

# FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

## DEPART TO SERVE

OCTOBER 2, 2016

TODAY IN FORMATIVE DISCUSSION FOR ADULTS:

Rev. Mary Kay Beall Carter will be teaching a class on angels entitled: *Angels: Messengers, Guardians, Signposts of Hope*. We will look at both Old Testament and New Testament accounts of angelic appearances as well as artistic and musical creations based on angelic themes and will include some testimonies from individuals who believe they have experienced an angelic intervention or visitation, etc. If you have an experience you would like to share with the class please call Mary Kay at 614-444-5610 or e-mail her at [mkbnc@aol.com](mailto:mkbnc@aol.com). This class will meet for the first four Sundays of October.

Rev. Dr. Nancy Livingston will lead a five-week session on the UCC "Faith vs. Fear" Bible Study – a faith response to gun violence. Each week 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.

### OCTOBER FELLOWSHIP HOUR SCHEDULE

October 2	Proverbs
October 9	Psalms
October 16	Romans
October 23	Ruth
October 30	Samuel

### OCTOBER MISSION OFFERING SCHEDULE

October 2	Crop Walk
October 9	Montana de Luz
October 16	National Alliance on Mental Health
October 23	Columbus Coalition for the Homeless
October 30	Guiding Eyes for the Blind

### OCTOBER ACOLYTE SCHEDULE

October 2	Matty Provenzano	Mia Provenzano
October 9	Nina Zimmerman	Cassidy Hopcraft
October 16	Erin Murray	Chutney Anderson
October 23	Alyssa Batchelor	Alaina Thompson
October 30	Ethan Murray	Finnegan Miller

**FIRST TUESDAYS CONCERT SERIES COMMENCES!** On Tuesday, October 4, at 12:15 p.m. organist/choirmaster emeritus G. Dene Barnard will play music of the British Isles, including composers Ralph Vaughan Williams and Percy Whitlock. Lunch will be available in the Parish Hall at approximately 12:45 p.m. for a donation of \$5.

**BREAD HOUSE MEETINGS!** Our congregation is committed to building stronger relationships with each other and talking about things that really matter. We hope to make this a great time of inspiration as we hold sacred conversations in our congregation to hear the cries of our people and take part in God's story to win justice!

**Oct. 3 at 7 p.m.** – Church parlor

**Oct. 5 at 7:30 p.m.** – Robert and Wendy Reber – 340 W. Goodale Street #304, Columbus, Ohio 43215, 614-353-8371, [robert.reber1@gmail.com](mailto:robert.reber1@gmail.com)

**Oct. 6 at 7:30 p.m.** – Pat Leibeche (facilitating) and Dawn George (hosting) – 1043 S. Roosevelt Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43209, 614-338-0507, [dawngeorge16@gmail.com](mailto:dawngeorge16@gmail.com)

**Oct. 11 at 7 p.m.** – Tom and Kathy Brownfield – 5580 Washington Street, Canal Winchester, Ohio 43110, 614-783-8753, [tbrownfield1943@gmail.com](mailto:tbrownfield1943@gmail.com)

**Oct. 11 at 7:30 p.m.** – Al and Barbara Glover – 202 Saint Jacques Street, Worthington, Ohio 43085, 614-396-6243, [glover.albert@yahoo.com](mailto:glover.albert@yahoo.com)

### CROP WALK FIGHTS HUNGER

October 9, 2016 12:30-2 p.m. at Scioto Audobon Metro Park Maier Place Pavilion, 400 West Whittier Street Columbus, Ohio 43215



**Join the First Church Team!** Here's how:

- **Give** to the Mission Offering for CROP on October 2nd, World Communion Sunday.
- **Sponsor** a CROP WALK participant.
- **WALK!** The signup sheets are in the main office and in Parish Hall during each Fellowship Hour.

Contact Anne Hudson at [annehshka@aol.com](mailto:annehshka@aol.com). If you'd like to learn more, visit [crophungerwalk.org](http://crophungerwalk.org) or [Facebook.com/columbuscrophwalk](https://www.facebook.com/columbuscrophwalk)

**BOO-AT-THE-ZOO** A church-wide Family Event for our children, Middle and High School Youth Groups and parents/grandparents will be attending the Boo-at-the Zoo event at the Columbus Zoo on October 23! 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](mailto:mwilliams@first-church.org)).

### JOYS AND CONCERNS

**WELCOME!** We extend our welcome to Mark Dahnke, First Church's new Building and Grounds Superintendent. Mark starts tomorrow!

**PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING** for Rev. Phil Hart, who has served as Designated Conference Minister for three years.

**MEMBERS** Betsy Zahn, Wally Giffen, Jane Weddle, Madeline Helmer; Heather Biggers, as she continues her work with FEMA; 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.

**FRIENDS AND FAMILY** Rev. John Gantt; Lois Beery, friend of Mary Kay Beall Carter; Rev. Bob Tschannen-Moran; Barbara Nicholson; Bob Childs, brother-in-law of Martha Huey; 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, including the family and friends of Aaliyah Wilson.

**THROUGHOUT THE WORLD** We pray for the victims of the shootings at the elementary school in South Carolina. We pray for the ongoing refugee crisis around the world. We pray for the tensions among nations involved with the Syrian crisis to subside.

**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 Armenia, Azerbaijan, and Georgia.

**MISSIONARIES** This week, we pray for Eleazar Fernandez, serving in the Philippines.

**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](mailto:awagner@first-church.org) or 614-228-1741, ext. 10) or one of 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 2: World Wide Communion

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

6 p.m. – High School Youth Group – Parish Hall

### Monday, October 3

12 noon – Care Ministry Luncheon – Ralph Fanning Room

6:30 p.m. – Christian Education Virtual Meeting

7 p.m. – BREAD House Meeting – Parlor (*see center panel for other dates/locations*)

### Tuesday, October 4

12:15 p.m. – First Tuesdays Concert – Sanctuary

12:45 p.m. – First Tuesdays Lunch – Parish Hall

2:30 p.m. – Worship Planning – Parish Family Room

6:30 p.m. – Christian Education Virtual Meeting

7 p.m. – Justice and Mercy – Ralph Fanning Room

### Wednesday, October 5

11 a.m. – Book Study: *The End of White Christianity* – Parlor

6:30 p.m. – Security Committee Meeting – Parish Family Room

### Thursday, October 6

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

### Saturday, October 8

10 a.m. – Stewardship – Education Wing Room D

10 a.m. – First Church Quilters – Ralph Fanning Room

### Sunday, October 9

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

1:30 p.m. – Crop Walk – Scioto Audubon Park

## WEEKLY SERMONS ARE AVAILABLE:

- Online on our website: <http://www.first-church.org/Sermons.aspx>
- In the information racks located outside the church office and at the Ninth Street entrance
- Podcasts of the sermons are posted online at <http://www.first-church.org/Worship.aspx>.

**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](http://www.first-church.org) click on **Give** and then click on **Online Giving**. Set up an account and pay with your credit card or through your checking or savings account. You may use the QR link or:



<https://www.faithstreet.com/church/first-congregational-church-of-columbus-columbus-oh/giving>

- **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.

**MEMBER ANNIVERSARIES** Today-Barbara and Al Glover; 5-Barb Poppe and Bill Faith; 7-Kathryn Bamberger and Steve Brandehoff, Lauren and Chris Glaros, Valerie Conlin-Losinski and Dave Losinski

**MEMBER BIRTHDAYS** Today- Lauren Glaros, Peter Murray, Craig Oyler; 3-Rachael Gardner; 4-Cathy Maupin, Brittanie Stafford, Charlie Weaver; 5-Jessica Catenacci, Ed Koetz, Aarav Peter, Keith White; 6-Andrew Welsh-Huggins, Tammy Wharton; 7-Carmen Axt, Lisa Fravel-Dean; 8-Deana Armstrong, John Carter, Bert Cook

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## 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, 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 Klirtworth
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