions regarding children's programming please contact: Donna Curfman,
dcurfmanfallsumc@gmail.com or 330-923-5241 x213



Epworth M&M Fundraiser



How this fundraiser works:

1. Enjoy your M & M's
2. Fill the empty container with a *check, cash, or coins
3. Write your name on the label and return it to church by October 18

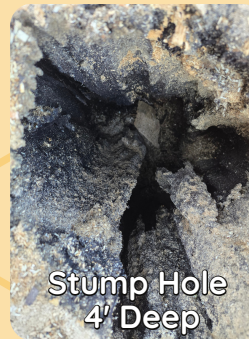
Your donation helps to support Epworth Youth Events, Missions, & Youth Sponsored Outreach to the community.

*Checks should be made out to First United Methodist Church, with M&M fundraiser in the memo line. Thank you for your support!

TODDLER TIME CLASS

Weekday Christian Preschool will once again be offering a FREE Toddler Time class Mondays 9:15-10:30am, beginning October 5. This class is for ages 18 months-2 years old with caregiver. Stories, songs, art, & more! Call Jennifer Brooks at 330-923-5243 to register. Please share with your friends and neighbors. It's a great way to introduce our preschool to the greater community.

Toddler Time
Stories, Songs & More!



HACKBERRY TREE

As many of you know the well-loved tree in front of the building lost a large limb that took out the electric and internet to Church Square on July 28. After having several tree companies inspect the damage, it was recommended that the tree be cut down. The tree was removed carefully by Davey Tree on August 26. They found the interior had been home to honey bees for many years, and the entire trunk, stump, and many feet underground was hollowed out and filled with old honeycombs. While we're sad to see it go, we are grateful that we avoided disaster, and that the tree we loved nurtured the honey bees that pollinated our plants for many years.



FIRST CHURCH FEEDS

FCF is collecting baby wipes, baby food (pouches and jars), and dish soap for the month of October. Any items can be brought in and placed in the bins by the church library. Thank you!



FAMILY PROMISE

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

- 17 Ramen noodles, not in cups.
- 37 Velveeta (or similar type) mac and cheese boxes.
- 17 Jars Peanut butter and 17 Jars Jelly/jam

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The Gift/Memorial Book is located in the parlor and is open to Michael W. Scott and Robert Grumbach.

Our Deepest Sympathies to the families of Laurie Ann Snyder (Ruthie Wheeler's sister), who passed away on 9/2, Cora Mae Garner (Sam Garner's mother), who passed away on 8/24, and Paula Hannum, who passed on 8/22.

Congratulations to Xander Bowling, grandson of member, Charlotte Bowling, who started his first semester at Moody Bible College.

A heartfelt "Thank You" from Janet and Fred Dodson for the cards, well wishes, and reception (Aug. 30) in honor and celebration of their 70th wedding anniversary.

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.



The deadline for the November FCN is Thursday, October 22.

October 4-World Communion Sunday

Worship @St. Luke's Lutheran at 10:00am

Note: No service here that day

October 11-8:30 & 10:45am

October 18--8:30 & 10:45am

October 25-8:30 & 10:45am

Pastor Pippin will be preaching 10/11, 10/25, with a guest speaker filling the pulpit on 10/18.

