

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

DEPART TO SERVE


OCTOBER 23, 2016

BOO AT THE ZOO TODAY! The Children, Middle and High School Youth Groups and parents will be attending the Boo-at-the Zoo event at the Columbus Zoo today. 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. Donations of individually wrapped treats may be left in the church office until October 30. If you can assist with the party on October 31 from 3:30-5:30 p.m., call Dawn George at 614-338-0507. Thank you from Justice and Mercy.

 **ACOLYTE TRAINING ON OCTOBER 30** 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.

LAUNDRY LOVE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED The Children and Youth will be collecting quarters and donations of laundry detergent and dryer sheets from the congregation. We would love for members and friends to join us the last Tuesday of each month from 6 to 8 p.m. at WashLand Laundromat, 1469 West Broad Street in West Franklinton. We always welcome anyone to come and volunteer. This mission is solely dependent on your generous giving. Please continue to save your quarters, which is our biggest need at this time.

The next Laundry Love day will be Tuesday, October 25.



NEXT SUNDAY IN FORMATIVE DISCUSSION FOR ADULTS At 10 a.m. next Sunday, October 30, two great sessions will be offered.

Rev. Dr. Nancy Livingston will conclude the discussion on the UCC **"Faith vs. Fear" Bible Study** – a faith response to gun violence. This session will focus on the scriptures and how we as a people of faith respond to the gun violence that is happening in our city, state and country.

Our second class is **White Privilege: Let's TALK. Let's DO something.** The UCC now offers a new adult curriculum—White Privilege: Let's Talk—that is designed to encourage church members to engage in safe, meaningful, substantive and bold conversations on race. The class features four sessions which each introduce a different aspect of white privilege, and five authors who contribute a different view of the subject based on their unique experiences. First Congregational Church will host these sessions during Formative Discussions for Adults on Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. **from October 30 through November 20.** But that's just the beginning. There are webinars, a discussion forum, and the opportunity to move beyond just talking about white privilege to actually doing something about this injustice. Plan to join us!

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 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.

THE CUPBOARD IS BARE! TOILETRIES NEEDED FOR GOOD SAMARITAN DAY on Monday, November 14. We are in **desperate need** of personal hygiene items. A good source for these items in **full sizes** are Dollar Stores where everything in the store is \$1. Please leave your donations in the bin outside the church office. Thank you for your continued support of this vital outreach to the community.

- **November 1 at 12:15 p.m. – First Tuesdays Concert: Polyphony for All Saints Day**
- **NOVEMBER 5** from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. – **Women's Retreat** at Lola Edwards' home, 391 Springs Drive, Columbus, Ohio 43214. Facilitated by Rev. Beth Long-Higgins.
- **November 6 at 6 p.m. – Annual Cabaret** – Don't miss this fun event!
- **November 7 at 7 p.m. – Interfaith Bible Study** begins!



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 Shirley Graf, sister of Lynn Wallich; Irene Braverman, mother-in-law of Nancy Braverman; 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; Sadie; 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 India, Pakistan and Sri Lanka.

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

NEED PRAYER? 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 23

9 a.m. – Worship: Morning Prayer and Holy Communion – Parish Hall

9 a.m. – Teen Choir – Choir 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

Monday, October 24

6 p.m. – Budget and Finance – Parish Family Room

7 p.m. – Deacons Meeting – Ralph Fanning Room

Tuesday, October 25

2 p.m. – Worship Planning – Parish Family Room

6 p.m. – Laundry Love – WashLand Laundromat, 1469 West Broad Street

Wednesday, October 26

10 a.m. – Staff Retreat – Offsite

Thursday, October 27

6 p.m. – First Church Ringers Rehearsal – Education Wing Room J

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

Sunday, October 30

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

3 p.m. – Harvest Party – The Hudson's Home

6 p.m. – Middle and High School Youth Groups – Parish Hall

MEMBER ANNIVERSARIES Today-Elaine and James Borling; 27-Christa and Eric Ewing, Elizabeth Mitchell and Trent Rink

MEMBER BIRTHDAYS Today- Betsy Hubbard, 24-Celeste Feather, Sharon Walquist; 25-Murley Miller, Alexander Palmer, Michael Warrick; 26-Kathie Cole, Heather Biggers, Kelly Dodd, Gail Johannes, Barbara Mason; 27-Mary Ann Goetz, Carl Miller, Summer Petras; 28-Eddie Anderson, Greg Halbe, Stephanie Koscher

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.*

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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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
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Treasurer	Cindy Conn
Assistant Treasurer	Joe Baszynski
Secretary	Nancy Braverman
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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
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Deacon Council Representative	Alec Deitz

TRUSTEES

Chairperson	Francille Firebaugh
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