



the Lamplighter



July/August 2020

Welcome Pastor Kim!!

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The Leadership Team met Tuesday to discuss some of the concerns that congregation members have about the worship service as it relates to COVID-19. These decisions were made by the leadership team as Pastor Kim had not yet arrived in town.

The West Ohio Conference headquarters in Columbus, of which we are a part, sent out guidelines for church re-openings in late April. I also called the Conference office last week to see if there were any changes to the guidelines and there were not. I am pleased to report that we are following most of the guidelines but we are falling short in a couple of areas that needed to be discussed at the Leadership Team Meeting: singing during worship and responsive reading.

According to the experts, singing and responsive reading in a confined space over a significant period of time with the lack of great ventilation could easily permit the spread of COVID-19. None of the Leadership Team was happy with the thought of suspending singing and the responsive readings, but we chose to follow the guidelines. I should note that area United Methodist Churches (that we are aware of) are following the guidelines set by the West Ohio Conference.

We were reminded in our discussion that:

- ⇒ In recent weeks, a church in Springfield had 18 members become infected.
- ⇒ Recently a UMC opened and had to close because of infections in the congregation.
- ⇒ 230 workers at the Dole plant in Springfield tested positive for the virus.
- ⇒ The Miami Valley is currently a Hotspot in the state for the virus.

There is one other guideline that might require a temporary change for us. With every other pew being sectioned off and the required social distancing in the pews we use, we are beginning to exceed the capacity guidelines. We will watch the numbers the next couple of weeks as we may need to go back to two services in order to comply with the guidelines. Actually, it's great we're having trouble with this guideline and we can easily rectify the situation.

If and when the COVID-19 environment/guidelines change, the Leadership Team will share the information with you, seek your input and then come to a decision.

I want to re-emphasize that these decisions were made by the Leadership Team as Pastor Kim had not yet arrived in town.

Donn Hellinger, Leadership Team Chair

Thank You!

Dear friends of First UMC,

It has been a week now since Kym and I left New Carlisle with our last load of our belongings. Those of you who have been through the retirement process will understand when I say that this has brought both sadness and joy. I am sad to move away from friendships that I will value into the future, but joy comes with the laying aside of obligations and responsibilities that span well over 40 years.

I want to thank all of you for helping to make my retirement Sunday special. Your thoughtful cards and gifts are encouraging and so helpful as we set about establishing our retirement home. We have made arrangements to have the dogwood tree you purchased for us set in. I chose a red dogwood. It will add a splash of color in this small village - a reminder of all of you.

Thank-you for your good work together the last four years as I was your pastor. I will remember them and all of you fondly as the years roll on. I encourage you to continue to work with each other and your new pastor. Cooperation and respect for one another, mindful of the call of Christ, is the path to progress.

May you know God's leadership upon your life together, and may each of you be blessed with health and the peace of Christ in your heart.

*Sincerely,
Pastor Frank James*



Happy Birthday

July 2 Marvin Curry
July 3 BJ Lamp
July 5 Marilyn Leatherman
Nelson Robinson
July 9 Amanda Webb
July 10 David Wiles
July 14 Delbert Brickles
July 17 Lee Dicken
Carol Bicknell
July 18 Chris Chapman
July 19 Diane Jennings
Jamie Asher
July 22 Jason Cameron
July 23 Jake Miller
Kya Asher
July 24 Victoria Owens
July 25 Joann Sanchez
July 26 Darlene Lee
Glenn West
July 28 Angel Wiles
July 29 Colin Dill
July 30 Georgia Manning
Judy Sweeney
July 31 Greg Davis
Darrell Sherick

Aug 1 Sheldon Mentz
Aug 2 Brooklyn Owens
Aug 3 Keith Hall
Aug 4 Ted Chapman
Aug 5 Darryll Heck
Kay Brewer
Aug 6 Kyle Jeffers
Dick Zsambok
Mara Andrus
Aug 7 Avery Smith
Aug 9 Connie Hall
Aug 12 Drew Gehres
Anna Gehres
Jamie Thornburg
Aug 16 Aaron Clark
Aug 17 Wendy Welbaum
Aug 18 Barbara Gastineau
Aug 20 Connie Urban
Aug 21 Susan Fenton
Virginia Foulke
Aug 22 Kaitlyn Darling
Aug 24 Robyn Barnhart
Aug 25 Pat Johnson
Judy Lyons
Jack Weber
Aug 26 Wally Wadsworth
Aug 27 Jim Lamp
Aug 29 Linda Freeze
Aug 30 Jeannie Cameron
Mary West



Membership Notes

During the May/June time frame, we added a new Baptized Member, Gabriella Kimbrough. Congratulations to Gabriella and her family. We also lost one constituent to the Role of the Victorious, Gary Fenton. Gary actually passed in March, but we only found out in May. Gary was the husband of member Susan Fenton. Our condolences to Susan and her family. With the first half of the year about to be history, the church membership stands as follows:

Professing Members	200
Baptized Members	47
Affiliate Members	3
Associate Members	2
Constituents	108
Pastors	<u>1</u>
Active Church Family Total	361

Jess Underwood
Membership Secretary



BIBLE TRIVIA

1. What Bible character was turned into a pillar of salt?
2. What was the name of the man who came to Jesus by night to talk with him?
3. Who had shoes that lasted for forty years and did not wear out?
4. What was Nebuchadnezzar's son's name?

1. Lot's Wife—Genesis 19:15-26
2. Nicodemus—John 3:1, 2
3. The children of Israel in the wilderness—Deuteronomy 29:5
4. Belshazzar—Daniel 5:2

JULY 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p style="text-align: center;">All Group Meetings and Gatherings are Dependent on the Distancing Order Handed Down by the Governor.</p>			1 12p Brown Bag Bible Study	2 5:30p Ballet 8p AA Meeting	3 9a Retired Men's Breakfast	4
			5 8:30a Sunday School 9:30a Worship 10:45a Sunday School 6p NA Meeting 6:30p Prayer & Share	6 12p AA Meeting 7p Knitting Group 7p Girl Scout Unit Mtg	7 6p Ballet 7p Leadership Team	8 12p Brown Bag Bible Study
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26 8:30a Sunday School 9:30a Worship 10:45a Sunday School 6p NA Meeting 6:30p Prayer & Share	27 12p AA Meeting 7p Knitting Group	28 6p Ballet 7p Trustees	29 12p Brown Bag Bible Study	30 5:30p Ballet 8p AA Meeting	31 9a Retired Men's Breakfast	

AUGUST 2020

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2 8:30a Sunday School 9:30a Worship 10:45a Sunday School 6p NA Meeting 6:30p Prayer & Share	3 12p AA Meeting 7p Knitting Group	4 6:30p Ballet	5 12p Brown Bag Bible Study 6:30p Cub Scouts	6 5:30p Ballet 7:30p Choir Practice 8p AA Meeting	7 9a Retired Men's Bkfst	8
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In Need of Your Prayers



As of June 29, 2020

Ron & Jamie Trick

Those Keeping Near Their Home:

Charles Frazier
Carolyn Gracy
Judy Lyons
Connie Urban
Margaret Young

Friends and Loved Ones of Our Church Family:

Toma
Cindy
Sammy Davis
Michelle Moody
Kathy Straley
Phyllis Jeffers
Jim & Judy Sheldon
Myron

Tisha West
Vikki Bauer
Kristin Tyler
Jackie Sisson
Barb Asbury
Kathy Justice
Libbee
Liane Preston
Lori Ammon
Connie Luginbuhl
Jerry & Brenda Souders
Gordon & Cinda Shea
Elaine Van Ness
Joyce L
Shane & Terri Smith
Noah Trick
Grace McCartney
Vicki Yono
Crissy Grout
Shannon Lewis
Sally Howell
Robert Johnson
Lynn Hinshaw

Alex
Wright

Those in Extended Care Facilities

Brookhaven Retirement Community

Barb Lee

Inniswood Village

Colin Dill

Koester Pavilion

Marilyn Leatherman

Laurel Wood Senior Living

Patti Dill

Northwood Assisted Living

Martha Silvers

Story Point

Joan Brandt

Trinity Community (Patriot Ridge)

Carolyn Ossege

VanCrest Care Center

Cathy Harvey, Ruth Keller,
Don Stevison

Wooded Glen

Judy Lyons

ATTENTION...newsletter info!

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES
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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

July/August 2020

Sunday School.....8:30 am
Christian Homebuilders
Sunday Worship Service.....9:30 am
Sunday School.....10:45 am
The Oasis (K-5th Grade)
MYC's (6th—12th Grades)
Wesley Workers
Adult Class

Nursery Available

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**Everyone says forgiveness
is lovely, until they have
something to forgive.**



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