

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Depart to Serve

OCTOBER 21, 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? Please say "Yes!" to volunteer opportunities associated with the park dedication and respond to upcoming emails and phone calls asking for your commitment to help welcome guests on Sunday, October 28 at 2 p.m.

TODAY AT 4 P.M. : CHORAL EVENSING 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.*

TODAY AT 4 P.M. 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. This is a church-wide event for all families! Look for Mr. Mark at the main entrance of the zoo at 3:45pm to obtain group tickets. We will take a group picture once everyone has arrived and has received tickets. The event will last until 8 p.m.

NEW MEMBER CLASS: MONDAY, OCTOBER 22 AT 7 P.M. IN THE PARLOR Contact Rev. Emily Corzine at ecorzine@first-church.org.



DOCUMENTARY AND DISCUSSION ABOUT "13TH" ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23 AT 6:30 P.M. IN PARISH HALL

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. Light refreshments provided. Direct questions to [Ecorzine@first-church.org](mailto: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; contact Dawn George at 614-338-0507. Donate individually wrapped treats at the Education Wing door or in the church office by October 31.

FORMATIVE DISCUSSIONS FOR ADULTS NEXT SUNDAY "Domains of Racism, White Privilege and Change" October 28, November 4, November 11 at 10 a.m. in Room D. Join us for a discussion of the personal, interpersonal, institutional, and cultural domains as they relate to racism, white privilege and change. The focus will be on ways to make a lasting change in each domain as an individual and as a church. First Church member Pam Kallner will be facilitating.

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. 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 is \$6. Chocolate bars are \$4.75.

FAMILY RESTROOM AND WOMEN'S RESTROOM READY The construction of the new Family Restroom and the updated Women's Restroom is complete!

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

NOVEMBER 11 AT 4 P.M.: OHIO CAPITAL WINDS CONCERT Tribute to World War II Veterans. Please join us for a 1-hour program of music from and about the WWII era. Fellowship hour with veterans follows the program.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

CONGRATULATIONS to Brittany Morgan and Andrew Moses who were married here yesterday.

MEMBERS Deb Kelly; Barbara Knox; Andrew MacGregor; Lindy Miller; Carl Miller, and Dayna McCrary; and those who mourn the loss of loved ones, including Melissa and Keith Kulwicki, on the death of Keith's father, Kenneth Kulwicki; 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 John Poppe, father of Barb Poppe; Gene Dahnke, father of Mark Dahnke; 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; 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 those recovering from natural disasters, especially those in Indonesia, the Carolinas and Florida. We pray for tensions in the middle east to cease. We pray for free and fair elections in this country and around the world. We pray for the family of Saudi journalist, Jamal Khashoggi. We pray for those who struggle for food and clean water around the world. We pray for those suffering from brain diseases and their families.

IN GOD'S HANDS: THE ECUMENICAL PRAYER CYCLE This week we pray with and for the people and churches of The Caribbean: Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Cuba, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, Puerto Rico, St Kitts-Nevis, St Lucia, St Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago.

MISSIONARIES This week we pray for Marilyn Cooper serving in Ecuador.

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 21

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
11 a.m. – Worship – Sanctuary
Noon – Fellowship Hour – Parish Hall
12:30 p.m. – Confirmation – Education Wing Room D
12:30 p.m. – ONA Meeting – Parish Family Room
4 p.m. – Boo at the Zoo – Columbus Zoo
4 p.m. – Choral Evensong – Sanctuary

Monday, October 22

7 p.m. – Deacons Meeting – Education Wing Room D
7 p.m. – Hymnal Supplement Committee – Choir Room

Tuesday, October 23

2 p.m. – Worship Planning – Children’s Library
6 p.m. – Laundry Love – WashLand Laundromat,
1469 West Broad Street
6:30 p.m. – Viewing of the movie “Thirteen” – Parish Hall

Wednesday, October 24

9:30 a.m. – Staff Meeting – Nursery

Thursday, October 25

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



Saturday, October 27

9 a.m. – Faith Mission Meal Preparation – Kitchen

Sunday, October 28

9 a.m. – Worship : Morning Prayer and Holy Communion – Parish Hall
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2 p.m. – Dedication of Washington Gladden Social Justice Park – Park
6 p.m. – Middle and High School Youth Groups – 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.
 - **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.
- easyTithe**  
- PayPal**
- **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 14 – \$1,051.25 – Laundry Love

NEXT WEEK’S MISSION OFFERING – Downtowners

MEMBER BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK Today – Reggie Cannon, Gary Leidheiser; 22 – Alan Miller, Shea Watts; 23 – Betsy Hubbard; 24 – Celeste Feather, Reppart Shimeall-Evans; 25 – Kevin Carrico, Murley Miller, Alexander Palmer; 26 – Heather Biggers, Kathie Cole, Kelly Dodd, Gail Johannes, Anna Light-Gregory, Barbara Mason, Joe Spofforth; 27 – Mary Ann Goetz, Carl Miller, Summer Petras

MEMBER ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK Today – Kathy and Tom Brownfield; 27 – Christa and Eric Ewing, Elizabeth Mitchell and Trent Rink

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 Sibirian
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, 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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The 2018 National Observance of Children's Sabbaths

“Realizing Dr. King’s Vision for Every Child: Lives of Hope, Not Despair” is uniting people of every faith across our nation in speaking out and acting to **end child poverty, end immigrant family separation, end gun violence** so that every child may live a life of hope, not despair

Each Day in America for All Children

Every 2 seconds a public-school student is suspended.*
Every 31 seconds a child is arrested.
Every 41 seconds a child is born into poverty.
Every 47 seconds a child is confirmed as abused or neglected.
Every minute a baby is born without health insurance.
Every 9 seconds a high school student drops out.*
Every 2 minutes a child is born into extreme poverty.
Every 2 minutes a baby is born at low birthweight.
Every 2 minutes a baby is born to a teen mother.
Every 43 seconds a public-school student is corporally punished.*
Every 5 minutes a child is arrested for a drug offense.
Every 9 minutes a child is arrested for a violent crime.
Every 23 minutes a baby dies before their first birthday.
Every 26 minutes a child or teen is injured or killed with a gun.
Every hour and 6 minutes a child or teen dies from an accident.
Every 2 hours and 48 minutes a child or teen is killed by a firearm.
Every 3 hours and 33 minutes a child or teen commits suicide.
Every 5 hours and 33 minutes a child is killed by abuse or neglect.
Every 11 hours and 8 minutes a mother dies from complications of childbirth or pregnancy.

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