

Depart to Serve

Formative Discussions for Adults ...

Rev. Emily Corzine leads a four week study titled "Engage: Mission" during the 10 am hour. It is out of growing disciples that we engage in God's mission by preparing people in the church to be missionaries in their neighborhoods and local communities. The sessions will be in Room D.

Valentine's Day Youth Fudge Sale ...

The Youth will be selling their famous fudge this Sunday and next Sunday in the Parish Hall for Valentine's Day. Check out all the wonderful flavors being offered. This helps support the Youth Mission Trip and the UCC National Youth Event in July.

Gladden Food Pantry Collection ...

First Church will be collecting cereal and soup (cereals of higher nutritional value instead of extremely sugary cereal are preferred). Please put your donations in the designated bins for the pantry. Donations can be made through February 23, then Kris Brant will deliver the collected food to the Gladden Food Pantry on Monday, February 24.

Good Samaritan Cupboard ...

The cupboard of personal care items for Good Samaritan clients is bare. Please consider donating 1 or more of the following: Men or women's body wash, men or women's deodorant, toothpaste – full size tubes (we do not need toothbrushes at this time), shaving cream, feminine hygiene products, and bars of soap. These items can be placed in the designated bin outside the church office. Thank you for your support of this mission.

Keep in Prayer

Ann Richards, mother of Jonathan Miller; Paul Zimmerman, father of Doug Zimmerman; Taco, service dog for Mariner Taft; Kathy Erskine, sister of Melanie Brown; Brenda Childs, friend of Susan Sitler and Tim Ahrens; Pavan Peter; Marti and Rob Rideout; Strick Strickland, nephew of Pat Patterson; Rev. Earl Fritz and Pauline Fritz; Amy Smith, sister of Sarah Lange; Arlene Reynolds; and Andrew MacGregor.

Give ...

At First Church, our financial resources enable us to "Enter to worship, depart to serve." Give now by scanning the QR Code or by placing a check or cash into the offering basket. Sunday's loose offerings and designated checks go to the mission of the day. Today, cash and designated checks go to **Faith in Public Life**, a strategy center for the interfaith community. Faith in Public Life works to change the narrative about the role of faith in policy discourse, has won major progressive policy victories, and empowered new religious leaders to fight for social justice and the common good.



The mission offering to **Star House** on February 2 was \$827.50. Thank you for your generosity.

Business Office Transition Update ...

Our Temporary Financial Assistant, Pam Mantor, is in the office Monday-Friday and is responsible for reconciliations, accounts receivable, accounts payable among other small operation tasks. She is working with Bev Cook, Financial Volunteer; Tom Worley, Financial Volunteer; Budget and Finance Committee; Dennis Secor and Matt Myers, Treasurers; and Rev. Emily Corzine.

If you have questions about your pledge or giving to the church, please direct them to Pam at pmantor@first-church.org. We appreciate your patience and understanding as we go through this important transition. Further questions can be addressed to Rev. Emily Corzine, ecorzine@first-church.org or Administration Commissioner, Andy Bensing, 3abensing@gmail.com.

A note from Budget and Finance ...

Budget and Finance is holding discussion forums. These will be held in the Fanning Room at 10 a.m. today and next Sunday. We need your participation and feedback before Church Council meets Tuesday, February 18. Read the Treasurer's Annual Report (pg 20) of the 2019 Annual Report and bring your questions and concerns to the forum. A link to the Annual Report is available at www.first-church.org/.

This Week at First Church

Sunday, February 9

9 a.m. — Worship (Parish Hall)
10 a.m. — Faith Formation (Classroom D)
11 a.m. — Worship (Sanctuary)
12 noon — Coffee Hour (Parish Hall)
12:30 p.m. — Confirmation (Classroom D)
6 p.m. — Youth Group (Parish Hall)

Monday, February 10

9 a.m. — Good Samaritan (Sanctuary, Fanning Rm & Parlor)
6:30 p.m. — Christian Education Mtg. (Mark Williams' Office)

Tuesday, February 11

7 p.m. — Executive Committee (Parish Family Rm)

Thursday, February 13

7:15 p.m. — First Church Choir Rehearsal (Parish Hall)
7 p.m. — Security Team Mtg. (Parish Family Rm)

Mental Health First Aid Training ...

Limited spaces are still open so please register by tomorrow, February 10, if you would like to attend to the Mental Health First Aid training. It is wonderful training on Mental Health and Care.

This is an all-day training session on February 29 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. in Parish Hall, with lunch provided. Submit the registration form (available in the Church Office) to the Church Office. There is a \$10 suggested donation. Please contact Rev. Emily Corzine at ecorzine@first-church.org for more information. Mental Health First Aid training is sponsored by NAMI-Franklin County, Justice and Mercy and Education Commissions.

Eleventh Annual Pancake Dinner Tickets On Sale ...

First Church Youth will host the Pancake Dinner on Tuesday, February 25 from 5:30-7:00 p.m. in Parish Hall. Purchase tickets after each service or at the door. Tickets are \$7.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children 12 and under. "Pancake Races" will be in the sanctuary at 6:30 p.m.

Get Involved ...

First Church has two Nursery positions open and we are ready to hire. If you are interested or have a referral please contact Mark Williams for more info at mwilliams@first-church.org

Register for this and or other opportunities.

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Name _____

Email _____

Phone _____

Notes _____

CHURCH LEADERSHIP

CHURCH STAFF

Senior Minister **Rev. Dr. Timothy Ahrens**
Associate Minister **Rev. Emily Corzine**
Minister of Music **Kevin Jones**
Christian Education Director **Mark S. Williams**
Office Administrator **Amy Wagner**
Office Assistant **Pat Patterson**
Building and Grounds Superintendent **Mark Dahnke**
Building and Grounds Assistant **Darrell Cross**
Wedding Coordinators **Amy Wagner, Janet Newcity, Shelly Gies**
Nursery Staff **Miranda Brooks, Norma Secor**

DIACONATE

Senior Deacon **Jim Velo**
Deacons **Greg Halbe, Marty Worth, James Lowe, Scott Graham, Antoinette Koolemans-Beynen, Carol Ernst-King, Sarah Giffen, Mark Sholl, Andrew Smith-Verhage, Al Waddell, Shelly Gies, Lanier Holt, Dayna McCrary, Allison Lowery Palmer**

TRUSTEES AND COUNCIL LEADERSHIP

Chairperson **Chris Farquhar**
Trustees **Lisa Morris, Keith White, Carrie Wise, Gerry Worth, Sue Cook, Jim Kyle, Elaine Warren**
Moderator **Lynn Wallich**
Treasurer **Dennis Secor**
Secretary **Nicole Moss**

First Church Choir Pasta Supper and Silent Auction ...

Looking for a fun way to spend a Sunday evening with friends and family? Come to First Church Choir's Pasta Dinner and Silent Auction Sunday, March 1 following the Congregational Concert. This is a fundraiser to support the Choir's pilgrimage to Winchester Cathedral in the summer of 2022. The ticket price of \$20 per person includes an Italian meal and beverage, with homemade desserts. Tickets must be purchased in advance and are available from any choir member or the church office.

Look for more information to come on this fun, entertaining evening.