

DECEMBER 10, 2023

WELCOME TO FIRST BAPTIST - If you are a first-time visitor, we especially welcome you: we've been expecting you! When you see the offering plate in the middle of the service, we do not expect you to contribute; the financial support of the church is a responsibility we've taken on as a congregation. However, we do expect everyone (members, friends, and visitors) to place a Get Connected slip in the offering plate. Thanks for doing so!

CHILDREN AT FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH - Children are important to us. They are welcome to stay with their parents. B.L.A.S.T. 2-4 year olds in the "The Big Room" . Cuddle Cove is available to infants and toddlers. Elementary is in "The Class Room #12" and Jr High Classes is in the "Youth Room". (They are taken to those locations after children's moment) . **Please see dry erase board to see who is teaching and what student is helping for that Sunday.**

AN INVITATION TO PRAYER AND COMMITMENT - When the Holy Spirit stirs within you, we encourage you to listen and respond! If you have been moved spiritually and want to talk to the pastor or deacons, please let us know and we would be delighted to talk with you after the service.

DISCLAIMER - Services at First Baptist Church may be recorded or live streamed online. By entering these services or events you consent to, the possibility of being recorded or live streamed.

MISSIONS OFFERING - If you would like to give to missions, please designate it on your envelope. This is the only way we receive funds for our missions budget.

THE FLOWERS adorning the Sanctuary today are given in the glory of God by Bridget Kennedy, in loving memory of Tom, Ralph, Butch, Chuck, David, Norman, Debbie, Jim, Levi, Loretta, Martha, Janice, Diane, Dick & Hope Sanders, Rose & Bill Coby, Letha Call, her mom & dad and brother, Linda & David Hulling, Joyce Kennedy, Betty Swick, Jean Swick, Glen Slone, Wes Slone, Kenneth Morlock, John Kennedy, Donald Kennedy (Waynesfield), Donald Kennedy (Lima), and family & friends from Church.

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WEEKLY OFFERING

Total Expense Budget for 2023 is \$270,778

Monthly Expense Budget for 2023 is \$22565 /month

Weekly Offering Needed is \$5207.00/week

Last week's offering received:

General Fund \$9729.00

Missions \$763.00

Attendance: 74 (December 3, 2023)



OUR FOCUS IS TO INCREASE OUR COMMITMENT TO
JESUS CHRIST AND INTRODUCE HIM TO OTHERS.



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
MORNING WORSHIP
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2023

*GATHERING SONG "O Come All Ye Faithful"

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Bruce Wells

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING Ruth Whitney Ministry

OPENING PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

*GREETING TIME

*PRAISE SONGS "Infant Holy, Infant Lowly"
"There's a Song in the Air"

CHILDREN'S PARABLE Pastor Andrew Shields
Arm in Arm - We are Family
Psalm 139:14
(sm.519, Lg.969)NLT

MORNING OFFERING

PRAYER CONCERNS AND PRAISES

MORNING PRAYER

MEDITATION SONG "What Child is This?"

THE MESSAGE Pastor Andrew Shields
"Hope Through Christmas #2: Knit Together"
Psalm 139:13-14 & Luke 1:30-37
(sm.519, Lg.969)NLT

INVITATION AND PRAYER

*SENDING SONG "Canticle"

*BLESSING

**Please stand if able*

RMMO 2023

*"Good will come to those who are generous and lend freely,
who conduct their affairs with justice." — Psalm 112: 5 (NIV)*

Good will come from community.

"So many servants of God gave all that they have but were not compensated enough during their active ministry day. I have been the beneficiary of their dedication and know of many who are struggling to make ends meet after their retirement. I think we are morally responsible to support them."
— Rev. Sebastian Ong, First Chinese Baptist Church of San Francisco

Good will come from caring.

"It is a blessing to know that our ministry has made a difference in the lives of the people and churches we have served for the past 50 years."
— Pastor Bill of Ohio

Good will come from giving.

"I am sure I represent many widows who are happy to receive this [thank you check] from the churches we served."
— Widow of Florida pastor

RMMO2023: Good will come.

Goodness came from the pastors, missionaries, and leaders who have served ABCUSA churches and ministries. Through your giving to RMMO2023, goodness will come back to each of them in the form of a thank you check—a tangible expression of our enduring gratitude for their service.

What is the Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering?

RMMO is a congregational offering and a joint project of ABCUSA and MMBB. Collected annually in December from participating congregations, RMMO funds are distributed as thank you checks to ABCUSA retired ordained ministers and commissioned missionaries who have devoted 15 years or more to our denomination, as well as surviving spouses. A certain portion is also allocated for direct emergency assistance. The offering originated in the mid-1930s as the Communion Fellowship Offering and since 1977 has been known as RMMO.

Please make your gift in the envelopes provided by your church.

ABCUSA
PO Box 851
Valley Forge, PA 19482

MMBB Financial Services
475 Riverside Drive
Suite 1700
New York, NY 10115-0049

If you would like to sponsors
flowers in memory or honor of a
loved one please call the church
office at
419-224-4921 or Marlene Hefner.

Our Church

Board of Christian Education

Our World

Pray for Miracles in the Middle East

Our Mission Outreach

Retired Ministers & Missionary Offering

Shut-in of the Week

Betty Hook - 2651 Ft. Amanda Road, Lima, Ohio 45805

**CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE
WILL BE
DECEMBER 24TH AT 8:00 PM**

UPCOMING SCHEDULE FOR WEDNESDAYS IN DECEMBER

DECEMBER 13TH - BIBLE STUDY AND YOUTH GROUPS

DECEMBER 20TH - CHRISTMAS PARTY FOR EPIC YOUTH & KIDS
\$5 GIFT EXCHANGE

For any questions or concerns please contact : Jackee Neal at
419-979-8583

FIRST BAPTIST WEEKLY SCHEDULE

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12TH

DAYCARE MEETING	5:30 PM
CE BOARD MEETING	6:15 PM

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13TH

BIBLE STUDY	6:15 pm
EPIC KIDS	6:15 PM
EPIC YOUTH	6:15 PM

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14TH

PRIMETIMERS	1:00 PM
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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15TH

RUTH WHITNEY CROCHET	10:00 AM
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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16TH

MEN'S BREAKFAST	9:00 AM
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