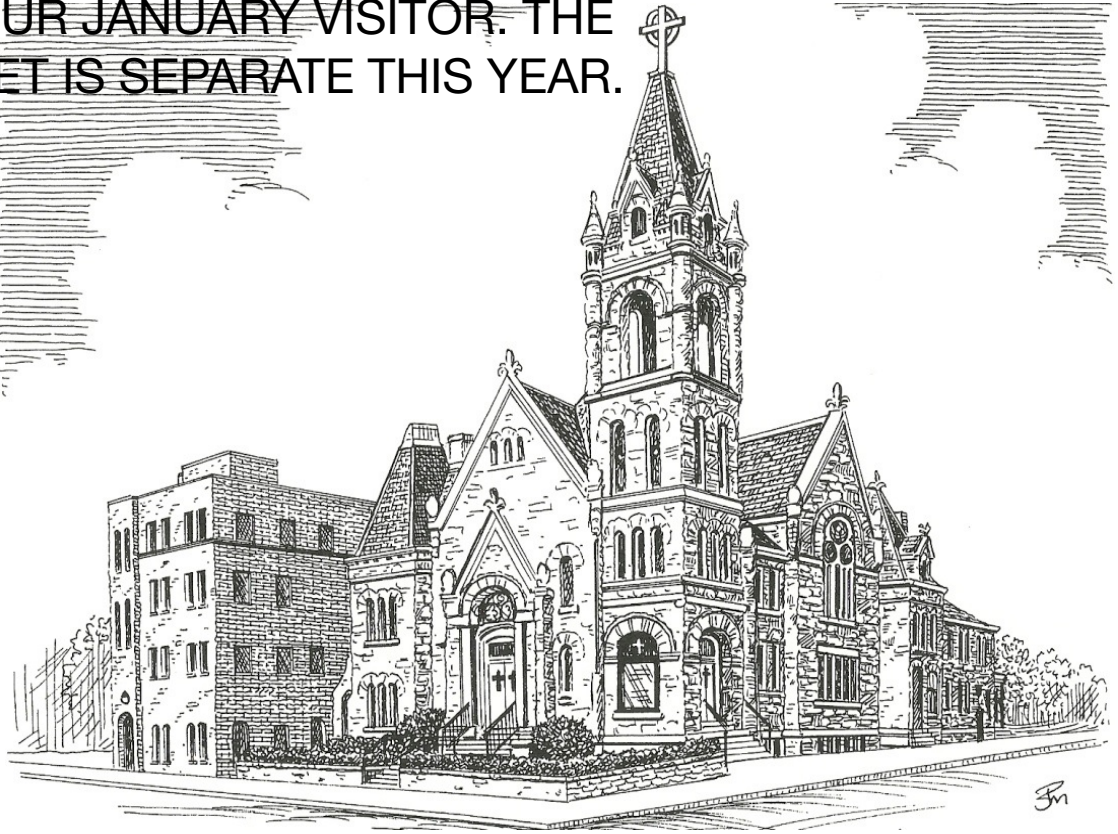


# THE VISITOR

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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 letter to the congregation.....**

Grace and peace, all!

Merry Christmas everyone! We have really enjoyed gathering together in peace and harmony at First English! Our music has been overwhelming! The children...well, the children are awesome!

Every pastor deeply appreciates a full church, good will expressed by everyone. But we also know that the Sunday after Christmas and the Sundays up to Lent will be sparse. Weather, illness, work and travel all work to separate us from each other.

But there is much to look forward to in 2022!

We have really appreciated the great replacement windows in our sanctuary. The company working for us say that the quality of the pictures transferred onto plastic has really come a long way. Still when our windows return, it will be a glorious sight!

More importantly, 2022 will see the arrival of a new pastor for First English! I can't promise this, but there is every reason to hope. And Christians live by hope! There are two general groups of pastors looking for a call. One group is always looking, never satisfied. The other group has resisted God's timing as long as they can. This second group will finally decide to "test the waters", usually in early Spring.

This is a wonderful congregation with an active ministry in downtown Mansfield and around the world. We have a powerful ministry in the Early Learning Center. We have well crafted worship and talented worship leaders. We have ample resources, even while we ask for continued pledges.

It will be a relief to have your pastor living in Mansfield, rather than your Interim Pastor living 45 minutes away. Living in Mansfield will allow your new pastor to become immersed in the ecumenical ministry and social services of this town.

In January, at our congregational meeting, we will elect our Call Committee. The Council has approved a list of twelve of which nine will be elected. When the Call Committee is elected, please pray even harder that we follow God's will.

It is a pleasure to serve our Lord at First English, especially at Christmas time. Thank everyone of you for your faithfulness, hopefulness and prayers. When we walk this path together, following our Lord, everything will turn out for the best. And that is the best Christmas gift! Blessings,

**Pr Tim+**

**FIRST ENGLISH LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

Tuesday, December 14 2021- 7:30PM

***DRAFT COPY- Updated December 14, 9:36 PM***

Present: Chad McFadden, Jan Fisher, Christopher Kaschube, Sandie Volz, Gary Lane, Ted Ellis, Mike Anderson, Chris Cichanowicz, Cindy Russell, Pastor Tim Hubert, Lu Blankenship

Absent: Tom Sarbach

The meeting was called to order by Chad McFadden at 7:28.

Prayer by Ted Ellis.

***Secretary, Christopher Kaschube:***

Presented the FELC Church Council minutes for November 2021. The minutes were (Ted/Cindy) **APPROVED**.

***Vice President, Chad McFadden:*** No Report

***Interim Pastor, Tim Hubert:***

Shruti Kulkarni

I have become aware of a need to help a young seminarian, coming into the NALC. Here is the backstory as I have been told it:

Shruti is a young, vibrant, traditional Lutheran seminarian at Wartburg Seminary in Iowa. She is an American citizen of Indian (Asiatic) ancestry. Her family has disowned her for her faith in Jesus Christ.

She has come within one semester of graduating from Wartburg Seminary. A few months ago (at that time a member of the ELCA) her faithful, traditional faith was a problem for the ELCA and therefore for the seminary. Her candidacy in the ELCA was revoked, her funding stopped, and initially at least, her presence in the seminary also stopped. The seminary later allowed her to complete her final semester but without any funding for tuition, room and board, fees and books.

During this time, Shruti became known to several of my NALC/CORE friends, who have shared her story and are currently working to give her needed help. Last September, Shruti came to the Society of the Holy Trinity General Retreat to be among faithful, traditional pastors. There, she also met with Bishop Dan Selbo, our NALC Bishop. She has been approved for ordination in the NALC.

We have appealed to the Society of the Holy Trinity for help. The Society has promised \$3,000 to help. I have heard of a couple of Iowa congregations also thinking about helping. We have a fund to help seminarians here at FELC. The Peyton Fund, used for seminarians, was intended for children of the parish.

Shruti will need money to live on after seminary, in January, as she looks for a First Call. She will need money for a car.

I will see Shruti next week in Wooster. Can we provide her a little help that I can give her next Monday?

Jan/Gary makes the **MOTION** that we support Shruti Kulkarni with a one time gift of \$1600 from the New Ministries and Missions Fund. **MOTION APPROVED.**

***Music & Worship Committee, Cindy Russell:***

Worship and Music did not meet in November due to the Thanksgiving Service at Holy Trinity.

Attendance and views for November:

11/7 - 101 in attendance, 93 views

11/14 - 94 in attendance, 120 views

11/21 - 104 in attendance, 115 views

11/28 - 103 in attendance, 86 views

**Global Missions Committee, Chris Cichanowicz:**

Malawi: Wonderful news from the NALC. Their Executive Council has voted to provide \$10,000 to the Malawi Orphan Care Project which has been negatively impacted by the ongoing pandemic. What a blessing for those 800+ orphans fed 6 days a week there! Also a reminder that the Advent donations will be used to buy blankets for these children. Their winter months are approaching and for many, these blankets are their only source of warmth!

The Far Side: Brian and Barb are back in their Far Side city! No problems at all getting through immigration. They are asking for prayers that the Truth will be accessible on-line to Islanders in their own language in spite of increased efforts to ban and digitally block it. Also prayers for Brian's Mom who was readmitted to the hospital with heart failure after spending only 6 days at home.

Peru: The Krafts are going full force again. They still have some major financial needs, but are trusting the Lord to provide. Shannon is now planning to send a video each month on Facebook instead of texting her information.

***Women's Ministry Team, Jan Fisher:***

Thank you again for supporting our bake sale on November 21st. We had donations of \$364.00 which will assist us a lot in our various ministry activities. Recently a number of those of us who are busy "sewers" completed 40 kid friendly pillowcases and pillows that were added to the existing supply and given to our ELC kiddos at the end of their December 7th Christmas program. We have 20 more pillows and pillowcases that will be given to the children at Zoe's Learning Center after school program (Kingdom Grace Fellowship Church) on Reba Avenue. We are very pleased to be able to offer assistance to their children. Thank you so much to all the FELC members who so generously supported this project by purchasing fabric to make the pillowcases! We are very grateful for your support. It is way more blessed to give than it is to receive!

We continue to support Luther Fellowship and have a fun afternoon planned for December 20th. We also continue to go forward with our Bible Study held on the second Monday of each month at 1:00 PM in various homes. All women are welcome and encouraged to join!

On December 8th three of us packed gift bags for 20 shut-ins. Of course they were full of delicious chocolate candies plus a couple of other minor gifts. The Women's Ministry financially supports this endeavor. These bags are then delivered by our communion deacons: Chris Cichanowicz, Sandie Volz, Gary Lane and Larry Lantz! We do so appreciate the ministry that the communion deacons do here at FELC. (If this ministry tugs on your heart as something you could do, please see Larry Lantz, coordinator.

Sadly, we lost one of our FELC members earlier in December (Pat Shenberger) so it was our privilege to offer the family a funeral meal after the worship service.

***Evangelism Committee, Jan Fisher:***

One of our biggest evangelical actions is the greeting of folks at our Free Produce Distribution, and of course we aren't holding that again until April, 2022. Discussion is ongoing as to what we can offer next.

I constantly continue with checking on any visitors that we welcome to worship. Shirley Lane and I both send out cards to people that we either welcome OR notice that they are missing from "live" worship. A number of those cards went out in November after analyzing the membership list.

I am happy to be "mixing up" the greeters list by using some new volunteers, (they may be longtime members, but they haven't served as greeters in awhile.)

If you haven't noticed we have had some very consistent "new" worshipers. I think the Holy Spirit is stirring hearts at FELC!

We are a friendly and welcoming body of Christ, keep up the GOOD WORK.

***Finance Committee, Lu Blankenship:***

Total YTD Income was \$569,242, which is less than the budget by \$12,862.

Total YTD Expenses were \$772,778, which is less than budget by \$4,267.

Total YTD Expenses were \$203,536 more than Income.

There will be an additional withdrawal from the General Endowment Fund in the amount of \$91,000 and a withdrawal from the Major Capital Improvement Endowment Fund of \$9,000.

There is currently a balance of \$54,240 in the General Operating Fund; so the \$91,000 and \$9,000 will bring that to \$154,240; however there are three pays in December amounting to about \$60,000 and a stained glass window project payment of about \$40,000, which will put us back at the \$54,000. Of course, there will be normal monthly expenses for December. There are often some generous donations around Christmas, so we are hoping for a carryover of over \$50,000.

Bear in mind that, thus far, we have managed to make the window payments without withdrawing any money from the Endowment Funds.

***Stewardship Committee, Sandie Volz:***

These are the latest figures I have for the pledge cards submitted so far. We had a total of 49 pledges compared to 67 in 2021. The amount pledged was \$160,450.00 for 2022 and \$182,220.00 for 2021.

***Property Committee, Mike Anderson:***

The Property Committee did not meet in December. New issues will be forthcoming in January.

***Early Learning Center Committee, Tom Sarbach:*** No Report

***Youth Committee, Ted Ellis:***

Approximately 25 youth and adults went caroling on December 5th. The members serenaded included Norm McCracken, Ruth Hughes, Jeanne Hillman, Marilyn Dinges and Garnet Stafford. The group was unable to go to nursing homes due to



guess what. Most rode the church bus. After the singing the group went to Cici's for pizza.

Planning is in progress for Quake. It is early in January in Cincinnati. There has been a very good response with about 20 youth planning on attending.

We are looking to replenish the Youth Fund to help pay for the Quake event and other activities. Ted/Chris C. makes the **MOTION** to permit an Apple Tree in the Narthex to help raise funds. **MOTION APPROVED.**

### ***Congregational Life: Cindy Hill***

On the fifth Sunday of October 31, 2021 we had a baked potato bar following worship.

There were many wonderful side dishes included that were enjoyed by 65 people. An offering for Malawi Orphan Care Project collected \$98 which will be used to purchase blankets. The dinner expenses totaled \$83.81.

### ***Social Ministry Committee, Gary Lane***

The personal hygiene items collected in the Narthex for homeless people were delivered to the Crossroads City Center by Gary and Shirley Lane. We added to those items using Thrivent Cards funds donated by Tammy Hillman and acquired through a joint shopping spree with Gary and Shirley Lane.

### ***New Business:***

Greetings to you in this season of Advent!

The Nominating Committee has been meeting in prayerful preparation for the formation of a Pastoral Call Committee. According to our Constitution, the Nominating Committee shall prepare a slate of candidates of not less than 12 or more than 18 for the Call Committee. Of these 12-18 candidates, the 9 candidates who receive the most votes at the indicated Congregational Meeting (in this case, the January 2022 Congregational Meeting) will serve as the Pastoral Call Committee. Once elected, the Call Committee shall select the chairperson.

On behalf of the 2021 Nominating Committee, we **RECOMMEND** the following 12 candidates for approval by the FELC Church Council:

Jane Anderson	Greg Hughes	Jane Mako	Becky Pittman
Ted Ellis	Christopher Kaschube	Heather McFadden	Amy Skropits
Chris Hoecker	Gary Lane	Angie Murphy	Elizabeth Volz

Respectfully,  
Angie Kaschube, Nominating Committee Chair

**RECOMMENDATION APPROVED.**

Jan/Cindy make the **MOTION** to seek a special offering of cash or gift cards from WalMart or Target to help with the victims of the recent Tornado outbreak. **MOTION APPROVED.**

***Old Business:***

Elijah's House Update:

The showers are installed and working!! Pastor Lintern and Peggy Lewis asked me to extend their many thank yous to all of you. As of the last update, there were 4 men living there and 3 more with their applications turned in.

As an ongoing ministry for Elijah's House, we will be asking for groups/individuals to donate a meal for the men. The groups wishing to be involved would be on a rotating schedule and we would do one meal per month. Peggy felt this would be something the men would enjoy and benefit from.

Safety Team policy discussion. This document will have potential revisions and be presented again to a Council meeting. **ITEM TABLED.**

Discussion about the vacant seat of Council President. **ITEM TABLED.**

Next Meeting: **MOTION** (Ted/Chris C.) to move the January FELC Council meeting to January 20, 2022. **MOTION APPROVED.**

Adjournment with prayer by Pastor Tim at 8:53.

Respectfully submitted,  
**Christopher J. Kaschube**  
**Church Council Secretary**

ELC

## Little People BIG News January



### Flashback into December

In December, we had an audience around 200 for our Christmas Program. The kids did a wonderful job! We would like to thank Becky Pittman for putting on a great show and taking the time to work with staff on bells and the children on their songs! The children made a lot of Christmas crafts this month and had fun with their classroom parties.



### A Peek into January

We would like to welcome everyone back from Christmas vacation! Our children will jump right back into learning! We are looking forward to a great 2022 and are hoping for a more healthy year!

Angie Murphy  
Director

## **FINANCE COMMITTEE UPDATE**

At our Annual Congregational Meeting on January 16, the congregation will be asked to approve a recommendation from Council to accept the 2022 FELC Budget as presented. Be sure to pick up a copy of the budget in the Narthex.

The total budget for 2021 was \$883,080, including the Early Learning Center (ELC). The total budget being presented for 2022 totals \$941,397, an increase of 6.6%.

Weekly offerings during 2021 have been averaging nearly \$21,000 per month. We used that number to estimate giving for 2022. We use the total offering number to estimate our 10% benevolence giving. Then, at the end of each quarter, 10% of the actual income is divided between the agencies we support.

We use withdrawals from the General Endowment Fund to supplement our giving. This fund gained \$183,202 from Dec 2020 through Nov 2021. The total value of this fund is now \$3,110,431. The rule for withdrawals from this fund is that we look at the earnings over the past 5 years and then take 5% of that number. In 2021, we withdrew \$227,090 from this fund.

As of the end of November, total income was less than budget by \$12,862 while expenses were less than budget by \$4,267. Income was less than expenses by \$203,536.

Please feel free to call if you have any comments, questions or concerns.

**Lu Blankenship, 419-564-1469, [finance@felc-mansfield.org](mailto:finance@felc-mansfield.org)**

<p><b>PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND OUR ANNUAL MEETING ON JANUARY 16, 2022 FOLLOWING WORSHIP. PLEASE BRING YOUR COPY OF THE 2022 BUDGET.</b></p>
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## **SOCIAL MINISTRY**

We have some good plans for Social Ministry in 2022. First of all we are forming a larger committee, so if you are interested in helping plan missional outreach please see Gary Lane, Jan Fisher, or Angie Murphy. Let the planning begin!

**Gary Lane**  
**Social Ministry**

### **Elijah's House PLEASE READ CINDY RUSSELL'S COUNCIL NOTES FOR THIS IMPORTANT UPDATE and more below!**

Welcome to Elijah's House!!

Elijah's House is a home that recently opened for men in need of housing and assistance finding work and/or a place to live. Those who have the means will pay rent based on what their income is.

One of the exciting things about Elijah's House is that it is a place where the residents will get to know Jesus as the Lord and Savior, or build the relationship they already have with him!! They will have opportunities at home to learn more and will be expected to attend a church service on Sunday morning.

Elijah's House was a vision that became reality very quickly. First English Lutheran became involved by purchasing two showers which have been installed.

We would like to continue our support of this much needed community service and ministry by providing a meal once a month. We are looking for groups or individuals who are willing to provide food, fix a dinner and deliver it to Elijah's House on Park Avenue West. It doesn't need to be anything fancy, just some good home cooked food!!

If you or your group are interested, please see Cindy Russell or Jan Fisher.



December 1, 2021

Dear Friends and Partners in Jesus Christ,

In 2020 and 2021, the North American Lutheran Church (NALC) was blessed with strong and consistent giving throughout the pandemic from our congregations, mission districts and individual donors.

The Executive Council has voted to provide financial assistance to our multinational congregations and select ministry partners that have been negatively impacted by the ongoing pandemic.

We are pleased to enclose a check to assist you and your leadership in the valuable work you are doing for the Kingdom of God and our Lord Jesus Christ's Church. Please use these monies where you think the need is the greatest.

Please let us know you received the funds and how you were able to use them. May God richly bless you in your labor for the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

In Christ,

C. Michael Johnson, Treasurer  
treasurer@thenalc.org

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## Within the Fold

### Wednesday Noon Lunch Ministry



**There were no WNL donations  
made in December.**

Do you or a loved one have an upcoming birthday that falls on a Sunday? Please let one of our worship leaders know before the service. We would love to sing "Happy Birthday" to celebrate at the beginning of our worship!

Women's Ministry received a very nice Thank You note from Pat Shenberger's family following the funeral meal provided for over forty people following Pat's funeral service. We are thankful and grateful to be able to offer this service to the families who lose a loved one.

From Jane and Liz Sprang: Thank you for the surprise "goody bags" recently dropped off by Myra Cordrey. It was much appreciated. **Liz and Jane Sprang**

From Jeanne Hillman: Thank you for the goody bag! Much appreciated!  
Love, **Jeanne Hillman**

FELC Congregation Council says a big "Thank You" to **Lowell Weeks** for his long and steadfast service to our Lord and to this congregation. You are a wonderful steward of your gifts, Lowell, and we will miss you on council!

Congregation Council and FELC Staff are very grateful to **Alicia Schulz, Greg Hughes, Linda Hughes, Lana Conry and Deb Forest** for the wonderful Christmas Party meal served to all of us on Tues. December 14th. Thank you so much for that act of love!

First English, Thank you for remembering mom's (Jane Starner) birthday. It would have been her 80<sup>th</sup> this year. Mom passed on April 13<sup>th</sup> this year after a fall. She is missed but at peace and no longer suffering. Thanks again for remembering her,  
**Joel Brubaker**

*If you know of a member who would like to have a communion deacon bring communion to him or her at home, please contact Larry Lantz @ 419-756-5506.*



## Worship Committee

**Looking forward, we will once again enjoy IMAGE Choir from Mansfield Christian School. They will be with us on Sunday, April 24, 2022!**

We are forever grateful to all the volunteers that we have performing various “techie” duties for Sunday worship. Thank you for your steadfast and generous service each week. It is all done so very professionally!

We are also very blessed with a wonderful group of musicians that lead worship each week. It all makes our worship pointed to God’s Glory! A huge “Thank You” to each one of you!

**Cindy Russell**  
**Worship Committee Chairperson**

## *Women’s Ministry*

*We have been enjoying some wonderful fellowship at Women’s Bible Study.*

Women's Bible Study will be meeting on the second Monday of each month, at 1:00 in members’ homes. All women are welcome and encouraged to join us. We will be doing a study entitled "Rejoice in the Lord Always" based on Philipians. The study booklet, written by Rev. Dr. Amy Little, will cost \$10.00. **Our January 10, 2022 meeting** will be at the home of **Lana Conry, 217 Redwood Rd., Mansfield, OH 44905. We will be doing session #5.** It’s not too late to join us! Bring a friend along! Let Jan know so that she can tell you how to order your book.



Funeral meals, when necessary, will be provided.

**JANUARY: Squad A:** Karen Ellis, Barb Coon, and 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.

*February 6, 2022*

*February 20, 2022*

*February 27, 2022*

*April 17, 2022*

*April 24, 2022*



## **Global Mission**

**Please note the wonderful letter from North American Lutheran Church where they advised Malawi Orphan Care Project of an unexpected donation of \$10,000.00.**

Please continue to pray for our missionaries. It is the greatest gift we can give them. More missionary details can be found in my Council Report above. They are certainly bringing Jesus to the people that they engage.

**Chris Cichanowicz**

**Global Mission Chairperson**

## **LUTHER FELLOWSHIP**

**(next Luther Fellowship, third Monday of month,  
January 17 , 2022 at 2:00 PM)**

On December 20th we gathered in the Emmaus Room for some Christmas singing with Becky Pittman. We enjoyed some snacks and warm wassail which made the atmosphere so inviting. It is a joy to share our love of Jesus and support for one another in fellowship. Thank you to Jane Sprang for making those reminder calls each month! In January we will be putting together Buddy bags to be shared with Crossroads on the square in downtown.

**PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE THIRD MONDAY EACH MONTH, “LUTHER FELLOWSHIP”!**

## **PUB THEOLOGY**

**PUB THEOLOGY WILL NOT MEET IN JANUARY. PLEASE KEEP US IN MIND FOR FEBRUARY GATHERING, LOCATION TO BE ANNOUNCED.**

***I AM LEAVING THIS IN THE NEWSLETTER SO THAT YOU CAN BECOME FAMILIAR WITH THE PROGRAM.***

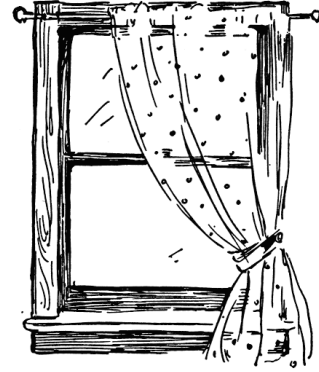
After a long pause, due to COVID, we will begin Pub Theology again. We will meet monthly on the 2nd Tuesday. **We are moving to the Black Dog Tavern outside of Bellville on Rt. 97.** Starting time will be approximately 6:30 PM. This will enable us to order and possibly get our food or drinks prior to starting the discussion about 7PM. It is not necessary to order anything, however please leave a tip as they are supplying a waiter/waitress for us.

There will be a topic presented and each table will discuss that topic among themselves. Their thoughts, questions, etc. will then be shared with the group for further discussion. No we don't always stay on topic but that is OK. However, we try not to get too far from the subject of the evening.

Generally we should be done by 9PM or before. Please bring friends. If you have suggestions for topics please let Andy Kershaw, Ted Ellis or Pastor Tim know. It will be a fun evening so please come. You will meet and talk to people outside of the church setting and get to know them better. No you don't have to be a great Theologian to attend but may be enlightened by other's perspective on the topic. Give it a try!

## **Women's Ministry Project for Epiphany**

Epiphany begins on January 6, 2022 and this year we have voted to support a young woman who is about to complete her seminary education. Shruti Kulkarni is a bright and very deserving Christian, and some of her story is explained in Pastor Tim's council report found at the beginning of the Visitor. Women's Ministry feels that our Epiphany offering can certainly be a big help to her as she approaches ordination. Presently she needs assistance with living expenses, driver's education, and the purchase of a good used car. Several of our sister NALC congregations are forming financial support plans for Shruti. Please prayerfully consider what you can do to offer her support in this manner. This project will be ongoing until Ash Wednesday, March 2, 2022, when Epiphany ends. Questions can be directed to Jan Fisher, Team Leader @ 419.589.2820 or email: [janfisher2002@yahoo.com](mailto:janfisher2002@yahoo.com)



## **Becky's Views.....**

### **Merry Christmas! Christ the Savior is born!**

33 youth and adults participated in my favorite afternoon of the year - Christmas caroling! Sounds of the season filled the air for 8 of our homebound members. (And it sounded really good, too!) What a joyful sight to see 33 people get off of the church bus and walk up to each home. They also appreciated the homemade cards from our Jr. and Sr. High Sunday School class.

Wow! Our ELC kids did an AWESOME job singing at their Christmas program! There were no official "meltdowns" this year; just joyous melodies, smiles and fun motions to the music. The kids loved their gift of a pillow covered with a home-made case made by several of you. Thank you!

If you missed our FELC youth led worship on Sunday, December 12th, please go back and watch it online via Facebook or on our YouTube channel. You will be blessed! 20 kids celebrated the birth of Jesus together with strings, hand bells, puppets, special music and a fun skit. We have great youth!

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

**Becky Pittman, Coordinator of Music and the Arts**



## **COMMUNION AT WEDGEWOOD ESTATES**

This important offering of worship and communion will continue on the third Wednesday of each month and YOU are invited to join in with your support and attendance. If you have questions see Pastor Tim. The residents are always anxious to see their fellow FELC members.

## **MEMORIALS**

### **Memorial Fund**

*In memory of Eugene Calver*

*Given by: Evelyn Smith, Jack Ruby, Wanda Wolfe, Ginger Wolford, Sherry Pugh, Beverly Brook, Lana Conry*

### **Wednesday Noon Lunch Fund**

*In memory of Dolores Esler*

*Given by: Mary Schwartz*

### **Malawi Orphan Care**

*In memory of Patricia Shenberger*

*Given by: Beth Harruff*



**Patricia Shenberger**

**November 24, 2021**

We remember in our prayers the family and friends of those who have recently lost loved ones through death. We pray for Christ's gifts of healing and peace during this time of loss and sorrow that they may be comforted with the Promise of the Resurrection through faith in Christ Jesus our Risen Savior.

### **Pastoral Acts**

Pastor Tim Hubert officiated at the graveside service for H. Eugene Calver on November 26, 2021 at Mansfield Memorial Park.

Pastor Tim Hubert officiated at the funeral service for Patricia Shenberger on Thursday, December 2, 2021 at FELC.

Pastor Tim Hubert baptized Madelynn Jean Grove and Olivia Mae Grove, daughter's of Justin & Misty Grove, on December 24, 2021 during our 7:30 p.m. Christmas eve worship service.



## **Evangelism for Today's World**

This month we also have had some visitors join us for worship. Happily we send them out a “Psalm card” welcoming them to worship. It’s also time to review our active members list so that is being worked on. It is important to commune once a year and record it on a pew pad, plus you need to make a recorded financial donation at least once a year to keep your membership active. (See notation below.)

A friendly reminder from Evangelism Committee: If you are a new member or a recently confirmed (this year) member, or a member who just turned 18 you will need to be certain that you have made at least one contribution of record during 2021 and also taken communion at least one time in 2021 so that you are eligible to vote at the January 2022 congregational meeting.

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***

## ***NALC DISASTER RESPONSE***

***In times of extreme weather changes which create tornadoes and hurricanes, please remember to support NALC Disaster Response a full ministry partner of our denomination.***

<b>Volunteer Scheduling Contacts</b>	<b>The monthly volunteers are published in Visitor and posted on bulletin boards.</b>
<b>Worship Committee</b> <b>Heather McFadden 419.295.6467</b> <b>Acolytes</b> <hr/> <b>Worship Committee Chmn.</b> <b>Cindy Russell 419.544.0878</b> <b>Assisting Ministers and Lay Readers</b>	<b>Pew Pad Gleaners</b> <b>Jane Sprang 419.610.9776</b> <hr/> <b>Ushers</b> <b>Charles and Myra Cordrey</b> <b>419.632.4121</b>
<b>Evangelism Committee</b> <b>Jan Fisher 419.589.2820</b> <b>Greeters</b>	<b>Becky Pittman</b> <b>419.989.8585</b> <b>Power Point, Nave</b>
<b>Property Committee</b> <b>Mike Anderson 419.295.4598</b> <b>Property Chairman</b>	<b>Finance Committee</b> <b>Lu Blankenship</b> <b>419.564.1469</b>
<b>Becky Pittman</b> <b>419.989.8585</b> <b>Sound Board/Audio</b>	<b>Amy Skropits 419.747.3076</b> <b>Sunday School Superintendent</b>



## *January 2022 Volunteers*

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

#### **ACOLYTES**

January	2:	TBA
January	9:	TBA
January	16:	TBA
January	23:	TBA
January	30:	TBA

#### **ALTAR WORKERS**

Scott and Jodi Mumaw

#### **ASSISTING MINISTERS**

Chris Hoecker

#### **COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOSTS**

Property

#### **COMMUNION PREPARERS**

January	2:	Ted & Karen Ellis
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#### **COMMUNION SERVERS**

January	2:	
Wine West:		Pat Heichel
Wine East:		Lana Conry
Intinction:		Jane Mako

#### **GREETER**

**Jan Fisher**

#### **LAY READERS**

January	2:	Jan Fisher
January	9:	Angie Kaschube
January	16:	Lu Blankenship
January	23:	Myra Cordrey
January	30:	Shirley Lane

#### **PASTORS' PRAYER PARTNERS**

Chris Cichanowicz  
Mary Schwartz  
Lowell Weeks  
Jan Fisher

#### **PEW PAD GLEANERS**

January	2:	TBA
January	9:	TBA
January	16:	TBA
January	23:	TBA
January	30:	TBA

#### **PROPRESENTER**

January	2:	Teri Brenkus
January	9:	Cindy Russell
January	16:	Allison Weeks
January	23:	Isaac McFadden
January	30:	Peyton McFadden

#### **SLING STUDIO**

January	2:	Todd Heichel
January	9:	Suzanne Rippel
January	16:	Tom Sarbach
January	23:	Suzanne Rippel
January	30:	Todd Heichel

#### **SUNDAY SCHOOL BREAKFAST**

January	2:	Amy Skropits
January	9:	None (Quake)
January	16:	Angie Murphy
January	23:	Annette Doklovic
January	30:	Becky Sarbach

#### **SOUND BOARD OPERATORS**

January	2:	Ed Farner
January	9:	Ed Farner
January	16:	Ed Farner
January	23:	Ed Farner
January	30:	Ed Farner

#### **USHERS NAVE**

Larry & Becky Faith  
Gregg Thatcher

## 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.

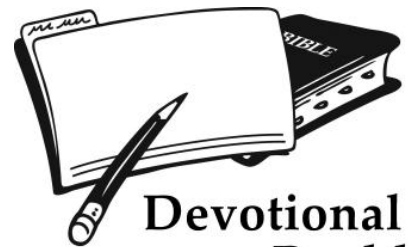


**Mary Schwartz is now heading up the prayer chain. Please call Mary to activate the prayer chain.**

**Her home # is: 419.747.2600 or cell # is: 419.566.3113.  
Prayer is very powerful!**

## DAILY DEVOTIONAL BOOKLETS

Devotional booklets for JANUARY 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  
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[NALC.org](http://NALC.org) offers a great devotional option. Check it out!

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[felc-mansfield.org](http://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](http://felc-mansfield.org) where you can be directed to online worship via Facebook and YouTube

## **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](mailto: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](mailto:NGoddard@felc-mansfield.org)**

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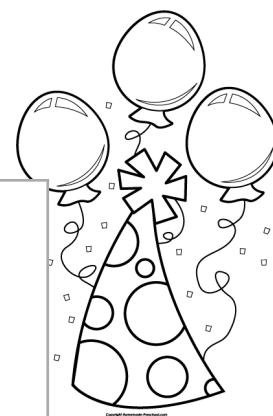
***Emergency cell phone number if the pastor cannot be***

***contacted at church:***

**Pastor Timothy Hubert 217-778-8017**

## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS:

Goracke, Charlene	33 Morgan Dr Lexington OH 44904	January 1
Hagerman, Patricia	Winchester Terrace 70 Winchester Rd Mansfield OH 44907	January 2
Kaschube, Faith	186 Essex Rd Lexington OH 44904	January 3
Fisher, Janice	1171 Crestwood Dr Mansfield OH 44905-1624	January 4
Caseman, Jacob	2355 Mount Zion Rd Mansfield OH 44903-8761	January 4
Schwartz, Mary	1844 W Longview Ave Ontario OH 44906-1406	January 13
Brenkus, Michael	273 Greenbriar Dr Bellville OH 44813-1159	January 15
Elder, Gail	1660 S Frederica Ave Clearwater FL 33756-7203	January 16
Kochheiser, Marilyn	698 Hollywood Ln Mansfield OH 44907-1610	January 17
Sarbach, Tommy	527 Forest St Mansfield OH 44903	January 18
Hill, Cynthia	965 Stewart Road N. Mansfield OH 44905-1549	January 19
Kaschube, Callie	186 Essex Rd Lexington OH 44904	January 25
Cichanowicz, Christine	345 Avalon Dr Mansfield OH 44906-2727	January 29
Shears, Kerria	1575 Sassafras Dr, Mansfield OH 44905	January 29
Hunt, Todd	3134 Gass Rd Lexington OH 44904-9788	January 29



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