

# Depart to Serve

## Formative Discussions for Adults ...

The Rev. Dr. Nancy Livingston leads today's study titled "Engage: Mission" during the 10 a.m. 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. Rev. Emily Corzine will finish the series next Sunday. The sessions will be in Room D.

## Valentine's Day Youth Fudge Sale ...

The Youth will be selling their famous fudge this Sunday in the Parish Hall for Valentine's Day. The purchase of fudge 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.

## House and Grounds Work Day ...

House and Grounds is holding a Work Day on February 22 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. There is a list of projects needing work on posted on the bulletin boards. Please join us for a morning of work and fellowship. For more information please contact Victor John at 614-537-6701.

### *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; and those who mourn the loss of loved ones, including Ron Jenkins, on the death of his sister-in-law Joan Jenkins; and Jonathan Chandler, on the death of his partner Ben Wiant.

## 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 **BREAD**.



The mission offering to **Faith in Public Life** on February 9 was \$875.50. Thank you for your generosity.

## Choral Evensong ...

Attend the Choral Evensong this afternoon at 4 p.m. in the Sanctuary. The choir will sing music by Bernard Rose and Leo Sowerby. Tyler Robertson is our guest organist and the Rev. Dr. Nancy Livingston will officiate.

## A note from Budget and Finance ...

Budget and Finance is holding discussion forums during February. These will be held in the Fanning Room at 10 a.m. each Sunday. Your participation and feedback is requested. Please 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/](http://www.first-church.org/).

## UCC Coffee Project ...

Church coffee has been paid for by Sacred Earth, Church Vitality and Church Growth. Sacred Earth sells Equal Exchange coffee during the coffee hour and we need to increase the cost of that coffee from \$8.50 to \$9.00/bag. This new rate will go into effect March 1. Tea and cocoa prices will not be increased.

Additionally, baskets for donations will be placed out during the coffee hour for those who would like to contribute to the cost of the church coffee. Any offering will be appreciated.

## This Week at First Church

### Sunday, February 16

9 a.m. — Worship (Parish Hall)  
10 a.m. — Faith Formation (Classroom D); Budget and Finance Forum (Fanning Rm)  
11 a.m. — Worship (Sanctuary)  
12 noon — Coffee Hour (Parish Hall)  
12:30 p.m. — Confirmation (Noor Islamic Cultural Center)  
4 p.m. — Choral Evensong (Sanctuary)  
6 p.m. — Youth Group (Parish Hall)

### Monday, February 17

6 p.m. — Budget and Finance Mtg. (Fanning Rm)

### Tuesday, February 18

5:45 p.m. — Personnel Committee (Fanning Rm)  
7 p.m. — Church Council (Fanning Rm)

### Wednesday, February 19

10:30 a.m. — Book Study (Parlor)  
1 p.m. — First Church Quilters (Parish Family Rm)  
2 p.m. — Gladden Stone Mtg. (Fanning Rm)

### Thursday, February 20

7:15 p.m. — First Church Choir Rehearsal (Parish Hall)

### Saturday, February 22

9 a.m. — Faith Mission Lunch Prep & Serve Team (Main Kitchen)  
9 a.m. — House and Grounds Work Day (Assemble in Fanning Rm)

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## Save the Dates ...

Sunday, February 23 — “Faithful Footprints” Home Energy Workshop  
Tuesday, February 25 — Pancake Dinner / Laundry Love  
Wednesday, February 26 — Ash Wednesday Services  
Saturday, February 29 — NAMI Mental Health Training  
Sunday, March 1 — Congregational Concert / Pasta Dinner  
Tuesday, May 12 — **BREAD NEHEMIAH ACTION**

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## 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.

## Lenten Season Begins ...

You are invited to join a Lenten Small Group. This year’s theme is “Christianity 101”. Groups will begin meeting the week of March 8. If you are interested in participating or would like to host or lead a group in your neighborhood, please email Amy Wagner at [awagner@first-church.org](mailto:awagner@first-church.org).

## Church Leadership

### Church Staff

Senior Minister **Rev. Dr. Timothy Ahrens, D. Min.**  
Associate Minister **Rev. Emily Corzine, M. Div.**  
Minister of Music **Kevin Jones, M. M.**  
Christian Education Director **Mark S. Williams, M. Ed.**  
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, Margaret Cipriani, Katie Wagner**  
Nursery Staff **Miranda Brooks, Norma Secor**

### Diaconate

Senior Deacon **Jim Velo**  
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### Trustees and Council Leadership

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Treasurer **Dennis Secor**  
Secretary **Jim Griffin**

*Dear First Church,*

*Thank you for your support, hugs, words of praise, beautiful flowers and gifts celebrating my retirement. You have all been there through the years.*

*May you all bask in the light of God’s love and grow as a community church...magnificent music that awakens your soul, equality for those who cannot speak and missions that help our neighbors.*

*Joy to you, Sharon (Spark)*

## First Church Choir Pasta Supper and Silent Auction ...

Attend First Church Choir’s Pasta Dinner and Silent Auction Sunday, March 1 following the Congregational Concert. This fundraiser supports the Choir’s pilgrimage to Winchester Cathedral, summer of 2022. Ticket price is \$20 per person. 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.

## Get Involved ...

Laundry Love will be Tuesday, February 26. Please email Amy Wagner at [awagner@first-church.org](mailto:awagner@first-church.org) if you are available to help.