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Morship

Sundays 10:00 AM Holy Communion

November 2

All Saints' Sunday

Revelation 7:9-17 Acts 4:8-12

Matthew 5:1-12

November 9

22nd Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 3:1-15 Philippians 3:1-11

Luke 20:27-40

November 16

23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Malachi 4:1-6

2 Timothy 3:14-17

Luke 21:5-28

November 23

Christ the King Sunday

Malachi 3:13-18

Romans 11:33-36

Luke 23:27-43

November 30

First Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 2:1-5

Romans 13:8-14

John 1:1-5, 10-14

Sunday School
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9:00 AM

From Pastor Phil

Our Mission

When Family of Faith was formed it defined its mission as connecting people to Jesus, God's Word, and Each Other. That has not changed. It has not changed through all the moves we have made. It does not change in the theater. It will not change when we move into our new facility. It is changeless.

It is changeless because it is not dependent on where we meet. It is who we are. It is who we serve. It is how we serve.

We are who we are not because of where we meet but because of who we are, adopted children of God in service to the Gospel and sharing the love of Christ. As anxious as we all are we cannot lose sight of that. We cannot allow a building to become more important than being on mission.

We cannot come to church wishing we were somewhere else. We will get there. It will be later than any of us imagined, but we will get there.

Wherever we gather, we gather for mission. We gather for thanks and praise. We gather to encourage each other. We gather to challenge each other. We gather to hear God's word. We gather to pray. We gather to prepare for mission. Remember, it is not where we are but who we are and what we are called to do.

Lose track of our mission and we lose track of who we are and why we are. We are who we set out to be. To connect people to Jesus, God's Word, and each other.

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Worship Assistants

Communion Assistants



November 2 Cindy & Tim Bridinger November 9 Cindy & Tim Bridinger November 16 Cindy & Tim Bridinger November 23 Cindy & Tim Bridinger November 30 Cindy & Tim Bridinger

Lectors



November 2 Jeff Shuey November 9 Melissa Jameson November 16 Kathy Falter November 23 Jeff Shuey November 30 Jim Vassar

Communion Bread Bakers



November 2 Tom Nahm November 9 Charon Kline November 16 Lynn Miller November 23 manna November 30 Wanda Phares

Coffee Brewers



The Java Café is open, with coffee being served Barista style and with snacks available.

Happy Birthday

November 6

Martha Arter

November 7

Kathy Kaufman

November 10

Grace Heck

November 16

Emily Cholodewitsch

November 18

Thomas Bean

Jamie Cholodewitsch

November 19

Charon Kline

November 25

Andy Kimmet

November 27

Barb Trout

November 28

Rob Stine, II

November 29

Bailey Jameson





This next calendar year will be one of the most fun and challenging of our history. We are looking for a number of persons to be leaders on the vision team. If you are approached to consider one of these positions we hope you will prayerfully consider it. Between now until January we need leadership in areas as diverse as finance, facilities, spiritual development, and the presidency.

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Spiritual Growth Opportunities

Youth Sunday School

November 2 - The Ethiopian/Simon the Sorcerer

November 9 - Saul Converted

November 16 - Peter's Vision

November 23 - Jerusalem Council

November 39 - Philippi





Women of Faith will meet Wednesday, November 5, 2025, at 6:00 PM at Linda Grover's house.



If you need a ride to church on Sundays, can provide a ride, please let David Murray know. Also, if you can visit any of our shut-ins, please let David know.



Our November Mission Outreach Baskets Salvation Army Angel Tree. There will be a small tree



with the tags and a basket for fulfilled ANGEL TREE tags



For Operation Christmas Child the shoe boxes can be turned in anytime before November 16, 2025 at latest.

HELP NEEDED We need someone to be our Funeral Luncheon Coordinator.



Family of Faith is to help with the Ecumenical Sharing Kitchen on Monday, November 24, 2025, at St. Paul's United Methodist

Church, 46 Madison Street, Tiffin. Five to Six volunteers are needed. Two should come at 10:30a.m., and the remaining volunteers at 11:00 a.m. Please let Dave Murray know if you are able to volunteer.



All Saints' Day Sunday, November 2, 2025, is All Saints' Sunday, and Saturday, November 1, 2025, was All Saints' Day, when we remember those loved ones from our congregation that have been called home to our heavenly Father as saints to dwell with Him, since last year's All Saints' Day.

Name	Died
Mildred L. Heyman	March 26, 2025
James L. Oberlander	June 4, 2025



Thanksgiving Eve Worship, Wednesday, November 26, 2025, 7:00 PM at First Christian Church, 2016 S County Rd 19, Tiffin.

Vision Team Highlights

•Pastor's Report - Pastor Phil: Pastor Phil said that there were 104 kids from Tiffin University attending the CRU Bible study meeting. The CRU group continues to grow. If kids from TU and Heidelberg show up for pizza night, there could be ~ 200 there.

He continues to preach at the Courtyard. The LifeWise program has met with resistance. He is involved with the Churches Connected program too.

Out of Town: Pastor Phil will be out of town October 9-13. Jeff Shuey will deliver the sermon and Kathy Falter will lead the service.

2025-2026 Preaching/Teaching Plan: Pastor Phil said that he will have the plan completed by the next Vision Team meeting.

•Finance - Mike Cholodewitsch: A change request has been submitted with our insurance carrier to remove the "Builders Risk" Endorsement that our lender required us to carry. This was required to cover material and other building variables. Since we are close enough to the finish line the lender let us remove this from our policy. This will lower our insurance premium.

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We are currently reviewing our expenses to see what extra expense we have incurred due to the HVAC delay. We are hoping that we can recover some, if not all, of our extra expense's from either the HVAC manufacturer or the contractor. -In regards to the loan status. We are rapidly approaching one year since we signed the loan agreement. The loan we designed to pay the interest only while we were under construction or up to one year. If our renovation project is not completed at the one-year mark it is my understanding that we can extend our current agreement which would require some additional paperwork and a fee.

In an unrelated financial matter, I mentioned at the last meeting that we need to reach out to some snow plowing companies as now is the time that they are starting to line up their contracts. I know that Choice Lawn Care out of Republic does this type of work as they maintain my business through the winter months and Zoeller's Lawn Service which is located on US 224 going towards Findlay.

Pastor Phil reported that Dan Miller wants to pull the remaining balance with the loan company and deposit it in our Building Fund before November. He also wants to get an invoice from 5 Star for recent work done.

•Facilities - Tom Nahm: Sewer Line: Randy reported that there have been a couple companies out looking at the sewer line blockage. The tile itself may be broken too. He will contact Theis Construction to repair it and if they can't the city has a list of bonded companies that do that type of work since they may have to tear up the road.

Fire System and Monitoring: Pastor Phil reported that he received a letter and contract from an out-of-town company. There has to be a monitoring system, but we should look at local companies. Randy will follow-up on this.

Exterior Painting and Landscaping: Pastor Phil reported that Jeff Shuey wants to paint the exterior walls. They have to be power washed first. Jeff has been dealing with the weeds too.

Snow Removal: Randy will contact companies and get price quotes for clearing the parking lot, etc.

- Worship Kathy Falter: Kathy reported that everything is going well.
- •Spiritual Development Melissa Jameson: Sunday School: Melissa said that the room available to us in the mall is being used by workers who don't clean up after themselves. It needs to be a clean, safe space. We need clarification who has the authority to use that room. The "stuff" that isn't needed for Sunday School can be moved down the hallway in that room.

Also, where is our piano and other items we use for worship being stored. Can it at least be covered? It was decided to move everything in one trip to the West Davis building.

• Congregational Care - Dave Murray: Dave reported that Christine Chauvaux no longer wants to coordinate funeral

dinners, but will help in the kitchen. Teresa will put a notice in the next bulletin/newsletter.

- Outreach Julie Engle: Samaritan's Purse Christmas boxes are now available to be filled.
- Volunteer Coordination/President's Report Randy Schwartz: Randy reported that he has someone in mind for the president's position. Several names were considered for the other committee chairs that will be vacant.
- Other Business:

170 West Davis Update

Renovation Update: HVAC: Pastor Phil reported that there have been supply issues and production changes at the company. He read a letter he drafted to be sent to the CEO of the company. Melissa made a motion to send the letter to the HVAC company's CEO, Kathy seconded; all agreed.

Exterior Lighting: the electrical system has been in place for the exterior lighting to tie into.



<u>Deadlines</u>: Bulletins - Thursday each week. Newsletter - the 25th of each month.

Please be mindful of the deadlines, so that the production of these important materials can be done in a timely fashion.

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