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ACTS: (RE)STARTING THE CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION

Let me take you on a quick trip down memory lane.

It's Sunday, June 19, 2019 and for the first time in its long history, a husband and wife are co-preaching a sermon as candidates for the church's 14th pastorate. This just so happens to be Pentecost Sunday and the text for the morning comes from Acts 2. This husband and wife team are making comparisons to *the* first church of the resurrection and *this* first church of the resurrection. At the heart of their message that morning is this fundamental truth: **churches of the resurrection derive their life from the Holy Spirit!**

Here we are just a little over three years from that moment and set to turn the corner into a new season of life, which we seek to derive from the Holy Spirit. This will begin with a look *back* to the book of Acts and the church created by the miracle of the resurrection, but is meant to carry us *forward* into a vision of how our own church might be re-created by that same miracle of the resurrection.

As has been discussed and shared over the past weeks and months, we are engaged in a process of "restarting" First Church of the Resurrection. We are nearing the end of the first step in that process, 40 days of focused, congregational prayer. A further step will be for us to devote ourselves to a study of the book of Acts together (see p. 2 for more details). It's important for everyone who desires to have a voice in the future of our church to make this a priority. Between these steps, however, comes a special and vital gathering.

A Service of Healing & Hope

On Sunday, September 25, at 10AM, we will come together for worship in a unique way. This gathering is meant to serve as a marker to the end of our 40 days of prayer as well as a moment of transition from our regular rhythms of worship to a new, temporary, way of gathering as we talk, pray, and consider where God is leading us in the future. The service, which will be led by both pastors and elders, will revolve around three primary facets of worship:

- Giving thanks for all the ways God has been faithful to us over the years
- Laying before Jesus the losses in our community that we grieve and ways we have fallen short of what God intends
- Expressing our hope in God to lead us into his work of new creation

We expect this to be a rich and meaningful time of worship in which we encounter God in ways that bring healing, instill hope, and fortify love as we move into His future together!

Grace + Peace,
Pastors JR & Amy Rozko

October 2022

Birthdays:

7th-Diane Krockner 17th-Faye George
Zelle Yohe Lucille Guthrie
21st-Don Davis

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 September 13, 2022

- An 8 week Bible Study on the Book of Acts begins Sunday, October 2 from 9:30am-10:15am. A prayer and worship service will begin in the chapel at 10:15am. See below for details.
- The current 40 Days of Prayer initiative was discussed and plans were made for the Service of Healing and Hope on September 25, 2022.
- As per our constitution, there will be an external audit of the church finances during the month of September.
- Custodian Dan Grogan's last day will be September 23. Many thanks for all his hard work.

Servants for God Forever,
Leadership Council

As part of our work with Fresh Expressions and in response to congregational feedback, we are launching an all church Bible Study on the Book of Acts. This 8 week Bible Study will begin Sunday, October 2 for 9:30am-10:15am. Coffee and refreshments will be available during this time as we gather together around tables in the welcome area to study and discuss this important book on the birth and life of the early church. Following this study, we will transition into the chapel for a service of prayer and worship beginning at 10:15.

Financial Report For August 2022

Income: \$ 8,332 (excluding \$5000 additional funds transferred for operational expenses)

Expenses: \$ 16,188
\$ -7,586

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

Volunteers for providing October snacks for 9:30 Bible Study:

10/2 Susan Casto
10/9 Lois & Phil Vitale
10/16 Barb & Don Davis
10/23 Jeff Lenigar
10/30 Sandy & Jim Bellamy



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

Mt. Calvary 2nd Missionary Baptist Church
Mt. Pleasant Church of the Brethren
Mt. Zion Church of God in Christ
Mt. Zion United Methodist Church
New Beginnings Church of the Nazarene
New Beginnings Foursquare Church

Usher's Committee Report Sunday Attendance

August 2022

Date	Adults	Children	Total
August 7	20	4	24
August 14	24	6	30
August 21	27	7	34
August 28	29	7	36
Total	100	24	124

Sunday total average = 31
Sunday average of children = 6



Bible Study Fellowship®

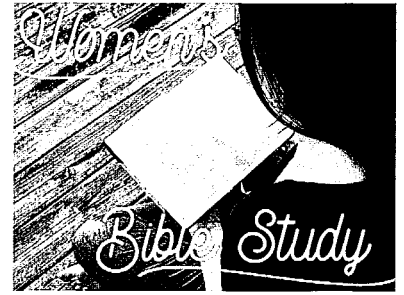
Check out the BSF women's Bible groups at:

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.



It's with great sadness that Dan Grogan, our custodian, will be leaving us and going on to a new adventure. Dan's last day will be Friday, September 23rd.
Take care Dan.
We will miss you!



If anyone is in need of obtaining an application for the Adopt-A-Family Program, there are instructions/applications on the table in the sanctuary.
You may also visit their website at www.acommunitychristmas.org



Missions Dates to Remember

It's already fall and the Christmas season will be here before we know it. We will again participate in Operation Christmas Child. Boxes will be available late Oct- early November and will be due back to church by November 13th.

As last year, we won't be officially participating in Community Christmas Adopt a Family as a church, but you are welcome to contact Community Christmas yourself. Requests must be made by November 15th with donation drop off of gifts to the Coleman Community Center on December 6th.

There will be more details to follow about these projects, but wanted you to be able to start planning. Questions please see Barb Davis.

Thank you!
Missions Committee

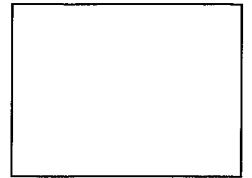


This fall we blessed the backpacks of our children and gave them backpack tags with the following prayer. Please consider regularly praying this prayer over the children of First Church of the Resurrection and the other children in your life as they continue to adjust to new school rhythms.

"Dear Jesus, you who promise to be with me always, I pray that you would be with me today as I go to school. Bless my going and my coming. Bless my learning and my playing. Please protect my heart from fear. Please keep me safe. Please give me good friends. Give me joy this day and thank you for loving me from head to toe. In your name. Amen"

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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.