

About First Fridays @ First Methodist

All of our concerts are free and open to the public. We are handicapped accessible with easy and convenient parking.

We periodically have local artists displayed in our art space with new installations opening at the First Friday Noontime Concert. Check each month for great local talent.

We welcome you to bring a sack lunch to enjoy during the concert.

The Middletown Community Foundation, the Miriam Knoll Foundation, the Barnitz Fund, and the congregation of the First United Methodist church have all been instrumental in the success of this concert series, now in its 18th year of bringing music to our community!



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Fascinating Music.
Fabulous Art.
Fun for Lunch.



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OCTOBER 4 COLLIN RICHARDSON

Organist Collin Richardson will show off the “King of Instruments” as he performs on our 32-rank Reuter Pipe Organ.



If things go as planned, Collin will also be bringing special guests as part of his programming. Come and see for yourself!

NOVEMBER 1 JIMMY LEACH TRIO

Trumpeter and vocalist Jimmy Leach brings his classy little trio to our First Friday stage with everything from Louie

Armstrong’s “Wonderful World”, to Gershwin, Cole Porter, Brubeck, Gillespie, and more! Exquisite piano and drums round out the band. We can’t wait to share this group with you!

DECEMBER 6 CHRISTMAS HARPS

It’s officially a tradition here and we couldn’t be happier! Capture a moment of peaceful reflection to prepare yourself for all those holiday events by listening to heavenly harps! Make this your official start to the Christmas Season.



2024 Schedule of Musicians

JANUARY 5 JIMMY ROGERS

It's as traditional as greens and black-eyed peas to have this local favorite kicking off our New Year! Welcome the new season with Jimmy and his high-energy combination of honky-tonk classics and originals.



FEBRUARY 2 CLASSICAL and SPANISH GUITAR

Considered one of the best classical guitarists in the tri-state area. XXXXX will transport you to a world of calmness and peace. XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX



MARCH 1 CHAD "The Crooner" BROWN



In our 2023 season, from the very first song, we knew that The Crooner was going to be a favorite of First Friday audiences!

Come be swept away by the ultra cool tunes of Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, Englebert Humperdink, as well as Neil Diamond and Barry Manilow hits.

APRIL 5 RANDELL MCGEE

You may recognize him as a member of last year's Cincinnati Opera concert at First Fridays, but this month, Randell will bring his rich baritone voice and a wealth of beautiful music from his wide range of repertoire—spirituals, showtunes, and more!.



MAY 3 APPLACHIAN GRASS

Vernon McIntyre and his crew serve up some authentic bluegrass for us this month. The slogan on their website says it all..."bluegrass—it's what we know, it's what we like, it's what we do." This concert is a must-see for all who love this great American music!



JUNE 7 MY BROTHER'S KEEPER



They are BACK! One of our most popular groups in the long history of First Fridays returns! Get ready for some high energy gospel and modern bluegrass as the "Brothers" gear up for another great show!

JULY 5 MILT GOEDDE



Milt can play just about anything and we are hoping he will throw in a few rousing patriotic numbers during his show this month. Maybe even a sing-a-long will break out! A returning favorite from our 2023 Season.

AUGUST 2 EDDE OSBORNE

A chance meeting at 2nd Street Market where Edde was performing reminded us that it's been way too long since we've heard the sweet sounds of Edde's masterful flute and clarinet. Beat the heat and hear some of the coolest sounds of summer!



SEPTEMBER 6 FATHER, SON, and FRIENDS

If you've been to the Ohio Renaissance Festival or Celticfest Ohio, there's a good chance you've heard this classic Celtic Band. With guitar, fiddle, and bagpipes, this band will be sure to put a smile on your face. They've been known to play "Rocky Top" on the pipes, so who knows what will happen? Be sure to come and see!

