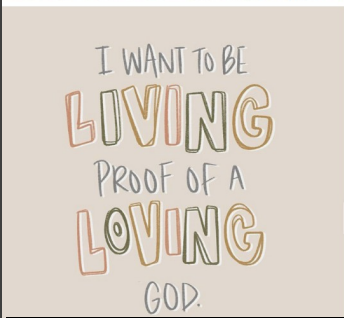


The Daily Disciple

Newsletter of First Church of New Knoxville | May 2026



The Bible Recap

It's not too late to join us in the Bible Recap. Currently we are in the book of Psalm and 1 Chronicles. If you would like to join a group to help keep on track, grow in understanding, and have fun while getting to know God's Word better, we have 2 group available.

Pastor Joel's Sunday School Class—
Sundays at 10:15am in Social Room

Women's Bible Study—
Tuesday at 7:00pm in Youth Room





Dear First Church Family,

Holy Week was such a blessing this year! As a pastor, Holy Week requires a lot of extra preparation and planning. But it is worth it! These are some of my favorite services throughout the year as we reflect on the death and resurrection of our savior.

The Confirmation students did an excellent job on Palm Sunday. I am proud of their decision to affirm their faith in the Lord and read their faith statements in front of the entire congregation. They were nervous, but they did great!

Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services are unique. On Maundy Thursday, we slowed down and reflected on the significance of the Lord's Supper. When Jesus shared that meal with his disciples, he was preparing them to understand his sacrifice on the cross. On Good Friday, we joined with the NK Methodist Church for a service of scripture and song. It's always good to worship with our brothers and sister in Christ!

Easter Sunday was a full morning! The SonRise service led by Pastor Tory and the youth was excellent. They challenged us to be ready for Christ's return through a very creative skit. Then we had a delicious breakfast in the social room. Many hands helped prepare and serve the meal. Finally, we gathered for worship in the sanctuary at 9 am. The Easter service felt like the culmination of all the services we did that week.

I especially want to thank the music department for their contributions during Holy Week. First Church is blessed to have so many talented people share their gifts, and it is on full display during Holy Week. Thank you to our bell and vocal choirs directed by Clinton Hirschfeld, the Praise Team, Grace Roediger, and Barb Howe for all contributing to the services. You glorified God and led us in worship throughout the week. Thank you!

As I reflect on Holy Week, I am reminded of the importance of the church calendar. No, I don't mean the Google Calendar we keep in the office. The church calendar (also called the liturgical calendar) begins with the first Sunday of Advent and includes all Christian holidays. It follows the birth (Advent & Christmas), the death and resurrection (Lent & Easter), and the ongoing ministry of Jesus Christ through his Holy Spirit (Ascension & Pentecost). It culminates with the last Sunday before Advent, often called Christ the King Sunday, which commemorates his reign and rule over all creation. As we celebrate these holidays, we are reminded of the gospel and how all of Scripture is fulfilled in Jesus.

The next two holidays on the calendar are Ascension Sunday (May 17) and Pentecost (May 24). My sermons that day will focus on those important events and what they mean for us today. Christmas and Easter get most of the attention – and rightly so! But these holidays are also help us understand our faith better. I invite you to join us for those two services!

*In Christ,
Pastor Joel*

A new members class was held on April 19 & 26.

We look forward to welcoming new members into our church during an upcoming service. If you are interested in joining the church and did not attend the meeting, please contact Pastor Joel. There is still time to inquire about membership!





Dear First Church Family,

Spring is my favorite time of the year because of all the exciting things happening for our Children and Youth in the next few months.

We're about a month away from day 1 of VBS! Vacation Bible School is truly the best week of the summer. We are looking forward to digging into Psalm 23 with our kids this year and talking about the Good Shepherd. We're almost fully staffed but still need teachers for the pre-K and 2nd grade class. If you are willing to teach this year, please let myself or Maria Kaiser know.

Once VBS is done, Maria and I turn around to take our high school students to camp! We have 32 kids going to Lakeside camp this year. We're so excited for camp and cannot wait to see how God is going to meet our students at camp this year! Here is a list of all the kids and leaders going to Lakeside this year! I encourage you to start praying for them and for camp now.

Campers: John Gabel, Evan Fledderjohann, Connor and Caleb Hoge, Henry Hoge, Noah Miller, Colton Gabel, Liam Lammers, Parker and Cooper Jones, Hayden Temple, Jude and Joel Holland, Kaden Weitz, Jayson Gerz, Favian Caiola, Luke Lennartz, William Lammers, Lela Gottschalk, Ariyah and Makenna Pfennig, Jayden Metzger, Malia Bucher, Kaylee Gerz, Lenna and Kayla Opperman, Miya Thobe, Ashlynn Brockman, Ava Jurosic, Addy Meyer, Aliyah and Kayleigh Gengler,

Leaders: Maria Kaiser, Tori Lammers, Jim Halter, Tory and Jake Breitigan



VBS REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

Scan the QR Code to register your kids online!



**NK COMMUNITY VBS
JUNE 1-5 FROM 9-11:45AM.**

NK COMMUNITY VBS SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

We will be collecting gently used school supplies for Mid-West Mission Project at Vacation Bible School this summer.

- BINDERS
- BACKPACKS
- NOTEBOOKS
- PENS AND PENCILS
- MARKERS
- PENCIL CASES
- FOLDERS
- ETC.



INSTEAD OF GETTING RID OF YOUR SCHOOL SUPPLIES AT THE END OF THE YEAR, PLEASE CONSIDER DONATING THEM TO OUR MISSION PROJECT! YOU MAY ALSO PURCHASE NEW SCHOOL SUPPLIES TO DONATE TOO! THANK YOU!!

If you have any questions contact:
Maria Kaiser- 937-638-7985
Tory Breitigan- 231-557-0260.

Vacation Bible School is June 1-5th from 9am to 11:45am at First Church of New Knoxville (200 W. Bremen St., New Knoxville).

We invite your kids to join us this summer at VBS for an Irish Journey through Psalm 23. At VBS, your kids will journey through Ireland's lush landscapes, exploring the powerful words of Psalm 23. They'll discover the life of the shepherd-king David and will learn how to cross from worry to peace, from fear to faith, and from uncertainty to a firm foundation in God's Word through a relationship with Jesus Christ, the Good Shepherd.

VBS is open to all kids ages 4 years old to 6th grade! We begin each day together in the First Church of New Knoxville sanctuary for our opening and then students, teachers & helpers head out to classrooms, games, and crafts.

Children ages 4 through 4th grade stay at First Church and 5th and 6th grade students head one block over to the NK Methodist Church for class time.

Family is always welcome to come and see what is happening at VBS during the opening and closing gathering each day! Drop off and pick up for VBS is at First Church at 11:45 each day. NK Community VBS is FREE and is hosted by New Knoxville Methodist Church and First Church of New Knoxville.

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National Day of Prayer - Thursday, May 7 @ 7 pm

We will commemorate the National Day of Prayer with a prayer walk through New Knoxville. We will begin on the sidewalk in front of the church and work our way through the village, praying for different groups as we go. I encourage you to pray even if you can't join us that night. I am including a list so that you can pray with us!

First Church: Pray for our congregation, staff, volunteers, and the various ministry of the church (Acts 2:42-47).

Village Offices: Pray for our local, state, and national governments (1 Timothy 2:1-6).

War Memorial: Pray for our military, especially those currently deployed and their families back home (Deuteronomy 31:6, John 15:13)

Corner of Main & South: Pray for the New Knoxville community and the families that live here (Jeremiah 29:4-7, Deuteronomy 6:4-9)

New Knoxville School: Pray for the students, teacher, and staff (Proverbs 22:6)

NKTelco: Pray for local businesses (Colossians 3:22-4:1)

The National Day of Prayer Thursday, May 7, 2026

GLORIFY GOD
AMONG THE NATIONS

SEEKING HIM
IN ALL GENERATIONS

1 CHRONICLES 16:24 NASB



Prayer is such an important part of the Christian life. Whether you join us for the National Day of Prayer Walk or not, I challenge you to make prayer a regular part of your life. In 1 Thessalonians 5:17, Paul urges us to pray continually. That does not mean we need to stop everything we are doing to lock ourselves in a prayer closet. No, to pray continually is to do everything with an attitude of prayer. To be aware that God is with you wherever you are and whatever you do. Set aside time to pray. Also, reflect on how you can maintain an attitude of prayer throughout your day.

Reflection Question: At what point in the day are you most prayerful? When do you need to be reminded of God's presence the most?

GIVE THANKS

Dear First Church, On behalf of the Auglaize County Crisis Center board, staff, and families served through this agency, we would like to thank you for your most generous donation. It is due to your generosity that we can continue to serve families throughout Auglaize County. *With deepest gratitude, Auglaize County Crisis Center*

Dear First Church, Thank you Ladies of the Church for your kind gestures, thoughtfulness towards me over the years by sending cards and thinking of me. *Anna Donnerberg*

Happy Anniversary to the following couples who are celebrating 50+ years of marriage.

Bill & Edyth Henschen, 63 years on May 4

Lee & Gloria Schroer, 68 years on May 24

Happy Birthday to the following members who are celebrating special birthdays.

Connie Cordonnier on May 3

Her address is 11513 Dove Lane, St. Marys, OH
45885

Melba Henschen on May 13

Her address is 1035 Hager Street, Room #706
St. Marys, OH 45885

Thank you to our Sunday School teachers & helpers for your dedication, love, and the spiritual wisdom you've poured into our students this year. Your faithfulness week after week makes a lasting difference.

This program would not be possible without you showing up, investing your time, and sharing the love of Christ with each child. We are truly grateful for the impact you are making in their hearts and lives.



Financial Snapshot for February 2026

General Operating Fund Balance	\$297,282.35
Benevolent Fund Balance	\$447,230.01
VBS Fund Balance	\$7,911.75
Seminary Student Ed. Grant Fund Balance	\$13,285.66
Radio Ministry Fund Balance	\$25,055.08
Music Ministry Fund Balance	\$1,845.47
Bequest & Endowment Fund Balance	\$85,505.60
Camp Fund Balance	\$22,288.79
Building Maintenance Fund Balance	\$440,583.70
<i>Held for Elevator: \$102,445.57</i>	
<i>Held for Sanctuary Painting \$252,798.66</i>	
Jr. High Youth Fund Balance	\$3,966.22
Sr. High Youth Fund Balance	\$8,142.77
Global Missions Fund Balance	\$7,454.01
Christian Women's Fund Balance	\$7,636.18
Outreach & Evangelism Fund Balance	\$6,548.98
Children's Ministry Fund Balance	\$14,017.37
Building Technology & Improvements Bal.	\$18,443.43
Temporary Undesignated Gifts Balance	\$167,122.57
Those In Need Fund Balance	\$16,172.95

Full detail is available by calling the treasurer, Connie Schroer at the church office. 419-753-2446

Designated Offerings - May & June

May 3	General Operating Fund
May 10	Katie (Miller) Loehr, Young Life
May 17	Mark Burd, Revive Ohio
May 24	Radio Ministry Fund, Pentecost
May 31	Children's Ministry Fund
June 7	General Operating Fund
June 14	Rustic Hope
June 21	Building Maintenance Fund
June 28	Eight Days of Hope

Offering facts & figures

The offering totals shown here include both Sunday morning gifts and online giving.

March 1

Attendance — 175

General Operating Fund — \$3,521.00

March 8

Attendance — 177

David Kimberly, Barnabas Ministry — \$2,422.00

March 15

Attendance — 167

Samaritans Purse — \$2,203.00

March 22

Attendance — 220

Carl Whitlatch, Fellowship of Christian Athletes — \$4,012.00

March 29

Attendance — 265

Jr & Jr High Youth Group Fund — \$3,907.00

Misc. Extra Mission Gifts

Rustic Hope — \$382.00

Warner Fund Benevolent Fund Gifts - \$2,500.00 for Gospel Tent at the 2026 Aug. Co Fair

Online Giving through Realm

You can give online via our website at www.firstchurchnk.org

You can also text "FIRSTCHURCHNK" TO 73256 and give via your mobile device.

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Happy
Mother's
Day

I AM REMINDED OF YOUR SINCERE FAITH, WHICH FIRST LIVED IN YOUR GRANDMOTHERS LIPS AND IN YOUR MOTHER EUNICE AND, I AM PERSUADED, NOW LIVES IN YOU ALSO.
2 Timothy 1:5

