

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

DEPART TO SERVE

OCTOBER 9, 2016

CROP WALK FIGHTS HUNGER

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



Join the First Church Team! Here's how:

- **Sponsor** a CROP WALK participant.
- **WALK!** The signup sheets are in the main office and in Parish Hall during each Fellowship Hour.

If you'd like to learn more, visit crophungerwalk.org or [Facebook.com/columbuscropwalk](https://www.facebook.com/columbuscropwalk)

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. 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.

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. 11 at 7 p.m. –Tom and Kathy Brownfield – 5580 Washington Street, Canal Winchester, Ohio 43110, 614-783-8753, 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

COMING UP NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16

COME EARLY ON MARATHON SUNDAY and cheer on thousands of runners and walkers. If you are running in the race, let the church office know so we can look for you and cheer you on! Watch for changing traffic patterns near the downtown or near your neighborhood. The race begins at 7:30 a.m. We'll worship God and celebrate communion at 9 a.m. in the Parish Hall and at 11 a.m. in the Sanctuary.

CHILDREN'S SABBATH Our congregation will observe Children's Sabbath at both the 9 and 11 a.m. services on October 16. During the 11 a.m. service, the Treble Choir will present a musical that they have written and composed titled "The Brothers of Joseph and the Silver Cup." The short musical will be presented as the sermon that morning. There will be a dress rehearsal on Saturday, October 15, from 9 a.m. to noon.

CHORAL EVENSONGS begin on Sunday, October 16, at 4 p.m. The First Church Choir will sing Preces/Responses by Kevin Jones, canticles by Lee Hoiby, and "Evening Prayer" by Ola Gjeilo with guest saxophonist George Wolfe. The Rev. Nancy Livingston will be the officiant, and the choir will be accompanied by organist Tyler Robertson. The 45-minute service of prayer and meditation is the perfect close to the day. We look forward to seeing you there.

THE CONGREGATIONAL CONCERTS SERIES presents the Wolfe-Helton Duo, saxophonist George Wolfe and pianist James Caton Helton immediately following Evensong at 4 p.m. Modern classical music has been heavily influenced by music from non-European cultures. This multicultural recital presents several pieces that were inspired by music derived from ethnic music traditions. The concert is presented as a benefit for the Columbus Metropolitan Area Church Council.

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).

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, 2016 from 3-5 p.m. This will be a wonderful opportunity for family, fun, fellowship and meeting new people while

spending time with old friends. Everyone can bring a dish to share. Signups will be available by email and in the church office! More details to come!

JOYS AND CONCERNS

CONGRATULATIONS to Anthony and Marie Brown on the birth of their daughter, Charlie Marie, born on October 3.

MEMBERS 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 Larry Dixon, on the death of his mother, Bernice.

FRIENDS AND FAMILY Rev. John Gantt; Lois Beery, friend of Mary Kay Beall Carter; Rev. Bob Tschannen-Moran; Barbara Nicholson; 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 all those impacted 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 Afghanistan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Mongolia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan.

MISSIONARIES This week, we pray for Becca Owen, serving in Swaziland.

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 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 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

Monday, October 10

9 a.m. – Good Samaritan Day – Ralph Fanning Room

7 p.m. – Trustees – Parlor

Tuesday, October 11

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

6 p.m. – Sacred Earth – Ralph Fanning Room

7 p.m. – Executive Committee – Ralph Fanning Room

Wednesday, October 12

9:30 a.m. – Staff Meeting – Ralph Fanning Room

6 p.m. – Music Committee – Parlor

Thursday, October 13

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

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

Saturday, October 15

8:30 a.m. – House and Grounds – Parish Family Room

Sunday, October 16: Children's Sabbath

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. – Faith Formation Time – Education Wing,
Rooms C and D

11 a.m. – Worship – Sanctuary

Noon – Fellowship Hour – Parish Hall

12:30 – Confirmation – Education Wing Room D

4 p.m. – Choral Evensong – Sanctuary

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

MEMBER ANNIVERSARIES Today- Carie and Dave Ghose; 10-Lisa Fravel-Dean and McAshan Dean; 11-Schlelia and Rebalta Gray, Jan and Richard Kevan, Cori and Ben Rowley; 12-Melissa and Keith Kulwicki, Ed and Nate Solis; 14-Pricilla and Dave Mondiek, Jenny and Joe Provenzano

MEMBER BIRTHDAYS Today-Dawn George, Pam Welsh-Huggins; 11-Mae Hubbard, Ethan Murray, Faith Washington; 12-Mary Day Fewlass, Al Glover, Barb Poppe, Hugh Schultz, 14-Drew Wade, Lael Weyenberg; 15-Kathleen Ferguson, Arevena Nirote; 16-Jim Gieseke

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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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 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
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