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Dear First Church of the Resurrection,

Greetings, church! As I write today, I find it hard to believe we are nearing the end of another church year and another calendar year. Where has the time gone?!

Thanks to all who participated in our Congregational Conversation on Sunday, November 7. We appreciated the helpful dialogue and meaningful questions that arose. If you weren't able to attend or still have questions, please don't hesitate to reach out. We'd love to set up a time to connect with you during the week.

We have just finished our series on The Good and Beautiful Community and plan to celebrate the last Sunday of the church year, Christ the King Sunday (November 21), with a special combined service at 2:30pm with two other local churches: Beacon of Hope Community Church (<http://beaconofhopechurch.com/>) and Radial Church (<https://www.radialchurch.com/>). Beacon of Hope and Radial Church are led by Pastor Gino Haynes and Pastor Cynthia Hammond. In lieu of our regularly scheduled worship services on Sunday, November 21, we will instead gather in our sanctuary, along with members of Beacon of Hope and Radial to have one combined worship service which will include elements of service lead by the pastoral leadership and music ministers from each church. You won't want to miss it!

One thing we've been focusing on in our series of the Good and Beautiful Community is that our worshipping community is part of the larger Body of Christ which has different expressions in different fellowships around the world and around our community. We are excited to do this combined service as a way of expressing our unity under the lordship of Christ with other bodies of believers and to allow us all to experience a taste of other liturgical styles and traditions. Please join us in welcoming these brothers and sisters to our sanctuary as we worship together at 2:30pm on Sunday, November 21.

The following week, beginning Sunday, November 28, marks the beginning of the Church year as we start the season of Advent. We are excited to be worshipping together in person this year but we will again be providing Advent Boxes for each household to offer ideas and inspiration for keeping Christ at the center of our hearts and minds this Advent season. Included will be supplies for an Advent wreath, a daily devotional, The Gospel of Advent, and a variety of other prayer prompts and ideas to prepare our hearts for Christmas. Please make sure to pick this up from the church building the week leading up to the first Sunday in Advent if you won't be with us that Sunday. May you truly be filled with the HOPE, PEACE, JOY and LOVE of Christ this Advent season as we reflect together on the "good news of great joy for ALL people (Luke 2:10)."

Grace + Peace, Pastor Amy & JR

**December 2021**

**Birthdays:**

2<sup>nd</sup>-Sara Winkler      9<sup>th</sup>-Judy Snyder  
 15<sup>th</sup>-JoAnn Riegler    20<sup>th</sup>-Sue Casto  
 21<sup>st</sup>-Jim Cooper        27<sup>th</sup>-Chuck Benson  
 30<sup>th</sup>-Larry Wright      31<sup>st</sup>-Brittani Casto

**Anniversaries:**

20<sup>th</sup>-Joseph & Carol Brooks

*Your Friends and Family at First Church of the Resurrection want to wish you all a joyous celebration and many blessings for the year to come!*

**Please Pray for:**

Shirley Jordy                      Judy Snyder                      Diane Fair  
 Jim Ackelson                      Donna Blair  
 Rich & Zella Yohe

**In the Military:**

Scott Gordon    R J Smith                      Aaron Schlabach  
 Josh Porco      Kellan Gier                      Scott Smeltzer  
 Brian George    Steven Okey                      Ryan Souers  
 Luke Groves    Robert Blair

**Serving as Mission Partners:**

Leonel & Belgica Ortiz - Columbia  
 Greg, Megan, Lydia & Theodore Owens - Middle East  
 Andrew & Sarah - Middle East

**Your Leadership Council at Work  
 November 9, 2021**

- Finance report reviewed. A reminder that the report is available for any congregant to see.
- So far 18 pledges have been received.
- Advent and Christmas Eve services were discussed.

**Servants for God Forever,  
 Leadership Council**



**Sunday, November 21** there will be a special combined worship service at **2:30pm** with two other local churches: Beacon of Hope Community Church and Radial Church. This combined service will be here in our sanctuary and there **will not be a morning service that day.**



**Pray for the following local churches, their Pastors and leadership:**

Canton Pentecostal Church  
 Cathedral of Life  
 Christ Presbyterian Church  
 Christ Community Church  
 Christ United Methodist Church  
 Community of Life

**Financial Report For October 2021**

Income: \$ 16,900  
 Expenses: \$ 16,614  
 \$ 286



**Usher's Committee Report  
 Sunday Attendance**

**October 2021**

**10:00 AM**

Date	Adults	Children	Total
Oct 3	29	5	34
Oct 10	35	7	42
Oct 17	28	3	31
Oct 24	28	3	31
Oct 31	34	4	38
<b>Total</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>176</b>

Sunday total average = 35  
 Sunday average of children = 4

Jacob Cernik went to be with the Lord October 29, 2021. He retired from Ford Motor Company after 30 years. He was a devoted husband and father. Jake is survived by his wife of 44 years, Valle (Bell) Cernik, son, Jacob Cernik IV and preceded in death by daughter, Nicole Cernik. Jake will be missed by all. Condolences can be sent to Valle Cernik.



David Schmuck passed away October 21, 2021. He was the co-owner of Schmuck Farms and enjoyed a life-long career in agriculture. His commitment represented the fourth generation on the farm.



### A new Thanksgiving tradition

At Thanksgiving, we give thanks for things (food, home, clothing, work) and loved ones (family, friends, pets). But if the people we name aren't present, they may never know how precious they are to us. This November, start a new tradition by writing notes of thanks to people you appreciate.

Janet Bell passed away November 6, 2021. Janet graduated McKinley High School. She was preceded in death by her husband of 54 years, James C. Bell, son, Ronald Bell and sister, Martha Bell.

Janet is survived by three sons, Keith (Carol) Bell, Jan Bell, and Joel Bell and Angela Bell, six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Janet will be missed by all. Condolences can be sent to her home address:

1225 Faircrest St SW Canton, OH 44706



Advent is the beginning of the Christian year - a time of new beginnings! We are grateful to begin this New Year with a creative effort in partnership with 2 other local congregations, Radial Church and Beacon of Hope. Together, we have created Advent Boxes that contain a variety of resources meant to help us feel more connected to one another and to God as we immerse ourselves in the season of Advent. Advent begins Sunday, November 28<sup>th</sup>. **We invite you to stop by the church building to pick up an Advent Box any time during the week of November 22<sup>nd</sup>. If you are not able to pick a box up by the first Sunday of Advent, please call the church office at 330.453.1719 to let us know and we'll arrange for one to be delivered to you.**



### Poinsettia Order Blank

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Day time phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Plants are **\$14.00** each. Please submit payment when ordering and please select what color you want. **\*PLEASE NOTE: DUE TO SHORTAGES COLORS MAY CHANGE TO WHAT IS AVAILABLE**

In loving memory of \_\_\_\_\_

In honor of \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ # RED

\_\_\_\_\_ # WHITE

\_\_\_\_\_ # BURGUNDY

Please write the words that speak of your love for that special someone. Exactly what is written on this form will appear in the bulletin on December 19, 2021. If you are purchasing more than 1 plant, remembering or honoring more than one loved one, **please use a separate form for each.** Please place your order(s) and payment in an envelope marked poinsettia order and place in the offering plate, the secretary's mail box across from the elevator, or mail it to the church office. **Last day to order is Sunday, November 28, 2021, no exceptions.** Merry Christmas!

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HELPER DEADLINE the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month

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## Our Vision Statement:

We invite seekers and followers to come with us on an ever deepening journey of discipleship, as we serve God by building the community of Jesus.