

Test Message - October 2026 Newsletter

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

First E & R will have our **Harvest Party** on October 3 at Hermon Woodlands from 11 AM - 3 PM. The park is located at 485 N. Wapakoneta Road, Elida, Ohio 45807. Bring a dish to share and your own drinks. We will be in the shelter house and there will be outlets for crock pots. Charles will be grilling hamburgers and hot dogs. Buns, plates, napkins and silverware will be provided. Feel free to bring a game and your own lawn chairs if you would like to sit outside. There will be trails to hike! All are welcome.

Worldwide communion Sunday is October 4, 2026. This service is open to fellow believers in Jesus Christ. You do not have to be a member of this church to receive Communion.

The next **Ladies Aid meeting** is October 7, 2026 at noon here in the church fellowship hall. This is our annual Sauerkraut and Sausage lunch. There will be chicken and noodles for those who do not like sauerkraut. We are asking for a \$5.00

CALENDAR

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



Sunday School, 9 AM
Worship, 10:15 AM

**October 3, 2026
Harvest Party
Picnic, 11 AM - 3 PM
at Hermon**

donation to cover the cost of the food. Eric Mericle of Safety City will be our speaker.

You are invited to a **Bible Study**. It will take us through the Bible in a year. The Bible study meets on Tuesday evenings at 7 PM at Alicia's house. If interested, bring a notepad, pen and your Bible.

The next **Men's Breakfast and Fellowship** is Saturday, October 17, 2026 at 8:30 AM in the church fellowship hall. All are welcome to join the men's group for good food and fellowship.



Operation Christmas Child shoe boxes will be available in the lobby in early October. Watch your bulletin for the date. Fill your boxes with gifts for children around the world. 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. Your overflowing generosity is appreciated, but please make sure your items easily fit in the shoe box. Labels are included with the shoe box 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 shoe boxes to the church by November 15th!

Thank you for sharing God's love,
Shannon Rapp

OTHER NEWS!



The Rail Legacy: Voices, Images, Artifacts continues through November 15, 2026. This takes place at the Allen Co. Museum, 620 W. Market Street in Lima.

Kudos to one of our own, Margaret Lewis, who was recognized recently for 50 years of service to the Lima Area Concert Band. She is currently serving as a part-time librarian for them.

She has attended First E & R since 1968 and has served in various capacities. She plays several instruments and has blessed us with her talents here at church from time to time.

Congratulations, Margaret! Thank you for your contributions to the community.

Woodlands Shelter House

October 4, 2026 is Worldwide Communion Sunday.

October 6, 2026
Bible Study begins, 7 PM at Alicia's. This is every Tuesday unless otherwise noted.

October 7, 2026 is the Ladies Aid Sauerkraut & sausage lunch at noon, here at the church.

October 8, 2026,
Elder meeting here at 4 PM.

October 12, 2026
Trustees meet at 6 PM and Consistory meets at 7 PM.

October 12, 2026
Columbus Day

October 17, 2026
Men's Breakfast, 8:30 AM here in fellowship hall.



Matthew 9:37-38 NIV

Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."

