

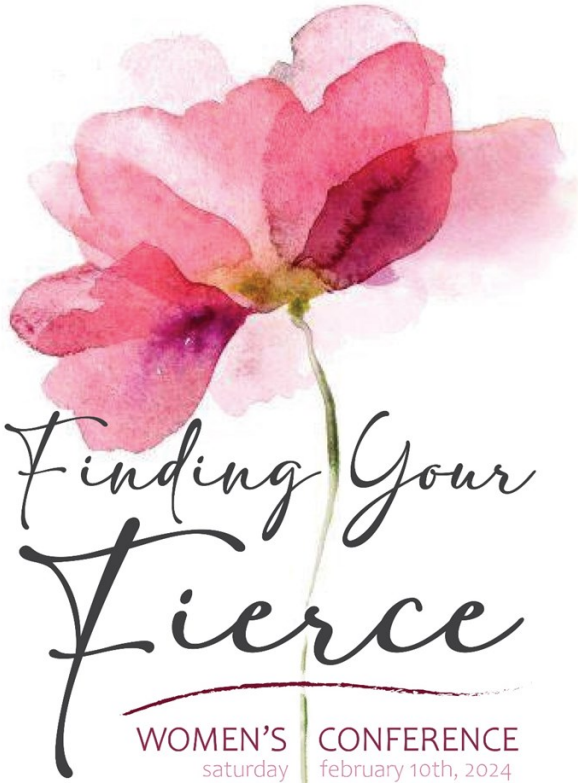


The Circuit Rider

The newsletter of First United Methodist Church, Lancaster, Ohio

February 2024

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



Calling all women to gather for a day of empowerment at the **Finding Your Fierce** Women's Conference, a collaborative effort of 5 sister churches! First UMC Lancaster is excited to host the day on Saturday, February 10th, from 9am-4pm. It will be filled with inspiring teaching from Pastor Rachel, soulful small groups, and the company of women who are on a quest for spiritual growth and fun. The cost is just \$25 which includes everything! *Scholarships are available.*

When: Saturday, February 10th
Where: Crossroads Ministry Center
2095 W. Fair Ave.
Lancaster, OH 43130

Time: 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Step into a space where your faith and fierceness as a woman are celebrated. Let's uplift each other and uncover the strength within. All women are welcome!



<<<VERY SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER

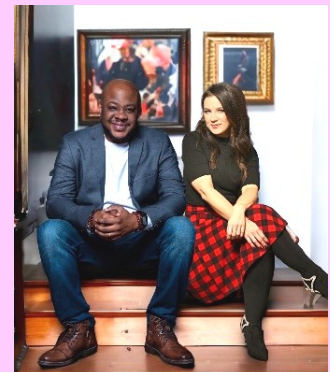
Pastor Rachel Billups serves as Lead Pastor of New Albany United Methodist Church, and is a visionary, leader and author, as well as a popular speaker for national gatherings. Our conference theme of **FINDING YOUR FIERCE** is based on her book **BE BOLD: Finding Your Fierce**.

VERY SPECIAL WORSHIP LEADERS>>>

Emily Schulte and Chris Wingfield from the Ginghamburg UMC Worship Team will be with us. We are thrilled to have them lead us in Worship!

Registration Deadline: Monday February 5th

Get more info and Register online: www.newalbanyumc.com (One of our partner churches) or in the parlor. Scholarships are available. Contact Pastor Amy Wood if questions: 740-653-3330, ext. 1009 or amywood@love-first.org



Luke 5:1-4 One day when Jesus was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret, the people were crowding around him and listening to the word of God. He saw at the water's edge two boats left there by the fishermen, who were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little from shore. Then he sat down and taught the people from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into deep water, and let down your nets for a catch."

In her first sermon of 2024, Pastor Amy invited us to take a "Star Word" and focus our attention on that word for the year. I hope that each of you have received your word and have been focusing on your guiding word for 2024. My star word is *receive*, I have placed it on my large computer screen so that I remember to *receive* fresh perspective from God throughout my day. I have been watching *the Chosen* on Netflix and am *receiving* fresh perspective as I watch and then pour over Scripture to find the stories there. The series is well-researched, and I'm finding it very engaging. It is a different way for me to deepen my walk with Christ and my understanding of Scripture.



At the printing of this newsletter, we are just weeks away from Ash Wednesday (February 14) and the Season of Lent. Lent is a forty-day period set aside annually for introspection, acknowledgment of our sins, and a time of repentance and asking for God's forgiveness. It is a clearing season of the soul.

During Lent, followers of Jesus transition from a time of anticipation and wonder at the star's appearing with us to the stark reality of our wavering devotion as Christ finally walks in our midst. We move from the season of **wondering** to **wandering**. This year at FUMC, our Lenten journey will be guided by one of Jesus' twelve chosen disciples, Peter. I find that Peter is easy to relate to. He's down to earth, passionate, eager to be a part of Jesus' mission, but sometimes his heart *wanders*. In essence, Peter was a regular human being doing his best to follow where Christ was leading. He was trying to figure it out—just like we are.

During the Lenten Season, we fast or deny ourselves things we enjoy so that we might join with Christ as He went alone into the desert to fast and pray for forty days after His baptism. Fasting, prayer and self-denial are all ways to help us look at our own lives. But remember that Jesus met Peter at the water's edge—where Peter already was—and then called him to put out into deeper water for a catch. Internally, what did it take for Peter to move into deeper water? I am curious, if Jesus asked you to *put out into deeper water*, what would that mean for you? What would you be willing to set aside so that you could pursue your relationship with God in a focused way? What next step will you take this Lenten Season? Join me starting on Ash Wednesday, February 14, in observing a holy Lent. Join us in person or online each week for our worship and sermon series, *Wandering Heart: Figuring Out Our Faith with Peter*.

Pastor Nikki

Ash Wednesday 2024

Our Lenten journey this year begins on Ash Wednesday, February 14th, as we experience the love of Christ together. We will offer a time of worship, including imposition of ashes, at 7:00p.m. in the sanctuary at our main building. The service will include singing easy Taizé choruses that provide a meditative and relaxed environment to help us be aware of the Holy Spirit in the midst of our worship. We plan to livestream this worship as well.

We will also offer times for imposition of ashes from 7-7:30a.m. and 12-12:30p.m. upstairs in the Chapel for those who can't make our worship time.

Wandering Heart Lenten Devotional

Pastor Amy and I invite you to join us in observing a holy Lent. One way to engage in our faith journey during this six weeks of introspection is to commit to reading Scripture and meditating on it regularly. This Lenten season, we will be providing one *Wandering Heart Devotional Booklet* per family. Each week's devotional material will help us to connect to Peter's journey of faith through fresh eyes and ears as we experience his story through art, poetry, song and scripture. Pick up your copy in the parlor any time after February 11.



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!***

In The Third Day: Living the Resurrection, Tom Berlin uses his gifts of storytelling and understanding the Scriptures to connect us to the experiences of several individuals around Jesus in His final days, focusing on new life and redemption rather than loss.

Join Peter, Mary Magdalene, and Thomas as they feel the despair of losing Jesus and the surprise and joy that awaits them in the resurrection. This study traces events around these characters, along with Paul and the disciples at Emmaus, and how the resurrection transformed their lives and impacts ours.

Join us throughout Lent on Tuesdays at 6:30 at Crossroads for community, conversation, and growth (Feb. 20-March 26).

The Higher Education Outreach Committee will be collecting items for **care packages to send to our college students** as they pursue their studies. We will collect items in the parlor **thru March 3**. Please consider donating some of the following items to remind our college students that their church family is thinking of them even as they are away. All items must fit in a small box for mailing.

Snacks: Individual-sized packages only

Snack-size crackers, cookies, chips, pretzels, etc.
Granola & other snack bars
Packaged fruit snacks
Jolly Ranchers, Starburst, packs of gum/mints, etc.
No Chocolate, please (it could melt)
Microwave popcorn
Microwave mac & cheese or other single serving meals
Ramen Noodles
Flavoring packets for bottled water
Gum

Yo-yo's or other fidget items, gift cards

Note cards or personal notes of inspiration are encouraged to be included with the packages. The due date for these items is March 3. The packages will be made up on Sat., March 9.

School Supplies

Highlighters
Post-it Notes

Bath and Beauty:

Travel-sized toiletries ONLY
Shampoo & Conditioner
Body Wash/Soap/ & Hand/Body Lotion
Hand Sanitizer
Tissues, Q-Tips
Chapsticks & Lip Balms

Please let us know if your college student has a new address or is studying from home so we can be sure to have the right address for college care packages:

College Caring Ministry

Student's name: _____ College/University: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Student's Email: _____ Cell _____

Thank You

What a wonderful surprise several weeks ago on a Saturday when I was visited by Second Saturday Angel, Libby Hensley, bringing me a sack full of delicious goodies! Since I am unable to bake anymore, I really enjoyed the homemade cookies and nut bread. The sack contained other delicious items, also, which I thoroughly enjoyed! Many thanks to FUMC and Second Saturday Crews for all the nice things they do! Everything is so appreciated! Good deeds like this are so appreciated by everyone who is visited by a Second Saturday Volunteer - Thanks again, everyone!

Sue Wilson



First Community Kitchen. A huge **THANK YOU** to everyone who helped to put together a fabulous Thanksgiving meal for our breakfast and lunch guests. We are blessed when we can bless others!

Thank you to everyone who has donated new and gently used coats, hats, and gloves to First Community Kitchen. They are very much appreciated by our lunch guests and are going to make what is a tough situation a little bit warmer this winter!

A HUGE shout out to the ladies of Olivedale Senior Center! They recently donated 94+ hand-knitted and crocheted scarves, hats, and gloves to First and Maple Street Community Kitchens! They are gorgeous and will keep the wearer warm this winter! **THANK YOU!**

Thank you so very much for the 100th Birthday Reception you held for Bob Morehead's Centenary of his birth, complete with cake, cards, well wishes, and singing! We so appreciate the efforts of all the staff involved and appreciate all of the members who stopped by and those who sent and brought birthday cards. This certainly was a very special and memorable day! The Pastor's visit and 2nd Saturday visits are also very much enjoyed and appreciated!

Janice Figgins, Bob Morehead, and the Whole Morehead Family

Thank you to all who helped with the Angel Tree Project! We assisted 12 families with a total of 26 kids. We had 20 residents that we delivered cookies and sang Christmas Carols to. Thank you again for all those who purchased gifts, wrapped, delivered gifts, and sang! Shannon McKisson

On behalf of the St. Mary of the Assumption Outreach Ministry, **we thank you for the generosity of First United Methodist Church and their donation of \$700 towards the Rocky Boots Project.** Your onsite assistance at Maple Street UMC made for a successful project. Sincerely, Sheila Heath

Dear FUMC: I am writing on behalf of our agency to thank you for your recent donation, and for allowing us once again to be a recipient of the Coins for Christ program. Please extend our gratitude to your staff and parishioners and let them know we will put these funds to use in our community. Sincerely, Phil Pack, CEO, New Horizons Mental Health Services

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ: On behalf of Fisher Catholic High School and St. Mary's Homeless Outreach, thank you for contributing so generously to this year's Boot Project. With your help, we were able to provide over 100 pairs of high quality boots to our friends in need. May God bless and reward you abundantly! In Christ, Jack Welsh, FCHS

First United Methodist Church Angel Tree Donations: Thank you so very much for your blessing to my Grandkids!

To Lancaster First UMC: Sending you sincere, heartfelt thanks for helping us with Dad's (Grandpa's) Celebration of Life - May God Bless you all! The Charles Wagner Family

This is a note of graciousness for your outpouring generosity in donating blankets to the Lutheran Social Service Shelter blanket drive during December. You helped cover those in need with love and warmth. Thank you for sharing "Jesus" in our community!!!

Dear First United Family: Thank you all from the bottom of my heart for continuing to be supporters and champions of our mission. Lets keep building healthy futures for the kids in our community.

Cody Tatum, MSW, LSW, Executive Director, Harcum House

Dear FUMC: Please accept our sincere gratitude for your generous gift of \$426.65 for the inspiHER Leadership Fund's Coins for Christ for the Foundation for Appalachian Ohio. We appreciate your support creating opportunities for the citizens and communities of Appalachian Ohio. Your gift helps ensure Appalachian Ohio is a region abundant with possibilities today and across future generations.

Friends of Lithuania Bible Study

Tuesday, February 20, 2024

Dear Friends of Lithuania,
Happy New Year to all of you! I hope that 2024 will bring many blessings to you and your loved ones.

We are excited to join together again for a Friends of Lithuania Zoom Bible study to be held on Tuesday, February 20 at 10am central, 11am eastern, 6pm Lithuania time. Our Bible study will be led by Rev. Dr. JD and Carolyn Landis. JD and his wife, Carolyn, spent time in Lithuania in 2022 and 2023 serving several churches.

In 2022, they served Pilviskiai, Kybarti, and Kazla Ruda and in 2023, they served Pilviskiai UMC. However, their ministry went well beyond those churches as they touched the lives of people at the Kaunas UMC and others who became interested in learning more about the Methodist Church in Lithuania.

We are thankful for JD and Carolyn and others who have recently served in Lithuania to help support the ministry of the Methodist Church in Lithuania including Dr. ST Kimbrough, Rev. Hyo Kim and others.

We hope to see many of you in February!

Jeanie

Jeanie Kurka Reimer

"In Mission Together" Partnership Coordinator for Lithuania & Latvia

Global Ministries/The United Methodist Church

Email: jreimer@umcmmission.org

Friends of Lithuania Bible Study

Date: Tuesday, February 20

Time: 10am central, 11am eastern, 6pm Lithuania time

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87815436592>

Meeting ID: 878 1543 6592

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+13126266799,,87815436592# US (Chicago)

**Join us for the next
StillInMission Meeting**

Please register at:

<https://umcmmission.org/sim-2/>



#STILLINMISSION

Join us on Thursday, Feb. 8, 12 p.m. ET
for conversations with missionaries:

Elizabeth Dishman, Germany
Jennifer Moore, North Macedonia
Kirk Sims, Czech Republic
Julie Wilson, United States

 **Global Ministries**
The United Methodist Church



Caring Ministries

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

Lenten Small Group at Primrose

A 7-week Lenten study will be offered at Primrose Retirement Community on Wednesdays at 3:30pm. The first session will be on Ash Wednesday and will include the Imposition of Ashes. The study will include lessons from Adam Hamilton's book, *The Walk: Five Essential Practices of the Christian Life*, focusing on five different spiritual practices and how each helps us to walk with Christ, grow in Him, and to faithfully serve Him. Contact Judy Hug at the church to register, if you have questions or if you need help ordering your book online; you may also sign up in the Parlor.

Red Cross Bloodmobile

THERE IS AN EMERGENCY NATIONAL SHORTAGE OF DONOR BLOOD – procedures are being cancelled and medical teams may not have blood on hand for treating patients.

The Red Cross Bloodmobile will visit Crossroads on **Monday, March 18, 1:30 – 6:30pm**. Donors are encouraged to register online at www.redcrossblood.org or by contacting Judy Hug at the church. Our Bloodmobile of January 15, 2024 surpassed it's goal – 128%! Our church collected 200 units of lifesaving blood in 2023 which could be used to help up to 600 people! Can't donate? Contact Judy Hug to become a Bloodmobile volunteer.

Connect with the Pastors

Have you ever wondered how United Methodists are connected in our conference, our nation and globally? Perhaps you want to serve but are unsure of where you fit into the ministries of this church? Maybe you are interested in exploring membership at First UMC. During each quarter of 2024, an opportunity will be offered to meet with our pastors to discuss any of these items or others that are on your mind. *These informal opportunities replace the previous practice of New Member Classes and are open to all who have been attending or those new to First Church who are considering membership.* The winter quarter opportunity is scheduled for **Sunday, February 25, 11:45am – 1pm**. Light snacks will be provided, as will childcare with advance notice. Please contact the church office to register or sign up in the parlor.

Prayer Tree and Prayer Requests

Going forward, all prayer requests and praises should be directed to Judy Hug at judyhug@love-first.org. This includes not only the weekly printed prayer list, but also requests for personal prayer before surgery, while in the hospital, or for visitation. Email is preferred, but Judy can also be contacted at 740-653-3330, extension 1003, or through the church office.

Visitation Ministries

Prior to COVID, First UMC had a robust ministry of persons visiting members/friends of the church who were hospitalized or those who are homebound. Whether in person or through cards or phone calls, contact with others unable to attend church reminds each that they are not forgotten, that each remains a beloved member of this church family. In hopes of rebuilding this important and much-needed ministry, join Judy Hug for a time of planning and re-training on either **Sunday, 2/11 at 11:45am OR Thursday, 2/22 at 1pm, Room 22**. Contact the church office to register or sign up in the Parlor.

Hooked on Books

Contact
Linda
Godenschwager
or Denise
Bennett

February 6, 2024
10:00 a.m.
Crossroads Ministry Center



Our next Hooked on Books meeting will be Tuesday, February 6, 2024, 10:00 am at Crossroads Ministry Center. The book to read and that will be reviewed is "The Travelers Gift" by Andy Andrews.

At Crossroads Ministry Center
2095 W. Fair Ave.

MEN'S Breakfast

February 3, 2024
8:00 a.m.

Call 740-653-3330 to reserve your spot



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

**Nellie Brisker
Tom Dillon
Charlie Wagner
Linda Burgess
June Harcum**



Birth

**Hallie Jane Soler
December 18, 2023**

Parents: Steven & Jackie Soler
Grandparents: Steve & Carol Barnett
and Dave & Cindy Soler



Interested in Baptism?

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



Holy Baptism (10:30)

December 31, 2023

Iris June Gossell

Parents: Gloriann and Jordan Gossell
Grandparents Janet Gossell, Anna Schmelzer,
and Dave Gossell

Creative Ministries News

A big thank you to everyone who helped with the Walk-Through Nativity this past season. Whether you donated figures, built sets, helped with set-up or tear-down, or staffed nights as a greeter, all of you helped to make this annual event a success. Over 400 people experienced Christmas through this display. There were many first time guests who attended this year, which is always exciting. THANK YOU!

Virtuous Reality is gearing up for their 2024 season. We are already receiving booking requests for Spring and look forward to another year of ministry! **We are always looking for new members and now is the perfect time to get involved.** Rehearsals are on Tuesday evenings at Crossroads from 7-8:30 p.m.

The Magic of Believe is preparing to entertain children at our **Eggstravaganza event on March 23rd.** **We also welcome anyone interested in performing illusions to join our ministry.** Our rehearsals are held on Monday evenings from 7-8:30 p.m. at Crossroads.

Believe it or not, **it is time to start collecting plastic eggs and candy (no chocolate, please)** for our Eggstravaganza event. Collection boxes are at Crossroads and in the church Parlor.

EGGSTRAVAGANZA
Saturday, March 23rd
CROSSROADS for ages 3-12
2095 West Fair Ave.
1-3 p.m.
Entertainment by **The Magic of Believe**
FREE ADMISSION!
love-first.org
A Creative Outreach of **LANCASTER FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

A note from the Business Office

Mercy to the needy is a loan to God, and God pays back those loans in full. Proverbs 19:17 (MSG)

Thank you for your gifts to our Local Relief Fund!

In December our Coins for Christ went to the Local Relief Fund and you might have heard that the fund was low. Well, in First UMC fashion, you answered the call! We have had an abundance of gifts and are now very comfortable being able to help those in need again, thanks to your generous hearts. But you might ask, what exactly are we helping with? Weekly, the Business Office receives calls from people in need; they might need help with their utility bill, rent, transportation, furniture, or something as simple as their birth certificate. We work with Information and Referral to make sure we are using our funds to give a hand-up to those who need it. In the last couple of years, helping people receive their birth certificate has been a focus of ours, in 2023 we helped 60 people do just that. Especially for those who are homeless, this is the first document a person needs to start getting back on their feet. The gifts that you give to our Local Relief Fund have blessed so many, you become God's hands and feet in our community, we are truly grateful for your generosity.

The following are ways that you can help support our church and our missions through your monetary gifts:

- On-line giving on our website, www.love-first.org
- E-Offering (ACH) - 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
- Give in the offering plate on Sunday or 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 Jill in the Business Office at 740-653-3330. Thank you again for your generosity.



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



CIRCLE MEETINGS -

Elizabeth Circle will meet on the following months: 2/15/24, 3/21/24, 4/18/24, and 5/16/24 in Room 22.

Trinity Circle will be meeting during the month of February on WEDNESDAY, February 14, in Room 22, from 12pm - 3pm. This is a change in the meeting time for Trinity Circle. We will be working on Easter cards. We will then meet the 2nd Wednesday of each month, 12pm - 3pm.

CALL TO PRAYER AND SELF DENIAL is observed during the months of January and February. For more than 150 years, United Women in Faith members have taken action to turn faith, hope, and love into work on behalf of women, children, and youth in every corner of the world. As an annual part of our action, United Women in Faith invites women from all over to gather locally and participate in A Call to Prayer and Self-Denial. This yearly event is a faith-filled time when we assemble with lifted hearts and hands to celebrate selfless giving for a common cause and spiritual communion with God. A Call to Prayer and Self-Denial's 2024 offering will support the ongoing climate justice work of United Women in Faith's National Office. We invite you to gather, pray, reflect, and put your faith into action.

Please send your gift to the Church marked as "Call to Prayer and Self Denial - United Women in Faith".

From 12/01/22 to 11/30/23 United Women in Faith gave the following donations: Pledge to Mission, \$769.24; World Thank Offering, \$65.51; Call to Prayer & Self Denial, \$285.22; UMCOR, \$86.92; Gift in Memory, \$80.00; Legacy Fund, \$200.00; Other Designated Gifts of \$870.00. THANK YOU!



Lancaster First's Little Free Library now open



Have you visited our Little Free Library yet? Our Little Free Library (LFL) is in the former Blessing Box on the east side of the church building along High Street. The LFL is promoting community literacy by making a wide variety of books available through its "Take a Book, Share a Book" philosophy. If you have any books that you would like to share, just place them in the Little Free Library or leave them at the display in the Parlor. If you have any questions, please contact Judy Kraft at judykraft@love-first.org.

in Room 22 on
Sundays
10:15-11:30

join the Faith Matters Sunday School Class

We'll study Colossians
on Jan. 28, Feb. 4, & Feb. 11.

The **Faith Matters Bible study** meets at 10:15 in Room 22. We will study Colossians on Jan. 28, Feb. 4, and Feb. 11. All adults and youth are welcome. No book needed other than your Bible.

Thank you to everyone who volunteered at First Community Kitchen during the holiday season.

We served over 300 meals on Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Days. Many of our guests are not fortunate enough to have a warm home, an abundant table, and a loving family to enjoy the holidays with. Your kind words and a friendly smile made a difference in someone's day!

Thank you to all of those who participated in our annual Angel Tree Ministry.

We served 12 families by providing them with Christmas presents for the children and gift cards for the families to use to buy necessities such as gasoline and food. Many of our Angel Tree families came from 2-1-1 referrals. Lancaster First United Methodist Church has always been a very generous congregation and this past Christmas was no exception!

Special thanks to Shannon McKisson and Whitney Coy for heading up the project!



2nd Saturday is on break this month but please make plans to join us on March 9th as we resume activities for 2024.

Projects for March include making pillowcases for Santa Rich Ministries, Sweet Treats deliveries, and making no-sew scarves and lip balm to hand out to the homeless guests at First Community Kitchen. There is a project for all ages and experience levels! If you would like to learn more information on the 2nd Saturday ministry, contact Judy Kraft at judykraft@love-first.org.

Wednesday Drive-Thru Dinners are currently on break. Make plans to join us on March 6th when we will be serving up Swiss Chicken and Rice Pilaf!

Sweet Treats, a ministry within Second Saturday, is cancelled for February; NO COOKIES OR FRUITS ARE NEEDED FOR SECOND SATURDAY FOR FEBRUARY 2024.
We will begin again in March.



If it's February and the temperatures are cold...**it's time to start thinking about the BEST WEEK of SUMMER!** That's right, **Vacation Bible School** will be here in FIVE short months and it's time to get the party started! This year's VBS is scheduled for July 8-12 and the theme is: SCUBA: Diving into friendship with God. At SCUBA kids will go deep into an amazing undersea adventure where they'll experience the ever-flowing, never-ending love of God. Sign me up! Watch for details on VBS leader meetings and be in prayer on how you will be involved this year. Please contact Judy Kraft for more information or questions about SCUBA!

2024 FUMC Scholarship Application



Postmarked by MARCH 31, 2024

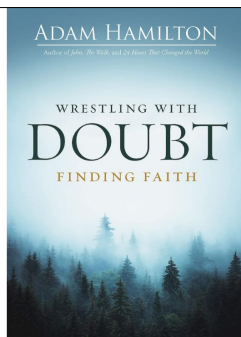
love-first.org/resources/

First UMC's Scholarship Application period is **here**. Applications are posted on our website, www.love-first.org, and are also available in the Parlor at church. Applications must be turned into the Business Office or postmarked by March 31, 2024.

Ark Builders Study

Sundays
at 9am
Room 22

Please join us!



Messy Church

SOUper BOWL OF CARING SM

February 11th
3:30-5:30 pm

Messy Crafts, Fun, Food, Friends!



Souper



Bring your change to vote for your favorite team and to support hunger relief in Lancaster!

Crossroads Ministry Center
2095 W. Fair Ave.
Lancaster, OH 43130
amywood@love-first.org

Easter Flower Order Form

Please fill out one form for each flower purchased. Payment must accompany your order. Make checks payable for FUMC Altar Guild earmarked "Easter Flowers." Note: There are two blanks to use for keeping the "In Memory of" and "In Honor of" separate. **Look for more forms in the Parlor.**

\$5.00 each Daffodil Hyacinth Tulip

\$8.00 each Lily

_____ I'm sponsoring but I don't plan to take my flower home

_____ I plan to take my flower home

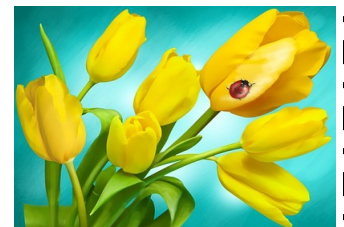
In Memory of: _____

By: _____

In Honor of: _____

By: _____

Firm Deadline is February 25, 2024



February

Classes at Church:

4th, 11th, 25th : 9:00am Combined class Jr & Sr. High, room 26 upstairs.
10:30am Jr. High, room 26 upstairs.

4th : 10:30am High School, Chapel room upstairs.

18th: No Classes, Presidents Day Weekend and I'm out of town that morning.

Confirmation Class:

11th, 25th: 10:30am 8th-12th grade, Chapel room upstairs.

Give Back Days:

4th : Acolyte, one youth for each service. 9am & 10:30am
No Drive Thru Dinners till March 6th.

11th : Messy Church 3:30-5:30pm at Crossroads.

S.H.I.E.L.D. Youth Group Nights, at Crossroads

4th : 5-7pm Movie Night "Guardians of the Galaxy"

11th : 5:30-7pm Game night after Messy Church.

18th : 5-7pm

25th : 5-7pm High School only night

Driver's License:

No one said they got their driver's license. Let me know if you get yours, I still have visor clips for you. Drive Safe!

Contact Janie Burdsal

740-653-3330, ext. 1101

janieburdsal@love-first.org

Drivers License Visor Clips for any high school students that have a drivers license.

Shield Youth Group has started this project, Just like Blessing of the Backpack Tags, these Visor Clips are to remind our Youth we pray for their safety while driving. Any high schooler that gets their drivers license will come see me during church service or Youth Group night, and I will give them the visor clip and put their name in the Bulletin and in The Circuit Rider to let people in the church know who to pray for.



LANCASTER FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

MOVIE NIGHT
S.H.I.E.L.D. Youth Group
Sunday, Feb. 4th, 5-7pm

Come watch a movie and eat popcorn! Bring a friend and get here early to snag a bean bag seat!
@Crossroads in the gym

GUARDIANS OF THE GALAXY

LANCASTER FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

2024
Mission Trip
Kentucky

JUNE 16 - 22

ELLIOT COUNTY, KENTUCKY

PLEASE COME TO A MISSION TRIP MEETING ON FEB. 25TH AT 4:00PM AT CROSSROADS IN THE 4 SQUARE ROOM

CONTACT JANIEBURDSAL@LOVE-FIRST.ORG

UPCOMING DATES:

Tuesdays: Crossroads Community, 6:30pm
Wednesdays: Pastor's Bible Study, 4pm
Feb. 3: Men's Breakfast at Crossroads Ministry Center
Feb. 6: Hooked on Books-Crossroads
Feb. 8: Still in Mission Meeting
Feb. 10: Women's Conference
Feb. 11: Messy Church
Feb. 14: Ash Wednesday
Feb. 20: Friends of Lithuania Zoom Meeting
Feb. 25: Connect with Pastors
March 3: College Care Package items are due
March 6: Drive-Thru Dinners return
March 9: Second Saturday
March 18: Red Cross Blood Drive
March 23: Eggstravaganza!

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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