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LORD

Ephesians 6:10

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, September 14, 2025

THE PEALING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE: “Faith of Our Fathers”

Lani Smith

WELCOME

HYMN: “All Creatures of Our God and King”

Hymnal #43

OFFERTORY: “Under His Wings”

Robert J. Hughes

DOXOLOGY

BLESSING OF THE TITHES AND OFFERINGS

HYMN: “There’s A Sweet, Sweet, Spirit”

Hymnal #186

SCRIPTURE: 1 John 4:8

SERMON: Testimony and music by Mr. Ben Budde, WTGN

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER

HYMN: “My Hope is Built on Nothing Less”

Hymnal #322

BENEDICTION: “Go Now in Peace”

POSTLUDE: “Go Forth in Faith”

Franklin Ritter

Serving You This Week:

Guest Speaker
Organist
Secretary

Mr. Ben Budde, WTGN
Charles Cheuvront
Pat Grossi



Prayer Concerns: Scarlet Rettig, Tom and Sarah Moneer, Karen Kaufman, Carol Freed, Grant Lewis, Betty Carr, Angela Striff, 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, for persecuted Christians worldwide and healing for those suffering from addictions and mental illness.

"Dear friends, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before God and receive from him anything we ask, because we keep his commands and do what pleases him. And this is his command: to believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and to love one another as he commanded us." (1 John 3: 21-23 NIV)

Shut-In of the Week: Joy Hadding is our shut-in of the week. Please take time to send her a card and pray for her. Her address 1091 W. Bluelick Road, Lima, OH 45801.

Bible Trivia: God told Noah to make an ark out of which type of wood? (Genesis 6:14)

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| a) Hickory | b) Acacia |
| c) Cedar | d) Gopher |

Pondering: "To seek God's righteousness is to desire to live the way God intended. It is to live according to Gods commands which requires that we make decisions that align with God's Word."

THE APOSTLE'S CREED

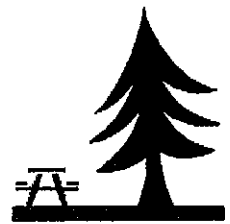
I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven, and Earth:

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS!

Saturday, September 20, 2025, 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.



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.

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, 419-222-6700. 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.



For the month of September, CUP is asking for donations of toilet paper. If donating, please place your donations on the Missions rack near the elevator. Thank you for your generosity to the needy in our area.

First E & R Member Spotlight Julie (Coon) Monfort



Julie's family members are Ted and Kim Coon, Sue Coon, Grant, Emily (all in Lima), Lucas (Michigan) and Jodi (Cincinnati).

She has been attending First Church for 37 years. She was baptized and confirmed here. Her daughter has also been baptized here.

Julie is currently serving as Consistory Secretary and President of the Deacons. In the past, she has served on the Spiritual Growth Committee and Vacation Bible School. Her favorite aspect of church events is when we can all come together for a cause or just to fellowship.

She is employed by the Lima City Schools as a teacher. She has taught for 12 years. Her hobbies include building Legos, taking the kids to the pool and girl's trips.

Thank you for your service, Julie. You are much appreciated.

(Colossians 3:23-24) And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ.