

First Evangelical and Reformed Church 320 W. Wayne St. Lima, OH 45801 "Open Hearts, Open Doors"

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Doors Open – 8:45 am Sunday School – 9:00 am Worship Service – 10:15 am



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Sunday, August 17, 2025

THE PEALING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE: "Guide Me, O, Thou Great Jehovah" George Blake

WELCOME

HYMN: "Praise Him! Praise Him!" Hymnal #63

OFFERTORY: "Nocturne" Frederic Chopin

DOXOLOGY

BLESSING OF THE TITHES AND OFFERINGS

HYMN: "God Sent His Son" Hymnal #159

SPECIAL MUSIC

SCRIPTURE: Colossians 3:1-17

SERMON: "OK Christian, What Does Discipleship Look Like?"

Rev. John Hyter

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN: "The Lord's Our Rock in Him We Hide" Hymnal #324

BENEDICTION: "Go Now in Peace"

POSTLUDE: "An Epilogue of Praise" David Paxton

Serving You This Week:

Guest Speaker Organist Secretary Rev. John Hyter Charles Cheuvront Pat Grossi



Prayer Concerns: Scarlet Rettig, Tom and Sarah Moneer, Karen Kaufman, Carol Freed, Grant Lewis, Tiffany Smith, Betty Carr, Rebecca Smith, Angela Striff, Tom Clutter, Kevin Cheney, Nancy Strouss,

Syrenity Hyter, and family of A.J. (Kevin Cheney's friend).

<u>Life Situations:</u> Pray for victims of violence and natural disasters. Pray for people who have turned away from Christianity, for the safety of law enforcement officers and healing for those suffering from addictions and mental illness.

<u>Please feel free to send in your praise report!</u> You may contact the Secretary at firstchurchlima@live.com or call 419-222-6700.

"Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful." (Colossians 4:2)

Shut-In of the Week: Betty Carr is our shut-in of the week. Please take time to send her a card and pray for her. Her address 465 Partridge Court, Lima, OH 45806.

Bible Trivia: How many signs did God give Moses to use to convince the children of Israel that leaving was God's idea? (Hint: Exodus 4)

a) 2

b) 10

c) 3

d) 12

<u>Pondering</u>: Now all has been heard; here is the conclusion of the matter: Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the duty of all mankind. (*Ecclesiastes 12:13*)

ANNOUNCEMENTS!

Please contact the church office:

- If you have moved, please let the church office know so we can keep our records up to date. 419-222-6700
- If you would like to become a member, please let the office know. 419-222-6700

WELCOME VISITORS! If you want to know more about our church, please stop at the table inside the front door and pick up your visitor packet.

You can also learn about us by going to our website: www.firstchurchoflima.com.

Volunteer Opportunity – Wheelhouse, a Christian bicycle cooperative, thanks you (First Evangelical) for ongoing support.

The 2025 calendar year is well underway with over 100 bikes given to adults in need of transportation. Wheelhouse is searching for volunteers who are needed to help with the following: schedule clients to come to Wheelhouse, help new cyclists with bike selection, helmet fitting, lock usage, write thank you notes for bike and monetary donations, assist with financial record keeping (computer skills are needed for this one).

More information may be received by emailing wheelhouselima@gmail.com Thank you for your help!



For the month of August, CUP is requesting that we donate feminine hygiene pads and bladder control products. For September, the requested donation is toilet paper. You may

leave your donations on the shelf marked CUP near the elevator. Thank you for your generosity to the needy.

Looking ahead! Mark your calendar for Saturday, September 20, 2025. This is the date of the **Church Picnic**. It will be held at Hermon Woodlands at the West Shelter house (2nd shelter house from the road) from 11 AM - 3 PM. The address is 485 N. Wapakoneta Road, Lima, Ohio 45807.



> UPDATE: Meat and serving utensils will be provided. Please bring a dish to share and your own drinks. Please feel free to bring games and your own chairs. All are invited.

Ladies Aid - Lunch will be Wednesday, September 3, at noon at Western Sizzlin. All are invited.

September 7, 2025, will be our next Gathering Meal. It will take place following the worship service, downstairs in the fellowship hall. Charles will be playing some "oldies" during the meal. Please bring a dish to share. All welcome!