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Member Spotlight on Irene Fianna Miller Brutzer

Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it. 1 Corinthians 12:27 (NIV)



Irene has three children, David Arthur Brutzer (Forest, Ohio), Rebecca Anne Bluem (Cincinnati), and Linda Jean Brutzer (Villa Hills, Kentucky). She is also blessed with three granddaughters and six great grandchildren.

Irene was raised in the Ash Grove Baptist Brethren Church Old Conference in Elida, Ohio. She became a member of First Church after marrying Arthur in 1945 when she was twenty years old. Irene has been a member of First Church for eighty years. All three of her children were baptized, confirmed and married in First E & R.

Irene faithfully attended Sunday school and church. She taught Children's Sunday school alternating Sundays with Helen Riner. Irene drove on several caravan trips with the youth fellowship. Irene was also very involved with church decoration, including Harvest Home and Christmas. She and

CALENDAR

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



August 3, 2025
(Sun.) Irene Brutzer's
100th birthday
party. Otterbein,
from 1 - 4 PM.

August 7, 2025
Elder Meeting, 4 PM

August 11, 2025 PM,
Trustees meet at 6
PM and Consistory
meets at 7 PM.

Ginger Hill, along with several others, spent many hours coming up with ideas and making decorations. Her husband Art made the Advent candle holder we still use today. Irene also filled in as president of the Ladies Aid for a while.

Irene was very active in the Builder's Class. Many events were hosted at their home including a pig roast, luau, and picnics. There were camping trips and trips to Waverly, Ohio to visit Rev. and Mildred Vitz. Irene also assisted at many church dinners and events like weddings, Easter breakfast, and Father/Son banquets (back in the day), and other special events. Irene was always there with a casserole or cake when someone in the church was in need.

Irene is a very talented painter in oils, watercolors, and china painting. She was also interested in family history, making photo albums for all her children. She enjoyed needlepoint, knitting and sewing.

Irene will be celebrating her 100th birthday in August 14, 2025.

Thank you Irene. We appreciate all your contributions to this church.

August 16, 2025
The Men's
Brotherhood
Breakfast is at 8:30
AM, here at church.

August 15-23, 2025,
Allen County Fair



C.U.P. -- For the month of August, we have been asked to donate feminine hygiene pads and bladder control products. You may put your donations on the shelf in the hallway marked C.U.P.

Thank you! :)

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Bible study is recessed for the Summer and will resume at Alicia's house every Tuesday at 7 PM starting September 9. All are welcome.

You are invited to Irene Brutzer's 100th birthday party. It is Sunday, August 3, 2025, from 1 - 4 PM at Otterbein's main entrance. Feel free to invite anyone who knows Irene. NO presents please.

Mark your calendar for September 20, 2025. This is the date of the Church Picnic. It will be held at Hermon Woodlands at the West Shelter house from 11 AM - 3 PM.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD!

Be cool, pack for school!

We will officially be kicking off Operation Christmas Child in late September, giving gifts to children and sharing the love of Jesus around the world. Now is the time to take advantage of back-to-school sales for supplies. Toys and hygiene items are also needed.

Please note -- soap is no longer allowed due to customs restrictions. Candy, gum, toothpaste and liquids are also not permitted. No military figures or war-related items. Remember, it's all about Jesus! Shoeboxes will be due November 16.

Thank you, Shannon Rapp

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED!

Men's Brotherhood meets August 16 at 8:30 AM here at the church fellowship hall. All are invited!

Sunday Sermons can now be seen on YouTube as well as Facebook. Go into your YouTube account and type @1EvangelicalAndReformed Church in your search bar.

You can also view sermons on our website: www.firstchurchoflima.com. Click on Sermons and you will find two links, one to YouTube and one to FaceBook.

There will be no Ladies Aid meeting in August.

There will be no Gathering meal in August.

The September/October /November issue of Our Daily Bread Devotional is now available at either church entrance.