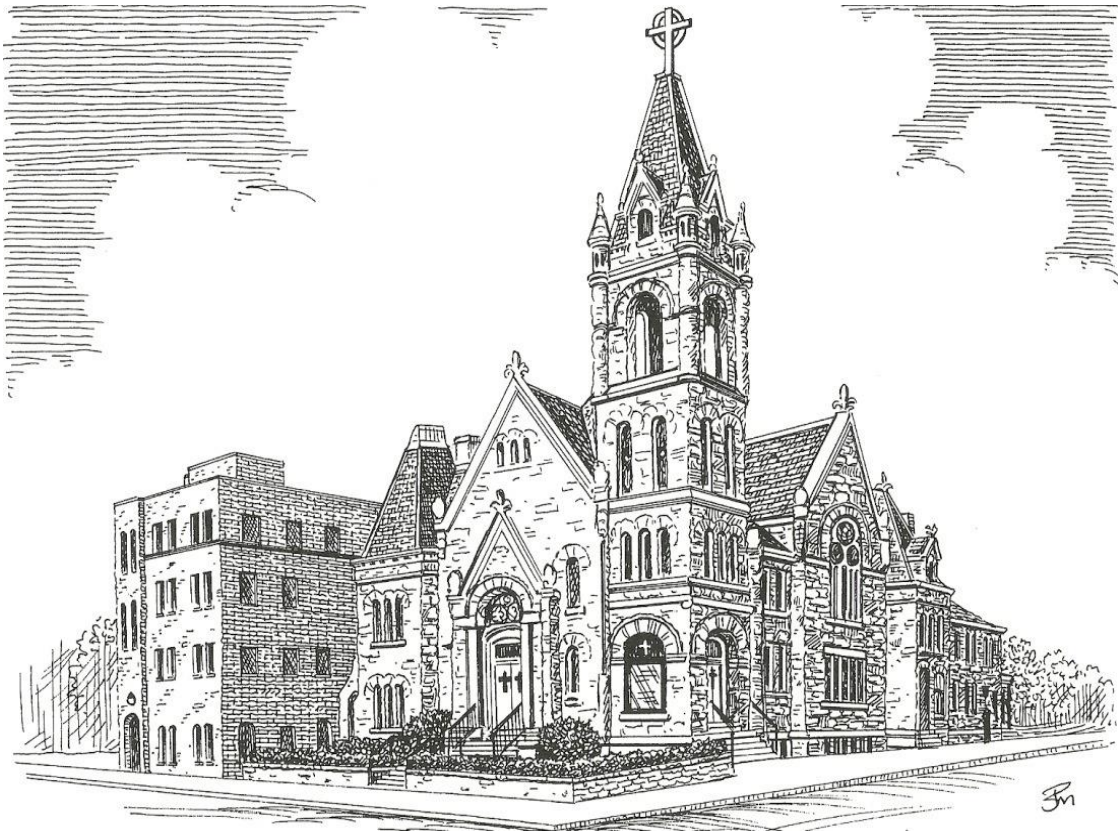


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Women of FELC *Jan Fisher*

Global Mission *Chris Cichanowicz*

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

The church office hours are changing! The new hours will be as follows:

Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

If you any questions about these changes, please contact Faith Williams at the church office. (419)-522-0662 or at parishsecretary@felc-mansfield.org



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

FIRST ENGLISH LUTHERAN CHURCH CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES & REPORTS

Thursday, January 19, 2023- 7:00 PM

DRAFT COPY- Updated January 19, 7:51 PM

Present: Ted Ellis, Gary Lane, Chris Cichanowicz, Cindy Russell, Lu Blankenship, Misty Grove, Sandie Volz, Chad McFadden, Christopher Kaschube, Pastor Miguel Acosta, Rob Skropits, Jan Fisher (via phone)
Absent: Mike Anderson, Teri Brenkus

The meeting was called to order by **Rob Skropits** at 7:02 PM.
Devotion and prayer by Pastor Acosta.

Secretary, Christopher Kaschube:

Presented the FELC Church Council minutes from November 2022 for approval. MOTION (Lu/Cindy) to approve the minutes. MOTION APPROVED.
Executive Committee: No Report

Pastor, Miguel Acosta:

Review of the past two months activities around FELC.
7-10 new members are interested in joining the congregation
Advent sermon series
Confirmation classes are upcoming
Presentation of a Draft the Strategic Plan for FELC for 2023-2025. (Link to the document coming soon.)

Stewardship Committee, Sandra Volz:

In response to frequent comments regarding how often the congregation was being asked to give to various ministries, representatives from Stewardship and Finance met to review the envelope schedule and discuss how we should proceed with special giving opportunities in 2023. We started by listing those causes that are part of our budgeted benevolence and then reviewed those that have historically been of importance to the congregation. Here is the plan we came up with:
Benevolence (included in the budget).
First English sends 10% of offering income each quarter to the following organizations:

NALC

North Central Ohio Mission District

North American Lutheran Seminary

Missionary - Krafts

Missionary – Sorges

Malawi Orphan Care Project – food

NALC Disaster Relief

Giving Envelopes

1st Quarter

January - Initial \$10 offering to cover envelope expense

February - Love Inc.

March - no special envelope

2nd Quarter

April – no special envelope

May – Malawi Orphan Care Project – Education

June – no special envelope

3rd Quarter

July – no special envelope

August – Richland Pregnancy

September – no special envelope

4th Quarter

October – no special envelope

November – Women's Ministry Thank Offering

December – Christmas Eve Offering

Special Mailings with Envelopes Included

Lent – office sends letters and special envelope (has been for Kraft Family in the past)

Advent – office sends letters and special envelopes (has been for Malawi Food in the past)

This plan does not preclude folks from giving to existing funds, such as Youth, Missions & Ministries, Memorial, etc. However, we took this to Council and asked that all committees and organizations within the church respect this plan. This fits in with the visioning that was done a few years ago when it was suggested that we focus on fewer ministries and do them well.

Stewardship Commitments for 2023: 51 Pledges with the total amount pledged of \$179,208.00 with an average pledge of \$3513.88.

Finance Committee, Lu Blankenship:

General Operating Fund (GOF): includes ELC

December 2022 Income was \$61,455.15

December 2022 Expenses were \$107,161.65

December Income is less than expenses by \$45,706.50

YTD Income is \$630,312.20 which is less than budget by \$22,771.80

YTD Expenses are \$922,765.50 which is less than budget by \$10,868.03

YTD Income is less than YTD Expenses by \$292,453.30

Early Learning Center (ELC):

December 2022 Income was \$20,298.53

December 2022 Expenses were \$21,796.21

December Income is less than expense by \$1,497.68

YTD Income was \$341,269.99 which is less than budget by \$48,830.01

YTD Expense were \$327,578.20 which is less than budget by \$60,431.80

YTD Income is more than expenses by \$13,691.79

*Please note the ELC is also using the ELC Fund for expenses (see fund activity report for balance)

Discussion of CDL drivers: Will we have any more expenses for new CDL's in 2023? Finance agreed that we won't pay for any more folks to get licensed as we currently have three drivers along with the ELC driver.

We agreed to begin meeting quarterly. Finance Committee members will receive monthly reports but will only meet following the end of each quarter unless something important comes up.

The minimum wage increase resulted in two ELC employees getting increases.

Property Committee, Mike Anderson:

The Property Committee did not meet in January, but I will give some updates on our December 5, meeting. Andy Kershaw brought up the following topics:

Andy got three quotes to replace the five existing two-ton rooftop air conditioners.

Standard Plumbing & Heating	\$64,539
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Calvary Mechanical LLC	\$69,250
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MG Energy	\$66,330
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The Committee voted and passed a motion to have Standard Plumbing & Heating do the work. This price does include a crane to do the work along with the disposal of the old units.

Andy brought up a proposal to replace lights on the 2nd Floor, 3rd Floor, (ELC Areas), and Sunday School area with New LED Lights. This would include all areas except the Emmaus Room. The cost for the bulbs will be somewhere between \$2,300 and \$3,000. James Murphy & Andy Kershaw will do the work. It is estimated that the savings in electricity will pay for the project in a couple of years. The Property Committee voted on and passed the motion to proceed with the project.

Andy gave us an update on the Stained Glass Windows. They are 50% complete with a payment due in December.

Andy also gave us an update on the Insurance Renewal for the church. Notes of interest: The Church Building is insured for \$12,466,540.

Personal Property	\$1,246,654
Retreat Center	\$199,951
Personal Property	\$32,609
Retreat Garage	\$36,400
Retreat Pavilion	\$23,000

The Church Organ was estimated at \$1,000,000 to replace.

The Property Committee voted on and passed a motion to renew the policy with Menonite Mutual Insurance Co., Orville, Ohio.

Evangelism Committee, Jan Fisher:

Praise God, we continue to have visitors EVERY WEEK! If they sign a pew pad and leave an address I always send them one of my psalm/proverbs cards because it is way more personal than a form letter! I'm excited that finally we have a plan to accept new members. Details are not secure yet, but at least we all know that we will be welcoming them into our fold. Please, everyone continue to be the welcoming body of Christ that we all are! It's very important for people to know that others are interested in them.

Senior Boxes for December went very well. It was a sloppy weather day so perhaps that is why we only served 60 people. It's too early to report for January. I'm so thankful for the volunteer help of Angie Murphy, Larry Faith, Gary Lane, Mike Anderson, and Larry Lantz. If you care to volunteer, please talk to me or to Gary Lane. We could use another person doing data entry.

Women's Ministry: Jan Fisher:

We are hosting an "Arts and Crafts Night" on Tuesday, January 17. We have just asked the ladies to sign up, come enjoy homemade soup, and make some Valentines cards that will be used to send out to our college/military young people, and also to our homebound folks. At the time of this writing I do not know the size of our group, but all are welcome. We are providing all supplies at no charge. Fun!

Women's Bible Study continues to thrive with 13 to 15 women faithfully attending on the second Monday at 1:00 in member's homes. We continue to study "Seamless" written by Angie Smith; it's a contemporary study and Barbara Justice continues to be our wonderful leader. On February 13 we will meet at the home of Pat Heichel. All women are welcome and can join at any time.

Luther Fellowship was canceled for January due to the funeral of Ruth Hughes. In February we will play bingo and enjoy snacks and fellowship at 2:00 PM on Monday, February 21.

ELC Committee, Misty Grove:

Submitted by Angie Murphy:

Currently the ELC has 57 children enrolled, and we have added on 2 new staff members, Easter Oneal and Sarah Barr. Three staff members, Michelle, Angie, and Megan will be attending the quarterly directors and leadership meeting free of charge at the YWCA on January 19th.

We are looking forward to some upcoming events including the Valentine's Day dance, the Fastnacht program and Game Night!

In mid February the ELC will receive a new add on curriculum "Read It Again" through OSU. This is a free program that Megan, Jaylin and Angie have been trained on over the last several months. We will receive 22 books and a 31-week curriculum.

The ELC will also be applying for the summertime kids grant through Richland County Foundations. This year we will be expanding our art program with Rachel Justice (Barbara's daughter).

Attached is a link to view the dates that the ELC will be closed in 2023. 2023 close dates.pdf

Submitted by Becky Pittman:

The ELC classes are learning about the Creation story the entire month of January through songs with myself, during chapel with Pastor Miguel, and in their classrooms with their teachers. We may even ask Shirley to hop on board during her special story time on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month! Repetition is key for learning for our kids.

Fastnacht has a new name this year! In order to continue building intentional relationships with our daycare families, we are inviting them to "Mardi Gras Mania" on Tuesday, February 21st. Activities, music and a short message will be geared towards the ELC kids and our own kids. Our traditional pancake dinner will be served from 5:00-6:30 for everyone at both the church and ELC.

We continue to invite the ELC kids to Children's Church with a note in their lunchbox the Thursday before the scheduled Sunday. We have also added our Sunday School information.

Global Missions Committee, Chris Cichanowicz:

Malawi:

On January 15 Brianna McFadden, with 20 of her fellow musicians from Baldwin Wallace, donated their time and wonderful musical gifts in a concert here at church — their goal being to help feed the orphans at the Malawi Orphan Care Project. They collected \$950. Awesome idea, Brianna and an awesome concert. Thank you!

A video of the electricity, solar panels and water tower are on the MOCP Facebook page.

The MOCP prayer for January, February and March is the following: Most gracious God, you bless us all richly and we praise your name in all that we do. Thank you for forgiveness, repentance, grace, renewal, and your gracious love. In Jesus 'name we pray. Amen.

Jan has put copies of the December Malawi Progress Report from Ken Ekegren on a table in the narthex. Please feel free to take and read one.

Three new students have qualified for University. Our "regulars", Blessings, Precious, and Leonard, return to school on January 23.

3,096 trees have been planted on the farm.

The children LOVED the new soccer balls and jump ropes.

Their special Christmas party included 971 children and 37 adults.

Another mission group is planning to go to Malawi this year.

The Far Side:

Brian and Barbara got back to their Far Side city on December 20 with no problems.

Several Islander believers visited them just a few days after their arrival in hopes that they could continue their plans in their journey of faith.

Brian and Barb are asking us to pray that God will use this time to build the body of Christ community among them.

They are now in Philadelphia awaiting the arrival of a new grandbaby boy.

Peru:

There is a recent video on Facebook of what's happening with the Krafts. Lots of young people are finding the love of Jesus through the creativity and direction of Shannon and Nick. Never a dull moment.

They just completed an IMMERSE session with 20 young people excited to learn English. All were successful!

Music & Worship Committee, Cindy Russell:

Judy Santoro has volunteered for Congregational Life, but due to her husband's health issues

this is on hold and she will let us know in the future if she still wants to do this.

In the meantime, I am hoping to recruit individuals that have experience with Congo Life to volunteer for events as they come up.

We will be having a potluck on January 29th, the fifth Sunday.

We did not meet in November and December due to the holidays. We will meet in January and

will be discussing the Lenten Season and Holy Week.

Attendance and Facebook Views for November:

Date	Attendance	Views
6th.		144
13th	102	137
20th	127	199
27th	103	173

Attendance and Facebook Views for December:

Date	Attendance	Views
4th	117	149
11th	128	181
18th	107	192
24th	122	450
25th	54	No live stream

Youth Committee, Ted Ellis:

Nine of our youth registered to go to Quake but only 8 went as one got sick. Four adults also attended. This year's Quake was on January 8 & 9 in Cincinnati. The youth gave a rundown of their experiences at church on January 15. We should all be proud that our youth are leaders and get involved in all the activities.

Social Ministry Committee, Gary Lane:

The recent meal for the Elijah House was stuffed stockings with candy and bare necessity items such as combs, toothbrushes, shaving items, etc.

Senior Boxes for December were down to 60 due to cold weather and Christmas time.

WNL was down to 35 in January but it will likely pick up in February.

Bare Necessity items for this month collected in the Narthex are shaving items, bar soaps, shampoo, toothbrush, etc.

Old Business: None

New Business: Rob Skropits called a special meeting of the Church Council immediately following this meeting, January 19.

Notes:

February Coffee Fellowship and Council Devotion: Stewardship Committee

February Council Meeting is Tuesday, February 21, 7:00 PM

MOTION (Misty/Chad) to adjourn. MOTION APPROVED.

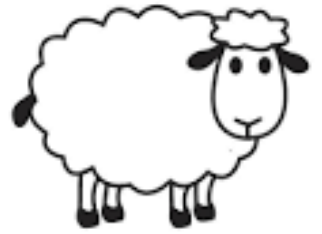
The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 7:51 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher J. Kaschube

FELC Church Council Secretary

Within the Fold



Dear Women of FELC,

Thank you so much for the Christmas gift card. It is nice to have people back home who are still keeping me in mind. Love you all!

Sincerely, **Mitchell Pittman**

Nicole Goddard issued the final benevolence and Advent donations check on Dec. 29, 2022. As Treasurer of Malawi Orphan Care Project, I want to convey a huge Thank You to our congregation for their selfless support of MOCP, but even more their gracious support during Advent. I was very happy to deposit a check for \$5117.00 which came from 4th Quarter benevolence and special Advent offerings. Thank you so much for supporting our precious orphans! Jan Fisher, Treasurer

A great and user friendly way to receive DAILY DEVOTIONS written and supplied by NALC is to text: ReadingTheWord to 24251. They will respond back with a link and devotions will come to your phone every morning. They can be read and/or audible.

You can also get devotions from our felc-mansfield.org website by selecting the NALC logo button.

Pub Theology is on hold for a month or two.

We will announce our locations in the new year.

Worship and Music Committee



Plans are still being made for Lenten Worship Services. Please make sure to check your bulletins, e-mails and FELC for details.

Ash Wednesday is February 22 so please plan to attend worship that evening at 7:00 PM. Weekly Wednesday evening Lenten plans are forthcoming.

Cindy Russell
Worship Committee Chairperson

Social Ministry

Voluntary support of NALC Disaster Response

NALC Disaster Response is one of the missional areas that we at FELC support via our benevolence. We do need to offer additional support and suggest that if your heart leads you in that manner, please consider sending them a “home improvements” store gift card. This will be considered a February 2023 social/service project. A secure mailing address is:

NALC Disaster Response, 16500 Noble Ave., Caldwell, OH 43724

As we share this, if you have Thrivent products you might want to consider creating a missional project in 2023 to find a use for your two Thrivent Action Team cards. Those cards are a huge outreach blessing, and it’s above and beyond your church tithe!

Gary Lane, Social Ministry Chairperson

Congregational Life

Fastnacht is on Tuesday, February 21st! All are welcome to join us for some *Mardi Gras Mania!*

The night of FOOD, FELLOWSHIP, and FUN begins at 5pm! Youth will kick off the evening in the sanctuary with a Nerf gun fight! Please bring your own Nerf equipment and mark it accordingly. Little ones (*ages 3 and under*) will be throwing "snowballs" in the narthex.

The kids will feast on pancakes and sausage from 5:30 till 6pm, and then head back up to the sanctuary for 15 minutes of music and a message.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY AND FRIENDS ARE WELCOME TO FEAST any time between 5:00 - 6:30!

Women's Ministry

Women's Bible Study

Once again Barbara Justice taught our Bible Study from the book "Seamless". Thirteen ladies were present for the study. Thank you to Beth Harruff for serving as our hostess in January. We will meet at the church in the Emmaus Room on February 13 to share the video on Seamless and further the study. Pat Heichel will be hostess. All ladies are encouraged and welcome to join us!

Funeral meals, when necessary, will be provided.

FEBRUARY Squad A: Karen Ellis, Ila Kershaw, Barb Coon, Lu Blankenship

LUTHER FELLOWSHIP

We had to cancel our January gathering due to the funeral of our member, Ruth Hughes. Many of us attended her memorial service. For February we will plan to have the Bingo and Snacks "event" at 2:00 PM in the Emmaus Room. We always enjoy the fellowship! Come and join us!



Arts and Crafts Night in January

Our first Arts and Crafts Night on January 17 was a great success! Ten ladies had a very enjoyable evening making Valentines cards and another Arts and Crafts night will be planned for an evening in February. Please watch for the date.

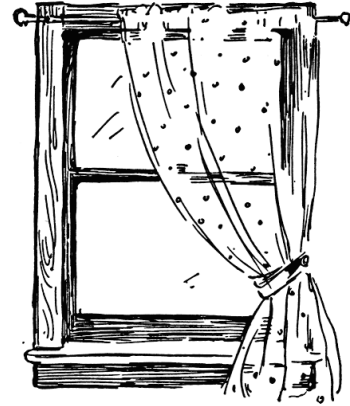


Global Mission

I am excited to report of a gift of income that came from the Christmas Eve worship offering at our partner church, Westwood Community Church in Excelsior, MN. They are contributing \$30,000.00 to the further establishment of the irrigation system at the farm in Malawi! This is just huge in enhancing the sustainability of raising crops at the farm. Praise God for His hand in this!

Chris Cichanowicz

Global Mission Chairperson



Becky's Views.....

I am thankful for our Children's Church volunteers who are willing to minister to our kids during worship! Would you like to become part of this rotation? The prep work will be done for you. The kids LOVE it, and so do Mom and Dad!! Chris Mayglothling does an amazing job preparing the crafts every other month. We are looking for another volunteer to do the prep those opposite months. Is this a gift you would like to share? Please talk to me if you are interested.

Did you know that Angie Murphy and her school-age kids took down ALL of the Christmas decor in the sanctuary AND put it away??? Please be sure to thank her and her kids for all of their hard work.

Scott and I are always happy to have volunteers share their musical gifts! If you would like to do special music during worship, please speak to one of us at your convenience.

If we have just 4 more volunteers sign up to provide a breakfast during Sunday School for our Jr. and Sr. High youth, we will be able to fill up the rest of the school year! Would YOU be willing to feed our kids? They are so appreciative, and they are always hungry. Please let me know if your answer is YES!

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 AND ARBORS AT MIFFLIN

Wedgewood Estates at 2:00 PM and Arbors at Mifflin at 3:30 PM.

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 check with the church office. The residents are always anxious to see their fellow FELC members.

In FEBRUARY we will offer communion at Wedgewood Estates and Arbors at Mifflin on Wednesday, February 15, 2023.

If you know of a member who cannot attend church services and would like to have a communion deacon bring communion to him or her at home, please contact Larry Lantz @ 419-756-5506 or call the church office at 419-522-0662.

Memorial Donations

Major Capital Improvements

In memory of Henry Keultjes

Given by: Gary & Shirley Lane



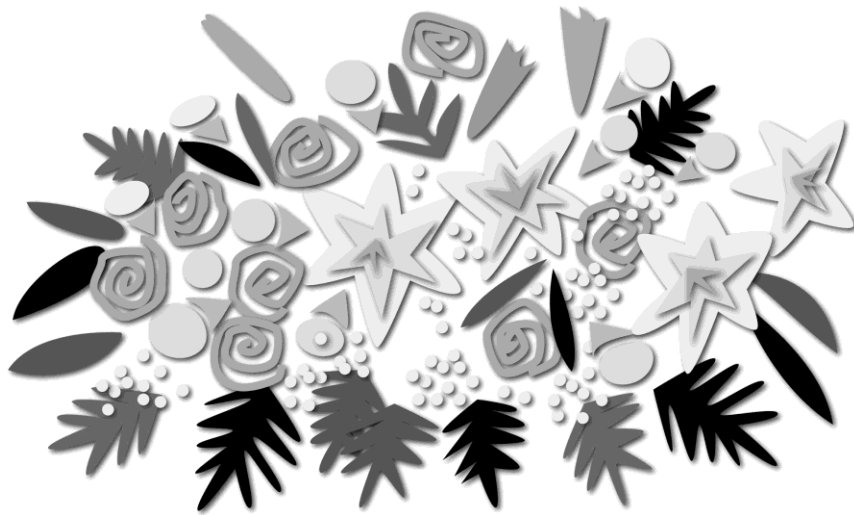
Ruth Hughes

January 5, 2023

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 Miguel Acosta officiated at a memorial service for Ruth Hughes, a long time member of FELC, performed at Wappner Cremation Center on January 16, 2023.



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 Faith Williams 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.

ALTAR FLOWERS DURING LENT

Lent is a season of spiritual renewal in preparation for the celebration of Easter. We reflect the austerity of the season by omitting the use of Altar Flowers on February 22 through March 26, thus providing a visual contrast with the abundance of flowers used at Easter.



Evangelism for Today's World

In December our numbers were a bit light because of the snowy weather. We served sixty 60+ low income lovely people who simply need some food assistance in these highly inflation fighting times!

This mission just continues to grow because of the inflation-related need within our community. The November distribution had fresh produce added and this is wonderful news. It is difficult for us to accurately estimate how many boxes we need, but we use former figures to estimate future figures!

We are excited to be able to serve our community in this manner and our guests are so very thankful. The boxes contain canned vegetables, canned fruit, pasta or rice, dehydrated milk and much more. In addition the people coming get a prepackaged box plus a 2# box of cheese, plus a 15# box of produce. There is a low income qualifier and many people qualify for this non-perishable food. Please pass the word that it's easy to get registered: bring ID and proof of income. This is important in these days of food insecurity. And many thanks to Larry Faith, Gary Lane, Mike Anderson and Larry Lantz for being the guys back in the garage, meeting the people and giving them this non-perishable food! If you can volunteer to join them please talk to Gary Lane.

Note: Senior Boxes will be available year round, once every month on the fourth Tuesday. Spread the word, 60+ can apply with low income guidelines! You must be a resident of Richland County and low income is a qualifier. If you register at FELC then you MUST pick up your goods at OUR location.

- **FEBRUARY Senior Boxes will be available on Tuesday, February 28, 2023 from 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM.**

Jan Fisher, Evangelism Chairperson

February 2023 Volunteers

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

ACOLYTES

February	5:	TBD
February	12:	TBD
February	19:	TBD
February	22:	TBD
February	26:	TBD

ALTAR WORKERS

Scott and Jodi Mumaw

ASSISTING MINISTERS

Todd Heichel

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOSTS

Stewardship Committee

COMMUNION PREPARERS

February	5:	Chris & Kathy Hoecker
February	19:	Beth Harruff & Lana Conry
February	22:	Charles & Myra Cordrey

COMMUNION SERVERS

February	5:	
Wine West:		Greg Thatcher
Wine East:		Heather McFadden
Intinction:		Jane Mako
February	19:	
Wine West:		Lu Blankenship
Wine East:		Greg Hughes
Intinction:		Sandie Volz
February	22:	
Wine West:		Jane Anderson
Wine East:		Lana Conry
Intinction:		Mary Schwartz

GREETER

TBA

LAY READERS

February	5:	Kathy Hoecker
February	12:	Sandie Volz
February	19:	Tricia Volz
February	26:	Jan Fisher

PASTORS' PRAYER PARTNERS

Chris Cichanowicz
Mary Schwartz
Lowell Weeks
Jan Fisher

PEW PAD GLEANERS

February	5:	Cindy Hill
February	12:	Linda Hughes
February	19:	Lana Conry
February	22:	Jodi Mumaw
February	26:	Stacey Crall

PROPRESENTER

February	5:	Isaac McFadden
February	12:	Teri Brenkus
February	19:	Peyton McFadden
February	22:	Cindy Russell
February	26:	Allison Weeks

SLING STUDIO

February	5:	Suzanne Rippel
February	12:	Suzanne Rippel
February	19:	Tom Sarbach
February	22:	Tom Sarbach
February	26:	Suzanne Rippel

SUNDAY SCHOOL BREAKFAST

February	5:	Annette Doklovic
February	12:	Karen Ellis
February	19:	Angie Murphy
February	26:	Allison Weeks

SOUND BOARD OPERATORS

February	5:	Ed Farner
February	12:	Ed Farner
February	19:	Ed Farner
February	22:	Ed Farner
February	26:	Ed Farner

USHERS NAVE

Elizabeth Volz & Mike Anderson
James & Angie Murphy
Alternate: Anita Nebrkorn

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 Faith Williams (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.



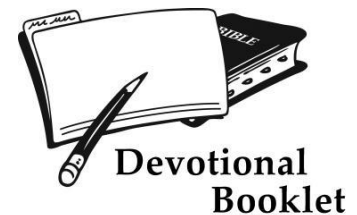
Mary Schwartz is now heading up the prayer chain. Please call Mary to activate the prayer chain.

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

Prayer is very powerful!

DAILY DEVOTIONAL BOOKLETS

- **A HEADS UP THAT BEGINNING IN JANUARY 2023 WE WILL NOT BE OFFERING THE DEVOTIONAL BOOKLETS. THIS IS BECAUSE SO FEW GET TAKEN AND THERE HAS BEEN A PRICE INCREASE. (Stewardship of our resources.) There are many devotionals available online.**



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And don't forget to check our FELC Facebook page for the daily devotions that Pastor Miguel posts.

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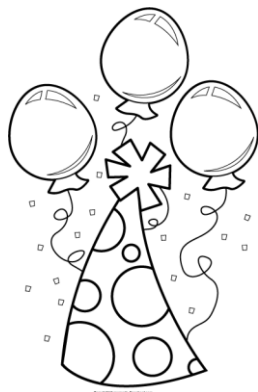
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