



The Slifers Strides



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Hello Church Family!

As I write this it is 64 degrees outside; and it has been cold and a bit overcast all day. I am currently covered with a blanket and Gordon, my dog, is curled up and sleeping beside me. It truly is a comfortable place to be right now. I do hope that as you read this you are in a comfortable place as well.

You know, Autumn is all about cozy, isn't it? Cozy drinks, cozy sweaters, and cozy kinds of food, just like the chili that is cooking in our crock pot right now at our house. I do love this time of year as we move from colors of green all around us to the lovely hues of Autumn: red, yellow and orange. I found the following poem below about Autumn and thought that I would share it with you all as you ponder what this season means to you.

Autumn Meditation by Elizabeth Strong.

We know the leaves are dying.
 We know that their blaze of beauty is a preparation for death.
 It is a time when we appreciate the effort of nature
 to rise above the ordinariness of life and death.
 It is a time when we visibly comprehend glory and wonder.
 We feel now that the air is cool and crisp.
 We feel now a clearing from the skies of the heaviness of the hazes of summer.
 It is a time when we appreciate the crispness and sharpness of the realities of life and death.
 It is a time when we physically comprehend the relief that clarity and insight can bring.

We hear now the dry rustle of plants and grasses.

We hear now a crackling from the earth that tells of the withering of the fullness of life.

It is a time when we appreciate approaching rest from the frantic fullness.

It is a time when we hear a different voice within, and know that life is settling down for a well deserved wintering.

Let it be so within each of our lives as we prepare for an autumn in our own life cycle.

For we all need rest and respite if we are to understand and appreciate the rhythm of life in our soul.

Blessings to each one of you this Autumn ~

Kazy



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on Sunday November 1st at 2:00 am.
 So, don't forget to set your clocks back an hour before you go to bed on Saturday, Oct. 31st.

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Radical Hospitality

WINGS MEETING

will be on
October 6th at 3 pm.

Session Meeting

Next Session will be
October 18th after worship

"THE LADIES CIRCLE"

Ladies Circle meeting will meet on
Tuesday, October 20th at 10 am

PTL

None scheduled for October

Muffins with the Minister

The next Muffins with the Minister
will be on Sunday, October 18th



TRUNK OR TREAT

Slifers will be hosting a Trunk or-Treat event again this year on Saturday evening October 31st, at 5:00 to 5:45 pm in Slifers parking lot.

Our goal is to have at least 8 trunks to serve candy, and a fun experience.

Decorate your trunk or hatch, bring goodies to share, and join us for an evening of a fun, safe place for children to trick or treat. Be sure to share the information with your friends.

Sign up at the table in front of church.

Candy donations are welcome.



CARDS FOR CHRIST

Saturday, October 3rd,
6:00:-9:00 pm
@Greg & Cinda's
home.

Bring a stamp and dessert to share.



Adult Choir Rehearsals:

began on Thursday, Sept. 3rd, at 6 pm



The Bell Choir will start
rehearsals in November to
prepare for the Christmas
season

New members are welcome.

Please contact Sara or any Bell Choir
member for more information.

St. Andrew Lutheran Church Fall Dinner

Saturday, November 7, 2026
4:30 – 6:30 P.M.

St.. Andrew Lutheran Church
282 South Broadway Street,
Farmersville

\$14 adults; \$7 children 6-12; Free for
children 5-under

Menu includes
Turkey or Ham, Mashed Potatoes,
Green Beans, Cranberry Salad, Roll,
Pie or Cake , Mac & Cheese for kids
Drink included

All included in the ticket price!

Reservations are preferred:
Call Tom Izor at (937) 696-2226

Extravagant Generosity

Upcoming Youth Group Events

Oct. 4th 6 pm—7:30 pm
Meet at Farmersville UMC
Dinner provided

Oct. 25th 6:00 pm—7:30 pm
Meet at Slifers Presbyterian Church
Dinner provided

Nov. 15th 6:00 pm—7:30 pm
Meet at Farmersville UMC
Dinner provided

Nov. 29th 6:00 pm—7:30 pm
Meet at Farmersville UMC
Dinner provided-Christmas Party

Dec. 31st 11 am—1 pm
Meet at Farmersville UMC
New Years Eve Noon Party
Lunch Provided

Trunk or Treat Night TBD
Farmersville Christmas Caroling TBD

CAMP

Donations for October are sweet potatoes, canned pumpkin, cranberry sauce, meals in a box/can. All cleaning, personal & paper products are always welcome anytime. A plastic container is in the hallway to collect the various items for CAMP.

New Lebanon Food Pantry Monthly Collection

Collection items for October are dish-washing soap and supplies. A collection box is available in the hallway. Any questions regarding the program and/or donations, please contact Carolyn or Paul Leatherman.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Please note that the Nominating Committee will begin to look for Session Members (Class of 2028) and Memorial Committee (Class of 2029) in October. If you are interested in participating in Session Leadership, please notify a member of the Nominating Committee. Amy Cline, Greg Shell, William Longman or Sandy Dunwoody are currently serving on the Nominating Committee. Terms for Session are 2 years in length and for the Memorial Committee, terms are 3 years.

We witness the gifts of our Lord through this church and through service to his people. If you are interested in volunteering for a role on Session or have questions, please let Amy, Greg, William or Sandy know. Many hands make light the work and our efforts together help to expand the Good News to Slifers and to the Community surrounding us.

Thank you for your consideration.

August	2026	2026 YEAR-
Beginning Balance	\$ 47,922.50	
August Income	\$ 5,368.99	\$ 112,504.90
August Expenses	\$ 15,178.86	\$ 129,600.98
Ending Balance	\$ 38,112.60	

Passionate Worship



Oct. 4th	19th Sunday after Pentecost Communion Rev. Kazy Hinds preaching
Oct. 11th	20th Sunday after Pentecost Rev. Kazy Hinds preaching
Oct. 18th	21st Sunday after Pentecost Rev. Kazy Hinds preaching
Oct 25th	22nd Sunday after Pentecost Rev, Kazy Hinds Preaching

Virtual Worship

Some of you may be wondering how things are going with our virtual worship services. How many people are watching? Is this something we will be continuing? Of course, the Session will be making the decision about continuing the virtual services, but below is a snapshot of how many viewers we have each week. While we can't tell how many people are watching each "view," or if they watch the entire post, Facebook does count the number of views, so here are their counts since posted in the last Strides

Date	Views
Aug. 30	95
Sept. 6	177
Sept. 13	152
Sept 20	N/A

**SPECIAL
October
Anniversaries**

Oct. 27th

Steve & Patty Goad
(47 years)



MORTAL MATTERS

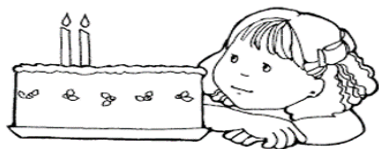
*"Funeral Planning to Make
Things Easier for Your Family"*

As your pastor, it is my desire to help you in all ways I can. I know talking about death can be hard, but there are some things you could do now to spare your family unnecessary expense, anxiety, and inconvenience at the time of your death. I have created a booklet that can help you provide information and a plan for your family at the time of your death. If you would like one of these booklets, please let me know; and if you would like me to sit with you and talk about this with you, I am more than happy.

Just let me know.

Risk-Taking Mission & Service

BIRTHDAY CAKE MINISTRY



We are excited to have your continued support of the Birthday Cake Ministry. We deliver 6 cake packets to Farmersville for CAMP every month and four cake packets to the New Lebanon Food pantry. The feedback for this ministry has been positive and through your generous support, we haven't missed a month! Please continue to bring cake mixes, cake frosting, candles, birthday card and Sprite to the church as we provide a little sunshine to those who may not be able to afford to celebrate a "special day" like a birthday!

Thank you!

We put the following in each birthday cake bag:

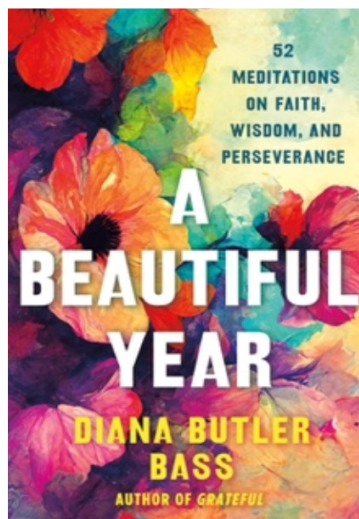
- a. Cake Mix
- b. Icing
- c. 12 oz can of Sprite
- d. Candles
- e. Aluminum Pan
- f. Birthday Card
- g. Instructions
- h. Slifers Brochure

Thank you for your continued support!!

November Strides Deadline

Please submit any info for the October Strides to the office by Tuesday, October 27th

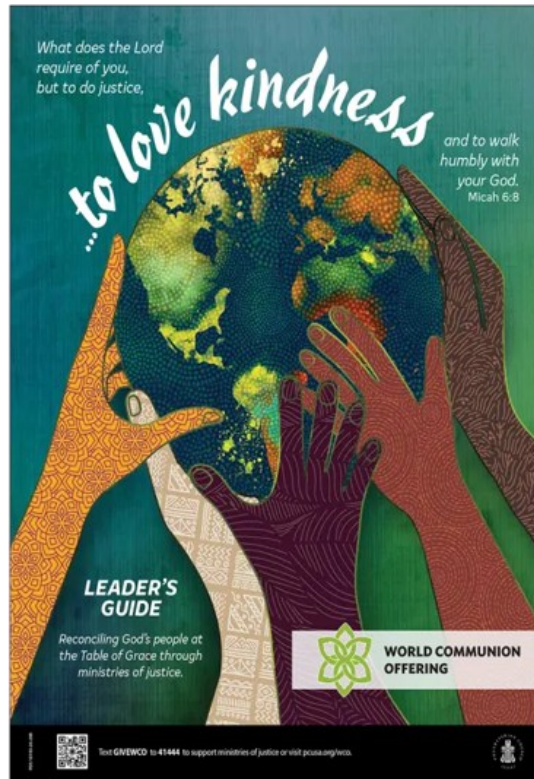
WEDNESDAY BOOK CLUB
meets at 12 noon on Wednesdays



A Beautiful Year:
52 Meditations
on Faith,
Wisdom, and
Perseverance
One of America's
most trusted
theologians offers
spiritual
inspiration for
every week of
the year

A Beautiful Year: 52 Meditations on Faith, Wisdom, and Perseverance by Diana Butler Bass offers an essay for every week in the seasons of the Christian year: From Advent and Christmas to Lent and Easter through the entire calendar. Other than its major holidays, many people are not familiar with the rhythms of the church year, an ancient spiritual cycle of time. Yet all religions have such calendars -- and they shape our understanding of faith. In the West, we live in tension with the secular calendar (mostly an inheritance from the Roman Empire) and the Christian liturgical calendar, a cycle of sacred stories that compose a larger narrative of love, hospitality, mercy, justice, and gratitude. Bass reclaims and presents fresh perspectives for every biblical text in the church year; from musing on *A Wrinkle in Time* in Advent, to remembering her father's old-fashioned blue Christmas decorations, and offering a revolutionary reading of the Last Supper. With fresh insights on familiar stories, these essays surprise and inspire, challenge and comfort, and will be savored year after year.

Intentional Faith Development



World Communion Sunday October 4th, 2026

All of God's people gather around the Table to celebrate the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Part of the atonement that happens around this Table is reconciliation, which is the focus of the World Communion Offering. Experience the grace that comes from reconciling all peoples from all nations around the corner and around the globe through the ministry of this offering.

The World Communion Offering works to ensure all God's people flourish as God intends through ministries working for racial justice, gender justice, peacemaking, global witness, and ecumenical and interfaith relations.

Thanks you for your participation in the
World Communion Offering
on Sunday, October 4th, 2026



Introduction Of "Out of the Door Blessings"

Dear Church Family ~ We are launching a new initiative called "Out the Door Blessings" in October. Our hope is that we will send everyone out into the world not only with a blessing, but with a reminder that *they can be a blessing too*.

Friends, as we move into the fall, let us offer to one another words of encouragement, symbols of care, and opportunities to share love in action. You are encouraged to pray these blessings over each other; they are not just for parents to pray over the children; and if you live alone pray them over yourself as you walk out your door.

There is power in the mutuality of the blessing! These blessings will go out each Monday morning via email. The "Out the Door Blessings" will also be placed in the Sunday worship bulletin as well for those who do not have email. If you have an email and are not getting them, please let me know. I will get you added to the email list.

I do hope this new practice will be a blessing to each one of you! ~ Pastor Kazy

The first Blessing was sent on
Monday, September 28th was this:

We send you with love,
We send you with hope,
We send you with peace,
You are a blessing and we love you!



Clerk of Session

Janice Kronour

Administration Commission

Amy Cline (Chair 2026)

Carolyn Leatherman (2026)

Personnel Committee

Amy Cline (Chair 2026)

Carolyn Leatherman (2026)

Budget & Finance Committee

Greg Shell (Treasurer) (Chair 2027)

Paul Leatherman (2026)

Carolyn Leatherman (2026)

Jason Shell (Financial Secretary)

Property Committee

Greg Shell (Chair 2027)

Chris Bland (member-at-large)

James Glenn (member-at-large)

Karl Kaylor (member-at-large)

Omer Keener (member-at-large)

Brett Ney (member-at-large)

Jason Shell (member-at-large)

John Shell (member-at-large)

Nominating Committee (

Amy Cline—Session-Chairperson
(2026)

William Longman Congregation

Greg Shell (Session)

P.W. Sandy Dunwoody

Christian Education Commission

Linda Suttman (Chair 2026)

Barb Leis (member-at-large)

William Longman (member-at-large)

Member Care & Outreach Commissions

Lisa Kasperski (Chair 2027))

Janice Kronour (2027)

Greg Shell (2027)

Cinda Shell (member-at-large)

Worship & Music Commission and Technology

Amy Cline (Chair 2026)

Sandy Dunwoody (member-at-large)

Marcia Glenn (member-at-large)

Betty Penney (member-at-large)

Cinda Shell (member-at-large)

Sara Keener (Music)

Technology /PR

Holly Michael (Chair 2026)

Jason Shell (member-at-large)

Craig Gray (member-at-large)

Brett Ney (member-at-large)

Memorial Committee (3 yr. term)

Greg Shell (Treasurer)

Barb Leis (2026)

Eunice Hunter (2026)

Omer Keener (2027)

Andrew O'Diam (2027)

William Longman (2028)

Randy Leis (2028)

Trustee

Paul Leatherman (2026)

Janice Kronour (2027)

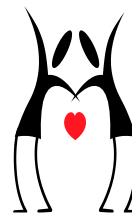
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Our Statement of Mission

*“Prepare God’s Children to Love
and Accept Everyone with
Open Arms”*

Adopted 2025





OCTOBER 2026

Slifers Presbyterian Church

Farmersville, OH



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Adult Choir Rehearsal Begins 6:00 pm	2	3 Cards for Christ 6pm—9 pm At Greg & Cinda's Home Marcia on VAC
4 9 am /Adult/Children Sunday School Worship 10 am Communion Virtual Worship 10:15 Marcia on VAC —————>	5 —————	6 WINGS 3 pm —————>	7 —————>	8 Adult Choir Rehearsal 6:00 pm —————>	9 —————>	10 —————>
11 9 am Adult/ Children Sunday School Worship 10 am Virtual Worship 10:15 After Worship	13 Marcia back From vac	13	14	15 Adult Choir Rehearsal 6:00 pm	16	
18 /Children Sunday School Muffins With Minister Worship 10 am Virtual Worship 10:15 Session Meeting	19	20 Ladies Circle MEETS 10 AM	21	22 Adult Choir Rehearsal 6:00 pm	23	24
25 9 am Adult/Children Sunday School Worship 10 am Virtual Worship 10:15 Youth Group Here 6—7:30 pm w/Dinner	26	27 Strides Info Due to Office	28	29 Adult Choir Rehearsal 6:00 pm	30	31 Trunk or Treat At Slifers Parking Lot 5:00—5:45 pm



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WINGS INVESTMENT CLUB

You've seen the WINGS scheduled dates and times listed in our Slifers Bulletin and Strides, and maybe wondered what that is all about. As you can see in the title, we are an investment club.

WINGS stands for "Women Investing Now for Greater Security." This year we are celebrating 30 years since the club's start. There are 6 current members: Rita Bailey, Amy Cline, Kazy Hinds, Sara Keener, Janice Kronour, and Barb Leis.

We've spent our 30 years learning and investing in the Stock Market. We celebrated by dining out (on the club's dime!) at Texas Roadhouse in Richmond, IN. Yes, we own stock in Texas Roadhouse and have celebrated over the years at the one located in Richmond.

Would you like to know more about investing in the stock market? Learn about companies and their prospects for the future? Build a nice nest egg for retirement? Ask any of our current members and come sit in on one of our meetings to see what it is all about – held the first Tuesday of each month at 3 pm at Slifers Church. And we're always looking for new members. We love to teach and help new people get on board!



Wiener Roast on Sunday, September 27th

We roasted wieners and Smore's over the camp fire at the wiener roast. Lots of good food, fun and laughter. 13 members of Slifers attended.

What a perfect day.
Hope you can come next year and enjoy the good time!





SLIFERS ANNUAL CAR SHOW

Was held on Saturday, September 19th.

There were 13 cars entered.

Trophies were awarded and some lucky entrants received door prizes.

Between the entry fees and concessions sold, we received \$360.

Both CAMP and the New Lebanon Food Bank were given \$80 each from these proceeds. Fun was had by all!



**YOUTH GROUP OUTING
AT TOM'S MAZE
ON September 20th**

**Looks like fun was had!
Jordan Shell is in this
picture.**



**Twisted Pretzel Bike Race on
Saturday, Sept. 26th**

**The weather was perfect
and the 60+ riders
on the course
were appreciative of
our hospitality.**

