



Weekly Connection

February 8, 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 – REMINDER, 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

2025 Giving Statements – *Statements reflecting your 2025 gifts to First Church were emailed last week. Please review it closely for accuracy. If you did not receive one or have any questions, please contact firstELCAstewardship@gmail.com or Wayne Mosley at 440-478-4736.*

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

First Communion Classes are starting. They will be **Sunday February 22nd, Sunday March 1st and Sunday March 8th from 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM**. If you have a student over 10 years old that needs to make their first communion, please reach out to Pastor Kathy or the office to let us know you are attending. First Communion will be celebrated on **Sunday, March 15th**.

Office Staffing Note, please be aware that Pastor Kathy is at United Lutheran Seminary in Philadelphia, attending an ELCA Conference Feb. 9th through the 13th. She will be accessible by her cell or email or you may contact the office directly.

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.

- **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

Stephen Ministry, please continue to pray for our Leaders, Ministers and Care receivers.

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

Ministry Fair Meeting – 6:30 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

Carolyn Roman, Tom Newbould – 9:00 AM

Jim and June Zakrajsek – 11:15 AM

Readers

Vanessa Smith Whitford – 9:00 AM

Curt Dean – 11:15 AM

Counters

Wade Zwingler, Jeff Stanley, Brenda Jacob

Altar Guild

Jacque McLemore, Shelley Hoffman



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

Last Sunday's Attendance

9:00 AM – 82

11:15 AM – 51

Online – 50

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, Marilyn Baker, Claudia Lenarz, Barb Kreuger, Trish Nolder

Homebound

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