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First Evangelical and Reformed Church

320 W. Wayne St. Lima, OH 45801

“Open Hearts, Open Doors”

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Worship Service – 10:15 am



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Sunday, September 7, 2025

Grandparent's Day

THE PEALING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE: “The Church’s One Foundation” Edward Broughton

WELCOME

HYMN: “Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus” Hymnal #452

OFFERTORY: “Blessed Assurance” Sarah Douglas

DOXOLOGY

BLESSING OF THE TITHES AND OFFERINGS

HYMN: “Bless The Lord” Praise Book #73

SPECIAL MUSIC

SCRIPTURE: Luke 13:10-17

SERMON: “It Is **ALWAYS** the Right Time!” Rev. John Hyter

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER

HYMN: “A Shelter in the Time of Storm” Hymnal #324
 (“The Lord’s Our Rock, in Him We Hide”)

BENEDICTION: “Go Now in Peace”

POSTLUDE: "Praise to the Living Lord"

Gerald Peterson

Serving You This Week:

Guest Speaker

Organist

Secretary

Rev. John Hyter

Charles Cheuvront

Pat Grossi



Prayer Concerns: Scarlet Rettig, Tom and Sarah Moneer, Karen Kaufman, Carol Freed, Grant Lewis, Tiffany Smith, Betty Carr, Rebecca Smith, Angela Striff, Tom Clutter, 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: Tom Moneer is our shut-in of the week. Please take time to send him a card and pray for him. His address is Springview Manor, 883 W. Spring Street, Room #209A, Lima, OH 45805.

Bible Trivia: What is the missing word of this verse in Philippians?
_____ in the Lord Always. (*Hint: Philippians 4:4*)

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| a) Pray | b) Confide |
| c) Take Comfort | d) Rejoice |

Pondering: "To forgive is to set a prisoner free and discover that the prisoner was you!" Lewis B. Smedes on Matthew 6:12.

ANNOUNCEMENTS!

Today is our Gathering Meal. It will take place following the worship service, downstairs in the fellowship hall. Charles will be playing some "oldies" during the meal. All welcome!



You may have seen his name on our prayer list, or you may remember when he came to our church to speak some years ago. His name is James Reynolds, and his ministry is Courtside Ministries. He is based out of Columbus, Ohio.

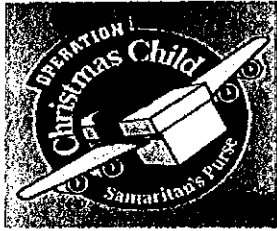
Jim has a career in construction and uses that knowledge combined with his calling to serve God, to help with Habitat for Humanity and victims of natural disasters. He also has a jail ministry.

Jim is planning a mission trip in January. Sometime next week, he will get the mission trip needs (supply list) out to his supporters. Please pray for Jim and his wife, Marla for guidance, safety and support as God sends him to serve wherever he is needed. If you would like to support James Reynolds, we will be taking up a collection for him sometime later. We'll keep you posted!

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. 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. Please let Alicia know if you want the book ordered by September 2. The cost is \$11.25.



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.



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 OCC website to be counted with our group. Please bring your shoeboxes to the church by November 16th!

Thank you for sharing God's love, Shannon Rapp

Happy Grandparent's Day!

Proverbs 17:6 "Children's children are a crown to the aged, and parents are the pride of their children."



Proverbs 16:31 "Gray hair is a crown of glory; it is gained in a righteous life."

Prayer: Lord God almighty, bless our grandparents here today with long life, happiness, and health. May they remain constant in your love and be living signs of your presence to their children and grandchildren. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.