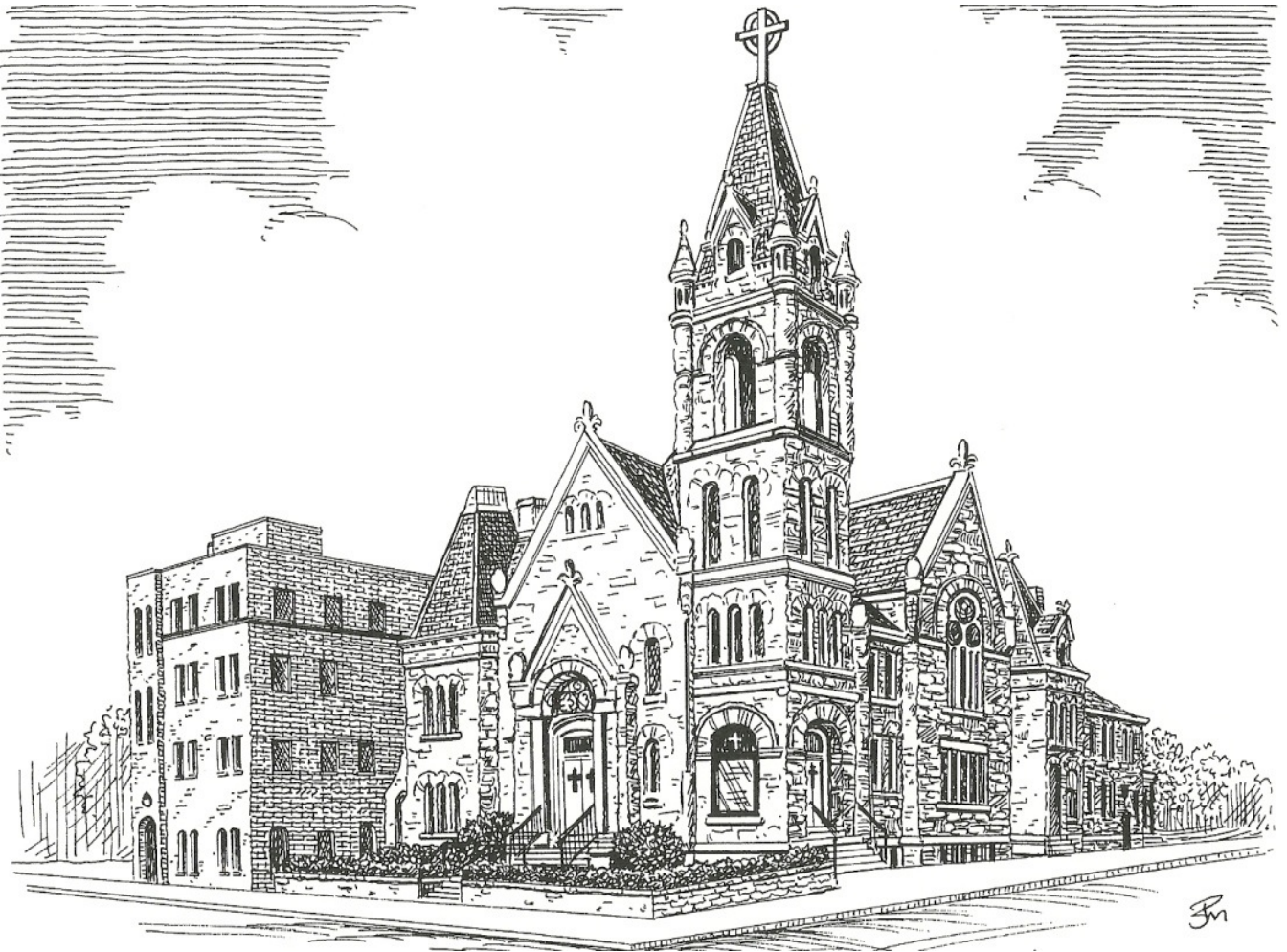


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We have made a commitment to focus on the following values and objectives:

CORE VALUES

- 1 Relationships
- 2 Standing on the Word of God
- 3 Sacrifice
- 4 Giving our Best to God
- 5 Worship Space
- 6 Worship Experience

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

- 1 Early Learning Center (ELC)
- 2 Align Ministries to Strategic Focus
- 3 Engaging Youth
- 4 Repurpose Staff Including Accountabilities
- 5 Create Culture of Engagement

Pastor Tim's message to our congregation.....

Grace and peace to my brothers and sisters here at FELC!

Ah, summer at last! And thank goodness we have normal summer temperatures. This is the time we've been waiting for: a time for cookouts, vacations, fishing, gardening, yard work. For more years than I can remember, my family has taken the last two weeks in July for vacation time. Both Royce and I have our birthdays during that time, so that's probably how it started. No doubt I asked Royce what she wanted for her birthday, and she said....let's go someplace, visit relatives, see sights we've never seen before. So this year, we're going to visit family in Illinois, Wisconsin and Michigan.

Vacations are a chance to relax and be renewed, strengthened, enlivened. After all, we all know all work and no play.... I pray you will be able to take some time away this summer so that you can return to us relaxed and ready to work with the rest of us in our Mansfield mission field.

Exciting things are beginning to happen this summer at First English. We are changing the focus of how we look at our mission. Rather than being focused on bringing people into First English, we are beginning to look at our mission field and ask ourselves, "How can we reach out with the love of Jesus more than we already are?" To help us to be more Missional, our council agreed to increase Becky Pittman's hours. Our Early Learning Center is also thinking of ways to go out into our neighborhood.

We are having a Day of Prayer in June and the Ohio NALC Region is coming here in October! These are all signs that we are healing as a congregation and as a mission base. Well done, First English!

There's lots to do this Fall and we need to your help. So relax this summer, remember our weekly worship and our financial needs which go on no matter what. When we work together, led by the Holy Spirit, First English will continue to heal and increasingly be a blessing to the people around us.

Please pray for our young people, especially for Shelby and Quentin as they enter the military.

Blessings all!

Pastor Tim

Note to Congregation - we will be offering Council minutes via Google.docs and they will be current for the month just past.

FELC Church Council Minutes

June 15, 2021- 7:00 PM

DRAFT COPY Updated 6/15/21 at 10:21 PM

Present: Lu Blankenship, Jan Fisher, Pastor Tim Hubert, Tom Sarbach*, Mike Anderson, Ted Ellis, Cindy Russell, Gary Lane, Chris Chihanowicz, Christopher Kaschube, Chad McFadden

Excused:

The meeting was called to order by President Lowell Weeks at 7:00 PM. Special welcome to new Secretary Christopher Kaschube and Vice President Chad McFadden.

Meeting opened in prayer by Cindy Russell.

Secretary- Christopher Kaschube:

Minutes for the May 18 Council Meeting were **APPROVED**.

Written Reports:

Executive/Personnel Report:

MOTION by Tom/Jan to appoint Ted Ellis as Youth Chairperson until the next congregational election meeting for the remainder of the term. He will serve as appointed this year, and then to be elected for the remaining two years of the term in May. **MOTION APPROVED.**

The Letter of Term Call appointing Rev. Dr. Tim Hubert to Interim Pastoral Ministry at First English Lutheran Church says " This relationship is to be reviewed by the Interim Pastor and Church Council every six months from the effective date." The Executive Committee met on Sunday, June 13, after worship with Pr. Tim for a preliminary review and hereby **RECOMMENDS** to Council that the Letter of Call continues for the remainder of the term of the contract. (January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021). Note: Because the first congregational survey will be done in September, and the process that follows will run through the remainder of 2021, a vote will be required later in the year to extend Pr. Tim's Letter of Call into 2022. **RECOMMENDATION APPROVED**

RECOMMENDATION from Personnel Committee/Finance/Council to accept Becky Pittman's offer of additional employment to 40 hours. Effective immediately. **RECOMMENDATION APPROVED.**

At a congregational meeting in January, the congregation will be asked to elect members to a Call Committee. Discussion was held regarding how many should be nominated, and then subsequently elected to the call committee.

Discussed NALC delegates to the Convocation on August 3-5 in Corpus Christi. Greg Hughes was elected at the May Congregational meeting to attend. Greg has asked for his wife to go along as a delegate in August. Finance will look into this at their June meeting. (see Finance Report)

Interim Pastor Tim Hubert:

My report is quite short. Grace and peace, all!

At a recent staff meeting, we noted frequent and uproarious laughter during portions of that meeting. What a wonderful sign of healing! Our committees are also looking for new ways to do ministry. Our shut-ins are being visited. Our attendance remains very good. Our Daycare has exciting plans for this Fall.

Our Adult Sunday School has just started the "Mama Bear " book which looks at the lies our culture is telling our children, pulling them away from Christ and Church. Pastor's Prayer Partners will soon start learning why we make the decisions we make and pray the way we pray.

I continue to work with the ELC children. A definite highlight of my day.

And as always in any ministry, I do my best to put out little fires before they become big.

Congregational survey information was presented. Pastor distributed a copy of the survey. If anyone sees ways that it could be tweaked for FELC-please let him know.

Pastor Hubert made remarks regarding attempts by groups outside the US to destroy/divide Christianity. Specifically the Critical Race Theory. This is the time to be mission-al. We have Good News to tell. This is why the current Sunday School class is studying the 'Mama Bear Apologetics' book.

ELC Report, Tom Sarbach:

- Currently we have 88 kids on our roster.
- Summer is in full swing. Campers are off to local parks, the retreat center, and trips to the zoo, skating and Amish country.
- The ELC staff is set to receive pay in the amount of \$300 a quarter for this year from the American Rescue Plan.
- Due to Angie's hard work and diligence, we were awarded a grant in the amount of \$17,500 from the State to cover needs of the center.
- Our playground has been ordered. The proposed start date is currently early September.
- We are getting a new shed for ELC and Jan (food distribution) to share to be located by the new playground.
- Our younger kids are enjoying trips to the library program held outside behind Renaissance.

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- Large group music is held outside on the front church steps every Wednesday from 9:15 till 9:30. All ages all summer.
- Small group music is held once a week for each ELC classroom in our new music room on the 3rd floor. Singing, drumming, rhythm instruments...
- Representatives from the Richland County Foundation came several weeks ago to watch the kids play the new instruments they received that were purchased from a grant awarded to ELC.
- The school-age kids have been divided into 2 groups; we see each group once a week in the music room. Singing, drumming, rhythm instruments.
- We are practicing/planning a "Patriotic Picnic in the Park" for our ELC families. The church will be invited, also. The kids are learning patriotic songs. Veterans and active duty members of our armed forces that are present at the program will be recognized.
- Praying occurs with the ELC teachers once a week now. We are also adding a "Prayer request box" on the 2nd floor. Teachers and ELC family members are invited to place prayer requests in the box; only Pastor Tim and I will have access.
- Monday morning coffee with Ms. Chris has started again in the church office lobby area, along with Stories with Shirley every other Wednesday in the chapel.
- We are in the beginning stages of planning a VBS for our ELC and FELC kids on Sunday, July 25th - Wednesday, July 28th from 4:30 till 6pm. (Dates and time not finalized yet)

We need to keep our ELC students & staff in our prayers.

Evangelism Report, Jan Fisher:

FREE PRODUCE DISTRIBUTION TUESDAY, JUNE 8, 2021

Thanks to the thirteen of you who volunteered today! Yes, it was exactly the kind of drive-thru that we always hope for, steady, steady, steady. And having Pastor Tim there to meet and greet people makes a huge difference! Our 6000 pounds of produce went to 171 families, which equates to 444 people being served with fresh produce. Actually 140 seniors were served (with or without children); 200 adults (with or without children); and 104 children were served if you count everyone in all families served. Wonderful that we have attained this growth. It is one of our biggest distributions, and I am so grateful for all of your help! Again, THANK YOU! Blessed to be a blessing! (NOTATION: SOME VOLUNTEERS ARE FROM OTHER CHURCHES! A GREAT BLESSING)

An additional notation that I sent out earlier: Yesterday we had an amazing Free Produce Distribution! In prior years it never happened that we had our Pastor on site much at all. So far this season Pastor Tim has been out there with us the entire time we serve our guests. I feel that it makes a HUGE difference! He greets each guest as they

drive through, and I'm sure would pray with them if they desired. People are now beginning to realize that our Produce Distribution is part of FELC, something that I thought they already knew! My suggestion is to keep this at the forefront when we get ready for the call of a new pastor. God is SO good! PASTOR TIM HAS SUGGESTED THAT WE BEGIN PROVIDING AN INEXPENSIVE BIBLE TO OUR PRODUCE GUESTS. I THINK THIS CAN BE DONE VIA A THRIVENT ACTION TEAM CARD. I WILL PURSUE THIS.

Women's Ministry, Jan Fisher:

The Women's Ministry will be providing lunch for Pastor Tim's "Society of the Holy Trinity" group meeting on Wed. June 23, 2021.

We are not meeting yet because it's summer, but we will do some planning in August. However I want to share this and ask for ACTION ITEM on it: (a bit out of order, but I sent this out for Sunday's bulletin)

If any of you could dedicate a small amount of time to shredding two or three big zucchinis, please stop in the narthex after worship and see Myra Cordrey to pick up the zucchinis. The second step of this is that the Women's Ministry would really appreciate it if you could make at least two loaves of zucchini bread. The recipe is YOUR CHOICE and can be customized. Once it is made please wrap it up and mark it well as to the type it is (example: zucchini/raisin, zucchini/nut, chocolate zucchini, zucchini/blueberry, etc.). Please bring them back to the Undercroft kitchen sometime before Sunday June 20. We will hold a "bake sale" on June 20, by donation. This is to enhance our dwindling treasury which dwindled because of - you guessed it - COVID 19. I WOULD LIKE ACTION ON THIS IF IT IS REQUIRED

Global Mission, Chris Cichanowicz:

The Krafts: I have a Zoom meeting with them on June 17. Will give a detailed report at the next Council meeting.

The Sorges: In their words, "The Covid wave is crashing over our Far Side community and it feels very heavy. Over 100 Far Siders lost their lives to Covid while sharing the Good News in the north, and we heard about the deaths of many more." In spite of all this, they continue to be awed at God's amazing provision for them through us -- our prayers, our generous gifts, and our friendship. The Sorges wrote they were coming back to the States on July 8 to give Brian's older brother and his wife a break from caring for his Mom.

Malawi MOCP: Ken sent a photo of the new bulletin board filled with photos from Malawi that will be highlighted at their MOCP Millersport Mission event. I also received a detailed report from Joy Jones concerning the Alinafe Girls' Rescue Center project. It will serve as a Christian safe haven and life supporting center for girls and young women who have come out of forced marriages. At this Christ focused, safe place to

live, the girls will have the opportunity to complete their education and learn job and entrepreneurial skills which will serve them for the rest of their lives. According to UNICEF, a 2017 study determined that ending child marriage in Malawi could generate \$167,000,000 in earnings and productivity in their country.

Please continue to pray for all of our missionaries. May God bless and protect them in all that they do.

Finance, Lu Blankship:

General Operating Fund (GOF) (includes ELC):				
May-21	Income	\$46,304		
May-21	Expenses	\$110,893		
	Difference	-\$64,589		
YTD	Income	\$263,425	more than budget by	\$19,290
YTD	Expenses	\$376,225	more than budget by	\$42,449
	Difference	-\$112,799		

Early Learning Center (ELC):				
May-21	Income	\$24,775		
May-21	Expenses	\$29,101		
	Difference	-\$4,326		
YTD	Income	\$138,068	more than budget by	\$262
YTD	Expenses	\$138,086	more than budget by	\$3,469
	Difference	-\$18		

General Operating Fund Recap:	
2020 Carryover	\$127,594
Gen Endow Fund to GOF (\$136,045)	\$60,000
Maj Cap Imp Endowment Fund to GOF (\$9,037)	\$0
New Min & Miss Endow Fund to GOF (\$16,058)	\$0
RGH II Campaign Funds to GOF for loan payment	\$4,467
2021 YTD Income	\$263,425
2021 YTD Expenses	-\$376,225
GOF Balance	\$79,262

Finance **RECOMMENDS** that Council set a policy for expenses related to lay representatives' attendance at convocations as follows:

- Pay registration for elected lay representative & spouse (if requested) (amended by Council)
- Pay air fare for elected representative
- Pay hotel for the night before the convocation
- Pay hotel for the duration of the convocation
- Pay hotel for night convocation ends
- Pay \$100 (amended to \$50 by Council) per day stipend to representative for travel days and convocation days (will help defray expenses if rep wants to take spouse)

If Council approves, this will be filed in the church office as the policy for convocations.

RECOMMENDATION APPROVED

Tom/Cindy make a **MOTION** to appoint Linda Hughes as the 2nd Delegate to the 2021 NALC Convocation. **MOTION APPROVED**

Property: Mike Anderson:

The Property Committee met on June 7, 2021.

Andy Kershaw reported the following items :

- 1) Hammett Asphalt Paving completed the paving of the playground at a cost \$ 6400.00 which was less than the original estimate.

2) A contract was signed with Snider Recreation to install playground equipment for \$ 91,164.00, this includes the playground resurfacing and a border.

3) A new shed for the playground to house playground equipment and produce giveaway equipment including an awning was priced to Andy at \$ 5,222.00. The property committee voted on and approved that purchase.

4) A contract has been signed with Associate Crafts stained-glass windows to restore both the east & west large stained-glass windows in the sanctuary. The first invoice for \$ 43,000 is due right away in order to get the project started.

5) Andy reported that work will start on fixing the Women's Restroom next to Emanuel Room next month.

6) Improvements were discussed for the Blackfork Retreat Center, but no decisions were reached.

Worship Committee, Cindy Russell:

Attendance and Facebook Views for May:

2nd - Attendance 86, Views 143

9th - Attendance 88, Views 0, tech difficulty

16th - Attendance 74, Views 135

23rd - Attendance 93, Views 211

30th - Attendance 124, Views 84

The Worship Committee is currently conducting a survey regarding frequency of communion.

Social Ministry, Gary Lane:

In May the Social Ministry Task Force set out baskets in the narthex and collected toiletry items. Shirley and I used our Thrivent cards and added \$250 of items to the baskets. The bags and boxes of items were loaded into the cars with the help of Jan Fisher, Dave Carew. We drove them to the Crossroads City Center here in Mansfield and donated them for distribution to homeless people.

Our committee is planning to honor the police and first responders of Mansfield and Richland County. I called Captain Brubaker of the Mansfield Police and he was very receptive to having signs honoring the police and first responders installed at FELC and the city park. He said they would see them on their way to and from work everyday.

No Reports: Stewardship, Vice President, President

Old Business: None

New Business: **MOTION** Chris C./Cindy to begin using church-sponsored email through Gmail. **MOTION PASSED**

Meeting closed in prayer at 8:21 by Pastor Hubert

Christopher Kaschube, Council Secretary

Update on the Financial Matters of our Church

FELC is blessed to have a large Endowment Fund. Over the years, people have willed/contributed \$2,626,440 to a General Endowment Fund. The balance of this fund at the end of May was \$3,060,968; so, to date, the fund is showing a gain of \$732,132.

Every year, we draw 5% of the 5-year average earnings from our General Endowment Fund to supplement our offering income to do the ministry of FELC. For 2021, this amount is \$136,045. Generally, by this time of year, we would be considering a second draw; however, we just took the first draw of \$60,000.

At the May congregational meeting, the congregation agreed to allow Finance to withdraw an additional amount from General Endowment Fund earnings, not to exceed the value of the project, to allow the huge stainedglass window repair/improvement project valued at \$216,117.

You will notice, in the YTD numbers, that expenses are over budget by \$42,449. This reflects the first payment to the contractor for the windows of \$43,000. The good news for us is that our income is \$19,290 over budget. FELC is doing well.

The difference between expenses and income YTD is \$112,799. This includes the \$43,000 for the windows, so we're only actually behind by \$69,799, and we still have \$76,045 left in regular withdrawals from the endowment earnings.

The next installment on the windows will most likely be due sometime in the fall. Finance and Property are working closely together to manage the finances associated with major projects. Our building is definitely showing its age, and issues will continue to surface that have to be dealt with.

Special Note: We could really use another member on the Finance Committee. You don't need a financial background or a head for numbers. All it requires is a passion for FELC and its ministry and a logical mind. The difficult numbers work is done for us by Nicole, our Financial Secretary.

Lu Blankenship, 419-564-1469, finance@felc-mansfield.org



Patriotic Picnic on the Playground

July 22, 2021 4:30 – 5:00

First English Lutheran Church

53 Park Ave West, Mansfield

All are welcome as we honor those who have served and are serving in our armed forces. Please send in a photo to be featured in our program. Please include name and branch (years served if you know). Our children will be performing songs that they have learned.

The program will be outside on our playground. We encourage you to bring lawn chairs or a blanket to sit on the grass. Light dinner will be served during the program.



4 – 12 years old
*3 and under must have a
parent attend with them*

First English Lutheran Church
July 26, 27, 28 4:30 – 6:00
Kick off Sunday, July 25 10:00 am



Monday: Fishers of Men
Tuesday: Jesus is Baptized
Wednesday: Family Fun Day
Join us for a pizza party and water slide.



**Snacks, music, stories,
crafts, and water play**

Please RSVP by July 22

Child's Name(s): _____

Age(s): _____

Parent's Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Love Notes from Shirley

(written by Shirley Lane)



When you call the church office you will hear a sweet voice say “First English Lutheran Church.” In this column I’m introducing you to the sweet person behind the sweet voice. Her name is **Angie Cockrell** and she has been our Parish Secretary and Printer here at FELC since 2019. We are so blessed to have her here, but don’t let that sweet voice fool you! Angie was in the Marine Corps for three years! Just wait until you read “the rest of the story.” Although Angie is not a member at First English, she is a very valued employee and has served our congregation in countless ways. She is responsible for keeping worship attendance, keeping the prayer list updated, making sure of announcements, and other record keeping and mailings. She works closely with Jan Fisher on producing the print version of the monthly Visitor, as well as the digital version. Do you appreciate the well designed bulletins? It’s Angie’s artwork. These things are just a sample of what she does.

Angie is a single mother and has three adult children. Alex just got out of the US Army and is currently working full time and going to HVAC school. Juel is a physical therapist for animals at an animal clinic. Faith recently graduated from Temple Christian School and plans to attend Cedarville University in the fall, majoring in Special Education and Missions. They all live within an hour drive and try to get together for family dinner at least once a week.

“The rest of the story”....Angie was in the Marine Corps from 1993 -1996 and lived in Kentucky. After the military she moved back to Lorain, Ohio and finished her Bachelor of Arts degree. She then took a teaching job at Clearview High School and coached Varsity softball and Freshman basketball. She taught and coached for three years then took a job as a police officer with the Lorain Police department, working in narcotics for three years which was her favorite job! Angie was diagnosed with scleroderma and lupus and had to take early retirement. Her family then moved to Arizona for ten years. During this time she worked in schools again in the Special Education Department. After moving back to Ohio in 2016 she enrolled in Maranatha Baptist University and recently graduated with a Masters in Biblical Counseling. Angie’s testimony: “I believe God calls us to help each other and this is what I use my degree for.” In her free time she offers biblical counseling to anyone who needs to talk to someone; with the hope that they will learn to use the Bible and go to God for all their needs. She loves to come to work at church every day, and we at First English love to have her.

Angie loves to read, play basketball, hike and sing. She is currently taking piano lessons to fulfill a lifelong dream of playing the piano. When you meet Angie and learn of all her accomplishments and talents, think of the little jingle “Sugar and spice and everything nice.” That’s what Angie Cockrell is made of!!

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Within the Fold



Wednesday Noon Lunch Ministry

In June, due to the continuing restrictions resulting from the Coronavirus, there was no Wednesday Chapel Service.



Thanks to all the ladies for sharing their ingredients and for baking zucchini breads, muffins, and coffee cakes. And thank you to our congregation who so willingly supported our first bake sale in a very long time! We only had a few left of which we are freezing in hopes of a 5th Sunday meal in August. Women's ministry received \$283.00 from the sale. Wow! **Myra and Jan**

Our ELC families enjoyed a fun morning at our "Pastries with Parents" event on Monday, June 21st, in the Emmaus Room. Many sweet treats were eaten, and coffee, water, apple juice and orange juice started the day off right. (Apple juice was definitely the winner for the kids!!) Thank you, Angie Murphy, for setting it up!

Thanks to the thirteen of you who volunteered this month for the produce distribution! Yes, it was exactly the kind of drive-thru that we always hope for, steady, steady, steady. And having Pastor Tim there to meet and greet people makes a huge difference! Our 6000# of produce went to 171 families, which equates to 444 people being served with fresh produce. Actually 140 seniors were served (with or without children); 200 adults (with or without children); and 104 children were served if you count everyone in all families served. Wonderful that we have attained this growth. It is one of our biggest distributions, and I am so grateful for all of your help! Again, THANK YOU! Blessed to be a blessing!

We recently applied for a grant from the GCFB and we were awarded \$2280.00 in funds. This will help us purchase some very helpful equipment.



June update from our Worship Committee

Communion is now “at the rail” and that is wonderful! If you need intinction communion please hold up your hand so that the assistant can be sure to bring you communion. It is a blessing to receive communion at Our Lord’s Table, but some cannot come forward and we understand that.

We currently have 40 green hymnals. We will be getting 100 used green hymnals. We are asking members if they have a green hymnal at home they are not using and would be willing to donate back to the church. At that time we will determine how many new ones (if any) need to be purchased.

We continue to have many friends watching our online services. This is great!

*Good news — **We are now sharing the peace during worship!** We are ready for this! So get your hugs ready!! We have waited patiently for this a very long time.*

Cindy Russell
Worship Committee Chairperson

Something else to consider.... Pastor Tim is very willing to begin a Wednesday evening Bible Study which has been requested by a number of our members. What would you think? Would you join in? Time: 7:00 to 8:00 PM or perhaps 8:30 PM?
Please look for the Pew Pad Question.

*Women’s Ministry is hoping to begin meeting in September.
We generally don’t meet during the summer months. It will be refreshing to begin some programs in the fall!*

Funeral meals, when necessary, will be provided. Below is the squad assignment :
JULY: Squad A: Karen Ellis, Barb Coon, Ila Kershaw



ALTAR FLOWERS

The following opportunities are available for the donation of Altar Flowers. Please consider purchasing flowers in honor or in memory of a loved one. Please call Angie Cockrell at the Church Office (419-522-0662) to reserve one of the dates listed below or to check the availability of other upcoming dates. *OR* you can sign up to sponsor flowers by filling out the Altar flower Sign Up Form on the table in the Narthex. Flowers are \$40.

July 11, 2021

July 18, 2021

August 1, 2021

August 22, 2021

August 29, 2021

Global Mission



The Krafts held a Zoom meeting on June 19 with their board members. We learned the following: 1) Nick and Shannon are presently in the U.S. for a short vacation. 2) They will have TWO children in college this fall and financially they are hurting. 3) They are seeking more people to rent their retreat site so this income can be used to cover more ministry events. 4) They are sending 3 videos to our congregation for us to see the progress they have made in their new retreat building. Without our financial help, very little of this would have been possible. The building can now house 12 boys and 12-15 girls. They have also completed 4 separate bedrooms there with their own bathrooms for adults. 5) They are asking for prayers for a work team from the U.S. to come to Peru this fall to help construct a roof on the second floor and put in flooring. Help is also needed to plant grass in front of the building and put in trees. They are also seeking a "marketing" person to help Shannon. That area, she says, is definitely NOT her expertise. Prayers are especially needed for the missionaries in Bolivia because of the Covid crisis. Their progress has been very strained because of the fear of Covid. HELPING HANDS BOLIVIA is giving scholarships to rural Bolivians --- those students who live in pueblos. So far they are supporting students in 7 pueblos. They would like to expand this mission.

Nick and Shannon continue to serve our Lord during good times and bad. May we continue to support them in all they do!

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Cichanowicz

Global Mission Chairperson

On the next page you will find the Malawi Orphan Care Project's letter requesting this year's support to send orphans to High School, Boarding School, National High School and college. Please prayerfully consider if you can assist in any way. All donations are gratefully accepted.



Malawi Orphan Care Project, Inc.
53 Park Ave West
Mansfield, Ohio 44902

419-512-9710

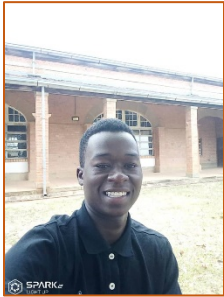
June 16, 2021

Dear Faithful Supporter,

Education is one of the most powerful instruments for reducing poverty and inequality and it sets the foundation for sustained economic growth. Education is an important key to ending the cycle of poverty in Malawi. The leadership at the orphan project realizes how important education is for the children in their community and for their nation. Because of their emphasis on education, for many years Malawi Orphan Care Project (MOCP) has consistently sent 67 children to High School.

MOCP also has been very diligent in sending at-risk High School girls to Boarding School, which is a safer environment for them. At Boarding School the girls can concentrate on education rather than worrying about an unwanted marriage. There are some very bright young people coming to the Orphan Project and two years ago two of them qualified for the very prestigious National High School of Malawi. We have been able to secure support to send them to the National High School, and we have also sent one young man to college in his home area. This fall he will begin his junior year of college. He is thriving there. His name is Precious and one day he hopes to be able to serve his community in some outstanding capacity.

Do you have a heart for education or a desire to make a positive difference in someone's life? Please prayerfully consider donating to Malawi Orphan Care Project to enable a child to go to school. Any contribution that you might be able to send will make a difference.



Education costs:

1 year at the local high school: \$150.00

1 year at Boarding School: \$1500.00

1 year at the National High School: \$250

1 year of college: \$4500.00 plus some incidental expenses.

Because the leaders at the orphan project have put an emphasis on many more kids are now qualified to go to college. We would love to get there, but with limited funding our priority remains helping kids complete high school. If you would like to support a college student, please state that with your donation.



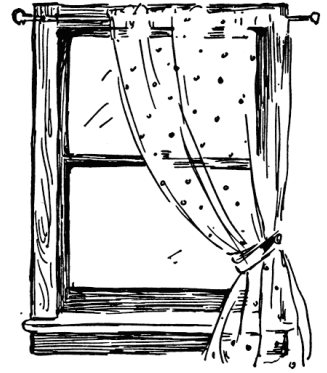
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Our mailing address is: MALAWI ORPHAN CARE PROJECT, 53 PARK AVENUE WEST, MANSFIELD, OH, 44902 or you can donate through PayPal on our website at www.4malawi.com

Very sincerely yours,

Janice A Fisher, Treasurer

Becky's Views.....



I am so happy to be back in the daycare on a regular basis!!
Yay!!! Here are some happenings from my view....

We have large group music outside on the front church steps every Wednesday from 9:15 till 9:30. All ages all summer.

Small group music is held once a week for each ELC classroom in our new music room on the 3rd floor. Singing, drumming, rhythm instruments... The school-age kids have been divided into 2 groups; I see each group once a week in the music room. Super fun!

Representatives from the Richland County Foundation came several weeks ago to watch the kids play the new instruments they received that were purchased from a grant awarded to ELC.

We are practicing/planning a "Patriotic Picnic on the Playground" for our ELC families. You are all invited, too! The kids are learning patriotic songs. Veterans and active duty members of our armed forces that are present at the program will be recognized.

Monday morning coffee with Ms. Chris has started again in the church office lobby area from 7-9am, along with Stories with Shirley every other Wednesday in the chapel at 11:00.

We are in the beginning stages of planning a VBS for our ELC and FELC kids on Sunday, July 25th - Wednesday, July 28th from 4:30 till 6pm. More details to come!

1 Corinthians 12:27 "Now YOU are the body of CHRIST, and each one of YOU is a PART of it!"

BE INTENTIONAL! BE LIKE JESUS!

Becky Pittman, Coordinator of Music and the Arts



We are pleased to announce that no deaths occurred within our congregation in the past month.

Pastoral Acts

none

Communion to our Shut-ins.....



We are now beginning to give Communion to Shut-ins in their homes, and in nursing homes if the nursing homes allow us in. If you are comfortable in receiving us into your home please call the church, leaving a message for

Larry Lantz and/or Gary Lane at:

Church: 419-522-0662

You might like to know that beginning in July, FELC will be offering a monthly communion Worship Service at Wedgewood Estates Adult Community! Isn't that superb to hear? And P.S. if you'd like to be involved speak to Pastor Tim.



Evangelism for Today's World

I am excited to share with all of you that the Greater Cleveland Food Bank offered “Grant Requests” for which we applied. And the blessing is that we have been awarded a grant in the amount of \$2280.00 which will be used to purchase a Chromebook (for registering our guests), some canopies for shade, a freezer so that we could offer frozen meat to our guests, and more

We had one of our top months in June, serving 171 individuals with fresh produce via our drive-through distribution. Counting all members in families, this equates to providing food for 444 people in our community. I am forever grateful for the many regular volunteers who so faithfully come to help. Thank you again!

Be intentional any time you see a face that you don't know — just introduce yourself! We are all part of the same family of God!

Jan Fisher, Evangelism Chairperson

Volunteer Scheduling Contacts	The monthly volunteers are published in Visitor and posted on bulletin boards.
Worship Committee Heather McFadden 419.295.6467 Acolytes	Pew Pad Gleaners Jane Sprang 419.610.9776 <hr/>
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Property Committee Mike Anderson 419.295.4598 Property Chairman	Finance Committee Lu Blankenship 419.564.1469
Becky Pittman 419.989.8585 Sound Board/Audio	Amy Skropits 419.747.3076 Sunday School Superintendent



Prayer Requests

To be put on the printed prayer listing: If you would like the church family to know of your joy or concern, please notify the pastors or call Angie Cockrell (419.522.0662) in the church office to be added to the list. Please call again when it is appropriate to have that prayer request deleted.

We also invite you to use our two prayer chains. Your request will be shared with a small group of prayer warriors via phone call chain.

Mary Schwartz is now heading up the prayer chain. Please call Mary to activate the prayer chain.

Her home # is: 419.747.2600 or cell # is: 419.566.3113.

Prayer is very powerful!

DAILY DEVOTIONAL BOOKLETS

Devotional booklets for JULY are in the tract racks, so please help yourselves to these booklets. Make daily devotions a necessary part of your “routine.”

There are also many good apps available for your iPhone or Android. In today’s busy world, apps are a wonderful digital tool!



**Devotional
Booklet**

NALC.org offers a great devotional option. Check it out!

Find us on Facebook: First English Lutheran Church Podcasts of weekly sermons are no longer on the website: **felc-mansfield.org.**



Please refer to **Facebook** or **YouTube** to view past sermons.

And please check out our new FELC mobile friendly website!

felc-mansfield.org where you can be directed to online worship via Facebook and YouTube.

July 2021 Volunteers

Sunday 10:00 a.m. Worship (Nave)

ACOLYTES

July	4:	TBA
July	11:	TBA
July	18:	TBA
July	25:	TBA

PEW PAD GLEANERS

July	4:	Linda Hughes
July	11:	Rhonda Rehm
July	18:	Cindy Hill
July	25:	Jodi Mumaw

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOSTS

Executive Committee

COMMUNION PREPARERS

July	4:	Ted & Karen Ellis
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COMMUNION SERVERS

July	4:	
Wine West:		Jane Sprang
Wine East:		Linda Hughes

ALTAR WORKERS

Scott and Jodi Mumaw

GREETER

TBA

LAY READERS

July	4:	Lu Blankenship
July	11:	Myra Cordrey
July	18:	Shirley Lane
July	25:	Chris Kaschube

PASTORS' PRAYER PARTNERS

Chris Cichanowicz
Mary Schwartz
Lowell Weeks
Jan Fisher

ASSISTING MINISTERS

Greg Hughes

PROPRESENTER

July	4:	Cindy Russell
July	11:	Allison Weeks
July	18:	Isaac McFadden
July	25:	Teri Brenkus

SLING STUDIO

July	4:	Ashley Berry
July	11:	Todd Heichel
July	18:	Todd Heichel
July	25:	Suzanne Rippel

SUNDAY SCHOOL BREAKFAST

NONE

SOUND BOARD OPERATORS

July	4:	Ed Farner
July	11:	Ed Farner
July	18:	Ed Farner
July	25:	Ed Farner

USHERS NAVE

Ken & Debbie Suzuki
Jan Fisher & Lowell Weeks

Service/Social Ministry

We all appreciate our FIRST RESPONDERS here in the Mansfield area, so our next project is to give them some super support! We will be getting yard signs made with a supportive message on them. July is the perfect month to do this, July 4th and all which encourages us to be patriotic. We are excited. WOULD YOU LIKE A YARD SIGN FOR YOUR HOME?

Gary Lane, Chairperson

Youth News.....

JULY 10th, MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

The Jr. and Sr. High youth are headed to the "Cain" Christian rock concert in Ashland on Saturday, July 10th! Please meet in the small church parking lot at 5pm. We will then head to Wendy's for dinner on Ashland Road. The show starts at 7pm at Brookside Park. Bring a blanket to sit on for the show and \$5 towards the cost of food. Parents, you are welcome to go if you are interested. Invite a friend!!



BULLETIN INFORMATION DEADLINE!

Need to get information in the bulletin for a meeting or an announcement? Send details to Angie Cockrell at acockrell@felc-mansfield.org or phone the church office at 419.522.0662.

Weekly deadlines are noon on Wednesday for bulletins pertaining to that particular weekend. Bulletins assembled at 11:30 AM on Thursdays each week.

Nicole Goddard, our bookkeeper, may be reached by calling the church office at 419-522-0662 or email her at NGoddard@felc-mansfield.org

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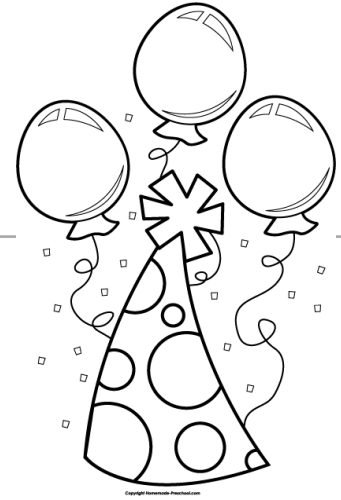
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Emergency cell phone number if the pastor cannot be

contacted at church:

Pastor Timothy Hubert 217-778-8017

JULY BIRTHDAYS:



Anderson, Michael	1110 Sheirer Rd Mansfield OH 44903-8644	July 2
Volz, Jessika	1550 Graham Rd Mansfield OH 44903-7764	July 3
McFadden, Issac	1190 Timbercliff Dr Mansfield OH 44907	July 4
Gleason, Jacob	400 Davis Rd Mansfield OH 44907-1122	July
Coon, Barbara	580 Meadowdale Dr Mansfield OH 44907-2871	July 9
Volz, Forest	1550 Graham Rd Mansfield OH 44903-7764	July 10
Simmons, Gary	1471 N Lascerne Cir Mansfield OH 44906-2709	July 12
Lane, Shirley	2274 Saratoga Ct Mansfield OH 44904	July 20
Faith, Rebecca	2279 Fleming Falls Rd Mansfield OH 44903-8701	July 20
Sarbach, Zachary	527 Forest St Mansfield OH 44903	July 20
Suzuki, Ken	1188 Charwood Rd. Mansfield OH 44907	July 26
Rippel, James	770 Woodhill Rd Mansfield OH 44907-1542	July 28
Watts, Autumn	114 Otterbein Dr Mansfield OH 44904	July 29
Cordrey, Myra	7459 Renie Rd Bellville OH 44813	July 30

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