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August 2026

Psalm 30 is a psalm we read recently in church and it has some of the most memorable lines in the book. Lines like ***“for his anger roasts only a moment, but his favor lasts a lifetime”*** and ***“you turned my wailing into dancing”*** are lines from scripture that people regularly memorize.

Yet the most interesting part is the less well known verses six and seven. There the psalmist writes ***“when I felt secure I said ‘I will never be shaken.’ O Lord, when you favored me, you made my mountain stand firm; but when you hid your face, I was dismayed.”*** There is a fascinating bit of human psychology there. In good times, in times when we feel secure we feel like we can never be shaken. We feel invincible.

Is there a problem with feeling secure? Not necessarily, but it can easily lead us to forgetting that we are truly dependent on God and God alone. We love our independence and in moments of security we can imagine that we are in control and that our lives are independent of any help. Yet this security is always temporary. It never is true security and peace. This kind of security always goes away.

One of the defining feelings a lot of people have right now is that they feel very insecure. Retirement funds seem unsure. Jobs seem insecure. Bills seem to always be going up and never going down. It has gotten to the point where people have begun to wonder whether neighbors are trustworthy. Now, to solve this problem we could begin to turn toward our own efforts in finding that security again.

Yet the psalm warns us that is probably not the right path. Instead of our own efforts and boldly declaring that we shall not be moved the psalmist argues that we should trust in God’s mercy. Again and again the psalmist asks for God’s mercy in the face of an insecure world. It is only with that mercy that we can say God turns wailing into dancing and joy comes in the morning.

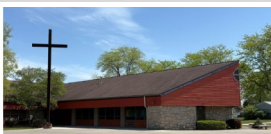
So perhaps for those of us who feel insecure we should take a hint from the psalm and turn to God’s mercy instead of our own efforts. Perhaps during these chaotic times our prayers should be for mercy from God. We have tried to find security in our own efforts and it hasn’t worked.

Perhaps the only place we can turn to is God’s mercy.

~Pastor Dave

Q & A with The Pastor and the Recovering Heretic

If you've ever had questions about your faith, or questioned if you should even *have* faith, join us for **The Pastor and the Recovering Heretic** every Sunday after service. It's an open discussion about anything you've ever wondered about religion. As a recovering heretic, Dan Mushalko takes no Church teaching at face value...while Pastor Dave Kamphuis taps his vast knowledge of Church history and theology to fill in the gaps of our doubt. Most importantly, they take *your* questions, too. Join us around 11:15am live in the WLC, or on our live YouTube stream at <https://bit.ly/RELC-QA>.



Spoken Word Service with Communion



Bible Study with Pastor Dave

~In person Co-Ed Bible Study Tuesdays at 11 am (Room 7)

~Men’s Bible Study Saturday, August 15th in Room 7.

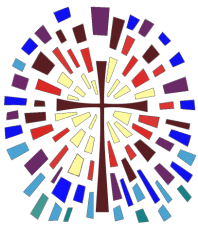
~Zoom Co-Ed Bible Study Thursday at 4:30 pm via zoom

(Email pastordave@relc.org or office@relc.org for the ZOOM link)

No Bible Study 8/25 or 8/27.



Wednesday, Spoken Word worship service in the chapel each Wednesday at 7pm, with communion. These services will be simple spoken word without music and will not be live streamed online or recorded. See Pastor Dave for more information. **No service 8/26**



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CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION

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Nick Lungociu,
Billy Eymold





August Worship Assistants

If you are interested in volunteering this summer, We always need extra help with Children's Church, please see Pastor Dave or Kathy Rotolo.



Assisting Ministers will be Barb Emmets 8/2, Andy Ohler 8/9, Tricia Ohler 8/16, Renee Mushalko 8/23, and John VanVleet 8/30

Lectors will be Don Kincaid 8/2, Janet Poulson 8/9, Michael Boring 8/16, Elaine Puckett 8/23, and Shirley Rush 8/30



Children's Leaders will be Patty Eakins for 8/2 and Renee Mushalko 8/16

We still need someone to lead 8/9 and 8/23 and 8/30.



Worship Assistants –Thank You to all who volunteer to serve :

NOTE: If you would like to serve as Usher, Greeter, or Children's Church Leader please use the sign-up sheet that's on the desk in the narthex, we always need more people to help greet and usher, plus if you sign up ahead of time you get your name in the bulletin. :-)



CenterPoint Church is renting the RELC Chapel on Sundays from 12:30am - 5:30pm for their service at 2:30pm They will also be using classrooms 3 from 2am– 4:30pm, the nursery, and classroom 7 from 2-5pm. They also have band practice in the chapel Thursdays, 6-8:30pm. These weekly rentals are not listed on the calendar above, but please note they happen every week. Only extra events from CenterPoint are listed on the printed church calendar.



August 16 is Rally Sunday!!
All students and teachers, bus drivers and any other school workers, Bring your backpacks!!
Blessing of the Backpacks and the School Year!



PRAYER REQUESTS

Please send any Prayer requests and updates (on treatment or healing regarding people you have placed on the prayer list) to prayerteam@relc.org or contact the office at 614-876-7926, or by email office@relc.org



Come join us!

Adult Education Room 7

SUNDAY 9:00 AM



Adult Education every Sunday before service at 9am Room 7 on Sunday mornings before 10am worship. Pastor Dave will be going more in depth with the text for that Sunday.

All are welcome!

\$20
A gift for you!

To: _____
From: _____

GOOD AT THE KROGER CO. FAMILY OF STORES



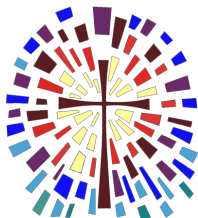
Pastor Dave is asking for a few \$20 Kroger Gift Cards to keep in the office each month. If you are able to help please bring them to Katherine in the office. Do not give them to Pastor on Sundays. Thank you.



Don't forget to link your Kroger card to donate to RELC (SK398)

Men's Bible Study
will meet at 8:30am, Saturday, August 15th at RELC in Room 7.
All ages welcome.



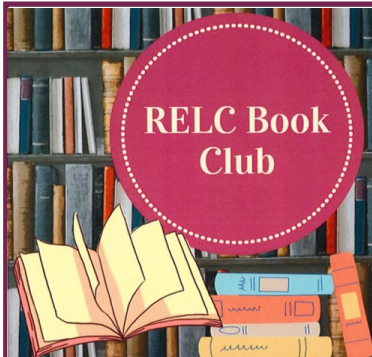


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I'm sure you've noticed the refurbished Welcome Desk in the narthex. It is the handiwork of Renee Mushalko! Not only has the desk been redesigned but it has also been relocated closer to the entrance to the Worship Life Center. The Sunday bulletins are there along with signup sheets and other current information. There's more to come so stand by!

*Don't forget to put your sheet music back on Sundays we have contemporary songs. Also sign up to lead Children's Church ;-)



Next meeting 8/18 in the church office. ~Any questions see Pam Davis

REL C Book Club -

- August 18th *Code Name Helene* by Ariel Lawhon
- September 15th *Sugar and Salt* by Susan Wiggs
- October 20th *Peace Like a River* by Leif Enger
- November 17th *The Spectacular* by Fiona Davis
- January 19th *Lady Clementine* by Marie Benedict
- February 16th *The Charm Bracelet* by Viola Shipman
- March 16th *The Berry Pickers* by Amanda Peters
- April 20th *The Last Twilight in Paris* by Pam Jenoff
- May 18th *Theo of Golden* by Allen Levi



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

We will be blessing our new prayer shawls and patches near the end of the month, so keep both those items coming. We still need at least 200 or more patches for the OCC shoeboxes. We have plenty of yarn if you need it -See Barb Emmets or Judy Miller if you need assistance.



The RELC Church Directory has been updated! Please check it out and let Katherine know if anything needs to change.

To get your own digital copy, please email the church office at office@relc.org and type in the subject line **DIRECTORY REQUEST**, do not type anything else. If you would like a physical copy please reach out to the office. 614-876-7926 M-F 10:30am -2:30pm.



Resurrection Evangelical Lutheran Church

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: RELC to schedule an appointment.

Next blood drive is scheduled for 8/20/2026.

We collected **24** units, with **6** Power Red donations, and we had **21** presenting donors. These are amazing results. Every donation will help patients in need and truly make a difference.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD - 2026 --This is definitely the time to purchase school supplies, with the start of school just around the corner, Please see the list below for the items and the approximate amounts we need: **notebooks - 300, coloring books - 100, glue sticks - 150, crayons - 75, colored pencils - 200, pencils - lots, scissors - 250, markers - 200 and rulers - 200. And don't forget shoeboxes - we still need about 75.** If you don't like to shop - that's OK - we take any and all monetary donations, to Barb Emmets or Pam Davis. We love to shop.

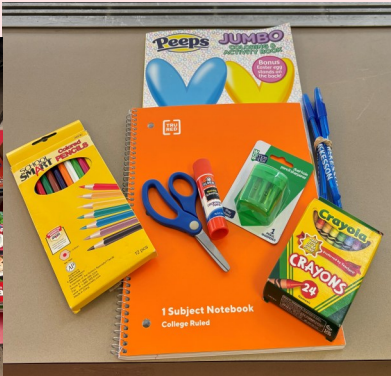
Many, many thanks for your donations and prayers for this ministry.

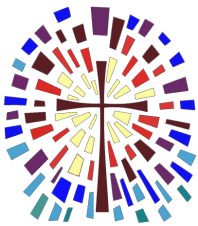
Any questions - see Barb or Pam

- January - washcloths
- February - spoons
- March - cups
- April - coloring books and cups
- May - small toys
- June - socks and pencils
- July - school supplies
- August - school supplies
- September - socks and sharpeners
- October - remaining needs
- November - remaining needs
- December - Christmas sales



School supplies - notebooks, glue sticks, crayons, colored pencils, pencils, scissors, markers, rulers





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Giving Garden News - August 2026



The GG is busy this time of the year. There are so many activities centered around the GG that I just wanted to use this newsletter article to communicate some of these to you.

- Most importantly, is that you have each day up until August 11th to vote for the GG in the Columbus Dispatch Backyard Garden People’s Choice Award. Two years ago, we came in second place. Let’s flood the voting and win first place this year! The GG is also listed in the vegetable garden category and based on the written description and picture it is judged by a panel of gardening experts. Prayers for a winning outcome in both categories.
- We are harvesting 2 times per week. Peak production is from cucumbers, peppers and eggplant. The spring kale planting is still hanging in there and is part of our biodiverse front office containers that showcase both flowers and vegetables. The leeks get harvested a dozen at a time each week. As a vegetable leaves the garden, another seed gets planted. At this time of the year, we will be succession planting with cucumbers. The total harvest so far in July is 148#
- There are garden challenges each year and this year is no different. From critters nibbling at tomatoes and eggplant to weeds to endless vining of pole beans, we are blessed with a healthy garden.
- Coming soon is a piece of “garden art”. It is in the final stages and will be ready for its permanent placement in the GG next month.
- We have a hearty production of tomatoes on all the vines. Once they start turning red our tomato harvest will be bountiful and surely boost this year’s poundage.
- Thank you to the GG ministry’s volunteers who show up and help get garden chores done. You know who you are and I am blessed to have you on my team.

Here is to August and those dog days of summer, that will bring on red tomatoes, an endless supply of peppers, eggplants and cucumbers and BOLD participants that enjoy our fresh vegetables.



Thank you Jesus for the GG ministry.
Gardening for His Glory!

~Carol Williams
(mwill999@columbus.rr.com)



2026 Backyard Garden Awards
People’s Choice voting opens July 21–August 11.
Winners will be announced live at the Central Ohio Home & Design Show on August 30 at 1:00 PM at the Ohio Expo Center. Prizes (provided by Ohio Mulch):

- * Select Enter Now
- * Scroll down to categories and select best vegetable garden
- * Scroll down and select RELC Giving Garden (fourth one in the left column)
- * Hit Vote button
- * Hit Vote button again
- * For the first time you will need to register. The following days that you vote will skip this step.
- * Hit the Vote button
- * After this there may be another Vote button (not sure) and a Submit

Send this to all your friends and family and thank them for voting for the RELC Giving Garden People’s Choice Award.

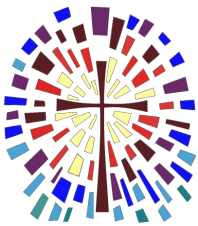
www.dispatchshows.com/backyard-garden-awards

LSS - FAITH MISSION/CHOICES

At this time, the missions are in need of full size toothpaste, gender neutral body wash and shaving cream. As we approach the fall weather next month, the list for various needs will change - more information to come on that. Any questions, see Barb Emmets **All items must be new and can be placed in the LSS marked tubs at the Donation Station in the narthex.**

- Full sized toothpaste
- Gender neutral body wash
- Men’s shaving cream





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GRANT/ALTERNATIVE FUNDING PURSUITS

Research toward grant/alternative funding got a bit derailed as I put the final pieces in place so I could retire from my work at CAS. But, that research is ramping up again now, with three main areas of focus: food insecurity ministry support, media and virtual presence support, and building energy efficiency support. Our primary search space is through Grant Station, which is already beginning to yield avenues that look promising. However, that is not the only place we are looking.

You can be of help in these pursuits in the following ways:

- **Keep an eye open:**
 - ◆ We all have connections to lots of organizations, many of which may have foundations or just community funds available; let me or Council or Financial Stewardship members know of any you learn of (provide name of organization, weblink and/or phone number), and we'll look into it.
- **Thrivent member action:**
 - ◆ If you are a Thrivent customer, consider directing your Choice ([Thrivent Choice | Thrivent](#)) dollars to RELC...this is an EASY donation to make to Resurrection by designating Thrivent giving to the church. If you have questions, let me know.
- **Endowment:**
 - ◆ There is an endowment fund at RELC. This is an opportunity to provide a lasting legacy to support the work at our church. Again, if you want to learn more about this, please see me or Marty Bretz.
- **Prayers:**
 - ◆ The power of prayer should never be underestimated. Please pray for God to guide our own direct financial support of RELC as well as place in our path resources that will bolster the work of this special body of Christ.



Questions? Contact Renee Mushalko, renee.mushalko@relc.org or through the church office [(614) 876-7926 or office@relc.org] or in person.

FELC English Meal Ministry



July is one of the months we serve breakfast (on the 2nd Sunday of every month) and dinner (on the 4th Thursday of odd-numbered months) at First English Lutheran in Columbus. Our regular breakfast crew of "cookers and servers" provided a meal of scrambled eggs, sausage, tater tots, fruit, orange juice, and a sweet treat. The team included Del Boring, Michael Boring, Mark Docter, Patty Eakins, Vickie Dengg. In addition Amelia Jones and Connie Boring precook the sausage on Saturday morning

Our dinner crew included Carol and Mark Williams, Patty Eakins, Ann Marshall, Judy Miller, and Donna Suain. Plus several RELC bakers who provided cookies and brownies for dessert. The meal included macaroni and cheese, grilled hot dogs, green beans, fruit cups, and those homemade cookies/brownies.

We usually plan on serving 80+ at each meal.

All are welcome to help with these meals - preparing and/or serving at First English.

If you are interested in helping, see me, or any of the team members noted above.

As Jesus said in John 21 "Feed my sheep".

If you would like to help please see Kathy Rotolo.

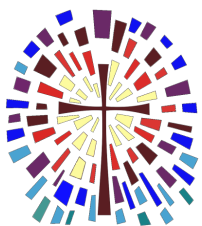


"Good things come to those who wait." You've waited, very patiently, and now here are the good things!



Fight Hunger bag program

All Kroger Columbus stores are receiving *Fight Hunger* bags this week and will be fully stocked by Monday, August 2. **This means that we are ready to go and your selection period can officially begin.** Your organization will receive \$1 for every \$2.50 reusable *Fight Hunger* bag sold **throughout August and September** at your designated Kroger Columbus location: **2525 Hilliard-Rome Road, Hilliard OH** We sincerely apologize for the delay in launching the *Fight Hunger* bag program and greatly appreciate your patience as we worked through unexpected logistical issues. We are even more excited now to support your work in our community and get the program underway!



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REL C news in pictures...



Congratulations to Abby and Tyler!! God Bless you both on this new adventure!



We had a Baptism in July.
Congratulations to the
Muhleman Family!! God
Bless Elena!



REL C folks here and there...



Thanks to everyone who
helped with the cookout!!



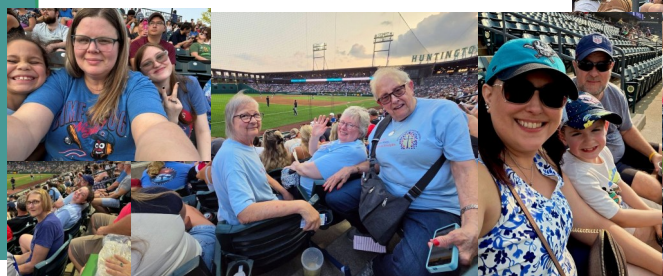
The reason my sister and I started going to **The Triennial Women's Gathering** is my late mother, Mona Lee Trego. She and her other Lutheran friends in Ashville had been going for a number of years. When she was 81 years old she decided the next generation needed to start going; so she took us with her, all expenses paid. As she aged and could no longer attend, she continued paying for us to go. Now we are continuing to attend on our dime, and encouraging our daughters to join us. This year, my sister Tami Reynolds, cousin Karla Lauro, and my daughter Susan joined me, as we headed to Des Moines, Iowa July 16-19. The theme was "I Am Worthy" based on Psalm 139:14: "I am fearfully and wonderfully made." 1100 women participated from around the country. The gathering featured worship, workshops, service projects, and a 5K Fun Run. There was music and singing by an all-female band, as well as a conga line dance. The Bible studies were enlightening, along with amazing keynote speakers. The closing worship was led by Reverend Yehiel Curry, who is the presiding bishop of the ELCA. This Gathering has always been educational, inspiring, and FUN to attend, meeting new friends every time. This is my 7th time attending, and I cannot recommend it highly enough for any Lutheran women to experience and enjoy, especially with family members. The 2029 Gathering will be in Louisville, Kentucky. ~Jill Rill



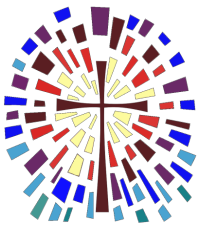
Several folks from REL C attended a
Columbus Clippers baseball game in July!



Hats off and a big hearty THANK YOU to Ben Ross for taking time this summer to give some areas a much-needed new coat of paint. You will find Ben early in the morning in various outside locations of REL C with paint can and brush and ladder in hand. He has just completed the north and south sides of the chapel where the doors, columns, benches and portico ceilings all got a fresh coat of paint (even in a different color). We appreciate Ben and his giving spirit to help make REL C shine from the outside.

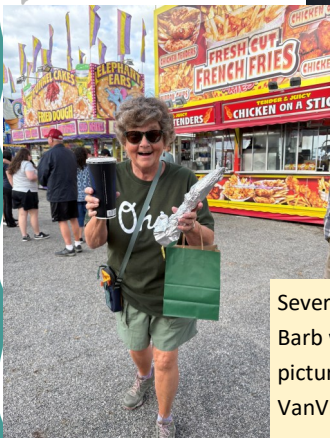


Columbus Clippers vs. Toledo Mud Hens
Tue • Jul 28, 2026 • 7:05 PM
Huntington Park, Columbus, OH



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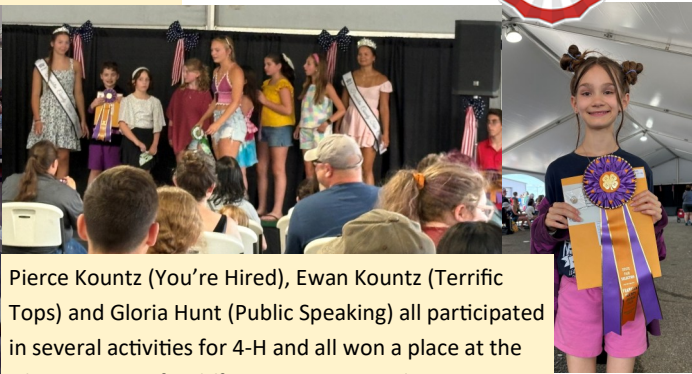
RELC at the Franklin County Fair.



Several RELC members were at the Fair this month. Barb was snacking. Angela was selling and I saw a picture of the Rills in the Photography contest. The VanVleets were also there, but always in the move.



Class 9 – Heroes – People Who Serve



Pierce Kountz (You're Hired), Ewan Kountz (Terrific Tops) and Gloria Hunt (Public Speaking) all participated in several activities for 4-H and all won a place at the Ohio State Fair for different 4-H projects!



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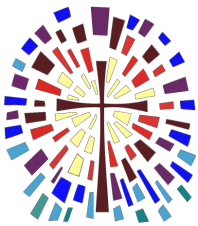


Franklin, Penelope and June Antonini did great showing off their livestock at the Fair!

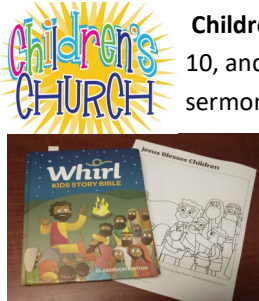


RELC in the Hilliard 4th of July Parade!





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Children's Church is open to all children aged 4-10, and takes place during the bible readings and sermon during worship. Pastor Dave releases the kids with an adult leader for a lesson and activity. Everyone comes back during Share the Peace. **Please consider volunteering to help this ministry, we need more volunteers. Sign up in the narthex or see Katherine in the office or Kathy with questions.**



Children are always welcome at RELC and we offer a soft space option for families with littles that wish to keep their kids in church and need a little entertainment.



VBS was a hit this summer!! The theme was *I'm Crafted*. Thanks to all the people who helped out and volunteered time and goods to make this VBS amazing.



Posted to FB by a non-member - "My little 4 year old is loving it so much. Thank yall so much for doing this he is having a blast learning about God!"



SUNDAY SCHOOL

Children's Sunday School programs are at 9am during the school year. Sunday School Activities will resume again end of August. (check bulletins for actual dates and cancellations)



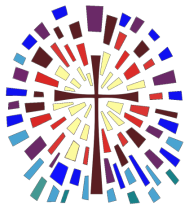
- ~**Godly Play** (preschool—4th grade, meets in Godly Play Room) **8/23 and 8/30**
- ~**Big Bang** (for all kids that have aged out of Godly Play) **8/23 and 8/30**
- ~**Fusion Youth Group** (currently all kids are welcome) several of the older Youth are helping with the younger kids. Often meet once a month, more to come in September.



August Birthdays



8/2	Gayle Lungociu	8/17	Sean Rogers	8/23	Bob Drenten	8/27	Bob Wintering
8/3	Emma Badenhop	8/18	Ronda Castle	8/24	Michael Neill	8/28	Andy Ohler
8/4	Andrew Rogers	8/22	Nick Lungociu	8/24	Connie Boring	8/28	Jackie Kibbe
8/17	Caroline Rogers	8/22	Jodi Collins	8/25	Barb Emmets	8/31	Andrew Neill



August Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1) 9:30am BOLD Prep (Room 6 & 7) 9-3pm Boy Scout Staff Meeting (room 7?) 6:30pm –10pm Centerpoint Church Leadership Training (room 7)
2) 9:00am Education Classes— Adult Education (Adult Room 7) 9:00am Praise Band Practice 9:15-9:40am Media Sound Check 10:00am Worship Service with Communion (WLC) 11:15am Q&A: (WLC) 6-9 Private Basketball (WLC)	3) NO Katherine 7:00pm Cub Scout Pack 672 Committee Meeting (WLC) 5:30pm BOLD (Parking Lot) 	4) 11:00am Bible Study (Room 7) 6:15pm Evangelism Team Meeting (Church Office) 7:00pm Communication Team Meeting (Church Office)	5) 1:00pm Church Staff Meeting 6:30-10:30pm Boy Scouts 672 Meeting (WLC) 7pm Spoken Word Service (chapel) 	6) 4:30pm Bible Study (Zoom) 	7) 	8) 9:30am BOLD Prep (Room 6 & 7) 10:00am FELC Breakfast prep (kitchen)
9) 7:30 am First English Breakfast (1015 E Main Street, Cbus, OH) 9:00am Education Classes— Adult Education (Adult Room 7) 9:00am Praise Band Practice 9:15-9:40am Media Sound Check 10:00am Worship Service with Communion (WLC) 11:15am Q&A: (WLC) 6-9 Private Basketball (WLC)	10) 5:30pm BOLD (Parking Lot) 	11) 11:00am Bible Study (Room 7) 7:00pm Financial Stewardship Meeting (Church office) 	12) 12:30– 2:30pm Peacemaker Quilt Group Meeting (WLC) 6:30-10:30pm Boy Scouts 672 Meeting (WLC) 7pm Spoken Word Service (chapel) 	13) Council Ministry Reports Due 4:30pm Bible Study (Zoom) 7pm Choir 1st Rehearsal ? (choir room) 	14) 6:00pm Lily Wang Concert (WLC) 	15) 8:30am Men's Bible Study (room 7) 9:30am BOLD Prep (Room 6 & 7)
16) Rally Sunday 9:00am Education Classes— Adult Education (–Room 7) 9:00am Praise Band Practice 9:15-9:40am Media Sound Check 10:00am Worship Service with communion and Blessing of the Backpacks (WLC) 11:15am Media Team Meeting (NO Q&A) 6-9 Private Basketball (WLC)	17) 5:30pm BOLD (Parking Lot) 	18) 11:00am Bible Study (Room 7) 7:00pm Church Council Meet- ing (room 3) 7:00pm RELC Book Club (Church office) 	19) Hilliard 1st Day of School 6:30-10:30pm Boy Scouts 672 Meeting (WLC) 7pm Spoken Word Service (chapel) 	20) 12-6pm Red Cross Blood Drive (WLC) 4:30pm Bible Study (Zoom) 7pm Choir Rehearsal (choir room) 	21) 	22) 9:30am BOLD Prep (Room 6 & 7)
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