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# THE HELPER

November/December 2022

Strong Heritage Bright Future

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Greetings church family,

It has been a blessing to move together as a church through the book of Acts these past few weeks. It's been a rich time of sharing and listening together to the Holy Spirit and to one another. On Sunday, November 13, a few of our elders shared how they felt that the Spirit has been blessing them through this study and the new worship format. Below are some thoughts from elders Jim Bellamy and Jan Jozwiakowski:

*As we near the end of our eight week bible study on the book of Acts, the Elders and Pastors have noticed the excitement and active participation of our members on Sunday morning. This bible study was a result of Fresh Expressions encouraging us to experiment with new ways of doing things.*

*Your response has encouraged us to suggest that we continue with this type of service into the season of Advent. If the interest remains strong, we would offer this type of service for the first part of the New Year.*

*Some feedback we have heard already: learning more about the Bible, enjoying the fellowship together, feel closer to the community, this format feels like a good fit for our community, enjoying the music and worship guides.*

We are thankful for all we've been learning through our partnership with Fresh Expressions and look forward to continually following the Holy Spirit's lead in the coming months. As a Leadership Council we welcome more feedback from each of you. Please think and pray about this and reach out to any elder or pastor with questions or suggestions. See inside for details on the upcoming Advent Season and our Christmas Eve celebration.

Grace + Peace,  
Pastors JR & Amy Rozko

## December 2022

### Birthdays:

2<sup>nd</sup>-Sara Winkler      9<sup>th</sup>-Judy Snyder  
 15<sup>th</sup>-Jo Ann 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>-Joe & 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  
 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 8, 2022

- Reviewed 2023 budget. (9 pledges received as of 11/8)
- After polling congregation, it was decided to not have church service on Christmas morning. There will be Christmas Eve service at 6:30pm.
- Next quarterly Congregational Conversations will be Sunday, December 4 after service.
- Sanctuary to be decorated for Christmas on Sunday, November 20 after service.

Servants for God Forever,  
Leadership Council

### Join Us for Bible Study Sundays at 9:30am



#### Volunteers for providing November snacks:

11/20 Barb & Don Davis  
 11/27 Diana Cooper  
 12/4 Sandy & Jim Bellamy  
 12/11 Bob & Jan Jozwiakowski  
 12/18 Dawn & Daryl Souers

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

Pleasant Hill Church  
 Reedurban Presbyterian Church  
 Rehobeths River of Living Waters  
 Richville First Church of God  
 River of Life Christ  
 Salvation Army

### CONGREGATIONAL CONVERSATION

Sunday, December 4 all are welcome to stay after the service for a Congregational Conversation to hear more about our work with Fresh Expressions and share how the Spirit is speaking to you about the future of our church.

### Financial Report For October 2022

Income: \$ 16,981 This includes the monthly \$3000 interest income but does not include the \$5000 additional income taken this month

Expenses: \$ 13,309  
 \$ 3,672

### Usher's Committee Report Sunday Attendance

#### October 2022

Date	Adults	Children	Total
October 2	19	0	19
October 9	21	3	24
October 16	21	4	25
October 23	19	4	23
October 30	23	4	27
<b>Total</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>118</b>

Sunday total average = 23.6  
 Sunday average of children = 3

# UPCOMING CHRISTMAS INFORMATION

- Sunday, November 20 all are welcome to stay after the worship service to decorate the sanctuary for Christmas.
- Christmas Eve all are welcome to worship together here at First Church of the Resurrection at 6:30pm. **Friends and family are welcome!**
- There will be **NO** service on Christmas Day – celebrate the birth of our savior with your family and friends. Glory to God in the highest!



## Poinsettia Order Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

Plants are **\$16** each. Please submit payment when ordering and please select what color you want.

**\*PLEASE NOTE: COLOR MAY CHANGE TO WHAT IS AVAILABLE**

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

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

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

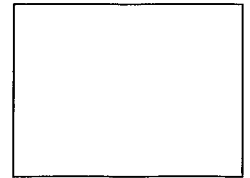
\_\_\_\_\_ # WHITE

Please write the words that speak of your love for that special someone. Exactly what is written on this form will appear on the memorial sheet on December 24, 2022. 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, December 4, 2022, no exceptions.** Thank you! 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.