

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

## DEPART TO SERVE

OCTOBER 15, 2017

**FORMATIVE DISCUSSIONS FOR ADULTS: SUNDAY @ 10 A.M.**

***Faith and Life - Room C - "A Study for the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation"*** Join us for a five-week series on the Reformation. The Rev. Dr. Nancy Livingston will lead the sessions.

***Opening the Word - Room D - "Radical Hospitality"*** Join us for a five-week series on the Radical Hospitality. The Rev. Mary Kay Beall Carter will lead the sessions.

**EMBODIED LIFE YOGA SERIES CONTINUES** Tuesdays: October 17, 24 and November 7 and 14 from 5:45 – 6:45 p.m. in Parish Hall. Drop-ins welcome!

**BOO-AT-THE-ZOO** The Children, Middle and High School Youth Groups and parents will be attending the Boo-at-the Zoo event at the Columbus Zoo on **Sunday, October 22**. This is a church-wide event for everyone! Details of the time of departure and tickets will be posted throughout the church and on the Youth and First Church Facebook pages. See Mark S. Williams ([mwilliams@first-church.org](mailto:mwilliams@first-church.org)) for details.

**CHORAL EVENSONG AND REFORMATION CONCERT ON SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29, AT 4 P.M.** For the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation, the First Church Choir will sing music by Herbert Sumsion and Hugo Distler. The Rev. Dr. Nancy Livingston will be the officiant, and the organist will be Tyler Robertson. Immediately following this Anglican expression of the Reformation, the choir and chamber orchestra will present J.S. Bach's Cantata 80, *Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott*.

**Cookie Tins Needed for Mission** Please drop off clean cookie tins to Sharon Leidheiser in the church office for the upcoming Cookie Mission in early December. Any tins are appreciated as we do not want to spend any church money to gather new ones. This mission helps support our shut in and members in need and has been a mission of the church for over 15 years. Please help support this mission by donating your tins. Thank you, Sharon Leidheiser



**FIRST CHURCH TO PRESENT ANNUAL  
CABARET/SPAGHETTI DINNER ON**

**NOVEMBER 5** It's Cabaret time again at First

Church and this year will be a little different! The First Church adults and youth will take the stage on Sunday, November 5, at 6 p.m. in the Parish Hall. There will be amazing acts to entertain every age and a full Spaghetti Dinner which includes baked spaghetti, salad, garlic bread and drink. A vegetarian option will be available. The yearly Dessert Dash and Silent Auction will take place during the event. Proceeds from the night will benefit the Youth Ministries 2018 summer mission trip. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$7 for children. They can be purchased in the office, during Fellowship Hour or from any youth. Each youth will be competing for a \$100 Mission Trip Scholarship based on the number of tickets they sell. ***Tickets are limited and will not be available at the door! Find a youth today and buy a ticket!***

**CABARET PERFORMERS NEEDED** We know we have many talented people in our congregation! Here is your chance to perform at the church-wide Spaghetti Dinner and Cabaret and share your talent with the congregation. Please contact Mark Williams ([mwilliams@first-church.org](mailto:mwilliams@first-church.org)) if you are willing to perform.

**PLAN TO DONATE A BASKET** Please consider donating a themed basket from your committee or family for the church-wide Spaghetti Dinner and 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. We hope that all baskets will have a value around \$50 or more, and we plan to display all the baskets during Fellowship Hour on November 5. Please contact Mark Williams ([mwilliams@first-church.org](mailto:mwilliams@first-church.org)) when you choose a theme.

**TREATS AND HELPERS NEEDED FOR GLADDEN HALLOWEEN PARTY** Please leave individually wrapped treats in the church office for the party. Six to ten persons are needed to assist with games and pass out treats on Tuesday, October 31 from 3-5:30 p.m. at Gladden Community House, 183 Hawkes Avenue, Columbus, Ohio. Costumes are not required, having fun is. Contact Dawn George at 614-338-0507 to volunteer.

**THIRD QUARTER STATEMENTS** will be distributed after 9 and 11 a.m. church services today. Please review your statement and email Sharon Leidheiser @ [Sleidheiser@first-church.org](mailto:Sleidheiser@first-church.org) with any questions. Thank you for your gifts to First Church.

### JOYS AND CONCERNS

**MEMBERS** Kathy Brownfield; Pauline Fritz; Virginia O'Neill, Elaine Warren; Shirley Calhoun; Cathy Calhoun; Bernie Martin; Don Erickson; Ray Pendell; and families and friends who mourn the loss of loved ones.

**FRIENDS AND FAMILY** Alice Anderson, mother of Eddie Anderson and sister of Duan Cannon; Sharon Leidheiser's friend; Susan Lebold; Jay Stoeker; Ensign Elizabeth Lebold, serving as a nurse on board the ship USS Comfort in Puerto Rico; Janet Brown, mother of Mark Brown; Pam Butts, friend of Nancy Burba; Patrick Prendergast, father of Melissa Prendergast; Rachael Holt; Rev. Roger Miller; and families and friends who continue to mourn the loss of loved ones, including the family of Tyler Wesley Hayes.

**THROUGHOUT THE WORLD** We pray for all persons killed or injured by the wildfires in Northern California. We pray for the victims of the shooting in Las Vegas. We pray for the people of Puerto Rico and for the all the aid work that is desperately needed to rebuild and restore the island. We pray for those who continue to recover and rebuild from hurricanes in the past few weeks. We pray for those in Mexico following earthquakes and the recovery efforts. We continue to pray for those affected by famine in South Sudan and around the Horn of Africa.

**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 Bosela Eale, 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](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.

**NURSERY WORKER POSITION AVAILABLE** Due to a nursery staff member moving, a nursery position is available. Please see Mark Williams, [mwilliams@first-church.org](mailto:mwilliams@first-church.org) about the job description and requirements for the position.

## THIS WEEK AT FIRST CHURCH

### Sunday, October 15: Children's Sabbath

9 a.m. – Worship: Morning Prayer and Holy Communion – Parish Hall  
9 a.m. – Exultate Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room  
9 a.m. – Jubilate Choirs – Music Activities Room  
10 a.m. – Faith Formation Time – Education Wing, Rooms C and D  
11 a.m. – Worship – Sanctuary Noon – Fellowship Hour – Parish Hall  
12:30 p.m. – Confirmation Class – Education Wing, Room D  
6 p.m. – Middle and High School Youth Group – Parish Hall

### Monday, October 16

6 p.m. – Music Committee – Parlor  
7 p.m. – Personnel – Parish Family Room

### Tuesday, October 17

11:30 p.m. – Worship Planning – Parish Family Room  
5:45 p.m. – Yoga – Parish Hall  
7 p.m. – Council – Ralph Fanning Room

### Wednesday, October 18

11 a.m. – Book Study – Parlor  
4 p.m. – Building and Office Close

### Thursday, October 19

9:30 a.m. – BREAD Clergy Caucus – Ralph Fanning Room  
7:15 p.m. – First Church Choir Rehearsal – Parish Hall

### Friday, October 20

1 p.m. – Newsletter Deadline

### Sunday, October 22

9 a.m. – Worship: Morning Prayer and Holy Communion – Parish Hall  
9 a.m. – Exultate Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room  
9 a.m. – Jubilate Choir – Music Activities Room  
10 a.m. – First Church Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room  
10 a.m. – Faith Formation Time – Education Wing, Rooms C and D  
11 a.m. – Worship – Sanctuary  
Noon – Fellowship Hour – Parish Hall  
4 p.m. – Boo at the Zoo – Columbus Zoo

COPIES OF TODAY'S SERMON can be found in the office or at the Broad Street entrance to the Sanctuary.

**MEMBER BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK** Today – Kathleen Ferguson, Arevena Nirote; 10/16 – Jim Gieseke; 10/17 – Dene Barnard, Jackie Dean; 10/18 – Gayle Henderson, Carol Rodriguez; 10/19 – Michele Leighton, Morgan McCrary; 10/20 – Matt Emery, Lee Wetmore; 10/21 – Reggie Cannon, Gary Leidheiser

**MEMBER ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK** 10/18 – Amy and Scott Fulton; Helen Ninon and Mike Underwood; 10/21 – Kathy and Tom Brownfield

**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 for members or visitors.
- **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.

#### **easyTithe**

<http://www.easytithe.com/dl/?uid=Firs444421>

#### **PayPal**

<https://www.paypal.com/signup/accountCreate>

- **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**

October 8 – \$2,148.51 – Good Samaritan Fund

#### **NEXT WEEK'S MISSION OFFERING**

Spirituality Network



CHURCH STAFF	
Senior Minister	Timothy C. Ahrens, D. Min.
Associate Minister	Emily Krause Corzine, M. Div.
Minister of Music	Kevin Jones, M. M.
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
Treble Choir Director	Sandra Mathias, Ph.D.
Business Manager	Sharon Leidheiser
Program Manager	Martha Worth
Office Manager	Amy Wagner
Building & Grounds Superintendent	Mark Dahnke
Custodians	William Lee, Jimmy Sibrian
Wedding Coordinators	Janet Axt, Margaret Cipriani, Diana Chandler, Amy Wagner, Katie Wagner
Nursery Staff	Evin Wimberly, Simone Ellerson, Natalie Barker, Tayire Arnold

#### **DIACONATE**

Senior Deacon	Alec Deitz
Deacons	Kris Brant, Anthony Brown, Valerie Conlin-Losinski, Bert Cook, Martha Fullemann, Dean Hafey, Todd Jacobson, Karen Mazingo, David Nassau, Janet Newcity, Jorge Polo, Alejandro Rodriguez, Hugh Schultz

#### **CHURCH COUNCIL**

Moderator	Kent Shimeall
Moderator-Elect	Joe Baszynski
Treasurer	David Holt
Assistant Treasurer	Joe Hoffman
Secretary	Pat Patterson
Assistant Secretary	Nancy Loy

#### **COMMISSIONERS**

Administration	Sue Cook, Elect - Chris Glaros
Church Growth/Vitality	Kent Rambo and Mary Anne Jacobson, co-chairs; Elect - Tom Kiesel and Mary Anne Jacobson
Education	Helen Ninon, Elect - Chris Gelpi
House & Grounds	Eric Klintworth, Elect - Gary Leidheiser
Justice & Mercy	Al Glover, Elect - Dawn George
Music, Arts, & Heritage	Sharon Ferguson, Elect - Joel Mathias
Nominating Chair	Brian Cave
Member-at-large	Neal Brower
Youth-at-large	Joe Spofforth
Deacon Council Representative	Janet Newcity

#### **TRUSTEES**

Chairperson	Lisa Morris
Treasurer	Bill Johannes
Trustees	Chris Farquhar, Francille Firebaugh, Tom Hadley, Bill Heer, Lisa Morris, Sheldon Taft, Keith White, Gerry Worth

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### **Parent/ Children Worship Resources**

A Worship Activity Pack for Parents and Children, crayons and Children's Bulletins are available at each entrance. Included in the pack is a wonderful coloring book, "Be The Church," that teaches wonderful lessons about who we are as a faith community.

Ask an usher/greeter or Deacon for your own copy!

## Harvest Without Violence Events

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Sunday, Oct. 22 and Monday, Oct. 23**

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*Dinner at 5:30 p.m.*

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