



The Circuit Rider

The newsletter of First United Methodist Church, Lancaster, Ohio

June 2024

Loving God and Loving People Making Disciples of Christ for the Transformation of the World.



For two years, we have been blessed by Pastor Amy Wood's presence and ministry at FUMC.

Her last Sunday in worship with us will be June 16th. We will be celebrating her time here with us and wishing her well with cake and a card shower during Fellowship Hour that Sunday. Pastor Amy's time with us has been short, but the memories we have made and her impact on our faith community will last forever. She has encouraged us and guided us in many ways since arriving here in 2022. We will miss her deeply and wish her the best as she cares for her new flock at Stonybrook UMC in Gahanna.



Please welcome our new incoming Associate Pastor Kathleen Kisner.

Pastor Kathleen was ordained in 1999 and has served at a variety of churches big and small. She is married to Craig, and they have three children. Their oldest is James who is currently serving in the U.S. Navy. Their middle child, Elizabeth, is a college student, and their youngest is Lila. Pastor Kathleen enjoys reading, photography, travel, playing the piano, and singing. Her first Sunday with us will be June 30th. We will be having tasty treats to welcome her during Fellowship Hour.

Registration begins May 5th



Vacation Bible School

Ages 4 - 5th Grade

July 8-12

6-8:30 pm

Crossroads Ministry Center
2095 W. Fair Ave

<https://vbsspro.events/p/fumc2024>



VBS

Make a splash this summer and get ready to dive into friendship with God at SCUBA Vacation Bible School (July 8-12, 6-8:30 pm)!! We have the chance to help children, ages 4-completed 5th grade, discover that God is a real friend who we can trust, who loves us forever, and who loves everyone.

Make a forever difference in a child's life this Summer. Volunteer Registration is open on-line.

Dive into the adventure! Participant **Early Registration** begins on-line May 5th. **Early VBS paid registrations include a Free SCUBA VBS T-Shirt!** Registrations received **AFTER** June 16th **will not receive a t-shirt!**

Go to vbsspro.events/p/fumc2024 to register either as a volunteer or as a participant.

Registration is **\$10 per participant with a family maximum of \$25**. Scholarships are available, contact Pastor Amy for more information.



Psalm 139:1-5

O LORD, you have searched me and known me. You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away. You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways. Even before a word is on my tongue, O LORD, you know it completely. You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.

Life is ever-changing. The seasons change. Jobs change. Our living spaces change. Our perspectives change. Our goals change. Our families change. Our appearances change. Our food tastes change. Though most of us try, we cannot avoid change.

In times of change, these words above from Psalm 139 bring us comfort. There is no change that we will experience that God isn't already aware of and that God isn't forging a path through for us. There is no change after which God isn't guarding the path behind us. God hems us in.

In the past month, we've celebrated baptisms, graduations, and meeting our goal to raise \$15,000 to help Jane Wise build a school in Mfuta. We've welcomed Chip Elder as our new Maintenance Technician and wished well-loved staffers Marty Cyrus and Jill Warner happy retirements. We will soon be saying farewell to Pastor Amy and preparing to welcome Pastor Kathleen. As a denomination, we have experienced change through the legislation of our postponed 2020 General Conference. And while change may disrupt our sense of security, we need not lose ourselves to fear in the change. God goes ahead of us and God is behind us, urging us on.

We continue to be the faithful community of Christians who worship together as First United Methodist Church. We are focused on our mission to "Love God and love all people by making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world." Change is a part of our mission, friends! So, when the winds of change cause you unease or make you afraid, I invite you to rest in the words of the psalmist as you breathe in and breathe out. We're in this together; we are not alone. God hems us in.

Thanks be to God,

Pastor Nikki

Change has come to the UMC via the results of the postponed 2020 General Conference that happened this spring. (If you didn't receive our May 7 email blast, go here: <https://www.love-first.org/resources/> and click on the red button labeled "Congregational Letter GC2020 in 2024.")

On June 6, at 6:30 pm, we invite you to attend a Question and Answer gathering at Crossroads Community Center. Pastor Nikki and Pastor Amy will be present to help with questions you may have regarding the results of General Conference (April 23-May 3). Our lay delegates to Annual Conference will be present to offer their report of what happened closer to home at our West Ohio Annual Conference (May 29-June 1). Light refreshments will be available.

By now, most of you have heard that I have been reappointed to serve at Stonybrook UMC in Gahanna. My last Sunday as one of your pastors will be June 16th. As I reflect over the last few years, I can't help but think about Paul's letter to the Philippians, where he writes: "Every time you cross my mind, I break out in exclamations of thanks to God. Each exclamation is a trigger to prayer. I find myself praying for you with a glad heart." (Philippians 1:3-4).



I am so thankful for the time that we have had together. We have shared joyous times of baptisms, Bible study, Christmas celebrations, and more. We have also walked together through times of sorrow: celebrations of life, Blue Christmas, hospital visits, and difficult conversations. And, I pray for you with a glad heart, thankful for the ways that we have walked together in faith over the last 2 years.

Now, as I prepare to go to Stonybrook, I will no longer be your pastor. Pastors Nikki Baker and Kathleen Kisner will be your leaders and will continue the journey that we have travelled together. They will care for you, challenge you, nurture you and guide you, and I am confident that together Lancaster First will continue the good work that God has worked in you from the first and that you will flourish.

You will continue to be in my heart and my prayers. I leave Lancaster First, changed by my time with you. Thank you for your compassion, care and prayers through my time as one of your pastors. I believe that, together, we have served God well, and I offer these words from Paul as my prayer for you,

"So this is my prayer: that your love will flourish and that you will not only love much but well. Learn to love appropriately. You need to use your head and test your feelings so that your love is sincere and intelligent, not sentimental gush. Live a lover's life, circumspect and exemplary, a life Jesus will be proud of: bountiful in fruits from the soul, making Jesus Christ attractive to all, getting everyone involved in the glory and praise of God." (Philippians 1:9-11)

In God's grace and peace,

Pastor Amy



**REAL people looking for a way to have
REAL conversations and live a
REAL faith in Jesus Christ in the REAL world**

We would love to have you join us!

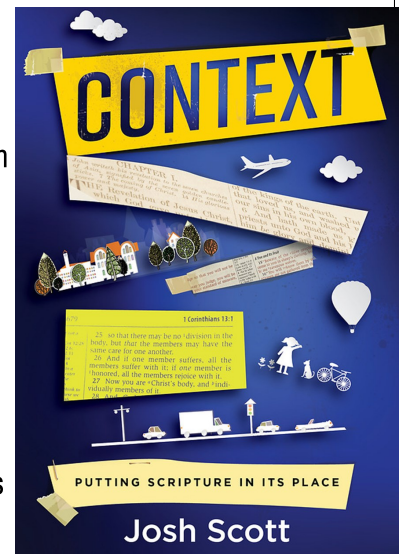
Tuesdays, 6:30-7:30 p.m. at Crossroads Ministry Center

We'd love to have you join us for a time of fellowship and worshipful, interactive, and relevant Bible study (with small group discussions and sharing) to help us live out our faith in our world today. Children are welcome to stay with their parents or play in the nursery.

We invite you to join us any or every week—and bring a friend!

Exploring the Chapter Behind the Verse.

Throughout the month of June, we will be looking more deeply at some of the most well-known Scriptures and exploring their meaning by examining them in their original biblical context. In *Context*, Josh Scott looks at verses we know by heart but may not know the people, places, and times that give them meaning. Through this process, he unveils fresh and enlightening interpretations that are often missed when these Scriptures are taken out of context.





We express our sincere sympathy to the families of those who have lost loved ones:

David Jones
Stephen Sims
Robert Miller
Bob Buchanan



Birth

Maya Kate Bowen

May 3, 2024

Parents are Blake & Jaimi Bowen
 Grandparents: Mary Jo Bowen
 and Steve & Lori Bernard



Interested in Baptism?

If you are, please contact the church at (740) 653-3330.



Holy Baptism (10:30)

April 28, 2024

Elijah Wilkes Menczywor

Parents are Joshua and Emily Menczywor
 Grandparents are Jeff and Ann Baird



Holy Baptism (10:30)

May 12 2024

Harper Jane Scalf

Parents are Tyler & Elizabeth Scalf



Holy Baptism (10:30)

May 19, 2024

Charlotte Lane Harding

Parents are Joseph & Samantha Harding
 Grandparents are Jon & Melodi Slater

At Crossroads Ministry Center
 2095 W. Fair Ave.

**MEN'S
 Breakfast**

June 1, 2024

8:00 a.m.

Call 740-653-3330 to reserve your spot

Ark Builders Adult Bible Class will be exploring the major themes in the Gospel of John in Adam Hamilton's 6 week study, "The Gospel of Light and Life". This new study will begin on Sunday, June 2nd at 9AM in Room 26. Hamilton will consider important questions of life, reality, and truth. We'll explore what Christians believe, why we believe it, and why it matters. Each week's lesson is supported by a video discussion, and books will be available in the Church Parlor. Please call church for availability. Questions, please call Joe Clark at 740-654-8766.



American Red Cross

July 15, 2024

1:30 - 6:30 pm

Red Cross Blood Drive

Crossroads Ministry Center

2095 W. Fair Ave.

Register at www.redcrossblood.org,

or contact Judy Hug, 740-653-3330

ext. 1003

or Judyhug@love-first.org

to help save a life!

**BLOOD PRESSURE
 CHECKS**

1st Sunday of each month

FREE

9:45 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Room 14 in the Parlor



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 UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



Thank You

Dear Friends at First Church: Thank you so much for the delicious cookies, tangerines, 50-year membership pins, and especially for the sunshine delivered by Dave and Paige Deuscher. Their smiles and greetings lifted an ordinary day into something very special. Thank you so much.
Pete and Nancy Vandervoort



Hello! Thank you for all you do for the local community. We enjoy the on-line church. We also love getting the Wednesday Night Dinners—they are so delicious, and we look forward to them.
God Bless, Elizabeth Wood & Fred Kark

Dear First Church: Virginia and I want to thank the members of FUMC for their support with cards and prayers during Virginia's recent back surgery. They have made a great difference to us. We especially want to thank the persons who made the new handrails from the street to our front door possible. Please continue your prayers, as final discharge orders have not been given. May God's peace be with all of you.. Glenn & Virginia Rosberg

Dear Church Family: Thank you for all the visits, cards, and phone calls on my Birthday! It was so much fun to see you all. Thanks also for the 2nd Saturday goodies. Also want to thank Pastor Amy for ending my day with a visit and a prayer. I'm also happy I can get the Sunday Service on my GrandPad with your help. Aileen Cave

Creative Ministries News

The Magic of Believe is preparing for multiple illusion shows which occur this Summer. They are performing a VBS show, an outdoor festival show and an assisted living show, all in the month of June! Then, on August 3rd, they will be bringing their illusion show to Crossroads!

"Believe" is an illusion ministry of our church and is open to anyone interested in learning and performing magic illusions (youth-adult). Rehearsals are on Monday evenings at Crossroads. Contact John Coen if you'd like more details.

Virtuous Reality Blacklight Theater will be performing for a VBS and a KidsFest the last week of June. Then, they will present a show at our VBS on Wednesday, July 10th.

Anyone aged 8-83 is welcome to be part of this exciting ministry! Rehearsals are on Tuesday evenings at Crossroads. Contact John Coen for details. (johncoen@love-first.org)



The July 4th Parade is coming, and we need people to represent our church as we promote our Scuba VBS. Sign up in the Parlor today!

Hooked on Books

Contact
Linda
Godenschwager
or Denise
Bennett

June 4, 2024
10:00 a.m.
Crossroads Ministry Center



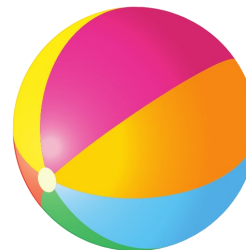
"The First Phone Call
from Heaven"

by Mitch Albom

Also, a reminder there will be no
book club in July.

Chair Volleyball

Wednesdays, 3pm-4pm
at Crossroads Ministry Center
2095 West Fair Ave.



Sign up in
the Parlor
& come
join us for
fun &
laughter!

Have fun with others! We play on **Wednesday afternoons, 3pm-4pm**, at Crossroads Ministry Center. A beachball is used, and there is a lot of laughter! Join us for fellowship and laughter! Please sign up in the Parlor!

Caring Ministries

Judy Hug: judyhug@love-first.org or 740-653-3330 ext. 1003



THANK YOU, BLOOD DONORS
AND VOLUNTEERS!

First UMC has been designated a Premier Blood Partner for the third consecutive year! Blood drive partners are an essential part of the life saving network connecting generous blood donors to patients who need blood to survive. The Premier Blood Partners program is designed exclusively for our top blood drive partners to recognize and augment the tireless efforts they contribute to the community and national blood supply. This program offers recognition to our highest contributing sponsors – starting at 50 donations collected per year, with a minimum blood drive size of 30 units.

Our next Blood Mobile drive is Monday, July 15, 1:30 – 6:30pm at Crossroads! Donors can sign up at <http://redcrossblood.org> or by contacting Judy Hug. Volunteers should contact Judy Hug for more information.

The bloodmobile held Monday, May 20 yielded 36 viable units from 40 donors who presented for donation. These units can help up to 108 people who are in need of life changing or life saving blood. Thank you donors and volunteers Jill Richards, Janet Gossell, Sharon Hachtel and MaryJo Bowen!!

Prayer List

“Prayer is not the only thing we do – just the first thing we do.” Anonymous

We have a powerful prayer presence among us – over 120 from our membership and the community receive your prayer requests each week, along with your praises! Prayers and praises are generated from your Connect Cards each week, from visits by your pastors and others, and through other forms of communication (emails, texts, phone calls). The Prayer List is sent out each Monday morning at 8AM, with updates throughout the week, also at 8AM, unless the request is critical.

If you have a prayer request or a praise to share, please complete a Connect Card in person or online during worship or call the church. If you would like to begin receiving the Prayer List, please contact Judy Hug or indicate such on the Connect Card.

Prayer strengthens our church family and moves us into intimacy with God. Come, let us pray!

Red Cross Babysitters Training

Enough interest has been shown for us to sponsor a Red Cross Babysitters Training course! The classes will begin after schools open and will be scheduled to accommodate as many of the participants in the course as possible. Look for more information in upcoming issues of *The Circuit Rider*.

Welcome to the Trustees' Corner

We wanted to give a brief update. The renovations are between 80-90% being complete. We are at a small standstill due to waiting on the transformer to be delivered and installed by AEP. Once that is in place, the electricians can finish their part. There are some cosmetic details that need to be finished, and the kitchen still needs to be installed. To date, we have received \$1.3 million in cash, leaving almost \$900k in cost above what we have received to date through the Capital Campaign. We have been able to fill some of the gap with the proceeds from the Rising House sale along with some generous bequeaths/gifts. We are grateful for all the gifts given thus far to the Capital Campaign. Any additional giving in your heart would be greatly appreciated to help make up for the difference between the project cost and the cash received to date.

See you around the corner.
The Trustees

Children's Discipleship Summer Programming

Children's Discipleship is taking a break this summer. The Summer Break gives our dedicated Sunday School teachers an opportunity to recharge and refresh during the summer months. Nursery for birth through four years old will continue to be available during the 9:00 and 10:30 a.m. services. Sunday School Registration for the 2024-2025 school year begins in August.

As we prepare to move operations back into the basement, First Community Kitchen is looking for volunteers on Mondays and Thursdays. Start now so you can be up to speed for the big move. We're a fun bunch and would love to have you join us in the shenanigans! If you are interested or have questions, please contact Judy Kraft at 740-653-3330.

It's that time of year again and we are planning for our **Sunday Morning Ministry Opportunities**. Our calendar year runs from September 2024 through August 2025. We'd like to invite you to be a part of our ministry teams in the following areas:

Fellowship Hour Hosts – Hosts are needed for the 4th Sunday of the month.

Welcome Desk Hosts

Hospitality Greeters

You can serve individually or as a family! Don't worry! We train! Contact Judy Kraft at 740-653-3330 for more details!

Wednesday Night Drive-Thru Dinners: Drive-Thru Dinners are on hiatus. Thank you for your support.

A big THANK YOU! to all the volunteers who made possible Wednesday Night Drive-Thru Dinners. They would not have been a success without you!

Thanks for your support of the **World's Largest Diaper Drive**. We as a church collected many diapers as well as a generous amount of cash contributions. Your donations will go a long way in providing clean diapers to Fairfield County moms and babies!



June 8 @ 8:30 AM

July 13 @ 8:30 AM – Sweet Treat deliveries only

August 10 @ 8:30 AM



A note from the Business Office

2 Corinthians 9:6-8

Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.

Recurring Gift Giving

Now that we are starting the summer months, many of us are taking some time to go somewhere for vacation. At the church, we continue with our ministries but know that our attendance and gift giving will typically dip down some. But you know what? That doesn't have to be the case. **Recurring Gift Giving** is an easy way that people can give year-round without the worry that you have forgotten to write that check to the church. When people give consistently it supplies the church with a steady, reliable flow of gifts that help us to confidently run our ministries and allow us to be God's hands & feet in our community and world. There are several ways that you can sign up for recurring giving through our ACH program or our on-line giving; either way is safe and convenient, and you can pick how often you would like to give. If you have questions about recurring giving, please contact Michael in the Business Office.

The following are ways that you can give your monetary gifts to our church:

- On-line giving on our website, www.love-first.org
- E-Offering (ACH) is a safe way to have your giving directly deducted from your checking or savings account—contact the Business Office for an authorization form.
- Direct bill payment through your own bank
- Mail in gifts to 163 E. Wheeling St., Lancaster, OH 43130

We are here to help! If you have any questions on any of the ways to give to our church, please call Sarah or Michael in the Business Office at 740-653-3330. Thank you for your generous gifts to our church.



Online Giving is available! Please visit our website, love-first.org, and we also have our Giving QR code!



Photos Needed

Church family, we are looking at improving our database. We would like to be able to add current photos to individual profiles. This will help our Pastors, staff, and our Caring Ministries team better serve our congregation. We are asking for your help in doing so.

If you are tech savvy and have the capability of taking a picture of all of the members of your household individually, you can either email or text Sarah Holley, Business Administrator, at sarahholley@love-first.org or (740) 243-3354. Please be sure to include names for each photo.

For those of you who are not tech savvy, Sarah will be at the church on Sunday, 06/09 & 06/16, to take your picture either before first service, during Fellowship Hour, or after second service. We appreciate your assistance with this project.

UPDATED
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Mfuta School Project

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Thank you, or as it is said in Swahili – asante, for your generous support of the Mfuta School Project. As of this writing, \$15,005 has been given to the project. This money will be used to complete construction of the school building and purchase the desks. Mfuta is in the Kesenga District in the Democratic Republic of Congo, Africa. Being one of the most remote areas of the district, there is a great need for a school. The children cannot read nor write and their hope for a prosperous future was bleak. With the construction of the school, there is hope for a better future. They will be truly Blessed. The construction is all part of the work being done by Jane Wise, United Methodist Missionary and member of the West Ohio Conference. We've been partnering with Jane to do God's work in Africa. Remember in 2022, we helped complete a well for the Galilee Church. The completion of the Mfuta School is a wonderful way to continue that work.

In the United Methodist Theology of Mission statement, it is written that the church in mission is a sign of God's presence in the world. We read in John's Gospel, chapter 1 about how Jesus is a light to the world. With this gift to Mfuta, we bring light and hope of Jesus Christ to a desperate part of the world. Thanks for bringing God's presence and the light and hope of that presence to the people of Mfuta.

We hope if you give to this project that you remember you are bringing God's presence to the world and specifically to Mfuta. The power of God's presence will shine through this school. As great things are done through the Mfuta school, our Prayer should be for those Blessed by this school to be a Blessing for everyone they meet.



Join us as we explore the transforming work of United Methodist missionaries serving around the world. You will have the opportunity to meet in a small group to hear a presentation from a single missionary during the call. Find out more about these missionaries here, or at www.umcmision.org

--Featuring--

Janice Lee

Christian Education Specialist with the Methodist Mission in Cambodia

Christine Brua

Peace Educator for the Local Community with the Border Peace School in South Korea

Rhett Thompson

Pastor and VIM Coordinator with the Evangelical Methodist Church of Panama in Panama

Priscille Malandji

Communication Assistant with Koinonia in Brazil

#STILLINMISSION

Join us on Thursday, June 6 at 12 p.m. ET for conversations with missionaries:

Guillermo "Willie" Berman Ramirez, Mexico

Leonardo Garcia, Angola

Mary Escobar, Paraguay

Yeferson Collo Perdomo, Argentina

 **Global Ministries**
The United Methodist Church



Sunday Morning Cookies

We are looking for cookie bakers to bring cookies for Fellowship Hour on Sunday mornings. If you would like to help out, please contact Judy Kraft at judy.kraft@love-first.org or sign up in the Parlor for a particular Sunday.

June

Classes at Church:

Summer classes have started! Only one class for Jr. and Sr. high together.

9th : 10:30am room 26 upstairs.

No Class on June 2nd for the graduation services.

No class on the 16th and 23rd I'm gone on the mission trip.

No class on June 30th for fifth Sunday family service.

Give Back Days:

June 9th Help Messy church set up a movie night, 2:30pm at Crossroads.

S.H.I.E.L.D. Assemble Days (Summer get togethers)

2nd : 5pm-7pm youth night at Crossroads.

8th : NAMI Walk, Meet at 7:30am at the church if you want to ride in the van.

9th : Help Messy church set up movie night and stay for the movie 2:30pm-5:30pm at Crossroads.

I'll be gone June 16-22 on mission trip, the 23-27th I'll be home on days off. You can text me if you need anything, or email janieburdsal@love-first.org

Driver's License:

Congratulations to Noah Lafollette for getting his driver's license! Please continue to pray for all our youth who are out driving now. Drive Safe!

Contact Janie Burdsal
740-653-3330, ext. 1101
janieburdsal@love-first.org

Stay up to date with the youth by reading our newsletter, they are updated each month and posted on our web page (love-first.org/youth) or printed copies on the wall in the parlor and at Crossroads front entrance.

S H I E L D
Serving Him In Every Little Deed



YOUTH GROUP

Come Be Seen, Heard, And Supported In Your Faith!

Congratulations

Noah Lafollette

He received his driver's license in May. Please pray for him and all other youth driving out there!



2024

LANCASTER FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Mission Trip

Kentucky

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO SUPPORTED THE RUMMAGE SALE, THE SALE AT THE LANCASTER GREENHOUSE AND THE SALE OF WINDCHIMES. WE HAVE HAD SUCH A GREAT YEAR OF FUNDRAISING THANKS TO YOU ALL.

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH

REGISTER NOW

namiWalks
Franklin County

Saturday, June 8, 2024, 8AM
Victory Park- Pickerington, Ohio
namiwalks.org/franklincounty

THE YOUTH ARE LEADING A TEAM TO WALK AND RAISE MONEY FOR MENTAL HEALTH FOR ALL. FAIRFIELD AND FRANKLIN COUNTY ARE TEAMING UP TO RAISE MONEY FOR THIS AREA. PLEASE JOIN US BY SIGNING UP TO WALK WITH THE TEAM OR DONATE TO A TEAM MEMBER BY CLICKING ON ROSTER. CONTACT JANIEBURDSAL@LOVE-FIRST.ORG FOR ANY QUESTIONS



United Women in Faith

Elizabeth Circle meets the third Thursday of the month, June 20, 2024 at 9:30 a.m. in Room 22 at the Church.

Trinity Circle will meet for an outing on June 12, 2024, at El Parian Mexican Restaurant downtown at Noon. We will resume card-making at the Church in July.



Mission u 2024

Mission U scholarships are available for first time attendees and also information for returning attendees. Apply through westohiouwf.org. Experience worship, in-depth study, music, prayers, sharing and exploring to grow in understanding the mission of the church. In-person option at Bergamo Center in Beavertown, Ohio, June 21-23. Virtual Option Wednesdays July 10-31, 7-9 p.m. and Thursday, July 11-August 1 at 10 a.m. to noon. For more

information go to above website. NOTE: Reading Program information can be found at: uwfaith.org

Olentangy River District Fall Meeting, Saturday, September 21 at Grove City UMC. More information to come.

Three more **UWF Book Club** events in 2024 online. The books are:

- August 11- "I am a Girl from Africa" with Linda Miller
- September 8- "Separated by the Border" with Becky Ruple
- October 6- "How Beautiful We Are" with Paula Nourse

No need to register. Just go to westohiouwf.org on the day of the event, 4:00 - 5:15 p.m to find the link and click. You can participate even if you have not read the book. Everyone is welcome!

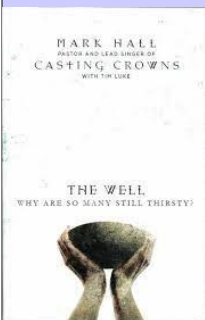


Lancaster First UWF has been recognized with a certificate from Capital Area South District United Women in Faith for participating in Local Connections. Great job ladies!

BE THE CHANGE YOU WANT TO SEE IN THE WORLD TODAY

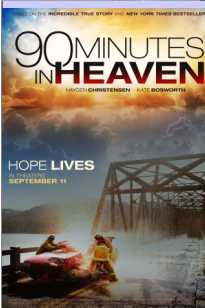
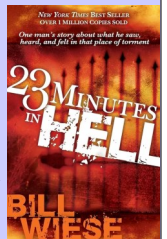
Visit our church library this month!

Our lending library has lots of books, DVDs and CDs for you to borrow and enjoy! Here is a sample of what we have:



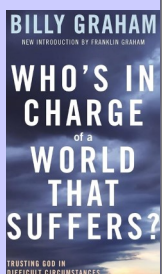
The Well (book) -Mark Hall, Pastor and lead singer of Casting Crowns, shares an inspiring look at the Samaritan woman found in the gospel of John.

23 Minutes in Hell by Bill Wieser (book)- One man's story about what he saw, heard, and felt in that place of torment.



90 Minutes in Heaven (DVD)- Based on the true story of Don Piper's experience after being declared dead for 90 minutes.

Who's in Charge of a World that Suffers? (book)- Billy Graham shares how we can trust God in difficult circumstances.



Also: Did you stop by the library asking for information on ventriloquism? If so, stop by again. I have some things to help!

UPCOMING DATES:

Tuesdays: Crossroads Community, 6:30pm
June 1: Men's Breakfast at Crossroads Ministry Center
June 4: Hooked on Books-Crossroads
June 6: Still in Mission Zoom Call
June 8: Second Saturday
June 8: NAMI Mental Health Awareness Walk
June 9: Messy Church: Movie & Popcorn
June 16: Youth Mission Trip
June 16: Pastor Amy's last Sunday at FUMC
June 21-23: United Women in Faith Mission U
June 30: Pastor Kathleen Kisner's 1st Sunday as our Associate Pastor
July 4: Parade!
July 8-12: Vacation Bible School!



It's easier than ever before to find out, and see, all the **great things happening at Lancaster First**. In addition to our Facebook page, we have a Twitter account as well as an Instagram account. Not only will you be kept up-to-date with our ministries, but we'll include devotions, thoughts for the day, pictures, music, and a few surprises along the way. Follow us at: Facebook: Lancaster First United Methodist Church; Twitter: LoveFirstUMC; Instagram: Lancasterfirstumchurch



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Sunday:

9:00 a.m. – Worship Celebration
10:30 a.m. – Praise Worship

Tuesday:

6:30 p.m. Crossroads Community
Crossroads Family Ministry Center
2095 W. Fair Ave.

We welcome you to worship with us and to experience the joy of having fellowship with other people who believe in the love of God and the teachings of Christ.

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