

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

DEPART TO SERVE

OCTOBER 16, 2016

CHILDREN'S SABBATH Our congregation will observe Children's Sabbath at both the 9 and 11 a.m. services. During the 11 a.m. service, the Treble Choir will present a musical that they have written and composed titled "The Brothers of Joseph and the Silver Cup."

CHORAL EVENSONGS begin today at 4 p.m. The First Church Choir will sing Preces/Responses by Kevin Jones, canticles by Lee Hoiby, and "Evening Prayer" by Ola Gjeilo with guest saxophonist George Wolfe. The Rev. Nancy Livingston will be the officiant, and the choir will be accompanied by organist Tyler Robertson. The 45-minute service of prayer and meditation is the perfect close to the day. We look forward to seeing you there.

THE CONGREGATIONAL CONCERTS SERIES presents the Wolfe-Helton Duo, saxophonist George Wolfe and pianist James Caton Helton immediately following Evensong at 4 p.m. Modern classical music has been heavily influenced by music from non-European cultures. This multicultural recital presents several pieces that were inspired by music derived from ethnic music traditions. The concert is presented as a benefit for the Columbus Metropolitan Area Church Council.

MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH meet tonight at 6 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

FAIR TRADE COFFEE, TEA AND CHOCOLATE ARE ON SALE TODAY in the Parish Hall after worship. You can purchase packages of ground or whole bean coffee for \$8, tea for \$4, and cocoa for \$6. Fair Trade ensures sustainable labor practices and protects the environment. By choosing Fair Trade, you help small-scale farmers support themselves, their families and the environment. In addition, Equal Exchange contributes to its Faith partners for their efforts to improve the lives of small farmers.

A SACRED LISTENING CIRCLE will be held Saturday October 22 from 1-3 p.m. in the Ralph Fanning Room. Marge Whittenburg will facilitate. If you have any questions, call either Marge at 614-868-3350 or Jackie Dean at 614-868-0485.

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 October 23. This is a church-wide event for all families! We will meet at the Zoo entrance at 4 p.m. We encourage car-pooling for this event. Tickets are at a reduced rate of \$8 per person.

Please go to the address below to sign up.

http://survey.constantcontact.com/survey/a07edadv0apitugkax2/_tmp/questions?continue=Continue+%3E

HARVEST PARTY ON OCTOBER 30! First Church members and friends are invited to come out to Anne and Gerry Hudson's home on the afternoon of October 30 from 3-5 p.m. Everyone can bring a dish to share. Signups will be available by email and in the church office!

GLADDEN COMMUNITY HOUSE HALLOWEEN PARTY Gladden Community House is giving a Halloween party for the children of the neighborhood as a safe alternative to trick or treating. Individually Wrapped treats are sought and may be left in the church office until October 30. If you can assist in the party on Oct. 31, 4 -6 p.m., call Dawn George at 614-338-0507. Thank you from Justice and Mercy.

DONATE A GIFT BASKET! The church-wide Cabaret is November 6 at 6 p.m. The youth will be auctioning themed baskets during the evening event. Please consider donating a themed basket from your committee or family, such as: Italian Dinner Basket, OSU Basket, Gardening Basket, Chocolate Lovers Basket, Kitchen Tools Basket, Children's Summer Fun Basket, Music Lovers Basket, Family Emergency Weather Basket, Children's Books Basket, Snack-Attack Basket and Cookout Basket. We know there are many more great ideas out there for a gift basket – be creative! We hope that all baskets will have a value around \$50. We would like to display all the baskets during Fellowship Hour on November 6. Please contact Mark Williams (mwilliams@first-church.org) if you choose a theme and are willing to donate.

ACOLYTE TRAINING Attention students 4th grade and older interested in becoming an acolyte: There will be an acolyte training session for both new and veteran acolytes on Sunday, October 30 in the Narthex following the 11 a.m. service. For more information, contact Cindy Deliman at ckdeliman@wowway.com.



WOMEN'S RETREAT Saturday, November 5 from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. at Lola Edwards' home, 391 Springs Drive, Columbus, Ohio 43214. Facilitated by Rev. Beth Long-Higgins.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

MEMBERS Wendy Reber, Rev. Emily Corzine, Rev. Bill Nirote, Betsy Zahn, Wally Giffen, Jane Weddle, Madeline Helmer; Sharon Walquist; Grace Glaros; Abby Salak and Melissa Prendergast and their daughter, Ruth Eloise; Bernie Martin; Ray Pendell; and families and friends who continue to mourn the loss of loved ones, including Reggie and Duan Cannon, on the death of Reggie's mother, Essie Cannon; and Larry Dixon, on the death of his mother, Bernice.

FRIENDS AND FAMILY Irene Braverman, mother-in-law of Nancy Braverman; Rev. John Gantt; Lois Beery, friend of Mary Kay Beall Carter; Rev. Bob Tschannen-Moran; Antwan and Nicole Blackwell; Barbara Nicholson; Gidget, family member of Bill Johannes and Barb Clapham; Joe and Marjorie Kufel, parents of Sharon Leidheiser; Frankie Williams, mother of Mark Williams; Jill Ford, friend of Mark Williams; and families and friends who continue to mourn the loss of loved ones.

THROUGHOUT THE WORLD We pray for the people of Haiti and eastern North Carolina and all those affected by Hurricane Matthew. We pray for the ongoing refugee crisis around the world.

IN GOD'S HANDS: THE ECUMENICAL PRAYER CYCLE This week in the Ecumenical Prayer Cycle, we pray with and for the people and churches of Bangladesh, Bhutan and Nepal.

MISSIONARIES This week, we pray for Diana and Tim Fonderlin, serving in Haiti.

NEED PRAYER? If you are in need of prayer and wish someone to pray with you or for you, a minister will be available in the Gladden Chapel following worship this morning. The Chapel is located through the Education Wing Door on the Pulpit side and down the hall on the left.

If you have any prayer requests or joys to share, please contact the church office (awagner@first-church.org or 614-228-1741, ext. 10) or one of 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 16: Children's Sabbath

9 a.m. – Worship: Morning Prayer and Holy Communion – Parish Hall
9 a.m. – Treble Choir – Music Activities Rooms
10 a.m. – Faith Formation Time – Education Wing, Rooms C and D
11 a.m. – Worship – Sanctuary
Noon – Fellowship Hour – Parish Hall
12:30 – Confirmation – Education Wing Room D
4 p.m. – Choral Evensong and Concert – Sanctuary
6 p.m. – Middle and High School Youth Groups – Parish Hall

Monday, October 17

7 p.m. – Personnel – Parish Family Room

Tuesday, October 18

2 p.m. – Worship Planning – Parish Family Room
7 p.m. – Council – Ralph Fanning Room

Wednesday, October 19

11 a.m. – Book Study: *The End of White Christian America* – Parlor
6 p.m. – Meet the Candidates – Parish Hall

Thursday, October 20

1 p.m. – Deadline for Newsletter Articles
6 p.m. – First Church Ringers Rehearsal – Education Wing Room J
7:15 p.m. – First Church Choir Rehearsal – Parish Hall

Saturday, October 22

1 p.m. – Faith Mission Meal Preparation – Kitchen
1 p.m. – Sacred Listening Circle – Ralph Fanning Room

Sunday, October 23

9 a.m. – Worship: Morning Prayer and Holy Communion – Parish Hall
9 a.m. – Teen/Treble Choirs – Choir and Music Activities Rooms
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

MEMBER ANNIVERSARIES 18-Helen Ninos and Mike Underwood; 21-Kathy and Tom Brownfield

MEMBER BIRTHDAYS Today-Jim Gieseke; 17-Dene Barnard, Jackie Dean; 18-Gayle Henderson, Carol Rodriguez; 19-Morgan McCrary; 20-Frank Hussey, Lee Wetmore; 21-Reggie Cannon, Gary Leidheiser; 22-Alan Miller, Carter Rodriguez

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 those envelopes, 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.

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, etc.

We encourage you to carefully review the many opportunities of programs, meetings and ministries this week and in coming weeks here at First Church through today's *Depart to Serve* Leaflet, Facebook page, Twitter, Website or Newsletter.

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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, Amy Wagner, Katie Wagner
Nursery Staff	Evin Wimberly, Simone Ellerson, Natalie Barker, Taylre Arnold

DIACONATE

Senior Deacon	Lynn Wallich
Deacons	Sandy Bennett, Kris Brant, Valerie Conlin-Losinski, Sue Cook, Alec Deitz, Dean Hafey, Anne Hudson, Paul Leidheiser, Mary Lightbody, Dayna McCrary, Janet Newcity, Jorge Polo, Alex Rodriguez, Hugh Schultz

CHURCH COUNCIL

Moderator	Brian Cave
Moderator-Elect	Kent Shimeall
Treasurer	Cindy Conn
Assistant Treasurer	Joe Baszynski
Secretary	Nancy Braverman
Assistant Secretary	Pat Patterson

COMMISSIONERS

Administration	Allison Palmer, Elect - Sue Cook
Church Growth	Matt Myers, Elect - Kent Rambo
Education	Jennifer Okezie-Watts, Elect - Helen Ninos
House & Grounds	Charlie Weaver, Elect - Eric Klintworth
Justice & Mercy	Tracy Ross, Elect - Al Glover
Music, Arts, & Heritage	Al Waddell, Elect - Sharon Ferguson
Church Vitality	Chair and Elect Currently Vacant
Nominating Chair	Elaine Warren
Member-at-large	Mary Kay Beall Carter
Youth-at-large	Eddie Anderson IV
Deacon Council Representative	Alec Deitz

TRUSTEES

Chairperson	Francille Firebaugh
Treasurer	Bill Johannes
Trustees	Patricia Groseck, Bill Heer, Lisa Morris, Sheldon Taft, Charlie Weaver, Keith White, Gerry Worth