



# Weekly Connection

**February 15, 2026**

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

## **Chair Yoga –FUTURE CHAIR YOGA**

**SESSIONS.** *THERE IS NO YOGA, THIS WEDNESDAY DUE TO ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP.* The current 2 sessions will end on March 2nd and 4th. We are offering 3 week sessions for both Monday and Wednesday, Starting March 9th and 11th and they will end on March 23rd and 25th. Cost will be \$15 for Mondays and \$15 for Wednesdays. Silver Sneakers and Renew Active accepted. Please sign up at Welcome Center. We will take break for the following 2 weeks. (Holy Week and School Vacations) We will start a new 6 week session for both Monday and Wednesday on April 13th and April 15th which will end the week before Memorial Day. Sign up for this will be later. Any questions, please contact Chris Thomas at [Krickett413@gmail.com](mailto:Krickett413@gmail.com) or text at 440-567-3754.

**2025 Giving Statements – Statements reflecting your 2025 gifts to First Church were emailed recently. Please review it closely for accuracy. If you did not receive one or have any questions, please contact [firstELCAstewardship@gmail.com](mailto: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 22<sup>nd</sup>, Sunday March 1<sup>st</sup> and Sunday March 8<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup>.**

## **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](mailto:mistylakenalette@gmail.com) or 216-970-4131

**Stephen Ministry,** As a church, we are called to bear one another's burdens and to look out for those in our church community who are hurting, lonely, or facing a difficult transition. Our Stephen Ministry provides a confidential, one-to-one, Christian listening ear to help carry those burdens. We are asking you to be the eyes and ears of Jesus in our congregation. Please help us identify people who are navigating difficult times- such as loss of a loved one, illness, divorce, job loss, or relocation. If you know someone who could benefit from a caring, confidential person to walk alongside them, please let Beth David or Pastor Kathy know, or encourage them to reach out. Also, please continue to pray for our Stephen Leaders, Ministers, and care receivers. Thank you for continuing to make our church a caring, compassionate community!

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

**Wish List Opportunities to Support Our Church** - From time to time, there are practical items that would enhance our shared ministry and the life of our church but fall outside our regular stewardship budget. Scan the QR Code to see the list.

## WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

### Monday, February 16th

Chair Yoga – 1:30 PM

AA at 7:30 PM

### Tuesday, February 17th

Kids Hope USA Leadership Meeting – 9:30 AM

Stephen Ministry Training – 6:00 PM

Stephen Ministry Continuing Education – 6:00 PM

Governing Board Meeting – 6:30 PM

Toastmaster's at 7:00 PM

Al Anon at 7:00 PM

### Wednesday, February 4th

Ash Wednesday Services – 11 AM & 7:30 PM

### Thursday February 5th

Men's Basketball, Kinsner - 7:30 PM

## Thank you to the following volunteers:

### Ushers

The McNamara Family – 9:00 AM

Bob & Brenda Jacob – 11:15 AM

### Readers

Petr Kowalewski – 9:00 AM

Kerry McLemore – 11:15 AM

### Communion Assistants

Petr & Jeanine Kowalewski, Pam Simpson – 9:00 AM

Kerry & Jacquie McLemore, Pierre David – 11:15 AM

### Counters

Daphne Leon, Ingrid Naso, Paul Nalette

### Altar Guild

Jaquie McLemore

### Communion Bread Baker

Donna Baker



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

### Last Sunday's Attendance

9:00 AM – 88

11:15 AM – 40

Online – 36

## 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, Catherine 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

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

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