

THIS WEEK AT FIRST CHURCH

Sunday, November 4: All Saints' Sunday

- 9 a.m. – Worship : Morning Prayer and Holy Communion
– Parish Hall
- 9 a.m. – Exultate/Jubilate Choirs – Choir and Music
Activities Rooms
- 10 a.m. – First Church Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room
- 10 a.m. – Faith Formation Time – Education Wing
Room D
- 11 a.m. – Worship – Sanctuary
- Noon – Fellowship Hour – Parish Hall
- 12:30 p.m. – Confirmation – Education Wing Room D
- 6 p.m. – All Church Cabaret and Spaghetti Dinner –
Parish Hall

Monday, November 5

- Noon – Care Ministry – Nursery
- 7 p.m. – Book Club – Nursery

Tuesday, November 6

- 12:15 p.m. – First Tuesdays Concert and Luncheon –
Sanctuary and Parish Hall
- 2:30 p.m. – Worship Planning – Children's Library
- 5:30 p.m. – Sacred Earth – Nursery
- 7 p.m. – Justice and Mercy – Nursery
- 7 p.m. – Hymnal Supplement Committee – Choir Room

Wednesday, November 7

- 11 a.m. – Book Study – Education Wing Room A

Thursday, November 8

- 6 p.m. – First Church Ringers Rehearsal – Education Wing Room J
- 7 p.m. – Security Team Meeting – Ralph Fanning Room
- 7:15 p.m. – First Church Choir Rehearsal – Parish Hall

Saturday, November 10

- 8:30 a.m. – House and Grounds – Ralph Fanning Room
- 10 a.m. – First Church Quilters – Parish Family Room
- 10 a.m. – BOBS Meeting – Nursery

Sunday, November 11: Veterans Day and Food Gifts Presented

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- 10 a.m. – Faith Formation Time – Education Wing
Room D and Fanning Room
- 11 a.m. – Worship – Sanctuary
- Noon – Fellowship Hour – Parish Hall
- 4 p.m. – Ohio Capital Winds Veterans Concert –
Sanctuary
- 6 p.m. – High School Youth Group – Parish Hall

FELLOWSHIP HOUR HOSTS NEEDED Volunteers are needed to host Fellowship Hour on *Sunday, November 25* and *Sunday, December 9*. Please contact Mary Jacobson at marytoddj@gmail.com.

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.
- **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 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.
- **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 28 – \$576.52 – Downtowners

NEXT WEEK'S MISSION OFFERING – Gladden and Broad Street Food Pantries

CHURCH STAFF

Senior Minister	Timothy C. Ahrens, D. Min.
Associate Minister	Emily Krause Corzine, M. Div.
Minister of Music	Kevin Jones, M. M. (on sabbatical August 5-November 5)
Sabbatical Replacement Minister of Music	Robbe Delcamp, DMus.
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
Jubilate Choir Director	Sandra Mathias, Ph.D.
Business Manager	Sharon Leidheiser
Program Manager	Martha Worth
Office Manager	Amy Wagner
Building & Grounds Superintendent	Mark Dahnke
Custodians	Allen Cornwell, Ross McNary, Jimmy Sibrian
Wedding Coordinators	Margaret Cipriani, Diana Chandler, Amy Wagner, Katie Wagner
Nursery Staff	Simone Ellerson, Natalie Barker, Taylre Arnold, Miranda Brooks

DIACONATE

Senior Deacon	Janet Newcity
Deacons	Anthony Brown, Valerie Conlin-Losinski, Bert Cook, Martha Fulleman, Shelly Gies, Todd Jacobson, Dayna McCrary, Karen Mozingo, David Na: Cori Page, Allison Lowery Palmer, Jorge Polo, Alex Rodriguez, James V

CHURCH COUNCIL

Moderator	Joe Baszynski
Moderator-Elect	Lynn Wallich
Treasurer	Joe Hoffman
Assistant Treasurer	Matt Myers
Secretary	Nancy Loy
Assistant Secretary	Jim Griffin

COMMISSIONERS

Administration	Chris Glaros, Elect - Greg Kellison
Church Growth/Vitality	Tom Kiesel and Mary Anne Jacobson, co-chairs; Elect - Maria Brown and Lisa Fravel-Dean
Education	Chris Gelpi, Elect - Jennifer Provenzano
House & Grounds	Gary Leidheiser, Elect - Mark Brown
Justice & Mercy	Dawn George, Elect - Nicole Moss
Music, Arts, & Heritage	Joel Mathias, Elect - Drew Wade
Nominating Chair	Kent Shimeall
Member-at-large	Pavan Peter
Youth-at-large	Miriam Myers
Deacon Council Representative	Todd Jacobson

TRUSTEES

Chairperson	Chris Farquhar
Treasurer	Cindy Conn
Trustees	Brian Cave, Tom Hadley, John Martin, Sheldon Taft, Elaine Warren, Keith White, Gerry Worth

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UPDATES ON CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS**

MAJOR CHANGES – PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

Driving to and from the Church

From East, West and South, use Cleveland Avenue to access West and North Lots. Coming from the north we recommend exiting I-71 South at Broad Street. Take Broad Street to Cleveland Avenue. Enter ALL church parking from Cleveland Avenue.

From I-670, take Cleveland Avenue south. Turn left at Gay Street and then right into the alley on the west side of the North Lot. Look for directional signs.

You may also continue south on Cleveland Avenue and turn left into the alley by the Carriage House which will lead to the North Lot or turn left into the West Lot.

Parking Access for All Projects

The West Lot can be accessed from Cleveland Avenue. Access to the North Lot will be from Cleveland Avenue to the alley alongside the Canzani Center.

Depart the North Lot using the alley to the west. Depart the alley or West Lot using Cleveland Avenue north and south.

Building Access for All Projects

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