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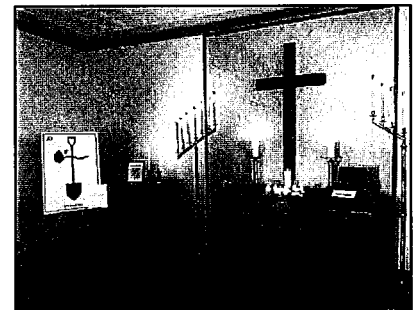
Strong Heritage Bright Future

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Dear Church,

He is Risen! He is Risen, Indeed! Alleluia! It is with great joy that we enter the season of Easter - thankful for the work God has been doing in our midst during the season of Lent. This time was especially meaningful for us as we were able to create more opportunities for connection and engagement through various opportunities throughout Lent. It was a blessing to gather for weekly prayer each Wednesday in the chapel to pray for our congregation and the world. Thank you to those who came and prayed. We were also thankful for those who gathered to participate in the Migration Awareness Walk at Malone University where we had a chance to walk a mile in someone else's shoes and grow in our awareness of those in dire circumstances and the organizations here in Stark county who are ministering with compassion to those in need. Holy Week was also very special this year as we gathered members of our morning congregation along with some members of the evening congregation that has been emerging (read more about this on page 3) for a Messianic Passover Seder Dinner on Thursday and partnered with 2 other Canton city churches (First Mennonite Church and Radial Church) for Good Friday Stations of the Cross. Finally it was with great joy that we celebrated the installation of the Legacy Wall on Easter Sunday morning. We are excited that the story of First Church of the Resurrection will be on full display for the hundreds of visitors who pass through the ONE Center each month. In this season of celebrating RESURRECTION we look forward to all God has in store for us in the coming months.

Grace + Peace, Pastors JR & Amy



May 2022

Birthdays:
3rd-Barb Davis

Anniversary:
29th-Brian & Lisa Casto

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
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

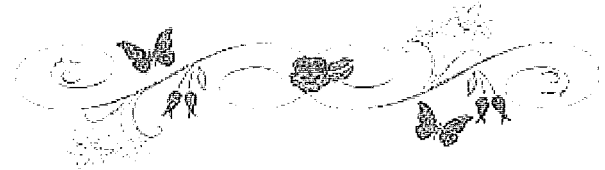
Serving as Mission Partners:

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

**Your Leadership Council at Work
April 12, 2022**

- Finance Report reviewed
- There will be a graveside service by Pastors for Joe Guillod on June 4
- Online giving will be discontinued after Easter

**Servants for God Forever,
Leadership Council**



Pray for the following local churches, their

Pastors and leadership:

- First Lutheran Church
- First Mennonite Church
- First Wesleyan Methodist Church
- Freedom Baptist Church
- Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
- Grace Baptist Church

Financial Report For March 2022

Income: \$ 9,950
Expenses: \$ 14,098
\$ -4,148

**Usher's Committee Report
Sunday Attendance**

March 2022

10:00 AM

Date	Adults	Children	Total
Mar 6	24	4	28
Mar 13	24	3	27
Mar 20	22	3	25
Mar 27	15	0	15
Total	85	10	95

Sunday total average = 23.75

Sunday average of children = 2.5



Nora Yvonne Henline, 90, of Canton, Ohio, formerly of Marietta, Ohio, peacefully passed away in the comfort of family, at the home of her son in Tippecanoe, Ohio, on Monday, April 4, 2022, after living a long and fulfilling life. Born October 26, 1931, she was the daughter of the late Carl H. Steed and Dorothy L. (Johnson) Steed-Kiddey.

God's purpose for this ministry is to build His Kingdom by sharing the Gospel with the homeless and less fortunate of Canton.

We start by building relationships with people and providing a place to come each Sunday morning (7:00 - 9:00) for bicycle repairs or bicycles needed for transportation. At times, clothing and food are also available. The entire ministry, including the shed we operate out of, has been funded by donations.

The most important opportunity we have each week is to provide a place to discuss and share the truth of God's Holy Word, along with much needed prayers. The Bible and The Cross are used each week to teach about Jesus Christ and eternal salvation.

Over the years, the missions committee and others from First Church have blessed this ministry with their donations and prayers. Thank you for being "doers of the Word" (James 1:22).

Items that are always needed are:

Adult bicycles (in working or fixable condition)

Hoodies (especially sizes Large, XL & XXL)

Socks

Coats, hats, gloves

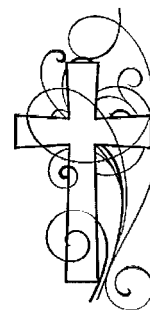
Monetary donations (100% goes toward purchasing needed items)

Bike Ministry

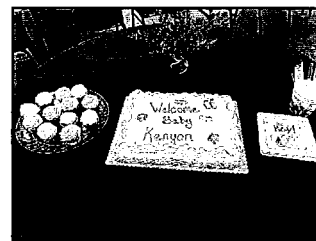
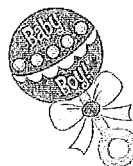
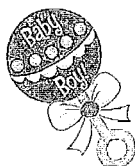


If you feel led to donate, contact Lisa (330-265-6500) or Jim Szittai (330-488-5566) to arrange pickup or drop-off. Smaller items can be left at the church anytime.

Last summer, while COVID risk factors were still high and we, like many congregations were still meeting online, we were approached by some friends who knew we were the co-pastors at First Church of the Resurrection indicating that they were looking for a church home that would foster spiritual growth for their whole family. They indicated that they were looking for an alternative worship environment for their families but wanted to still be connected a larger church body. Furthermore, they knew of other families who would likely be interested in an environment where real questions of faith could be discussed in a safe environment. We approached the elders about experimenting with an evening gathering that would still focus on Scripture, prayer and spiritual formation but center around community building and experiential learning. This experiment has continued to evolve and this past month offered the first opportunity to invite this group to participate together with members of our historic congregation at both the Migration Awareness Walk and our Holy Week activities - especially the Thursday Passover Seder. We hope more opportunities for this connectivity will emerge in the future and continue to covet your prayers and welcome your questions as we continue to develop this space as a place of welcome to those who are looking to grow closer to Jesus in Christian community. - Pastors JR & Amy

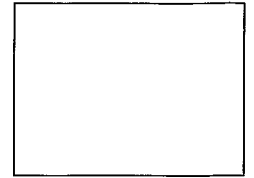


It's a boy!
Theodore James Kenyon
was born Wednesday,
April 6, 2022.
He weighed in at
6 lbs 10 1/2 oz and was
19 inches long!
Congratulations
Seth & Katrina



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HELPER DEADLINE the 15th 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.