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THE HELPER

May/June 2022

Strong Heritage Bright Future

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Dear Church,

As we prepare for our annual congregational meeting on Sunday, May 22 (not May 15 as previously announced), we wanted to include this announcement from the current team of elders in this month's Helper.

At this year's congregational meeting, in addition to the election of new elders, we will also vote to determine whether or not to hire Dr. Matt Lake, one of the mission strategists and trainers for Fresh Expressions, a ministry that works with historic churches such as ours to develop plans for reaching new people for Christ.

Dr. Matt Lake is lead pastor of First Church (Williamsport, PA). He brings a great deal of supportive experience and the tools of the entire Fresh Expressions team. If approved, Dr. Matt Lake will provide consultative and coaching services to help us determine the direction of the future of First Church of the Resurrection.

Matt Lake has over 20 years of Lead Pastor experience and has also coached and worked with dozens of other churches over that time. Matt's doctoral work focused specifically on exploring how local churches can move into the future in the ever-changing context in which we find ourselves through a focus on proven discipleship practices.

Matt brings particular expertise in helping established congregations, with deep histories and traditions, like our church, discern their way into a new future. Matt has worked with churches throughout the US and Canada. He knows first-hand the everyday challenges that churches face as he continues today serving as the lead pastor of an established, traditional church like ours.

If you have any questions about Fresh Expressions or the election of Elders please contact one of the Elders or the Pastors.

Sincerely,
Jim Bellamy, Barb Davis, & Jim Okey

As your pastors, we are fully supportive of the initiative the elders have taken in connecting with Matt and placing this opportunity before us as a congregation!

Grace + Peace,
Pastors Amy & JR Rozko

June 2022

Birthdays:

4th-Jim Okey 7th-Lisa Szittai
 11th-Melody Lenigar Jim Szittai
 13th-Sharon Wright 16th-Dawn Souers
 22nd-Sandy Ratts 26th-Jim Bellamy
 30th-Machelle Okey Margaret Graber

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!

**Your Leadership Council at Work
 May 10, 2022**

- *It was decided to have social hour before church (9:30am) instead of after. It will begin in June if there are volunteers.
- *Pastors presented a yearlong calendar of their schedules concerning vacations and conferences.
- *There was discussion about new elders.
- *June 12 missionaries Andrew & Sarah are visiting.

**Servants for God Forever,
 Leadership Council**

Financial Report For April 2022

Income: \$ 10,667
 Expenses: \$ 13,062
 \$ -2,395

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

Greater Bethel Apostolic Church
 Grace United Church of Christ
 Grace United Methodist Church
 Greenwood Christian Church
 Harvest Christian Center
 Hills and Dales Free Methodist Church

The annual
Congregational Meeting
 will be immediately following the service on
Sunday, May 22nd.
 Please plan to attend.
 Thank you!

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

Below is a policy that has been in effect since we entered into a partnership with RiverTree to found The One Center for Leadership. Since the building no longer belongs to us, this is something we need to be in compliance with and wanted to be sure everyone in the church was aware of.

CCW Policy for RiverTree Christian Church

In the state of Ohio, the law sets forth several places where a CCW license does not allow you to carry a handgun without written permission of the premises' owners. Under the law, you may not carry a concealed handgun into **places of worship** or **childcare centers**. This mandate is found in Section 2923.12 of the *Ohio Laws & Administrative Rules* (effective April 12, 2021). These restrictions do not apply to a law enforcement officer or agent who is authorized to carry handguns & is acting within the scope of the officers or agent's duties.

Among all properties that are owned by RiverTree Christian Church a person may not carry a concealed handgun without the written consent of RiverTree's board of elders.

If you have any questions about the CCW Policy, please reach out to Executive Pastor Joshua Little at littlej@rivertreechristian.com.

Usher's Committee Report Sunday Attendance

April 2022

Date	Adults	Children	Total
Apr 3	28	3	31
Apr 10	33	4	37
Apr 17	51	9	60 Easter
Apr 24	31	3	34
Total	143	19	162

Sunday total average = 40.5
 Sunday average of children = 4.75

Marketplace + Open House

TOUR THE PROPERTY & SUPPORT OUR
YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS IN THE
LIGHTHOUSE BUSINESS BUILDERS CLUB.

THIS EVENT WILL BE HELD BOTH INSIDE
& OUTDOORS. STOP BY BETWEEN
12:00-4:00PM.

S A T U R D A Y , J U N E 4
1931 3RD ST SE
CANTON, OH 44707

RSVP AT SLOTTED.CO/LHOPENHOUSE22



If you would like to request a room for an event, please email Johnna at info@onecentercanton.com. Please include your name, email, phone number, the date you are requesting, and the number of expected attendees. Thank you!

Want a way to help with Missions at First Church? Some of our mission partners have listed some donations they could use to help with their ministries. There is a place in the sanctuary for donations.

Rahab

Paper towels Coffee K Cups Toilet paper
Ethnic haircare products (Cantu) Wash clothes
Gift Cards \$10 or \$20 at Walmart, Aldi, McDonalds or gas station



Bike Ministry

Adult bikes Hoodies - Especially L, XL, XXL
Socks Coats, hats, gloves



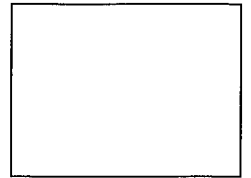
Refuge of Hope

Ground coffee - no beans, no K cups Individual sugar packets
Individual creamer packets



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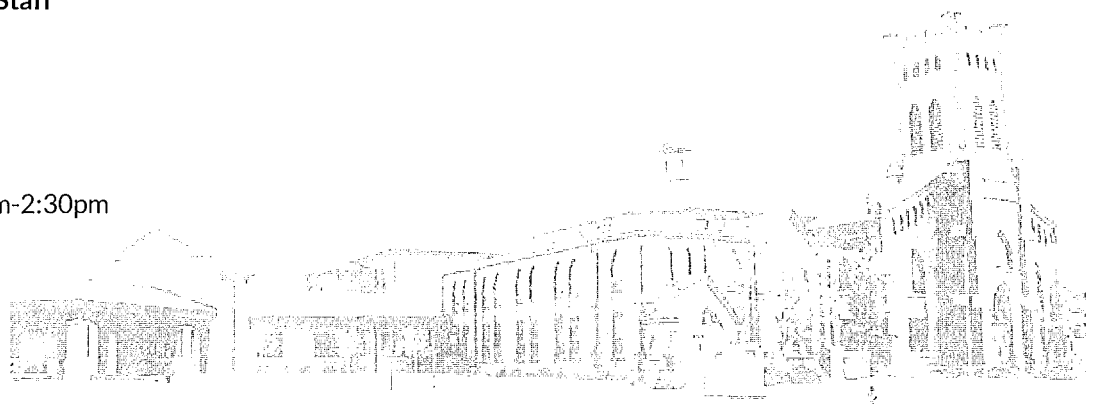
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HELPER DEADLINE the 15th of each month

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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.