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40 DAYS OF PRAYER

40 is a significant number in Scripture. It typically denotes a period of trial and testing, but also of triumph.

The Great Flood lasted for 40 days and nights.

But then God began to renew the world through Noah and his family.

Israel wandered for 40 years in the wilderness.

But then God led them into the Promised Land.

Moses fasted before the Lord on Mount Sinai for 40 days and nights.

But then God gave his people the Law to guide and protect them.

Jonah proclaimed 40 days before the Lord would destroy Nineveh.

But then God showed mercy and the city was rescued.

Jesus was tempted by Satan for 40 days in the wilderness.

But then God was with Jesus unto the salvation of the world.

In all of these and the many other examples that could be cited, one thing stands out: *but then God.*

August 14 - September 22 represents our own 40 days. For these 40 days, we are collectively devoting ourselves to prayer - speaking to God and listening for what God is saying to us as we embark on this journey of envisioning what sort of future God has in store for us as a church.

Through a shared prayer guide, prayerful reflection on gospel passages each Sunday, and conversation with one another, we are seeking to discern what the “*but then God*” moment will look like for us.

There’s also a prayer we are praying together as a benediction to our services each Sunday. Whether you are able to be with us on Sundays or not, we invite you to pray this with us:

*God Almighty, in you our church lives and moves and has its being. All that we hold dear - our history, memories, and fellowship - is thanks to you. All that feels weighty - our losses, sorrows, and fears - we lay at your feet. It is for your own sake that you have called this church into existence, and so we entrust our future entirely to your care. In these 40 days of prayer, hear the cries of our heart, knit us together in your love, and speak to us about how you would have us be a blessing to the people and places all around us.
All this we ask through Jesus Christ, and in the hope of the resurrection. Amen.*

Perhaps the most curious thing about “*but then God*” moments is that they are seldom what anyone anticipates, but always precisely how God means to bring enormous blessing into the world. For this reason alone, we can be grateful that the Lord has brought us to this time together!

Grace + Peace,
Pastors JR & Amy Rozko

September 2022

Birthdays:

1st-Diana Cooper 2nd -Barbara Bauer
 7th-Tim Cordes 15th-Dan Riegler
 18th-Pastor Amy Rozko 23rd-Jean Ross
 25th-Linda Collins

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 August 9, 2022

- Matt Lake from Fresh Expressions met with elders and pastors via zoom on 8/8/22. He will meet with elders and pastors in person on 8/12/22.
- There will be a sign-up sheet for the 40 days of prayer which begins August 14. Every person in the congregation is encouraged to sign-up for at least one time slot. Preferably more.
- Social hour will continue at 9:30am.

Servants for God Forever,
Leadership Council

Join Us for Social Hour

Sundays at 9:30am

Let's enjoy some fellowship before our 10am worship service



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

Lowell United Church of Christ
 Malone University
 Martindale Christian Fellowship
 McDonaldsville St Paul UMC
 Moreland Christian Church
 Mount Olive Baptist Church

Financial Report For July 2022

Income: \$ 14,552
 Expenses: \$ 13,900
 \$ 652

Usher's Committee Report Sunday Attendance July 2022

| Date | Adults | Children | Total |
|--------------|--------|----------|-------|
| July 3 | 30 | 6 | 36 |
| July 10 | 33 | 5 | 38 |
| July 17 | 27 | 3 | 30 |
| July 24 | 23 | 7 | 29 |
| July 31 | | | |
| Total | 135 | 28 | 163 |

Sunday total average = 27
 Sunday average of children = 5.6



Have you ever wanted some of the church dishes? Well we have a lot of them that we won't be using. If you'd like plates, cups, saucers, sugar bowls, or creamers talk to one of the elders. They will be happy to help you out.



Bible Study Fellowship®

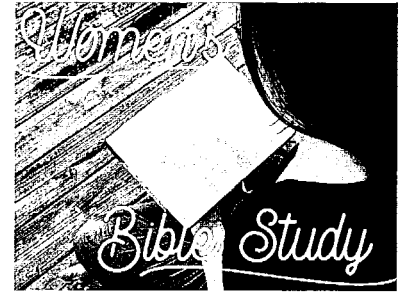
Check out the BSF women's Bible groups at:

North Canton Chapel
715 Whittier Ave NW
North Canton 330-494-3419
Wednesdays 9:30am
Beginning September 14th

or Jackson Friends
7945 Portage St NW
Massillon 330-966-0616
Mondays 6:45pm
Beginning September 12th

*Call the phone number of the one you are interested in for more information.

*Also check out the their website at <https://www.bsfindernational.org/> for additional options like blogs, online groups and YouTube channels.



Kid Zone

Congratulations to Andrew & Sarah
On the arrival of baby Noah

PUZZLE

Fruit or false

Spotting true fruits can be tricky. Thankfully, it's much easier to spot the fruit of the Spirit.

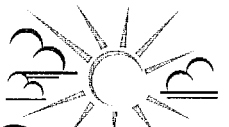
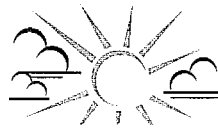
Directions: Determine whether each item is a fruit or vegetable and circle the correct letter. Then insert the letters in order below to complete the verses.

| | Fruit | Vegetable | | Fruit | Vegetable |
|----------|-------|-----------|------------|-------|-----------|
| Apple | V | P | Pepper | O | U |
| Carrot | E | O | Spinach | R | S |
| Tomato | Y | R | Watermelon | H | P |
| Grape | C | F | Broccoli | G | N |
| Eggplant | T | D | Pumpkin | T | Y |
| Celery | I | N | Pear | F | C |
| Banana | K | M | Asparagus | L | R |
| Cucumber | N | W | | | |

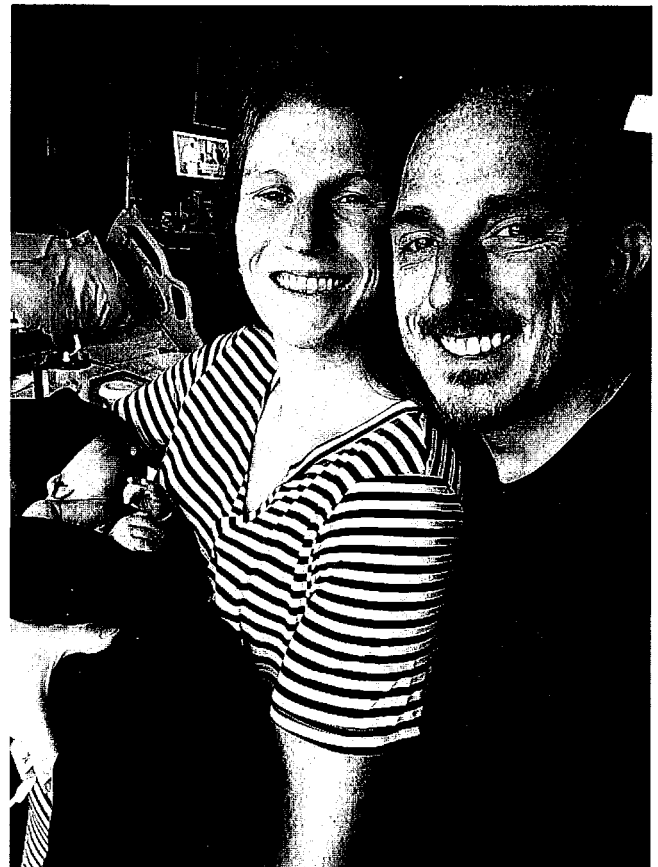
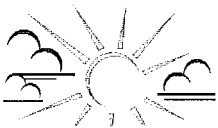
But the fruit of the Spirit is lo_e, j_ __, pea_e,
pa_ie_ce, __ind_ess, go_dne_s,
fait_ful_ess, gen_leness, sel_-cont_ol.

GALATIANS 5:22-23, ESV

Answer: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control

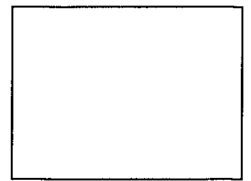


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We invite seekers and followers to come with us on an ever deepening journey of discipleship, as we serve God by building the community of Jesus.