



First Church NEWS

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

WORSHIP

Sunday, October 13

Pastor Jon Priebe preaching

8:15 a.m.

10:15 a.m.

Epworth & Wesley Choirs

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10:15 a.m.

Chancel & Bethlehem Choirs

Nursery/Preschool care all morning.

9 a.m. Sunday School/Confirmation.

Children's Worship at 10:15 a.m.

for K-4th

FAMILY MISSIONS WORKOUT

Each month the Spiritual Formation Ministry invites members of the congregation to become the hands and feet of Jesus in vital local, regional and global mission projects. This month's focus is items for Personal Dignity Kits which will be distributed by UMCOR (United Methodist Committee On Relief) to those in the Bahamas who were affected by Hurricane Dorian.

STEP with Jesus reaching out to make a difference - by praying for the families impacted by Hurricane Dorian.

WALK with Jesus by touch lives in a more personal way - by bringing in one or more of the listed items by Sunday, October 20.

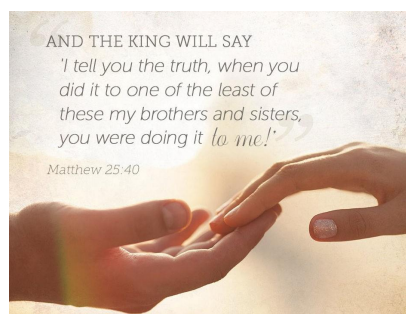
JOG with Jesus together for God's purpose - by donating money by Monday, October 21, to buy items needed to complete kits or other items from the collection needs list. (Checks payable to EOCUMC with "Fund 9944" in the memo area.)

RUN with Jesus serving with your family - by bringing in a complete Personal Dignity Kit by Wednesday, October 23.

Items needed for the Personal Dignity Kits are: bath hand towel and one washcloth (no kitchen towels or dishcloths please); comb (no rattail, pocket size, or picks); nail/toenail clippers (no nail files or emery boards); adult toothbrush; toothpaste (2.5 oz. or larger); shampoo (3-4 oz.); deodorant (2-3 oz. either stick or roll-on); bar of soap (3-4 oz.); razor with guard. Please note that the Personal Dignity Kits are different from the Health Kits which we normally donate.

Other gently used items which are needed are: tarps (any size), blankets, shovels (prefer flat long handle), flashlights with working batteries, and items for health recovery: foldable walkers, wheelchairs, crutches, canes, and orthopedic supplies such as walking boots, slings, ace wraps, etc.

Items brought to First Church will then be taken to one of the conference collection locations on Saturday, October 26.



Multiple Sclerosis (MS) Support Group


Do you or a family member or friend have a diagnosis of MS? More people have MS than other people know. Interest has surfaced about forming an MS support group, much like the Alzheimer's support group. Sharing problems, solutions, troubles, suggestions, and answers can be a joy for those afflicted and/or caregivers and supporters. If you would like to see an MS group formed, please notify the church office or Bob Capes so that we can gauge interest. Thank you in advance.

This N That

Holy Land Pilgrims will meet on Sunday, October 13, at 6:30 pm in the parlor.

Thank you to all who donated skin lotion for Rahab Ministries. Pastor Mike was able to deliver two large boxes which were quite full of lotion to Rahab's main office on behalf of First Church.

M&M's - If you currently have an empty M&M tube at home, please be sure to put your gift inside along with your name, and turn it in by Sunday, October 13. The funds help lower the cost of outreach programs and regular events throughout the year.

Rejoicing  Spirits is a worship service which provides a "shush-free" worship service for people with special needs and their caregivers who do not participate in our regular worship services. Join us on Saturday, October 19 at 5:30 pm. Pastor Jon Priebe will give the message. All are welcome!

Christmas Poinsettias... Although it seems too early, now is the time to order your poinsettias which will adorn our altar on Christmas Eve. We are using a new florist and they have a much earlier deadline for orders than the last one. The plants are \$8.50 each. The list of donors and those memorialized or honored will appear in the Christmas Eve church bulletin. Please make your check out to First Church and return it with the order to the church office by noon on Monday, November 11.

Donor _____ Phone _____

In memory or honor of (circle one) _____

Young Adult Ministry

First Church is looking to establish a ministry for young adults. Studies show that young adults are withdrawing from or not attending church in large numbers. Pastor Mike would like to sit down with young adults (post high school to age 29) and have a discussion on what they would like in a ministry made just for them. If you are a young adult, or the parent of one, please have them contact Pastor Mike at FallsFirstMike@gmail.com, or (330) 696- 6231, so we can work together to start this ministry up.

The Walk to Emmaus

Are you interested in making the Walk to Emmaus? Don't let the name fool you, there is not a great deal of walking done during the weekend. The name comes from the book of Luke, and the story of Jesus appearing to travelers on the road to Emmaus. These are events designed to help people grow their faith journey with our Lord and Savior. The weekends also help grow and develop leaders for people at their home church. The fall walks are taking place this month. The spring walks will take place April 16-19 for men, and April 23-26 for women. Please see Pastor Mike for more information regarding these once in a lifetime opportunities.





Our next Fifth Quarter will take place October 11 after the football game ends. If you are a 6th grader through 12th grader, please join us for food and fun. Feel free to bring friends along. The cost is only \$3.00 per person. The 5th quarter over-nighter will take place November 1- 2. The deadline to turn in permission forms is October 28. The cost for the over-nighter is \$5.00 per person.

On October 20 the youth group will be going on their monthly mission trip. They will travel to Heart4theCity in East Akron to partner with them in Trunk or Treat. If you are willing or able, please donate candy to be distributed during the event. We will be taking the busses to the event, and we will decorate them, 1 scary, the other in a fun theme. If you have decorations that you are not using, we could put them to good use. Donations can be turned into Pastor Mike or the office.

Wesley Youth Activities

Wesley Youth Outing... We invite all 4th – 6th grade students to join us on Sunday, October 13, for a trip to Ruffener Pumpkin Farm. There will be a hayride, corn maze, inflatables, a train ride and pumpkin picking! The cost is \$10 which includes a pumpkin to take home. We will eat lunch right after the 10:15 a.m. worship service and leave after that. Permission slips are available at the Welcome Center, the office, and online. For more information please call Ext. 218.

Wesley Youth Mission Trip... We invite all our 4th-6th graders to join us for our mission trip to Columbus February 14-16. We will spend Friday night at Church 4 All People in Columbus, prepare and serve breakfast for those coming to the Free Store on Saturday morning and then work in the Free Store and Fresh Food Market. On Saturday afternoon we will go to COSI, spend the night at Drury Inn, then on Sunday morning we will return to Church 4 All people to worship before heading to CiCi's and home. It is a fun, mission filled weekend. The cost is \$90, but we do need a \$10 deposit by October 16, as this is President's Day weekend and we need to book the hotel by October.

Parents' Night Out/Santa's Shop and St. Nicholas Brunch

These two events usually happen within a week of each other and the same people usually end up volunteering for both which can be exhausting. Because we don't have enough folks volunteering, the Spiritual Formation Comm. has decided that Parents' Night Out and the St. Nicholas Brunch will take place on alternating years. This year we will hold the St. Nicholas Brunch on Sunday, December 8. Because we will not have the Parents' Night Out we are NOT in need of items for the Santa Shop. Please do not bring items in as we have no place to store them.



All Hallow's Eve Party

We are in need of items for the All Hallow's Eve Party on Wednesday, October 30. We are in need of candy no nuts please and small prizes for the party. We typically have about 50 kids. Next week there will be sticky notes at the welcome center of specific items we need please bring them in by Sunday, October 27.

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The Gift/Memorial Book is located in the parlor and is open to **William (Bill) Clifford.**

Our Sympathies to **Gerald and Carol Lewis** and family on the death of his sister, **Martha Casteel**, on 9/25; to **Dave, Nick, and Ellie Arlequeeuw** and family on the death of wife and

mother, member **Meghan Arlequeeuw**, on 9/28;

Did You Know? We will be glad to publish (space allowing) milestone birthdays, anniversaries, births and other special events in your family if you send a note c/o Kathy Kuzas, call us at 330-923-5241 x212 or email kkuzasfumccf@gmail.com.

Thank You Expressions: From Sue Gohr... A very special thank you to Pastor Jon, Bob Capes, the Prayer Shawl Ministry and many friends for their prayers, cards, visits and calls throughout my recovery. You have surrounded me with God's blessings. I will always be grateful.

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Altar Flowers

We are now taking orders for altar flowers in 2020. The cost is \$35 and the church takes care of ordering and delivery. If you would like to reserve a date, contact Christy Meyers at cmeyers-fallsumc@gmail.com or Ext. 210.



The deadline for the next FCN is **Friday, October 18**. Please submit your articles to Kathy Kuzas at Ext. 212 or kkuzasfumccf@gmail.com.