



FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

## Depart to Serve

OCTOBER 7, 2018

**AWAKE TO WHAT GOD IS DOING** Our 2019 stewardship campaign is underway, and if you haven't already, very soon you will be contacted by a member of the stewardship team about making a pledge to the church. When you're contacted, please pause for a moment and reflect on what brought you to First Church. We hope you will give thanks for the many ways this church blesses and enriches your life. We ask that you respond when you're contacted by making a generous pledge to help us continue the many ministries and programs that make First Church such a special place. If you have questions about your pledge, please reach out to Sharon Leidheiser at 614-228-1741 ext. 11. Thank you for your generosity and support!

**CHORAL EVENSONG: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21 AT 4 P.M.** The First Church Choir will sing the Responses by Richard Ayleward, and music by Herbert Howells including the Collegium Regale Magnificat and Nunc dimittis and his anthem Behold, O God, our defender.

**BOO-AT-THE-ZOO: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21** The children, middle and high school youth groups and parents will be attending the Boo-at-the Zoo event at the Columbus Zoo. This is a church-wide event for all families! Details of the time of departure and tickets will be posted throughout the church and on the Youth and First Church Facebook pages or contact Mark S. Williams ([mwilliams@first-church.org](mailto:mwilliams@first-church.org)).

**SOCIAL JUSTICE PARK DEDICATION: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2018 AT 2 P.M.** As the first social justice park in the nation, this new urban park honors the vision of Robert "Tad" Jeffrey II and recognizes the legacy of the close ties between the Jeffrey family and Washington Gladden. To learn more, see [www.socialjusticepark.org](http://www.socialjusticepark.org). Watch for opportunities to sign up to volunteer.

**OCTOBER IS FAIR TRADE MONTH** Our Sacred Earth Committee reminds you to stop by Fellowship Hour and buy your favorite Fair Trade coffee, tea, chocolate and cocoa. Support Fair Trade this month and throughout the year and put people and the planet first. Coffee is \$8. Tea is \$4. Cocoa \$6. Chocolate bars are \$4.75.

**ANNUAL CABARET/SPAGHETTI DINNER IS NOVEMBER 4** If you never attended...you are missing a great and fun event! The First Church adults and youth will take the stage on Sunday, November 4 at 6 p.m. in the Parish Hall. There will be amazing acts to entertain every age, and lots of food and fun. Proceeds from the night will benefit the Youth Ministries 2019 summer mission trip to New York City. The event includes a full Spaghetti dinner, salad, garlic bread and drink. ***Tickets are limited and will not be available at the door.*** Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$7 for children. Please see any First Church middle or high school youth to purchase your tickets.

**DONATE A BASKET FOR THE CHURCH-WIDE CABARET/SPAGHETTI DINNER** The youth will be auctioning themed baskets at the Cabaret. Here are some ideas; an Italian Dinner Basket, OSU Basket, Gardening Basket, Blue Jacket Basket, Chocolate Lover's Basket, Kitchen Tools Basket, Children's Summer Fun Basket, Music Lovers Basket, Family Emergency Weather Basket, Crew Basket, Children's Books Basket, Snack-Attack Basket and Cookout Basket. Be creative and join the fun by donating a basket (with a value around \$50 or more). We will display all the baskets during Fellowship Hour on November 4. Please contact Mark Williams ([mwilliams@first-church.org](mailto:mwilliams@first-church.org)) if you choose a theme and are willing to donate.

**FIRST CHURCH IS HIRING!** First Church seeks a church Custodian/Sexton, especially weekend morning coverage. This person is responsible for building openings, welcoming and directing guests to appropriate spaces, room set up and redesign, and Hospitality Ministry support. This position is part-time/hourly. For more information please contact Rev. Emily Corzine at [ecorzine@first-church.org](mailto:ecorzine@first-church.org) or 614-228-1741 ext. 21.

**COLLEGE CONNECTION** Do you have a college or graduate student in your family? We are compiling current addresses through Friday,. Please send up-to-date information to Rev. Emily Corzine at [ecorzine@first-church.org](mailto:ecorzine@first-church.org) by November 2.

**COMMUNITY CHOIR FOR LIBRARY OPENING** You are invited to join a Community Choir on Wednesday, October 17 to celebrate the opening of the MLK Library on Long Street. Please contact Diane Peters at [surrenderedmusic@gmail.com](mailto:surrenderedmusic@gmail.com) for specifics on rehearsals and music.

### JOYS AND CONCERNS

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Milkah Shikonyi and Jeffrey Bauer who were married here yesterday.

**MEMBERS** Barbara Knox; Celeste Feather; Mary Kay Beall Carter; John Carter; Wayne Redenbarger; Andrew MacGregor; Lindy Miller; and Carl Miller; and those who mourn the loss of loved ones, including Pam Kallner and Russ Kelm, on the death of Pam's sister, Mary Ann.

**FRIENDS AND FAMILY** Rev. John Cantrell; Rev. Sue Bertollette; Lorraine Dodds, mother of Shannon Washington; Nicholas Austin; Gene Dahnke, father of Mark Dahnke; Mike Hamlin, father of Amy Brooks; Marjorie Kufel, mother of Sharon Leidheiser; June Claire Gahris, mother of Pattie Amy and grandmother of Sarah Amy Kruk; Don Mead, father of Cindy Deliman; Cindy Catlett, sister of Bill Lange; Chris Collaros; Ben Wiant; Joyce Marcum, sister of Betty Conn; and Brooke Chute, cousin of Amy Wagner; and those who mourn the loss of loved ones, including the Rev. Patricia Battle, on the death of her father, Morris Holland. We offer prayers for Kevin Jones, Minister of Music, who is on sabbatical through November 6.

**THROUGHOUT THE WORLD** We pray for all who are affected by extreme weather conditions throughout the world, including those affected by the earthquake and tsunami in central Indonesia. We pray for the continued unrest in Syria and in Israel/Palestine. We pray for those battling brain diseases. We pray for children and families around the world who do not have access to clean drinking water. We pray for peace in the places of conflict.

**IN GOD'S HANDS: THE ECUMENICAL PRAYER CYCLE** This week we pray with and for the people and churches of Costa Rica, El Salvador, Nicaragua and Panama.

**MISSIONARIES** This week we pray for Jerri Handy serving in Mexico.

Need Prayer? If you have any prayer requests or joys to share, please contact Amy Wagner, Office Manager, at [awagner@first-church.org](mailto:awagner@first-church.org) or 614-228-1741, ext. 10 or the ministers: [ecorzine@first-church.org](mailto:ecorzine@first-church.org) or 614-228-1741, ext. 21, or [tahrens@first-church.org](mailto:tahrens@first-church.org) or 614-228-1741, ext. 13.

## THIS WEEK AT FIRST CHURCH

### Sunday, October 7

9 a.m. – Worship : Morning Prayer and Holy Communion  
– Parish Hall

9 a.m. – Exultate/Jubilate Choirs – Choir and Music  
Activities Rooms

10 a.m. – First Church Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room

10 a.m. – Faith Formation Time – Education Wing  
Room D and Fanning Room

11 a.m. – Worship – Sanctuary

Noon – Fellowship Hour – Parish Hall

12:30 p.m. – Confirmation – Education Wing Room D

6 p.m. – Middle and High School Youth Groups – Parish Hall

### Monday, October 8

9 a.m. – Good Samaritan Day – Sanctuary, Ralph Fanning Room

6:30 p.m. – Christian Education Meeting – Mark Williams’ Office

7 p.m. – Trustees – Ralph Fanning Room

### Tuesday, October 9

2 p.m. – Worship Planning – Children’s Library

7 p.m. – Executive Committee – Nursery

7 p.m. – Hymnal Supplement Committee – Choir Room

### Wednesday, October 10

9:30 a.m. – Staff Meeting – Children’s Library

### Thursday, October 11

7 p.m. – Security Team – Ralph Fanning Room

7:15 p.m. – First Church Choir Rehearsal – Parish Hall

### Saturday, October 13

8:30 a.m. – House and Grounds – Ralph Fanning Room

10 a.m. – First Church Quilters – Parish Family Room

### Sunday, October 14

9 a.m. – Worship : Morning Prayer and Holy Communion – Parish Hall

9 a.m. – Exultate/Jubilate Choirs – Choir and Music Activities Rooms

10 a.m. – First Church Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room

10 a.m. – Faith Formation Time – Education Wing Room D and  
Fanning Room

11 a.m. – Worship – Sanctuary

Noon – Fellowship Hour – Parish Hall

12:30 p.m. – ONA Meeting – Parish Family Room

**ABOUT YOUR OFFERING TODAY** All our offerings support the Ministry of First Church through its programs, outreach and related groups as, together, we witness to God’s love. Thank you for your gifts.

- **Offertory envelopes** are provided in the pews.
- **Submitting a pledge?** Please use an envelope found in the pew, marking the “Pledge” box.
- **Church Support:** Checking this box directs your gift to general ministry support.
- **Mission:** Please specify today’s mission so your gift is distributed correctly.
- **Online Giving:** Go to our web site [www.first-church.org](http://www.first-church.org) click on **Give** or <http://www.first-church.org/give.aspx> and then click or copy the link into your browser to set up an account and pay with your credit card or through your checking or savings account.



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- **Other Gifts:** Please designate your intention: *Memorials, flowers, fund raising projects, music, education, Building Endowment, House and Grounds Special Projects, etc.*



**OFFERING TOTAL FOR LAST WEEK’S MISSION**  
September 30 – \$1,285.35 – Church World Service  
Hurricane Relief

**NEXT WEEK’S MISSION OFFERING** – Laundry Love

**MEMBER BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK** Today – Carmen Axt, Amy Brown, Lisa Fravel-Dean; 8 – John Carter, Bert Cook; 9 – Dawn George, Pam Welsh-Huggins; 10 – Bill Wells; 11 – Mae Hubbard, Ethan Murray, 12 – Mary Day Fewlass, Al Glover, Barb Poppe, Hugh Schultz

**MEMBER ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK** Today – Kathryn Bamberger and Steve Brandehoff, Lauren and Chris Glaros, Valerie Conlin-Losinski and Dave Losinski; 9 – Carie and Dave Ghose; 10 – Lisa Fravel-Dean and McAshan Dean; 11 – Schlelia and Rebalta Gray, Jan and Richard Kevan, Cori and Ben Rowley; 12 – Melissa and Keith Kulwicki, Ed and Nate Solis



**October 21: Columbus Marathon** – please plan your route to church accordingly!

**November 11 at 4 p.m.: Ohio Capital Winds Concert** – Tribute to World War II Veterans

## CHURCH STAFF

Senior Minister	Timothy C. Ahrens, D. Min.
Associate Minister	Emily Krause Corzine, M. Div.
Minister of Music	Kevin Jones, M. M. (on sabbatical August 5-November 5)
Sabbatical Replacement Minister of Music	Robbe Delcamp, DMus.
Director of Christian Education	Mark S. Williams, M. Ed.
Commissioned Minister for Social Justice	Tom Brownfield
Commissioned Minister for Spiritual Formation and Direction	Jacquelyn Dean
Organist/Choirmaster Emeritus	G. Dene Barnard
Jubilate Choir Director	Sandra Mathias, Ph.D.
Business Manager	Sharon Leidheiser
Program Manager	Martha Worth
Office Manager	Amy Wagner
Building & Grounds Superintendent	Mark Dahnke
Custodians	Ross McNarry, Jimmy Sibrian
Wedding Coordinators	Janet Axt, Margaret Cipriani, Diana Chandler, Amy Wagner, Katie Wagner
Nursery Staff	Simone Ellerson, Natalie Barker, Taylre Arnold, Miranda Brooks

## DIACONATE

Senior Deacon	Janet Newcity
Deacons	Anthony Brown, Valerie Conlin-Losinski, Bert Cook, Martha Fulleman, Shelly Gies, Todd Jacobson, Dayna McCrary, Karen Mozingo, David Nassau, Cori Page, Allison Lowery Palmer, Jorge Polo, Alex Rodriguez, James Velo

## CHURCH COUNCIL

Moderator	Joe Baszynski
Moderator-Elect	Lynn Wallich
Treasurer	Joe Hoffman
Assistant Treasurer	Matt Myers
Secretary	Nancy Loy
Assistant Secretary	Jim Griffin

## COMMISSIONERS

Administration	Chris Glaros, Elect - Greg Kellison
Church Growth/Vitality	Tom Kiesel and Mary Anne Jacobson, co-chairs; Elect - Maria Brown and Lisa Fravel-Dean
Education	Chris Gelpi, Elect - Jennifer Provenzano
House & Grounds	Gary Leidheiser, Elect - Mark Brown
Justice & Mercy	Dawn George, Elect - Nicole Moss
Music, Arts, & Heritage	Joel Mathias, Elect - Drew Wade
Nominating Chair	Kent Shimeall
Member-at-large	Pavan Peter
Youth-at-large	Miriam Myers
Deacon Council Representative	Todd Jacobson

## TRUSTEES

Chairperson	Chris Farquhar
Treasurer	Cindy Conn
Trustees	Brian Cave, Tom Hadley, John Martin, Sheldon Taft, Elaine Warren, Keith White, Gerry Worth

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**NEW MEMBERS CLASS – MONDAY, OCTOBER 22 7-9 P.M.**



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**FIRST CHURCH SUPPER CLUB KICK-OFF MEETING**

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 6:30-8 P.M. IN PARISH HALL**

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#### **Building Exterior Restoration – Phase 1**

The windows will be returning for re-installation during the remainder of the month of October. Other miscellaneous repairs will also be completed. The entrance into the building during the week will continue to be through the Education Wing North Door. Please avoid work areas.

#### **Creative Campus Improvements**

Cleveland Avenue has been returned to two-way traffic flow. Gay Street is open to the Art Museum entrance but has not been connected to Ninth Street either north or south bound. Access to church parking lots continues as before. Ninth Street continues to be two-way traffic flow for several more weeks. Work on Ninth Street will begin at the end of October; at that time, Ninth Street will be closed. More information to follow.

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