



# FIRST Church Of Christ

July 2026 NEWSLETTER



## Turning Over a New Leaf By Jasmine Harrison

*I'm turning over a new leaf,  
 Not because every hurt has disappeared,  
 Not because my heart is suddenly light,  
 And not because life has become easy overnight.  
 I'm turning over a new leaf  
 Because I want to try again.  
 Because somewhere deep inside me,  
 Under all the pain, all the tears,  
 And all the thoughts I never knew how to explain,  
 There is still a part of me  
 That wants to live.  
 I know there will be hard days.  
 There will be nights when my mind gets loud,  
 Days when I feel tired in ways sleep can't fix,  
 Moments when I feel like I am breaking  
 Even when I'm trying so hard to stay strong.  
 But I also know  
 That hard days are not the end of my story.  
 A bad moment does not mean a bad life.  
 A heavy heart does not mean I am hopeless.  
 And a storm does not mean the sun is gone forever.  
 I'm choosing to stay for my family,  
 For my friends,  
 For the people who would miss my laugh,  
 My voice,  
 My hugs,  
 My weird little jokes,  
 And all the pieces of me  
 I sometimes forget are worth loving.  
 I'm choosing to stay  
 For the memories I haven't made yet,  
 For the places I haven't seen,  
 For the songs I haven't screamed in the car,  
 For the sunsets I haven't watched,  
 For the person I am still becoming.  
 And I'm choosing to stay for you, too.  
 Because you have cared for me  
 In ways I will never forget.*



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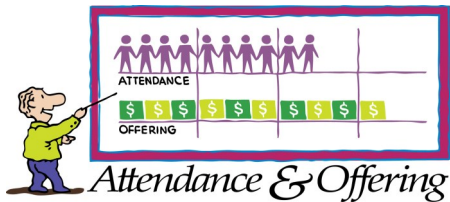
Monday—Thursday  
8:00 AM-5:00 PM

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**June 7**

Attendance 51/818  
 Offering \$8,416.79

**June 14**

Attendance 39/70  
 Offering \$7,295.92

**June 21**

Attendance 54/72  
 Offering \$3,487.00

**June 28**

Attendance /  
 Offering \$

**Needed for Budget:**

**\$5,099.21**



**July Servers**

**Deaconesses:**

MaKenzie Manges & Sherry Trubey

**Elder Schedule:**

5—Seth Ramey  
 12—Mark Rhodes  
 19—Larry Snavelly  
 26—Dave Beerbower



**Nursery:**

5—SS—NEED VOLUNTEER; 2nd—Janet McCarthy & Deb Rhodes  
 12—SS—NEED VOLUNTEER; 2nd—Sharon Blinzler  
 19—SS—NEED VOLUNTEER; 2nd—Ashley Nelson  
 26—SS—NEED VOLUNTEER; 2nd—NEED VOLUNTEER

**Greeters**

1st—TBD; 2nd—TBD

You have been there when I felt small,  
 When I felt lost,  
 When I didn't know how to say  
 That I was hurting.  
 I love you so much,  
 And I would never want to leave you  
 With a pain that you didn't deserve to carry.  
 I would never want you wondering  
 If you could have said something different,  
 Done something more,  
 Loved me harder.  
 Because the truth is,  
 Your love has mattered.  
 Your kindness has mattered,  
 You have helped me hold on  
 More times than you may ever know.  
 So today,  
 With a shaky voice but an honest heart,  
 I am making a promise.  
 I promise I will not harm myself,  
 I promise I will try to reach out  
 Instead of disappearing into the dark.  
 I promise I will take things one breath,  
 One hour,  
 One day at a time.  
 I promise that when life gets heavy,

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- 1 Kaleb Hartman
- 3 Marcia Culler
- 5 Joan Brown, Jerry Hug
- 6 John Leppelmeier
- 7 Kolden Avina, Khloe Hartman, Leona Puff, Lexy Robson
- 9 Ron Walker
- 10 Madelon Salsbury
- 12 Wyatt Garza, JoNell Gotshall, Theresa Kuszmaul, Adam Perry
- 14 Andyn Haynes
- 16 Larry Sanders
- 18 Hallie Geinger
- 20 Randy Adams
- 21 Regina Kidd, Bennett Von Deylen
- 22 Kara Ramey, Zane Roose
- 23 Beckett Perry, Bronson Perry
- 25 Bettie Finken

28 LuAnn Jerger, Autumn McNamara, Justin McNamara

31 Shane Cochrane



- 13 Ron & Ellen Walker (410)
- 19 Terence & Beth Clingaman (12)
- 20 Dan & Deb Nixon (41)
- 21 Darrell & Shirley Kinnan (69), Richard & Theresa Kuszmaul (42), Troy & Trisha Hug (11)
- 25 Henry & Regina Kidd (62)
- 28 Gene & Ruth Ordway (58)
- 29 John & Janet Leppelmeier (54),
- 30 Gary & Teresa Brown (38)



## Love All

**Our Service Personnel:** Zachary Perkins (IN), Jordan Thornburg (NE), Katie Sparks (PA). **Cancer:** Gwen Acker-Dickinson, Nathan Bailey, Marcia Baumgartner, Tim Bight, Brent, Mark & Carrie Campo, Andrew Dell, Adam Farger, Carrie H, Brienne Hetrick, Molly Johnston, Kent, Chuck Lees, Tim McKown, Lora Manon, Chloe Merrilet, Crystal Miller, Ruth Ordway, Elaine Purdue, Mike Roose, Sue Secoy, Terry Shinaberry, Stu Short, Annette Snavelly, Holly Sprow, Kortney Subasic, Deb Taylor, Amy Tobin, Kathy Walton, Drew Wayman; **Other Concerns:** Jennifer Mavis, Trevor Bailey, Neighborhood, Danielle Strouse, Brenda Ridgway, Cindy Wolf, Zach Swisher, Cheryl Towers, Kim Beek, Joshua Taylor, children's ministry, Danny Hull, Cindy Webber, Kevin Ayre, Kathy Moog, Marty, John Fry, Jackson Wolph, Fran Mavis, Nathan Ray, Nehemiah Haase, Randy Fisher, Jason Gregg, Martha Hardy, Ellen Walker, Ronnie Pinckley, Tommy Morr, Pat Northcut, Nikki Taylor, Tim Gordon. Shawn Gambler, Kerry Phillips, Tootie Bowman, Maverick Fields, Greg Rhodes, Garry Oberlin, Mary Barton, Mary Pinckley, Dave Beerbower, Nancy Myers, Merrick House, Eldor Lohse, Connie Tressler, Janet Leppelmeier, Beth Alexander; **Shut Ins: Fountain Park:** Chuck & Madelon Salsbury; **Hillside:** Charlene Gambler; **Home:** Charlene Dean, Linda Lewis, Norma Lorentz, Garry Oberlin, Leona Puff, Nola Girardot.



## Upcoming EVENTS

**Happy 250th  
Birthday, America!**  
**7/4/2026**

**Lunch Bunch**  
**7/28/2026**  
**11:45 AM @ Mill  
District Deli, West  
Unity**



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## SENIORS MINISTRY



We will do Lunch Bunch on Tuesday, 7/28 at 11:45 AM at Mill District Deli, West Unity. Please meet there.

I will remember the people who love me.  
I will remember that I am not a burden.  
I will remember that asking for help  
Does not make me weak—  
It makes me brave.  
I am not saying I will never struggle.  
I am not saying every day will be perfect.  
I am saying I am willing to keep going  
Even when it hurts.  
I am saying I want to see  
What my life can become  
If I give myself the chance to live it.  
This new leaf is not me pretending  
That nothing bad ever happened.  
It is me deciding  
That the bad things do not get to finish my story.  
It is me choosing healing,  
Even if healing takes time.  
It is me choosing hope,  
Even if hope starts small.  
It is me choosing life,  
Even when life feels hard.  
So please know this:  
I am still here.  
I am still trying.  
I am still breathing.  
I am still becoming.  
And I am not giving up.  
Not on my family,  
Not on my friends,  
Not on the people who love me.  
Not on you.  
And not on myself.

## Destined to Win, Larry



# JULY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 10:00 Ladies Bible Study	2	3	4 
5 8:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School 10:15 Wor-ship	6	7	8 10:00 Ladies Bible Study	9	10	11
12 8:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School 10:15 Wor-ship	13	14	15 10:00 Ladies Bible Study	16	17	18
19 8:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School 10:15 Wor-ship	20	21	22 10:00 Ladies Bible Study	23	24	25
26 8:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School 10:15 Wor-ship	27	28 11:45 Lunch Bunch	29 10:00 Ladies Bible Study	30	31	