


FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

DEPART TO SERVE

OCTOBER 30, 2016



ACOLYTE TRAINING TODAY! There will be an acolyte training session for both new and veteran acolytes (students 4th grade and older) in the Narthex following the 11 a.m. service. Contact Cindy Deliman at ckdeliman@wowway.com.

HARVEST PARTY TODAY! 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. 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.

TODAY IN FORMATIVE DISCUSSION FOR ADULTS At 10 a.m., 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. These sessions will run on *Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. from October 30 through November 20.* 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. 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.

EGAN-RYAN FUNERAL HOME VETERANS DAY FOOD DRIVE Join with Egan-Ryan Funeral Services in giving thanks to our Vets and donate to their second annual Veterans Day Food Drive. Non-perishable food items, personal care items and monetary donations can be dropped off at either of Egan-Ryan's two locations (403 E. Broad Street or 4661 Kenny Road) Monday-Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. beginning November 1 through Veteran's Day, November 11. Call 614-221-6665 with questions.

SHARE THANKSGIVING BLESSINGS On Sunday, November 13, members are asked to share their blessings by bringing **non-perishable** food i.e., canned fruit, meat and vegetables to worship. Justice and Mercy members will divide the food into three portions for delivery to the Broad Street Presbyterian Pantry, the Gladden Community House Pantry and Groceries-To-Go, which is a pantry serving persons with HIV/AIDS and active cancer. Thank you for sharing your blessings, from Justice and Mercy.

THE CUPBOARD IS BARE! TOILETRIES NEEDED FOR GOOD SAMARITAN DAY on Monday, November 14. We are in desperate need of full size personal hygiene items. Please leave your donations in the bin outside the church office. Thank you for your continued support.

FIRST CHURCH EVENT: WINE AND CHEESE TASTING Come enjoy food and fellowship on Friday, November 18 from 6-8pm, for wine tasting with the Wine Director of The Hills Market Downtown, hosted by Al Waddell and Allen Baker. Help support the ministries and mission of First Congregational Church. Tickets are \$50/person prior to the event. Tickets are required and can be purchased in the main office. See Cindy Conn in the main office on Sundays until November 13 to purchase your ticket or stop by the main office during the week.

NOVEMBER FELLOWSHIP HOUR SCHEDULE


November 6 Zechariah	November 20 Amos
November 13 Acts	November 27 Colossians

NOVEMBER MISSION OFFERING SCHEDULE

November 6 Faith Mission	November 20 BREAD
November 13 Mid Ohio Food Bank	November 27 ReMember

NOVEMBER ACOLYTE SCHEDULE

November 6	Alex Palmer	Chutney Anderson
November 13	Mia Provenzano	Matty Provenzano
November 20	Allysia Palmer	Cassidy Hopcraft
November 27	Mae Hubbard	Alyssa Batchelor

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- **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 Ron Cook; Christina Holt; Jane Weddle; Sharon Walquist; 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 Jenny Lukens, friend of Sharon Leidheiser; Mark Kinley, friend of Sharon Leidheiser; Shirley Graf, sister of Lynn Wallich; Irene Braverman, mother-in-law of Nancy Braverman; Lois Beery, friend of Mary Kay Beall Carter; 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 all who suffer from brain diseases and their families.

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 the Indian Ocean Islands: Comoros, Madagascar, Maldives, Mauritius, and Seychelles.

MISSIONARIES This week, we pray for Mark Behle, serving in Lesotho.

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 30 – Reformation Sunday

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 – Hudson's, 385 Larkspur Drive,

Galloway, Ohio 43119

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

Tuesday, November 1

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

5:30 p.m. – Sacred Earth – Ralph Fanning Room

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

Wednesday, November 2

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

Thursday, November 3

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

Saturday, November 5

9 a.m. – Women's Retreat – Lola Edwards' home,

391 Springs Drive, Columbus, Ohio 43214

10 a.m. – BOBS Meeting – Education Wing Room D

Sunday, November 6 – All Saints Sunday

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

9 a.m. – Teen/Treble Choirs – Choir and Music

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11 a.m. – Worship – Sanctuary

Noon – Fellowship Hour – Parish Hall

12:15 – Confirmation Class – Education Wing Room D

6 p.m. – Cabaret – Parish Hall

MEMBER ANNIVERSARIES Today-Geoff Dean, Miriam Myers; 31-

Martha Huey, Nicholas Mitchell, Carrie Wise; 11-1 Melissa Erickson,

Carrie Ghose, Barbara Glover; 3-Tom Bishop, Sarah Garbe, Nikki

Nwous; 4-Noah Kirker; 5-Courtney Batchelor

MEMBER BIRTHDAYS 4-Ann and Jeff Hunt, Stephanie and Mike

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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=Firs444421>



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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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