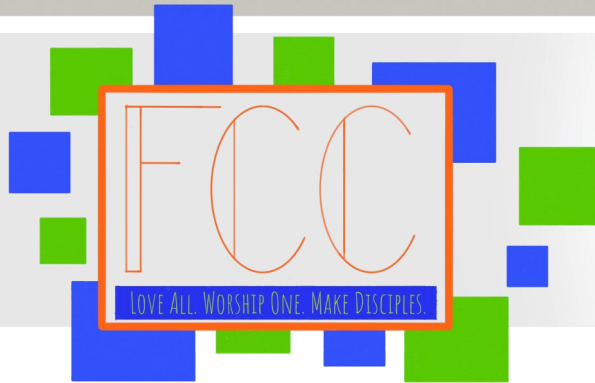




FIRST Church Of Christ

October 2026 NEWSLETTER

The governor of Massachusetts signed a bill into law that makes it legal for a mother to abort a baby right up to the day of delivery. A number of legislators who sponsored the bill stood behind her, smiling, clapping, and celebrating the right to kill a fully developed, totally innocent little child. How decadent can our society become before the wrath of God falls on us?

We develop euphemisms to minimize the wretchedness of sin. It is not murdering a baby; it is “health care” or “reproductive rights.” It is not adultery; it is an “inappropriate relationship” or “an alternative lifestyle.” It is not drunkenness; we are just a “little buzzed” or a “little high.” It is not lying; “we misspoke.” It is not gluttony; our eyes were bigger than our stomachs. It is not profanity; it is colorful street language, and we tease, “Forgive my French.”

We see so much evil that we become numb to it. Sin no longer shocks us. We say, “Abortion has always been around.” Everyone uses the ‘F’ word,” “Everyone cheats on taxes. It is no big deal.” Even preachers avoid the word *sin* and substitute more palatable words like “addiction” or “mistakes” so as not to offend anyone.

We may laugh at sin, thinking humor somehow reduces its horror. “He was so stoned he walked off the deck and fell into the pool. We almost died laughing.” The late J. Wallace Hamilton once asked, “Is a drunk boy staggering down the street comedy or tragedy?” Then he added, “If it is my son, it is not funny.” Love makes a difference in how we view sin. The Bible makes it clear that our loving God does not giggle at sin that destroys His children.

When wrongdoing is recast as illness, a mistake, or somebody else’s fault, accountability fades. We excuse what God calls sin and then wonder why the conscience grows dull.

In 1973, the renowned psychiatrist Dr. Karl Menninger wrote a book titled *Whatever Became of Sin?* He warned that the word *sin* was disappearing from common speech and that wrongdoing was increasingly explained as illness, disorder, environment, or trauma. Explanations can help us understand behavior, but they must not erase moral responsibility. Menninger’s warning feels prophetic today.

Occasionally, evil is put on full display, and we are tempo
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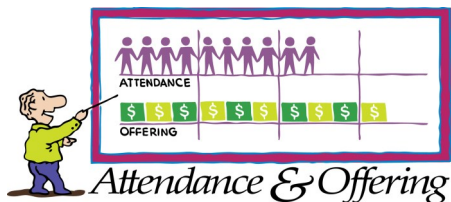
Monday—Thursday
8:00 AM-5:00 PM

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September 6

Attendance 44/75
Offering \$4,003.72

September 13

Attendance 44/90
Offering \$3,671.13

September 20

Attendance 38/82
Offering \$3,716.30

September 27

Attendance 50/88
Offering \$6,656.00

Needed for Budget:

\$5,099.21



October Servers

Deaconesses:

Pam Hartman & Angie Murphy

Elder Schedule:

4—Dave Beerbower
11—Doug Haase
18—Seth Ramey
25—Mark Rhodes

Heartfelt 
THANKS
TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!

Nursery:

4—SS—NEED VOLUNTEER; 2nd—Kim Snavelly
11—SS—NEED VOLUNTEER; 2nd—Sharon Blinzler
18—SS—NEED VOLUNTEER; 2nd—Janet McCarthy
& Deb Rhodes
25—SS—NEED VOLUNTEER; 2nd—Kim Snavelly

Greeters

1st—Jasmine Harrison; 2nd—NEED VOLUNTEER

Children's Church—Jessica Arend



*Saturday, October
31, 5:00-7:00*

*Inside the building
Please sign up to
host a door in the
church. Feel free to*

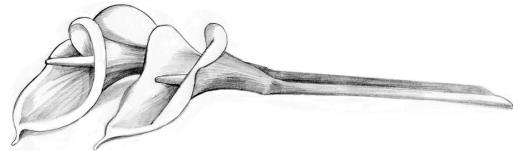
*decorate as you like. See Shawn or
Stephanie Ramey. Candy donations are
greatly appreciated. Please leave candy
in the wooden container in the foyer.*



- 1 Jessica Bosselli
- 4 John Garver, Myles Grimm
- 5 Jasmine Harrison, Sandi Oberlin
- 9 MaKenzie Manges
- 14 Garry Oberlin, Tatum Subasic
- 16 Janeesa Boselli
- 18 Deb Rhodes
- 21 Lydia Sprow
- 22 Nathan Gambler
- 23 Brandon Gambler, Doug Grimm,
Terry Karnes, Steve Tressler
- 24 Amanda Beck, Missie Manges,
Cindy Perry
- 28 Mary Garver, Dottie Hallett
- 31 Tom Horton, Nancy Wagner



- 13 Terry & Cheryl Karnes (36)
- 15 Mark & Char Brandt (32)
- 30 Terry & Deb Hallett (50)



SYMPATHY

The church family mourns with the following families:

- ♦ *Tim Bloomer and family on the recent passing of Tim's mama, Marilyn Herriott.*
- ♦ *Ron Carter, Eric & Angie Murphy on the death of Son-in-law and Brother-in-law, Ron Fumaro.*

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, Tara Garcia, Carrie H, Brienne Hetrick, Molly Johnston, Kent, Chuck Lees, Tim McKown, Lora Manon, Chloe Merrilet, Crystal Miller, Ruth Ordway, Denny Phillips, Elaine Purdue, Mike Roose, Sue Secoy, Nathan Sheline, Terry Shinaberry, Stu Short, Annette Snavelly, Holly Sprow, Kortney Subasic, Deb Taylor, Amy Tobin, Kathy Walton, Drew Wayman, Amy Williams; **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, Shawn Gambler, Kerry Phillips, Tootie Bowman, Maverick Fields, Greg Rhodes, Garry Oberlin, Mary Pinckley, Merrick House, Beth Alexander, Bob Lloyd, Linda Grine, Shawn Gambler, Jeff Glore, John Buskirk, Trisha Hug, Kyle & Jodi Hugg, Jim Grieser; **Shut Ins:** **Fountain Park:** Chuck & Madelon Salisbury; **Hillside:** Charlene Gambler; **Home:** Charlene Dean, Linda Lewis, Norma Lorentz, Garry Oberlin, Leona Puff, Nola Girardot.



Upcoming EVENTS

20°
10/4/2026
9:15 AM

Craft Group
10/6/2026
10:00 am

Senior Seekers
10/6, 13, 20, 27
9:30 AM
"John"

Wednesday Night
Activities
5:45 Supper
6:15 Club 226

Momco
10/7 & 21/2026
6:15 PM

Ladies Bible Study
10/14 & 28/2026
"Unbreakable Courage" by Max Lucado

Lunch Bunch
10/27/2026
11:45 AM @ Cookies
on Demand, Montpelier

Craft Group
10/29/2026
10:00 AM



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SENIORS MINISTRY

We will do Lunch Bunch on Tuesday, 10/27 at 11:45 AM at Cookies on Demand, Montpelier. Please meet there.

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rarily shocked and appalled. Charlie Kirk was assassinated while speaking at a university event. Records from the Epstein cases remind us of the sexual exploitation of young girls. For a moment, we are repulsed by evil and demand accountability. But it is soon forgotten, and we return to normal. Familiarity does not breed contempt; it breeds indifference.

Genesis says that when the Lord saw how great human wickedness had become, He regretted that He had made mankind and judged the world with a flood (Genesis 6:5-7). Second Peter warns that the present heavens and earth are "reserved for fire, being kept for the day of judgment and destruction of the ungodly" (2 Peter 3:7).

Many who have a heart for God are praying for spiritual revival. That is certainly what is needed most. But spiritual revival begins with repentance. Repentance involves conviction of sin, genuine contrition, and a determination to change.

Bill Weedman recently began to talk to more than one hundred men at a breakfast by stating, "I am not going to give a pep talk this morning. My speech is more like a kick in the butt!" We soon realized that his honest assessment of men's immaturity and immorality was exactly what we needed to hear.

I am convinced that if we are to avoid God's judgment as a nation, we do not need many more inspirational sermons. We need a renewed emphasis on the doctrine of sin. Before we emphasize God's love and grace, we first need to underscore God's holiness and wrath. Before we preach forgiveness through the cross of Christ, we need to return to the Ten Commandments so we are once again convicted of our sin. Before we highlight the hope of heaven, we need to warn of the horrors of hell because "the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom" (Proverbs 9:10).

Maybe that is why Jesus began preaching, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near" (Matthew 4:17).

Destined to Win, Larry



OCTOBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4 8:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School 10:15 Worship	5 9:30 Senior Seekers	6 10:00 Craft Group	7 10:00 Ladies Bible Study 5:45 Supper 6:15 Club 226 6:15 Momco 6:15 Adult Bible Study	8	9	10
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