

# Weekly Update FYI

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November 26, 2025



Dear College First family,

On this Thanksgiving Eve, I thank God for you! Heather and I hope you have a wonderful Thanksgiving.

This Sunday we begin our Advent sermon series with a study of the biblical lyrics of Handel's Messiah. The best way to experience the musical masterpiece is by getting **free tickets** to the December 6 performance at Winebrenner at 7:30 PM.

Night to Shine is looking for Buddies and other volunteers for the February 13 event here.

Special thanks to Bob Asel and Jerry & Sandy Snyder for the beautiful decorating of our main building.

Blessings,

Kirk

P.S. More fake e-mails with my name have been spotted. I do not use Gmail, so please double check that any e-mail from me is from [kirk@collegefirst.org](mailto:kirk@collegefirst.org).



Norma Trexler 11/26  
Judith Philipp 11/27  
Ann Manley 11/27  
Phyllis Fellows 11/28  
Lorena Baird 11/28  
Shawn Beucler 11/28  
Paula Junge 11/29  
Christine Cole 11/29  
Jenna Martin 11/29  
Emmanuel Kaddo 11/30  
Art Yoder 12/1  
Charlene Hankinson 12/1  
Nancy Hiser 12/2  
Beppie Walerius 12/3  
Annette Peterman 12/3

## Upcoming Events

11/27: Young Adult Festival of Holiday Foods, 1 PM  
11/27: Office Closed, Thanksgiving Day  
11/28: Office Closed, Thanksgiving Observance  
12/5: Handel's Messiah, 7:30 PM  
12/6: Handel's Messiah, 7:30 PM  
12/9: Senior Fun Dinner, 5:30 PM  
12/7: Young Adult Lunch, 11:30 AM  
12/7: Next Gen Worship Christmas Night, 6:00 PM

**TITHES/OFFERINGS....\$15,355.07**  
**ADDITIONAL OFFERINGS....\$4,999.70**  
**BUDGET.... \$19,738.00**

You can give online via PayPal, in addition to giving on the church website. Please scan the QR Code provided. Any questions, please call the church office.



## Thanksgiving Offering

During this season of giving, the Thanksgiving offering envelope is a way to financially contribute to our community as a way of saying, "thank you for everything you do." This year, proceeds from the Thanksgiving offering will go to Christian Clearing House.

You can also give online using the QR Code below and mark it as "Thanksgiving Offering." From the Pastors, Church Council, and Staff at College First, "THANK YOU," for giving and have a beautiful Thanksgiving filled with God's abundant love.



## Staff Christmas Gift

To All Who Worship at College First Church of God,

In the past, many of you have given Christmas gifts for the College First pastors and staff who minister to us and support us throughout the year. You are again invited to contribute toward monetary gifts that will be distributed to all pastors and staff. If you would like to participate, please insert your contribution in an envelope located next to the mailroom across from the Sanctuary or at the Welcome Table at Winebrenner and place it in the offering plate. Or you may return the envelope to the church, before December 19 by Noon, so that gifts can be presented during the Christmas season. Online giving is also available at <https://collegefirst.churchcenter.com/giving>.

We understand you have family priorities, personal needs and other opportunities for giving during the Christmas season. With those considerations, please use this as an invitation, not an expectation, to give. Prayers for our pastors and staff are always appreciated.

Thank you and may God bless you throughout the coming year.

*Nathan Tice, Council President*

## The POWER of PRAYER

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| • Jan Below        | • Ruth Lynch       |
| • Linda Bratt      | • David Martaus    |
| • Leonard Burris   | • Phyllis Miller   |
| • Christine Cole   | • Bob Nietz        |
| • Paula Dewey      | • Lee Osmun        |
| • Briella Fletcher | • Cindy Sims-Perry |
| • Jill Gordon      | • Heather Tussing  |
| • Kathy Kennard    | • Kay Reinehr      |
| • Dan Kerlin       | • Doug Rosendale   |
| • Leger Han        | • JoAnn Wilson     |

E-MAIL PRAYER GROUP - Praises and prayer concerns for the church body as a whole are sent out via e-mail by Connections Pastor Kimberly Reese. To submit a prayer request or to be added to the Prayer Chain recipient e-mail list please contact Pastor Kimberly at [kreesee@collegefirst.org](mailto:kreesee@collegefirst.org).

## Thank You

Thank you to the ladies of Stitch 'n' Sew for their heart felt service of sewing and assembling quilts and lap robes for the underprivileged and nursing home residents. Nondace Campbell, Barb Shelley, Cindy Duke, Phyllis Wolford and Nancy Baughman all gave countless hours cutting, designing, stitching, and tying these beautiful creations.

Sincerely,  
 Connie Reeder

## SHEPHERDING MINISTRY

Friends are needed for Shepherding Ministry!

This ministry will serve as a bridge between College First and those who cannot attend church in person. Depending on the need, it will be either weekly to twice a month visiting College First homebound.

Please contact Pastor Kimberly if you are interested in becoming a volunteer to help our homebound family. Pastor Kimberly's email is [kreesee@collegefirst.org](mailto:kreesee@collegefirst.org). Thank you!



**IF YOU FIND JESUS - TAKE HIM WITH YOU**



Handel's *Messiah* will shape much of our Advent season at College First. This is especially true as College First is set to perform Handel's *Messiah* along with our friends from Bluffton University and the University of Findlay, as well as from the Bluffton and Findlay communities.

Save the date for the 132nd and 133rd performance of Handel's *Messiah*. The first performance is on Friday, December 5 at 7:30 p.m. in Yoder Recital Hall and the second performance will be Saturday, December 6 at 7:30 p.m. at Winebrenner Auditorium on the University of Findlay's campus. Tickets are free and you can reserve yours using this link:

<https://www.bluffton.edu/about/happenings/tickets.aspx>



### *Christmas Poinsettia*

Poinsettia envelopes are now available to order for Christmas, and you can find the envelopes in front of the church office or at the Welcome Table at Winebrenner. Poinsettias are \$19.00 each. Please make checks out to "College First Church of God" and in the memo line write "Poinsettia." You may also pay online by scanning the QR Code below and mark online as "Flowers."

Dedications for poinsettias will be listed on Sunday, December 21. Please return envelopes by Friday, December 5. Poinsettias may be picked up after 9 PM service Christmas Eve. Any questions, please call the office.



## SENIOR FUN DECEMBER DINNER TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9 5:30 PM

Our Senior Fun Ministry sponsors a dinner each month and the December dinner is coming soon. Plan to come with a hot dish, salad or dessert to share to complement the ham main course. Then, prepare to share in an evening of joyful and fun entertainment.

A signup list has been placed near the church offices for you to indicate your participation. Please sign up today. You can also call at 419-422-7365 to sign up. Contact Pastor David for any questions you may have.



## Blue Christmas

A service of Remembrance and Hope

**Sunday, December 21 / 6:00 pm**  
**College First Sanctuary**

The holiday season can be a difficult season for those who are going through some tough times or for those who have experienced the loss of a loved one.

For this reason, College First is offering a special service of remembrance and hope. The service to open to everyone. Childcare for infants and toddlers is available.

### Questions?

Contact Pastor David or Pastor Kimberly at  
[office@collegefirst.org](mailto:office@collegefirst.org).

The holiday season is hard  
for those whose hearts  
are hurting.  
You are not alone.

# Festival of Holiday Foods

Thursday, November 27  
1-2pm

Gather in the College First fellowship hall for a time of Thanksgiving. Enjoy a traditional thanksgiving dish and bring a dish from one of your favorite cultural holidays.

To sign up, please email Pastor Nancy at [nhiser@collegefirst.org](mailto:nhiser@collegefirst.org)

## CF Kids Min Update

Dear CF Kids Min families,

During this week of Thanksgiving, there are a couple of cancellations.

- Encounter is cancelled for Wednesday, November 26.
- Finally Friday is cancelled for Friday, November 28.

I hope you have a wonderful Thanksgiving filled with blessings! U R LOVED!!!

Sincerely,  
Nicky Inman, CF Kids Min Director



*Angel Tree*



CF Kids Min Angel Tree is up near the church office. Please take a tag off the tree and bring the gift back unwrapped or in a bag, with the tag attached to the gift before Friday, December 12. Any questions about the Angel tree, please contact Nicky at [ninman@collegefirst.org](mailto:ninman@collegefirst.org).



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# Young Adult Lunch

December 7th, 2025  
11.30am - 12.30pm

Join for Worship at 10 AM Winebrenner  
or at 11 AM Sanctuary

After service, stick around for a  
Cane's Chicken Tenders Lunch!

*Everyone is welcome!*



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# CHRISTMAS WORSHIP NIGHT

SING TO THE LORD  
HOT CHOCOLATE BAR

SUNDAY,  
DECEMBER  
7, 2025

TIME :  
6:00 PM

VENUE:  
FELLOWSHIP  
HALL

EXPERIENCE THE WONDER  
OF CHRISTMAS IN A NIGHT  
OF WORSHIP

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Randy Ewing, Property Management

Jon Rupp, Stewardship and Finance

Dave Green, Worship

## SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

### TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

9:00AM 11:00AM

SERVICES IN THE SANCTUARY, 1100 N. MAIN ST.

### CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

10:00AM @ WINEBRENNER

WINEBRENNER TLB AUDITORIUM, 950 N. MAIN ST.

### SUNDAY WORSHIP ONLINE

LIVESTREAM 9:00AM

FACEBOOK PAGE & YOUTUBE CHANNEL

GO TO THE WEBSITE 'ONLINE WORSHIP' PAGE FOR LINKS

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