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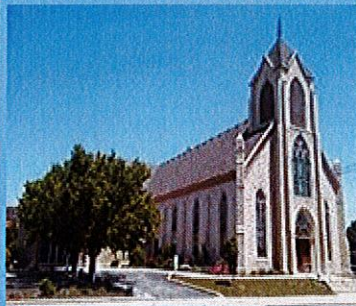
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## First Evangelical & Reformed Church Informer Newsletter September, 2025

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### Member Spotlight

#### Cathy Carr Gladfelter

Cathy's family members include her husband, Dennis Gladfelter, her mother Betty Carr, daughters Haley Phillips of Shawnee and Lindsey Chapman of Allen East and Florida.



She has been a member here since her birth. Sacraments taken here at First E & R include baptism, confirmation, and marriage. Both of her children were baptized here.

Cathy has served as Deacon, Trustee, Sunday School Teacher and Superintendent. Her favorite aspect of the church is the fellowship with others.

Cathy is retired. Her hobbies and interests include cooking, scrap booking, reading, jigsaw puzzles, sewing, and therapy dog visits at St. Rita's, Otterbein and Bluffton College.

Thank you for your service, Cathy. You are appreciated.

*1 Corinthians 12:13, 14, 27  
The Body of Christ*

*<sup>13</sup> For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body--  
whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free--and have  
all been made to drink into one Spirit.*

### CALENDAR

*Please click the Bible to  
view important events.  
(Anniversaries and  
Birthdays.)*



September 1, 2025  
Labor Day. Church  
office is CLOSED.

September 3, 2025  
Ladies Aid meets at  
noon at Western  
Sizzlin.

September 4, 2025  
Church office is  
OPEN! 9 AM - 3 PM.

September 4, 2025  
Elder Meeting, 4 PM

September 7, 2025  
Grandparents Day

September 7, 2025



<sup>14</sup> For in fact the body is not one member but many.  
<sup>27</sup> Now you are the body of Christ and members individually.



### ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Ladies Aid will meet on Wednesday, September 3 at noon at Western Sizzlin.

We will be having a Gathering Meal on Sunday September 7, 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 are invited.

Bible study resumes at Alicia's house every Tuesday at 7 PM starting September 9. The topic is over 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 at the latest. The cost is \$11.25. All are welcome.

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 (the 2nd shelter house, farthest from the road) from 11 AM - 3 PM. The address is 485 N. Wapakoneta Road, Lima Ohio 45807. 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.



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 Operation Christmas Child website to be counted with our group. Please bring your shoeboxes to the church by November 16th.

Thanks for sharing God's love,  
Shannon Rapp

Gathering Meal following the worship service.

September 8, 2025  
Trustees meet at 6 PM and Consistory meets at 7 PM.

September 9, 2025  
Bible Study resumes at Alicia's at 7 PM.

September 20, 2025  
The Men's Breakfast is canceled for today due to picnic.

September 20, 2025  
Church Picnic at Hermon Woodlands from 11AM - 3 PM.



**C.U.P.** -- For the month of September, we have been asked to donate toilet paper. You may put your donations on the shelf in the hallway marked **C.U.P.**

**Thank you for your generosity!**

Sunday Sermons can now be seen on YouTube. Go to @1EvangelicalAndReformed Church in your search bar. You can also access YouTube through our website at [www.firstchurchoflima.com](http://www.firstchurchoflima.com). Click on Sermons and you will find links to Facebook and YouTube.