

THE TRUMPET



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Firelanders!

Because my time with you began on January 1, 2026, and we will celebrate Easter on Sunday, April 5th, my “Christian year” with you is in reverse! I began as your pastor with Easter and as the weeks will pass, will celebrate His birth in December. From Resurrection to Incarnation is as if Jesus is aging in reverse! This is the first dot.

This is the next dot. My spiritual imagination is caught up with the idea that Jesus is the “last Adam”, thanks to a coffee fellowship comment made by (name withheld to protect the guilty). A quick look shows that the label, “last Adam”, is used by Paul in I Corinthians 15: 45: “The first man Adam became a living being (as Paul quotes Genesis 2:7); the last Adam became a life-giving spirit.” Paul continues for two more verses: “But it is not the spiritual that is first but the natural, and then the spiritual. The first man was from earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven.” Please forgive the use of ‘man’ to describe all of us.

Let me connect the dots. Since that comment about the “last Adam” lodged in my head, I have been looking at aging a little differently. As we age from one birthday to the next, we think of ourselves as maturing, as growing up. But is it a stretch to think of ourselves as growing younger spiritually? That is, we become more child-like in spirit as we age physically in our bodies?

Jesus said, “Let the little children come unto me”. Did he mean that we are to become more child-like, allowing the inner child to come out under the influence of His gift of the Holy Spirit? Here are a few ‘flints’ to strike a spark, perhaps, and kindle your imagination:

John 3: 3. Unless you are born from above, or born again, you cannot see the kingdom of God.

The 1957 movie, “The Incredible Shrinking Man” has the protagonist shrink until he disappears, yet continues to exist.

Kurbick’s “2001: A Space Odyssey” concludes with the image of a child’s face looking into the cosmos.

Here is one reason why I value sharing a cup of coffee with you. I listen for the Lord’s voice in our casual conversations, and believe that sometimes I hear it, and the sparks fly!

Grace, and peace to you from your pastor,

Rev. David Aber

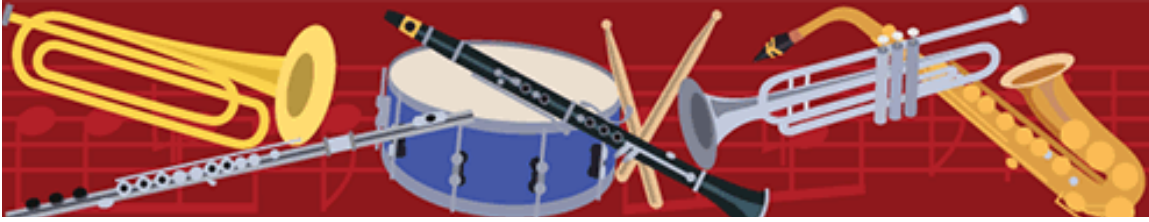
Firelands Church Session Meeting

3/10/2026

1. The Treasurer's Report for March '26 and the additional February '26 Financial Reports were approved as presented this evening subject to financial review.
2. The Deacon's Report was read and approved by session.
3. Session approved the Property Management Committee's recommendation/motion to award a contract to Catawba Security to install a new access point in the office area of the church and restore the old router to its prior functionality (minus its wifi function).



Church Session Meeting



Musicians in March and April

Thank you Susan Larcey for playing and arranging the trio with Janet Moore, flute and Betty Roberts, clarinet on Sunday, March 22, 2026. We are grateful for the ensemble who sang on Palm Sunday as well as Jen Daniels who played the horn solo. We are thankful for the singers who joined the community choir on Good Friday at Trinity United Methodist Church on April 3, 2026.

We look forward to the special trio on Easter Sunday (April 5) provided by Janet Moore, Lillie Rolen and Brian Shifflet as well as duets with Susan Larcey and Brian. Watch for announcements of other rehearsals and opportunities to sing and play instruments in the month ahead. Kay McIntosh will be the musician for the service on Sunday, April 12, to give Susan a Sunday off after her dedication to playing all throughout the long winter.

Easter Flowers

We are thankful to all those who added to the beauty of our sanctuary for Easter by donating flowers in honor or in memory of loved ones.

Musical Arts Series Concert

On Sunday Afternoon April 19, 2026, at 3:30, ten young musicians on their way to greatness from the Cleveland Institute of Music will present two string trios and a string quartet. This rich and varied program will amaze you with the power and talents of these young artists here at Firelands Presbyterian Church.

A future event in our pavilion for June:

The Musical Arts Series will be presenting a free community outreach concert featuring Steve and Lisa Ball presenting Folk music from the 50s and 60s on Saturday, June 27, 2026. Time to be determined probably 3:30.



The Linus Sewing Group

The Linus Sewing Group will have a Spring session Tuesday, April 7th at my home. Our group sews quilts for children at Akron Children Hospital.

The quilters provide fabric and our church supports this project by providing the quilt batting.

We welcome new members!!! I was the recipient of “on the job training” many years ago and learned so much. It is nice to have a hobby that helps others.

Contact Marilyn Umlauf with questions



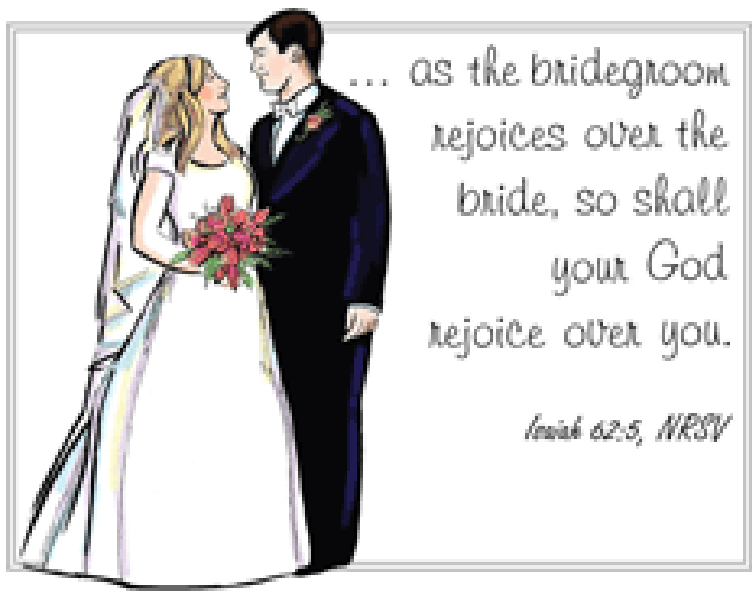
Readers &
Communion Assistant &
Ushers

BIRTHDAYS

John McCook	7
Mary Caracci	9
Nancy Soper	18
Kristin Williams	21
Don Williams	23

ANNIVERSARIES

Dean and Maxine Myers	20
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April 2 - Maundy Thursday

- Reader - Ernie McCullough
- Communion Assistants & Usher- Ernie McCullough and Kay McIntosh

April 5

- Reader- Susan Rogers
- Communion Assistant & Usher - Dave and Sally Wahlers

April 12

- Reader- Karen Salzgeber
- Communion Assistant & Usher- Ed and Shirley Carlson

April 19

- Reader- Mary Caracci
- Communion Assistant & Usher- Jay and Karen Viero

April 26

- Reader - Ed Carlson
- Communion Assistant & Usher- Tim and Debbie Flora

Ongoing Prayer Concerns

For those receiving medical treatment or therapy, or undergoing medical tests:

Connie Brand, Rob and Cindy Constien, Garrett Holcomb, Bill and Pat Sharp, Former Pastor Mark and Jill Cooper, Karla Hoffman, Karen Dietz, Anne Trombatore, Linda Holcom's sisters, Lois & Carol, Eric and Fiona Pott, Kay McIntosh's cousin, John McLaughlin and his wife Ele and Kay's friend Deb, Mason Fenton (improved after brain tumor surgery but loss of vision), Margaret Lenthe (a friend of Janine Dress) was killed in a car accident.

For those facing the infirmities of age:

Connie Brand, and Joan Brydon

For those seeking freedom, security, and hope: Bobby, Justin, Sara, Val, and GRANDLOVE Families

For those in the service of our country:

SMGT Jeff Bundy, Brant Crandall, USA; Cole Daniel, USCG; Matthew Devries, USAF; Major Jason Dewald USMC, Stu Gliwa, USMC; Aaron Haynes, USA; Andrew Hogue, USA, Ken Lewis USA Army Chaplain, Ted Livingstine, USMC, Majors Kurt & Lynsey Salzgeber USA Army.

Reading Scripture prior to worship is a devotional exercise easy to add to your week. The Gospel accounts following Easter present wonderful moments with the Risen Christ!

4/2/2026 Maundy Thursday

Psalm 143

4/5/2026 Easter Sunday.

Jeremiah 31: 1 - 6 & John 20: 1 - 18

4/12/2026. 2nd SUn-day of Easter

Psalm 16 & John 20: 19 - 31

4/19/2026. 3rd Sunday of Easter.

I Peter 2: 1 - 5, 9 - 10 & Luke 24: 13 - 35

4/26/2026. 4th Sunday of Easter.

Psalm 23 & John 10: 1 - 10



OFFICE HOURS
TUES, WED & THURS
10:00am - 2:00am
April 2026

			1	2	3	4
				4pm Maundy Thursday Service	3:30 Choir Rehearsal 7pm Good Friday Service @ Trinity	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
No Sunday School 10:30 Worship	10am Sewing Group	9am Linus Sewing Group at Umlauf's	10:30am Stein Hospice Healing Hearts	2pm The Chosen		
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship	10am Sewing Group 4- 6pm Bistro Drive Thru Meal	2-4 Dulcimer Group 3:30 Session Mtg.	Quilters Group 6:30-9pm	2pm The Chosen		
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship	10am Sewing Group		10:30am Exploring Our Faith Together	2pm The Chosen		
26	27	28	29	30		
9:30 Sunday School 10:00 Worship	10am Sewing Group 5- 6:30 Fresh Bread		10:30am Exploring Our Faith Together	2pm The Chosen		