

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

## DEPART TO SERVE

OCTOBER 29, 2017

### CHORAL EVENSONG AND REFORMATION CONCERT TODAY AT 4

**P.M.** For the 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation, the First Church Choir will sing music by Herbert Sumson 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*.

### 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.

**EMBODIED LIFE YOGA SERIES CONTINUES** Tuesdays, November 7 and 14 from 5:45 – 6:45 p.m. in the Education Wing Room D. Drop-ins welcome!

**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 home bound and members in need and has been a mission of the church for over 15 years.



**THANK YOU** to those who contributed to The Big Give on October 10-11! We are grateful for your generosity.

### FINAL CALL FOR PLEDGERS TO PICK UP THEIR THIRD QUARTER

**STATEMENTS** of giving. The statements are located on the counter in the church office. A deacon can help you locate your statement. Thank you from First Church for your gifts. Please contact our Business Administrator Sharon Leidheiser ([sleidheiser@first-church.org](mailto:sleidheiser@first-church.org) or 614-228-1741, ext. 11) if you have any questions.

### 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!***

**PLAN TO DONATE A BASKET** Please consider donating a themed basket from your committee or family for the church-wide Spaghetti Dinner and Cabaret. 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.

**CHRISTMAS PLAY PRACTICE BEGINS NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5** for third-fifth grade children. The practice will be at 10 a.m. in the fourth-fifth grade classroom on the first floor of the Education Wing. Please see Karen Mozingo or Mark Williams with any questions.

### 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!

### JOYS AND CONCERNS

**MEMBERS** Craig Clay; David Kirker, serving in Puerto Rico; Kathy Brownfield; Pauline Fritz; Virginia O'Neill; Don Erickson; and families and friends who mourn the loss of loved ones, including Mark Brown, on the death of his mother, Janet Brown, and Lauren Emery, on the death of her grandfather, Stuart Terrass.

**FRIENDS AND FAMILY** Calvin McCune and family, friends of Bruce and Fran Panek; Alice Anderson, mother of Eddie Anderson and sister of Duan Cannon; Jenny Lukens, friend of Sharon Leidheiser; Susan Lebold; Jay Stoeker; Ensign Elizabeth Lebold, serving as a nurse on board the ship USS Comfort in Puerto Rico; Rev. Roger Miller; and families and friends who continue to mourn the loss of loved ones,

**THROUGHOUT THE WORLD** We pray for the Rohingya Refugees who feel persecution in Myanmar. We pray for the people of Thailand who mourn the death of their monarch. We pray for the victims of the firework factory in Indonesia. We pray for the people of Kenya after their elections. We pray for those who face famine across Africa. We continue to pray for strength for those who continue to rebuild after of Hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Maria.

**IN THE UNITED STATES** We hold in our prayers the people of United States Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico. We pray for the victims of the California wildfires in recent weeks. We pray for the city of Columbus and the escalating loss of life due to gun violence in our city. We pray for comfort and healing for all the victims' families and friends. We pray for those who are victims of sexual violence and sexual harassment.

**IN GOD'S HANDS: THE ECUMENICAL PRAYER Cycle** This week we pray with and for the people and churches of Canada and the United States of America.

**MISSIONARIES** This week we pray for Andy Jepson, serving in Sri Lanka.

**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.

## THIS WEEK AT FIRST CHURCH

### Sunday, October 29: Reformation Sunday

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  
4 p.m. – 500th Anniversary Reformation Evensong and Concert –  
Sanctuary  
6 p.m. – Middle and High School Youth – Parish Hall

### Monday, October 30

11:30 a.m. – Gladden Park Sub-Committee Meeting –  
Ralph Fanning Room  
7 p.m. – Deacons Meeting – Education Wing Room D

### Tuesday, October 31

11:30 a.m. – Worship Planning – Parish Family Room

### Wednesday, November 1

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

### Thursday, November 2

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

### Saturday, November 4

9 a.m. – Preparation for Cabaret Dinner – Kitchen

### Sunday, November 5: All Saints' Sunday

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 – Education Wing Room D  
6 p.m. – Spaghetti Dinner / Cabaret – Parish Hall

**MEMBER BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK** 10/30 – Geoff Dean, Miriam Myers; 10/31 – Martha Huey, Nicholas Mitchell; 11/1 – Melissa Erickson, Carrie Ghose, Barbara Glover, Pat Groseck; 11/2 – Nolen Chambers; 11/3 – Tom Bishop, Beau Kirker, Nikki Nwosu; 11/4 – Noah Kirker

**MEMBER ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK** 11/4 – Ann and Jeff Hunt, Stephanie and Mike 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 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 22 – \$561.00 – Spirituality Network

### 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.

### 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

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 Ninos, 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



444 EAST BROAD STREET, COLUMBUS, OHIO 43215-3885

PHONE: 614.228.1741 FAX: 614.461.1741

[WWW.FIRST-CHURCH.ORG](http://WWW.FIRST-CHURCH.ORG)