



Weekly Connection

April 19, 2026

VISITORS! WELCOME! We are so glad you are here today. **We hope to see you again soon!**

JOIN US on **Sunday, April 19th** for our "Bloom Where You Are Planted" ministry fair, designed to help each person discover their unique gifts and purpose within the body of Christ. It's a welcoming space to explore different ministries, connect with leaders, and find meaningful ways to serve. Just as every flower thrives in its own place, each person is encouraged to grow right where God has positioned them. Come be inspired, get involved, and flourish in faith and community.

Bicycle Relocation Program - Do you have a bicycle (adult - or child-size) that could use a second life? Please contact Pierre David and he will pick it up, repair it so that it is "like new" (if necessary), and then take to the Redeemer Crisis Center on W. 30th Street in Cleveland. Pierre can be contacted at p david@bw.edu or 216-213-8386

First Church Ladies Book Club, our next book is *Twice* by Mitch Albom. We'll meet on **May 16th at 10:00 AM** in the library at church. Happy reading!

Hearing Assistance Forum – Work is being done to evaluate options for providing hearing assistance in the sanctuary. Please attend an open forum on **April 26 at 10:30** to hear what we've learned, to ask any questions you may have, and to share any specific situations you want to make sure we can accommodate.

Planned Giving Session – Please join us on **May 3rd at 10:15 AM** in Fellowship Hall as we welcome Pastor Karl Bierman from the ELCA Foundation. He will share biblical perspectives on end of life planning and practical tips for ensuring our estates, assets, and obligations are handled as we desire.

The Pierstorf College fund is a one-of-a-kind Lutheran financial aid program that provides interest-free loans to all Lutherans pursuing a higher education who live in the State of Ohio. **Application deadline is June 30th.** Apply at pierstorf.org

Volunteer Service – A Heart Felt Thank You!
This week, as we celebrate National Volunteer Appreciation Week, we pause with deep gratitude for the many people whose faithful service makes First Church a place of welcome, compassion, and spiritual growth.

To **every person** who gives their time, energy, creativity, and care: **thank you.** Some of you serve in ways that are seen; many of you serve in ways that are not. All of it matters. Your willingness to say "yes" – sometimes joyfully, sometimes sacrificially, sometimes quietly and without recognition – strengthens our ministries and shapes the life of this church.

As we honor you this week, please know how **deeply appreciated** you are. Your service is a blessing, your presence is a gift, and your impact reaches farther than you may ever realize. **Thank you** for being the living expression of God's grace in our midst.

Chair Yoga - Chair Yoga Sessions are currently available on **Monday 1:30 PM to 2:30 PM and Wednesday 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM** and will run **until May 20th.** Anyone interested in coming to one of the sessions is welcome to come to "try out" the class before these sessions are done. Plans for Chair Yoga sessions are being considered to resume this Fall. Please notify Chris Thomas if there are any questions or concerns. Text at 440-567-3754 or email at Cricket413@gmail.com.

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Sunday, April 19th

Ministry Fair – 9 AM – 12:15 PM

Monday, April 20th

Chair Yoga – 1:30 PM

Confirmation – 7:00 PM

AA at 7:30 PM

Tuesday, April 21st

KIDS HOPE USA Leadership Meeting – 9:30 AM

Stephen Ministry Continuing Education - 6 PM

Governing Board Meeting – 6:30 PM

Toastmaster's at 7:00 PM

Al Anon at 7:00 PM

Wednesday, April 22nd

Chair Yoga – 6:00 PM

Thursday April 23rd

Men's Basketball – 7:30 PM

Thank you to the following volunteers:

Ushers

Emma & Evan Hartman – 9:00 AM

Bob and Brenda Jacob – 11:15 AM

Readers

Judy Peach - 9:00 AM

Lori Forse- 11:15 AM

Counters

Reiner Mueller, Pierre David

Communion Assistants

Judy Peach, Herb and Pam Simpson – 9:00 AM

Lori & Eddie Forse, Janet Kaiser

Altar Guild

Ellen Kolman, Debbie Brighter, Lynn Stenger

Altar Flower Delivery

Vicky Hughes

PRAYERS

Hospitalized/Home and Recuperating

Justin Wade

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, 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,

Jeanette Paus, Morgan Poppo, Peter Duffy, Salay Family, Richard, Scott Hurley, Karil Piskur, Clark

Buckley, Dennis Bailey, Cindy Walker, Susie Siebert, Mike and Linda Drury, Catherine Robertson,

Brenda Rosala, Katy Profeta, The Rugar Family, Jim Thomas, Melissa Borgio, Claudia Lenarz, Barb

Kreuger, Trish Nolder, Jon Forsthoffer, Diane, Amanda, Rick Wolcott

Homebound

Mary Jane Knaack, June Beck, Marj Wilder, Sheryl Clark, Jerry Kreuger



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Last Sunday's Attendance

9:00 AM –70

11:15 AM - 42

Online –32

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