



*I will walk among you
and be your God*

First Evangelical and Reformed Church

320 W. Wayne St. Lima, OH 45801

“Open Hearts, Open Doors”

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Sunday School – 9:00 am

Worship Service – 10:15 am



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Sunday, August 31, 2025

THE PEALING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE: “Contemplation on Rock of Ages” Fred B. Binckes

WELCOME

HYMN: “Work, for the Night Is Coming” Praise Book #97

OFFERTORY: “His Yoke Is Easy” Franklin Ritter

His yoke is easy; His burden is light. I’ve found it so.
Where living waters flow. E’en for His own name’s sake.
(Refrain) Yet why should I fear from ill? And staff me
comfort still.

DOXOLOGY

BLESSING OF THE TITHES AND OFFERINGS

HYMN: “The Blood That Jesus Shed for Me” Hymnal #243

SPECIAL MUSIC

SERMON: Mr. Tom Ahl of Gideons International

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER

HYMN: “I’m Pressing on the Upward Way” Hymnal #364

APOSTLE'S CREED

BENEDICTION: "Go Now in Peace"

POSTLUDE: "Fanfares"

Jean Joseph Mouret

Serving You This Week:

Guest Speaker

Organist

Secretary

Mr. Tom Ahl

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, Missionary James Reynolds.

Life Situations: 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.

*"Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer."
(Romans 12:12 ESV)*

Shut-In of the Week: Sarah Moneer is our shut-in of the week. Please take time to send her a card and pray for her. Her address is Springview Manor, 883 W. Spring Street, Room #310, Lima, OH 45805.

Bible Trivia: Which spiritual gift does Paul prefer?
(Hint: 1 Corinthians 14:5)

- a) Speaking in tongues
- b) Prophecy

- c) Healing
- d) Miracles

Pondering: When a Christian knowingly lives in sin and chooses not to turn from it; the Lord will not hear an unrepentant heart.

ANNOUNCEMENTS!

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!



You may have seen his name on our prayer list, or you may remember when he came to our church to speak some years ago. His name is James Reynolds, and his ministry is Courtside Ministries. He is based out of Columbus, Ohio.

Jim has a career in construction and uses that knowledge combined with his calling to serve God, to help with Habitat for Humanity and victims of natural disasters. He also has a jail ministry.

Jim is planning a mission trip in January. Sometime next week, he will get the mission trip needs (supply list) out to his supporters. Please pray for Jim and his wife, Marla for guidance, safety and support as God sends him to serve wherever he is needed. If you would like to support James Reynolds, we will be taking up a collection for him sometime later. We'll keep you posted!

Bible Study resumes September 9 at 7 PM at Alicia's house. If you are new and would like to join, please contact the office for the address. The course of study is John MacArthur's book, *Twelve Ordinary Men*. It discusses how the Master shaped his disciples for greatness and what he wants to do with you. Please let Alicia know if you want the book ordered by September 2. The cost is \$11.25.

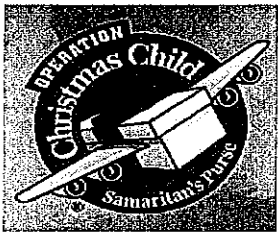
The September **Informer Newsletter** has been released by email. If you do not have email, you can get a copy from the table in the hallway.

THE APOSTLE'S CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven, and Earth:

And in Jesus Christ his only begotten Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the One Holy Universal Christian Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen



Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes will be available in the lobby later in September. Favorite items to pack could be school supplies, drawstring bag, puzzle, washcloth, toothbrush, comb, hair clips, socks, sunglasses, hats, gloves, ball, jump rope, stuffed animal.

Do NOT include soap, candy, toothpaste, gum, toy guns, knives, or military figures, chocolate or food, glass containers or aerosol cans. Don't secure your box with a rubber band. If your box doesn't close, it's too full of your kindness! Please make sure your items easily fit in the shoebox.

Labels are included with the shoebox to designate the box for a girl or boy and their age. Don't forget to enclose the suggested \$10 donation per box to help with shipping and handling. You can donate online if you want to track your box and still bring your gifts to church. You can also build a box online. Be sure to let me know if you participated through the OCC website to be counted with our group. Please bring your shoeboxes to the church by November 16th!

Thank you for sharing God's love, Shannon Rapp