

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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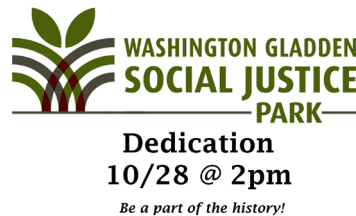
OCTOBER 14, 2018



Can you: Greet guests? Direct someone to the restroom? Help guests find parking? Set up for Fellowship Hour? Set up chairs? Replenish refreshments? Clean up? There are a variety of volunteer opportunities associated with the park dedication.

Please say

“Yes!” and respond to upcoming emails and phone calls asking for your commitment to help welcome everyone to the dedication on Sunday, October 28 at 2 p.m.



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).



DOCUMENTARY AND DISCUSSION ABOUT “13TH”:
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23 FROM 6:30-8:45P.M.

Christian Education and Justice and Mercy will host the documentary “13th” by Ava DuVernay, an in-depth look at the prison system in the United States and how it reveals the nation's history of racial inequality. Come and watch, discuss and connect about this critical issue of our time. Bring friends and engage over conversation after the showing of “13th”. Light refreshments provided. Direct questions to Ecorzine@first-church.org.

TREATS AND HELPERS NEEDED FOR GLADDEN HALLOWEEN PARTY

on Wednesday, October 31 from 3 - 5:30 p.m. at Gladden Community House, 183 Hawkes Avenue, Columbus, Ohio. Six to ten helpers are needed to assist the little ones with the cornhole games. To join the fun contact Dawn George at 614-338-0507. Please leave individually wrapped treats at the Education Wing door or in the church office by October 31.

ANNUAL CABARET/SPAGHETTI DINNER IS NOVEMBER 4 The First Church adults and youth will take the stage on Sunday, November 4 at 6 p.m. in the Parish Hall. 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) if you choose a theme and are willing to donate.

OCTOBER IS FAIR TRADE MONTH Our Sacred Earth Committee reminds you to stop by Fellowship Hour and 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.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

THANK YOU to Janet Axt, who is finishing her time serving First Church's wedding ministry as a wedding coordinator on October 20. We are grateful for your leadership, Janet!

MEMBERS Deb Kelly; Barbara Knox; Andrew MacGregor; Lindy Miller; and Carl Miller; and those who mourn the loss of loved ones, including Gary and Paul Leidheiser, on the death of their cousin, Jim Fletcher; and Pam Kallner and Russ Kelm, on the death of Pam's sister, Mary Ann.

FRIENDS AND FAMILY Rev. John Cantrell; Rev. Sue Bertolette; 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 Tim Carsey, on the death of his grandmother. 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 Hurricane Michael. 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 Belize, Guatemala, Honduras, and Mexico.

MISSIONARIES This week we pray for Jeffrey Mensendiek serving in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

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

THIS WEEK AT FIRST CHURCH

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

Noon – Refugee Resettlement Meeting – Ralph Fanning Room

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

Monday, October 15

6 p.m. – Budget and Finance – Ralph Fanning Room

7 p.m. – Personnel – Parish Family Room

Tuesday, October 16

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

7 p.m. – Church Council – Nursery

Wednesday, October 17

11 a.m. – Book Study – Nursery

Thursday, October 18

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

Saturday, October 20

Deadline for Newsletter Articles

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4 p.m. – Boo at the Zoo – Columbus Zoo

4 p.m. – Choral Evensong – Sanctuary

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



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OFFERING TOTAL FOR LAST WEEK’S MISSION

October 7 – \$981.50 – UCC Neighbors in Need

NEXT WEEK’S MISSION OFFERING – Good Samaritan Fund

MEMBER BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK Today – Drew Wade; 15 – Kathleen Ferguson, Arevena Nirote; 16 – Jim Gieseke

MEMBER ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK Today – Pricilla and Dave Mondiek; Jenny and Joe Provenzano; 15 – Margaret and Scott Graham; 18 – Amy and Scott Fulton; Helen Ninos and Mike Underwood



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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