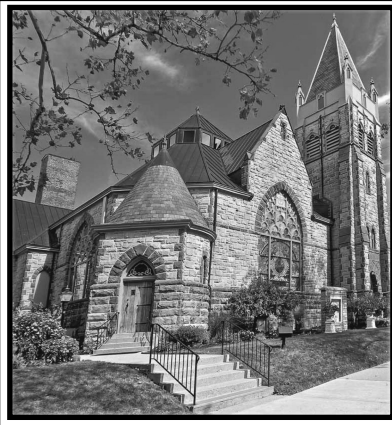




All Are Welcome Here

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF LONDON

September 21, 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

Antiphon III from Fifteen Pieces for Organ

Marcel Dupré

*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: Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens

People: Your faithfulness to the clouds

Leader: Continue your steadfast love to those that know you

People: And your salvation to the upright heart

*Opening Hymn

I Am Thine, O Lord

UMH 419

*Affirmation of Faith

UMH 883

We are not alone, we live in God's world.

We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God. We are called to be the church: to celebrate God's presence, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone.

Thanks be to God. 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)

Old Testament Lesson

Genesis 18:23-28

Children's Sermon

Pastoral Prayer/The Lord's Prayer

Call to Gather Our Tithes, Offerings, and Promises

Offertory Anthem

Christ Be With Me

Noel Rawsthorne

Christ be with me, Christ within me,
Christ behind me, Christ before me,
Christ beside me, Christ before me,
Christ beside me, Christ to guide me,
Christ to comfort and restore me.

Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,
Christ in hearts of all that love me,
Christ in care of friend and stranger.

(Text: Attrib. St. Patrick, tr. C. F. Alexander)

*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

The God of Abraham Praise

UMH 116

*Gospel Lesson

John 4:19-27

Sermon

An Unnoticed Trait

Rev Dave Leckrone

*Closing Hymn

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

UMH 402

*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)*

Voluntary in G Major

William Walond

1. Grave
2. Allegro

**indicates standing*

Altar Table Flowers

*To the glory of God, altar table flowers are given
given by Randy and Diane Crisp to remember and honor Kelly Snyder's birthday*

CONTINUAL PRAYER REQUESTS

Evone Banks, 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, Bobby Dorn, Woody Draper,
Allison Engle, Linda Finney, Phyllis Follrod, John Foote, Sr., Tylor Freeman, Nancy Giles, Carole Gordon,
Jane Hackworth, John Harbage, TJ Franklin, Dee Heilman, Linda Holloway, Gary and Cindy Hoback,
Roger Horsely, Gary Hunter, Claudia Justice, Jeannie Justice, Ray Justice, Cody Leavens, Patrick Madden,
Jessica Martin, Cris Martinez, Jerod McKenzie, Chuck Miller, Aiden Norton, Sue Osborn, April Parker,
Pauline Persing, Dylan Lee Prophater, Alicia Pullin, Jeff Quatkemeyer, Michele Ramsey, Marco Ranalli,
Steve Richmond, Frank Salyers, Miles Schrock, Diane Self, Jill Wyatt Setty, 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.



* Sunday, October 19, 5-6:30 pm—**Youth Mission Trip Auction Fundraiser**, Potluck Dinner and Silent Auction in the Fellowship Hall. Donations accepted now. See Katelyn Hanna, Katelyn@londonfumc.org for more information.

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

*Sunday, November 2, 10am—**Rededication of our church**
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 19, 7pm—**Human Trafficking Awareness Panel** (open to the public).
Human trafficking is an issue in Madison County. This informative discussion will be held in the sanctuary.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2025

Attendance – 140* ~ Offering \$5,284.85

Monthly Need—\$24,800.00

**includes online and app views*



Have you heard? Next year's mission trip will be in Costa Rica!!! Our Director of Youth Ministries, Katelyn Hanna, will hold an informational session about this mission trip **TONIGHT** from 5-6 pm in the youth room. Everyone is welcome to attend!!!

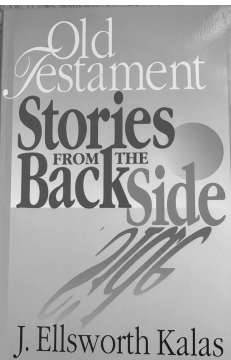


The Bible is rich with wisdom, offering timeless insights into life's most profound questions. In our men's Bible study, certain topics naturally spark deep, thought-provoking discussions. These topics challenge us, comfort us, and help us grow spiritually.

From faith and doubt to eternal life, the Bible covers every aspect of the human experience. Engaging with these themes allows us to explore our beliefs more deeply, understand God better, and reflect on our purpose in life. Let's explore some key Bible topics that can inspire meaningful dialogue.

On October 4 our topic will be "The Nature of God". Who is God? What are His attributes? Understanding the nature of God is foundational to Christian theology. The Bible reveals God as loving, just, merciful, and all-powerful. Discussing God's nature helps us grasp His character and how He relates to humanity. It also allows us to explore the mystery of God's essence and how His divine nature impacts our daily lives. Please join us in the Rudorah Welcome Center at 7:00 AM for 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: 10/4, 10/18, 11/1, 11/15, 11/29, 12/13, 12/27



Tony Reeder has selected *Old Testament Stories from the Back Side* for the new adult Sunday School class. The class meets Sundays upstairs at 9am. You can join any time!!!

J. Ellsworth Kalas brings a new perspective to selected Old Testament stories by approaching them from the "back side"—through a unique starting point, a creative retelling, a new "lens," or the eyes of a minor or unsympathetic character.

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Brian Benedum

David Cover

Liturgist

Sarah and Noah Clawson

September Ushers

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Lay Leader

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