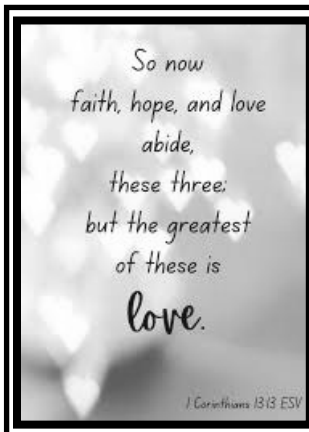




All Are Welcome Here

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF LONDON

October 19, 2025 ~ 10:00 a.m.

Order of Worship

~Our Church Mission~

*First United Methodist Church of London will strive
toward the embodiment of God's presence,
on earth as it is in heaven, through both word and action.*

Chiming of the Hour - *Let us quiet our voices and prepare our minds and hearts to worship the Lord*

Greeting and Announcements

Prelude

Meditation on Aberystwyth

C. Hylton Stewart

Choral Call to Worship

Come, Let Us Sing

J. McConnaughey

*Come, let us sing unto the Lord;
Let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation,
For the Lord is a great God,
And the King above all gods.
from Psalm 95)*

*Call to Worship

Leader: O God, all your works shall speak of your glory

People: And your faithful ones shall bless you

Leader: They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom

People: And tell of your power

Leader: Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom

People: And your dominion endures throughout all generations

*Opening Hymn

My Hope Is Built

UMH 368

*Affirmation of Faith

Apostles Creed (Traditional)

UMH 881

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father

UMH 70

*Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.*

(please be seated)

First Scripture Lesson

Hebrews 11:1-6

Children's Sermon

Pastoral Prayer/The Lord's Prayer

Call to Gather Our Tithes, Offerings, and Promises

Offertory Anthem

Loving Shepherd

J. S. Bach, arr. M. Schweitzer

Loving shepherd, comfort and guide us,
Keep us in thy tender care.
And in thy mercy stay beside us,
Safely thy lambs now gather,
Bring us in faith together,
And thy pastures now prepare;
And thy pastures now prepare.

And when I walk with darkness around me,
Thou are near and I will fear no ill.
So with thy love and kindness surround me,
Goodness and mercy bringing,
From living water springing,
Lord of Love grant me thy comfort still,
Lord of Love grant me thy comfort still.
(Text: paraphrase of Psalm 23)

***Doxology** *(stand)*

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH 95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***A Prayer of Dedication**

***Hymn**

Morning Glory, Starlit Sky

UMH 194

Second Scripture Lesson

I Corinthians 13:1-17

Sermon

The Greatest Among These is Charity

Lay Leader Henry Comer

***Closing Hymn**

Where Charity and Love Prevail

UMH 549

***Benediction**

***Choral Benediction**

Send Us Now Into Your World

J. McConnaughey

Send us now into your world in peace, O Lord;
May we love and serve the living God.

Postlude *(be seated)*

Fantasy in a minor

J. S. Bach

**indicates standing*

Altar Table Flowers

*The altar flowers are given to the glory of God in honor of
what would have been Dick and Sue's 65th Wedding Anniversary on October 22
Given by the Minner Family*

CONTINUAL PRAYER REQUESTS

Evone Banks, Bobby Dorn, Gladys Griffith, Joyce Hildebrand, Phyllis Miller, Sue Minner,
Bea Riegel, Sally Sisterhen, Doris Spahn

CURRENT PRAYER REQUESTS

Avalee Adams, Carol Albright, Rachael Allen, Harriet Baker, Laura Beyer, Buzzy (Victoria) Biddinger,
Kim Braddock, Jayden Clark, Becky Cress, Toni Daniels, Diana, Woody Draper, Allison Engle, Linda Finney,
Michael Fisher, Phyllis Follrod, Tylor Freeman, Nancy Giles, Carole Gordon, Jane Hackworth, John Harbage,
TJ Franklin, Dee Heilman, Jenn Heuser, Linda Holloway, Gary and Cindy Hoback, Roger Horsely, Gary Hunter,
Claudia Justice, Jeannie Justice, Ray Justice, Cody Leavens, Jessica Martin, Cris Martinez, Jerod McKenzie,
Chuck Miller, Aiden Norton, Sue Osborn, April Parker, Pauline Persing, Alicia Pullin, Jeff Quatkemeyer,
Michele Ramsey, Marco Ranalli, Steve Richmond, Frank Salyers, Miles Schrock, Jill Wyatt Setty,
Sherry Sharrett, Julia Smith, Nancy Snyder, Robert Stallings, David Stewart, Rob Suter, Alta Vance, Diana Vick,
Hayden Weese, Gretchen Wingert, Sandy Young, Heather Zollman

SERVING ON ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY

Lt. Colonel John Crisp ~ Navy Lt Commander Tom Crisp
2nd Lt Cheney Gross ~ 2nd Lt Luke Peart ~ Sgt First Class Mathew Rowley
Caiden Craig—Basic Training

Please pray for the family and friends of those who have given their lives for our nation.



*Wednesday, October 22—**Annual Charge Conference** 7pm in the Chapel. District Superintendent Dr James C. Wilson II presiding. All Church Council members are expected to attend.

*Tuesday, October 28—**Fall Baked Steak & Pork Tenderloin Dinner**
Lots of volunteers are needed!!!

*Sunday, November 2, 10am—**Rededication of our church and dedication of the Byers Memorial Tower Chimes**

Olentangy River District Superintendent, Dr James C. Wilson II will be preaching
A reception will follow the service in the Fellowship Hall

*Sunday, November 9—**All Saints Sunday**

*Wednesday, November 12, 6:30pm—**Church Council Meeting** in the Chapel.

*Wednesday, November 19, 7pm—**Human Trafficking Awareness Panel** (open to the public).
Human trafficking in Madison County. Our speakers will be a former FBI agent a police officer who have dealt with human trafficking. This informative discussion will be held in the sanctuary.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2025

Attendance – 134* ~ Offering \$3,065.16

Monthly Need—\$24,800.00

**includes online and app views*



From faith and doubt to eternal life, the Bible covers every aspect of the human experience.

On October 25th, our topic will be "Forgiveness". Forgiveness is a recurring theme throughout Scripture, both in how God forgives us and how we are called to forgive others. This topic invites reflection on the challenges and rewards of extending grace, even when it's difficult. By discussing forgiveness, we explore the transformative power it holds—not just for the forgiven, but also for the forgiver. It is essential for healing relationships and living a life modeled after Christ. Please join us in the Rudorah Welcome Center at 7:00 AM for some coffee and muffins for this and future discussions.

Please add the following 2025 dates to your calendar for the Men's Bible Study. All are welcome to join at any time! Remaining dates for 2025: 10/25, 11/8, 11/22, 12/6, and 12/20

Costa Rica
Youth Mission Trip
Auction Fundraiser
October 19, 2025
5 - 6:30 PM
Fellowship Hall
Potluck dinner
Silent auction

The youth group is accepting donations for silent auction items.
All are welcome to participate!
Please contact Katelyn Hanna,
Director of Youth Ministries,
Katelyn@londonfumc.org

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Enjoy Sunday Brunch at **The Butcher Block Restaurant** and take your church bulletin with you! The Butcher Block is graciously giving back to our church! 10% of your Brunch guest check comes back to our church when you present your church bulletin to your server. Lots of selections!

Tickets for a few raffle items will be available today right after church in the Rudorah Welcome Parlor, as well as at the event. Tickets are 1 for \$25 or 3 for \$50. Check or Cash. You don't need to be present to win.



When you are out shopping, pick up an extra new, unwrapped toy for the annual Firefighter's Toy Drive! We will begin receiving toys after the November 3 Rededication!

Sunday Leaders

Sound & Video Technicians

Brian Benedum
David Cover

Liturgist
Melinda Scott

October Ushers
Bill Benedum, Chair
Tom Minner
Debra Hay

Lay Leader
Henry Comer

October Hospitality
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Scott Higgins Leader
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