
Test Message - July 2026 Newsletter

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**"The safest place on earth is in the will of God."
--Corrie ten Boom**

God does not reveal His will to restrict His children, but to preserve them. He sees what we cannot see. He knows the end from the beginning, weighs every path, every danger, every sorrow, and every outcome with perfect wisdom. What He commands and leads us into is never careless or cruel, but shaped by infinite love and eternal purpose.

Believer, trust the heart of your Father. He who gave His only begotten son for your salvation will not be careless with your daily and eternal safety.

There is no safer place than obedience to God. Outside of His will, men may appear secure while walking toward ruin. But within His will, even in weakness or affliction, the believer rests under divine care. Satan may oppose, tempt, accuse, and afflict, yet he cannot ultimately destroy the soul that is kept in the hands of God.

So trust His Word when your feelings waver. Trust His wisdom when the road is unclear. Trust His love when His providence is difficult to understand. The Shepherd who leads you is neither absent nor mistaken.

"And we know that *all* things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose." Romans 8:28

Corrie ten Boom (Holocaust survivor and renowned rescuer.)



CALENDAR

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



Sunday School, 9 AM
Worship, 10:15 AM



July 4, 2026
Independence Day.
**Happy 250th
Birthday, America!**



Alongside her family, Corrie hid hundreds of Jewish people and resistance workers in their home in the Netherlands before the Gestapo arrested them. She survived her imprisonment at the Ravensbruck concentration camp and later detailed her harrowing experiences in her famous book, *The Hiding Place*.

Have a safe and happy holiday!

July 9, 2026
Elder meeting here at 4 PM.

July 13, 2026
Trustees meet at 6 PM and Consistory meets at 7 PM.

July 24 & 25, 2026
"Life in America, The 1940s." Allen Co. Museum, 11:30 AM - 4:30 PM both days.



On June 7, the church took in new members. Please welcome Lubin and Amaranth Paul and their children, Sheikaina and Maysender.

They attended our church for a couple of months prior to membership.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

The Rail Legacy: Voices, Images, Artifacts, June 28-November 15, 2026. Opening Reception is June 28 @ 3 PM at the Allen Co. Museum, 620 W. Market Street, Lima.

The Allen Co. Museum will present "Life in America, The 1040s" The event is Friday and Saturday, July 24 and 25 from 11:30 AM to 4:30 PM. No registration is required and the event is free.

Next Gathering Meal is Sunday, September 13, 2026.

First E & R Church will have our Harvest Party on October 3 at Hermon Woodlands from 11 AM - 3 PM. Located at 485 N. Wapak Road, Elida, OH 45807. More information to follow.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There will be no Men's Breakfasts in July or August. The next breakfast is Saturday, September 19, 2026 at 8:30 AM. With the exception of July and August, they meet every third Saturday of the month in the church fellowship hall. All are welcome to attend.

There will be no Ladies Aid meetings in July or August. The next meeting is September 2, 2026 at noon at Western Sizzlin.

Please continue to save your Chief's receipts. The Ladies Aid get a small percentage of the total of receipts turned in. This helps pay for future projects.



Does anyone recognize these two ladies? They visited our church after a long absence. Paul and Pat Offenbacher gave them a tour of the building and showed them all the changes that have been made over the years.



Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord. Psalm 33:12a