

Weekly Connection

February 1, 2026

This Week at First – Emails. As we begin the New Year, we would like to confirm that you are receiving communication from the church. If you haven't received emails lately, please contact the office so we can be sure we have the correct information.

Sign up for altar flowers and/or bulletins for 2026. See sign-up sheet in the welcome center.

First Church Ladies Book Club, join us our next book club meeting will take place on February 14 at 10:00. We'll meet at 88 Fox Hollow in Brunswick to discuss the book, The Wedding People, by Alison Espach. Happy reading!

College/Military Care Packages – Please use the QR code on the back to sign up to send a care package to your loved one away at school or deployed with our military or use the paper form in the Welcome Center. We want to be sure to include their favorite things.

Chair Yoga – UPDATE, Due to the cancellation of the Monday and Wednesday Chair Yoga classes this past week due to inclement weather, the sessions will be extended another week. Monday sessions will end March 2nd and Wednesday sessions will end March 4th. Please be advised that further cancellations of classes will occur if inclement weather causes Strongsville School closings. Please contact Chris Thomas for any questions: Kricket413@gmail.com or call or text at 440-567-3754

Volunteer Spotlight – In February we are happy to recognize Pat Sauernheimer for all the work she does throughout various areas of our congregation.

Ash Wednesday is February 18th. Join us for worship at **11:00 AM or 7:30 PM** as we mark the beginning of Lent. *Imposition of Ashes and Communion.*

Volunteer Service – New Year, New

Opportunities - As a new year begins, there are lots of opportunities to serve, support, and make a meaningful impact are all around here at First Church.

- ***Breakfast with the Easter Bunny Leader***
- ***Seder Meal Volunteers***
- ***KIDS HOPE USA – Prayer Partner Coordinator***
- ***Traditional Ushers***

just to name a few. To learn more or express interest, please scan the QR Code on the back or email/call or text Barb Nalette, mistylakenalette@gmail.com or 216-970-4131

FREE DESK- There is a free desk in the welcome center to anyone that would like it. Please check in with the office if you are interested!

Stephen Ministry Updates, it has been a while since you've received an update from Stephen Ministry, but a lot has been happening behind the scenes!

Our Stephen Ministry continues to be a vital source of Christ-centered care in our congregation. Since June, our team has walked alongside 8 congregation members, providing confidential, one-to-one care during difficult times.

Currently, 4/5 of our active Stephen Ministers are busy working with care receivers, while 1 is in transition. They also meet regularly for ongoing training and peer support. Because each Stephen Minister works with only one person at a time, we are blessed to have 3 new Ministers in training who will be commissioned in April to expand our caring capacity.

SAVE THE DATE – Mark your calendars for Sunday, April 19th for our 2026 Ministry Fair. We invite you find out how you can "Bloom Where God Plants You!"

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Monday, February 2nd

Chair Yoga – 1:30 PM
AA at 7:30 PM

Tuesday, February 3rd

Stephen Ministry Training – 6:00 PM
Toastmaster's at 7:00 PM
Al Anon at 7:00 PM

Wednesday, February 4th

Chair Yoga – 6:00 PM

Thursday February 5th

Dynamic Worship Meeting – 6:30 PM
Men's Basketball, Kinsner - 7:30 PM

Thank you to the following volunteers:

Ushers

Rick & Chris Gonazalez – 9:00 AM
Wayne Mosley, Curt Dean – 11:15 AM

Readers

Judy Peach – 9:00 AM
June Zakrajsek – 11:15 AM

Communion Assistants

Judy Peach, Darren Whitford, Gayle Kovach – 9:00 AM
June Zakrajsek, Cindy Shoens, Janet Kaiser – 11:15 AM

Counters

Sam Reichert, Rolf Gaab, Jackie Wojciehowski

Altar Guild

Trish Nolder, Sheri Gist, Beth David

Communion Bread Baker

Linda Lauschin



Scan the QR code for
Online Sign-Ups, Calendar Updates
and Online Giving
Or use the link: <https://bit.ly/flcconnects>

Last Sunday's Attendance
9:00 AM –
11:15 AM –
Online –

PRAYERS

Hospitalized/Home and Recuperating

Karen Kasnik

Military Members

Austin Holley, Deacon Nemet, Haley Uline

Stephen Ministry Team

Maureen Harris, Sam Reichert, Becky Piper, Beth David, Pat Sauernheimer, Pam Simpson, Marsha Ginley, Phil King, and Bob Strong, Chris Hamel, Jen Kowalewski, Jim Zakrajsek, Steve Harris

On-going Prayers

Linda Stanley, Nighman Family, Heidi Balicki, Tia (Simpson) Russell, Ron and Joanne Cvelbar, Cheryl Mooney, Elaine, Jessica Walsh, Wanda Woods, Stephania, Susan & George Bodovetz, Carol Rosenblum, Bonnie Bailey, Darlene and Jim Cassidy, Carrie Deal, Curt Kowalewski, Sarah Franko, Jim Taylor, Sue Sutton, Erica Kaminski, Jeanette Paus, Matt & Pat, Morgan Popple, Trish Nolder, Peter Duffy, Salay Family, Richard, Scott Hurley, John Walker, Don McKelvey, Karil Piskur, Clark Buckley, Dennis Bailey, Cindy Walker, Susie Siebert, Mike and Linda Drury, Kathryn Robertson, Gina Evangelista, Brenda Rosala, Katy Profeta, The Rugar Family, Jim Thomas, Jerry Kreuger, Mary Walters, Paula McKee, Melissa Borgio, Josie McNamara

Homebound

Mary Jane Knaack, June Beck, Marj Wilder, Sheryl Clark, Ron & Mary Jane Warzel

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