

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

DEPART TO SERVE

○CTOBER 1, 2017



GLOBAL CLIMATE CHANGE: THE EVIDENCE, CHALLENGES AND OUR OPTIONS Today at 1 p.m., First Church welcomes **Dr. Ellen Mosley-Thompson**, Director of the Byrd Polar and Climate Research Center and Distinguished University Professor in the Department of Geography at The Ohio State University for a critical discussion on climate change when she presents *Global Climate Change: The Evidence, Challenges and Our Options*. Join us for Fellowship Hour immediately following 11 a.m. worship for a buffet of delicious snacks in Parish Hall. Sacred Earth is sponsoring this lunch, learn and advocate opportunity.

NEXT SUNDAY AT FORMATIVE DISCUSSIONS FOR ADULTS- SUNDAY @ 10 A.M. Faith and Life - Room C – “A Study for the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation” Join us for a five-week series on the Reformation. The Protestant Reformation began 500 years ago. Some of the life-threatening, flabbergasting ideas that exploded out of those years are now a part of the air we breathe. 500 years ago, people died for them. But time turns the revolutionary into the everyday. We take key Reformation claims for granted. We can't even see them, they're just a part of who we are. This study celebrates the United Church of Christ's Reformation heritage by lifting some of the Reformation's central claims. There is beauty here. And ugliness too. Inasmuch as ideas can thrill, these ideas are thrilling. Brace yourself. 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. Christian hospitality is the active desire to invite, welcome, receive, and care for those who are strangers so that they find a spiritual home and discover for themselves the unending richness of life in Christ. Radical describes that which is drastically different from ordinary practice, outside the normal, that which exceeds expectations and goes the second mile. Practicing Radical Hospitality means we present the absolute utmost of ourselves, our creativity, and our abilities to offer the gracious invitation and welcome of Christ to others. The Rev. Mary Kay Beale Carter will lead the sessions.

JOIN US FOR FIRST TUESDAYS – TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3 @ 12:15 P.M. The First Tuesdays series opens on Tuesday, October 3 at 12:15 p.m. with soprano Elizabeth McConnaughey and pianist Kevin Jones presenting a song recital, “There’s Something About Mary.” Music of Bach, Mozart, Purcell and Schubert is featured. Lunch is available in the Parish Hall at approximately 12:45 p.m. for a donation of \$5.

“...I was a stranger and you welcomed me.” Matthew 25:35

As people of faith we strive to welcome the refugee. Come to the Justice and Mercy Meeting on Tuesday, October 3, at 7 p.m. in the Ralph Fanning Room to learn how you can be part of the first steps.

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 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. For more details, see Mark S. Williams (mwilliams@first-church.org).

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. This also helps in funding the Youth Mission Trip for this coming summer in West Franklinton and future mission trips. Please contact Mark Williams (mwilliams@first-church.org) if you are willing to perform.

PLAN TO DONATE A BASKET The church-wide Spaghetti Dinner and Cabaret is Sunday, November 5 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. 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 know there are many more great ideas out there for a gift basket. Be creative and join the fun! We hope that all baskets will have a value around \$50 or more. We would like to display all the baskets during Fellowship Hour on November 5. Please contact Mark Williams (mwilliams@first-church.org) if you choose a theme and are willing to donate.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

MEMBERS 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, including Valerie Conlin-Losinski, on the death of her aunt, Lois Ann Shearer.

FRIENDS AND FAMILY Pam Butts, friend of Nancy Burba; Patrick Prendergast, father of Melissa Prendergast; Rachael Holt; Dick Kevan, husband of Jan Kevan; Jana Padilla, friend of Jenny Provenzano; Marjorie Kufel, mother of Sharon Leidheiser; Rev. Roger Miller; and families and friends who continue to mourn the loss of loved ones.

THROUGHOUT THE WORLD 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 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 Colombia, Ecuador, and Venezuela.

MISSIONARIES This week we pray for Tom Liddle, serving in East Timor.

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.

MEMBER BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK Today – Nicole Moss; 10/2 – Lauren Glaros, Peter Murray, Craig Oyler; 10/3 – Charlie Brown, Rachael Gardner; 10/4 – Cathy Maupin, Brittanie Logel, Charlie Weaver; 10/5 – Jessica Catenacci, Ed Koetz, Aarav Peter, Keith White; 10/6 – Andrew Welsh-Huggins, Tammy Wharton; 10/7 – Carmen Axt, Amy Brown, Lisa Fravel-Dean

MEMBER ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK 10/2 – Barbara and Al Glover, Julie Light-Gregory and Courtney Gregory; 10/5 – Barb Poppe and Bill Faith; 10/7 – Kathryn Bamberger and Steve Brandehoff, Lauren and Chris Glaros, Valerie Conlin-Losinski and Dave Losinski

THIS WEEK AT FIRST CHURCH

Sunday, October 1

9 a.m. – Worship: Morning Prayer and Holy Communion – Parish Hall
9 a.m. – Exultate Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room
9 a.m. – Jubilate Choir Rehearsal – Music Activities Room
10 a.m. – Choir Warm Up – Choir Room
10 a.m. – Faith Formation Time – Education Wing
11 a.m. – Worship and Holy Communion – Sanctuary
Noon – Fellowship Hour – Parish Hall
12:30 p.m. – Confirmation Class – Education Wing Room D
1 p.m. – Sacred Earth Global Climate Change Presentation – Parish Hall
6 p.m. – Middle and High School Youth – Parish Hall

Monday, October 2

12 noon – Care Ministry Luncheon – Ralph Fanning Room
6:30 p.m. – Christian Education – Mark Williams' office

Tuesday, October 3

12:15 p.m. – First Tuesdays Concert and Luncheon – Sanctuary and Parish Hall
2:30 p.m. – Worship Planning – Parish Family Room
5:30 p.m. – Sacred Earth – Ralph Fanning Room
5:45 p.m. – Yoga – Parish Hall
7 p.m. – Justice and Mercy – Ralph Fanning Room

Wednesday, October 4

11:00 a.m. – Book Study – Parlor
12:15 p.m. – BREAD House Meeting – Ralph Fanning Room

Thursday, October 5

6 p.m. – First Church Ringers Rehearsal – Education Wing Room J
7:15 p.m. – First Church Choir Rehearsal – Parish Hall

Saturday, October 7

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

Sunday, October 8

9 a.m. – Worship: Morning Prayer and Holy Communion – Sanctuary
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, Rooms C and D
11 a.m. – Worship – Sanctuary
Noon – Fellowship Hour – Parish Hall
Noon – Stewardship – Ralph Fanning Room
6 p.m. – High School Youth – Parish Hall

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=Firs44421>

PayPal

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



- **Other Gifts:** Please designate your intention: *Memorials, flowers, fund raising projects, music, education, etc.*



OFFERING TOTAL FOR LAST WEEK'S MISSION
September 24 – \$2,748.72 – Building Endowment Fund

NEXT WEEK'S MISSION OFFERING
Good Samaritan

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

Parent/ Children Worship Resources

A Worship Activity Pak 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 very own copy!

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

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, Taylre 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

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Treasurer	David Holt
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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
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Justice & Mercy	Al Glover, Elect - Dawn George
Music, Arts, & Heritage	Sharon Ferguson, Elect - Joel Mathias
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Member-at-large	Neal Brower
Youth-at-large	Joe Spofforth
Deacon Council Representative	Janet Newcity

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