

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

DEPART TO SERVE

NOVEMBER 5, 2017

MISSION OF THE DAY: GOOD SAMARITAN

GOOD SAMARITAN DAY IS MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13

The cold weather has arrived. We are helping folks enroll in the Heating Assistance Program by getting their utility bills current. Many have jobs or are on disability but struggle to keep their utilities up-to-date because they must make hard choices about how to stretch their income. Some have been laid off or have been sick, so they have lost income. First Church Good Samaritan Fund is classified as an “agency” with the utility companies, allowing me to discuss how best way to help a particular person. Each utility request is vetted with the utility via a phone conversation. In the last 4 months, we have helped 75 people restore their eligibility. Most cases required much more than \$50. It is thanks to the Good Samaritan Endowment Fund and the generosity of the congregation that we are able to do this. Thank you. —*Marty Worth, Administrator of the Good Samaritan Fund*



CHRISTMAS PLAY PRACTICE BEGINS TODAY, 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.

THE FIRST TUESDAYS SERIES continues on Tuesday, November 7 at 12:15 p.m. Harpist Jeanne Norton joins organist Kevin Jones for this concert. Lunch is available in the Parish Hall at approximately 12:45 p.m. for a donation of \$5.

“EVANGELICALS: A NEW WAY OF LOOKING AT AMERICAN HISTORY”

You are invited to attend a talk by **Frances FitzGerald**, author of *Evangelicals: The Struggle to Shape America*, on Monday, November 6 at the Conference Theater, Fawcett Center, 2400 Olentangy River Rd., Columbus, Ohio 43212. Her talk will be followed by a panel discussion moderated by Paul Beck (Political Science, Ohio State); panelists include Senior Minister Rev. Dr. Tim Ahrens and Rich Nathan, Senior Pastor of Vineyard Columbus. The event is free, but registration is required for attendance and to receive a free parking pass.

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

COOKIE TINS NEEDED FOR MISSION Please drop off clean cookie tins to Barb Clapham in the church office for the upcoming Cookie Mission in December. This mission helps support our home bound and members in need and has been a mission of the church for over 15 years.

OUR FAITH TELLS US TO ACT *JAMES 2: 15,16* Our Faith tells us to act for the hungry. The designated offerings on **November 12** will be for the Broad Street Presbyterian Pantry and Gladden Community House Pantry. Both pantries report serving over 1000 families a month who struggle with food insecurity. In addition to your monetary gift, please bring non-perishable food i.e., canned fruits, vegetables, protein, and boxed meals. Families especially appreciate personal hygiene items and household cleansers.

FIRST CHURCH’S 2017 ORNAMENT NOW AVAILABLE First Church is continuing our exciting program in celebrating the history of the church through an ongoing keepsake ornament project. Each year, one of our beautiful stained-glass windows is featured as a keepsake ornament. The 2017 collectible features the Clerestory Windows of the Nave. This series started eleven years ago. The first ornament (2007) was the “Shepherd Window” that is in the Gladden Chapel. The 2008 ornament was “The Light of the World” window, located in the sanctuary in the Parable Windows. The 2009 ornament is “Jesus Blessing the Children” panel from the Jeffrey Window, located above the Chancel. The fourth keepsake ornament (2010) was the “Evangelists” from the Jeffrey Window. The fifth keepsake ornament was the “Christ sitting on the Rainbow” from the Jeffrey Window and the 2012 keepsake ornament was the “Chi Rho” panel from the Rose Window. The 2013 collectible features the Music (Barnard) Window. The 2014 collectible features the Gladden Window – “Charity and Justice” panel. The 2015 collectible features the Friendship Window – “Celebrating the Art Painting” panel. The 2016 ornament was from the Clerestory Window. All the keepsake ornaments, except 2007, are still available in limited quantity at \$10 each or you can purchase all the previous nine ornaments for a discounted price of \$50. This year’s ornament sale will begin on Sunday, November 12 after the 9 a.m. service and during the Fellowship Hour in the Parish Hall after the 11 a.m. service, as well as in the church office. The 2017 ornament is \$18. Contact Mark S. Williams, (mwilliams@first-church.org) for more information.

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; Martha Dieckmann, cousin of Martha Huey; Jenny Lukens, friend of Sharon Leidheiser; Rev. Roger Miller; and families and friends who continue to mourn the loss of loved ones, including the family of Bill Crawford, friend of Amy Wagner.

THROUGHOUT THE WORLD We pray for the people of Niger. We pray for the people of Catalan and the people and government of Spain. We pray for the Rohingya Refugees who feel persecution in Myanmar. 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 pray for the victims and families of the terrorist attack in New York City on Tuesday. We pray for the victims of that attack who were from Argentina, Belgium and Germany. We hold in our prayers the first responders and bystanders who came to the aid of the victims. 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 Oceania: American Samoa, Cook Islands, Fiji, French Polynesia (Maohi Nui), Kanaky, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Micronesia, Nauru, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, and Vanuatu.

MISSIONARIES This week we pray for Phyllis Byrd, serving in Kenya.

Need Prayer? If you have any prayer requests or joys to share, please contact Amy Wagner, Office Manager at awagner@first-church.org or 614-228-1741, ext. 10 or 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, 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

Monday, November 6

Noon – Care Ministry – Ralph Fanning Room
6 p.m. – BOBS Planning Meeting – Ralph Fanning Room
6:30 p.m. – Christian Education – Mark Williams' office

Tuesday, November 7

12:15 p.m. – First Tuesdays Concert and Luncheon –
Sanctuary and Parish Hall
2:30 p.m. – Worship Planning – Parish Family Room
5:30 p.m. – Sacred Earth – Ralph Fanning Room
5:45 p.m. – Yoga – Parish Hall
7 p.m. – Speaking of Faith – Sanctuary, Parish Hall

Wednesday, November 8

9:30 a.m. – Staff Meeting – Ralph Fanning Room
4 p.m. – Building and Office Close
7 p.m. – Justice and Mercy – Ralph Fanning Room

Thursday, November 9

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

Saturday, November 11

8:30 a.m. – House and Grounds – Ralph Fanning Room
10 a.m. – First Church Quilters – Parish Family Room
10 a.m. – BOBS Board Meeting – Education Wing Room D

Sunday, November 12: Harvest Sunday

9 a.m. – Worship: Morning Prayer and Holy Communion
– Parish Hall
9 a.m. – Exultate Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room
9 a.m. – Jubilate Choir – Music Activities Room
10 a.m. – First Church Choir Warm Up – 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. – Middle and High School Youth Group – Parish Hall

MEMBER BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK Today – Courtney Batchelor; 11/6
– Nathaniel Vogt; 11/8 – Emma Rau, James O'Neill; 11/9 – Brianna
Burkett, 11/10 – Jean Sankey

MEMBER ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK 11/6 – Becky and Troy
Magaw; 11/7 – Amy Nicholson and Mohamed Obeid-Salim; 11/8 –
Joanna and Jamie McWilliams; 11/9 – Arevena and Bill Nirote, Susan
Sitler and Tim Ahrens; 11/10 – Janette and Randy Hoffman, Lesley and
Karl Schaab, Lynn Wallich and Mary Jo Hudson

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 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 29 – \$6,671.50 – Neighbors in Need

NEXT WEEK'S MISSION OFFERING

Broad Street Presbyterian and Gladden House
Food Pantries

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 Mozingo, 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

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!

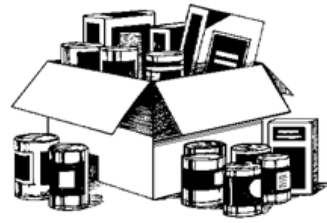
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The Congregation will bring forward donations of canned and non-perishable food items for **distribution to the Gladden House and Broad Street Presbyterian Food Pantries**. Please bring your donations to either the 9 or 11 a.m. services and place them in the collection area. The Justice and Mercy Commission will see that the food is delivered for Thanksgiving distribution.



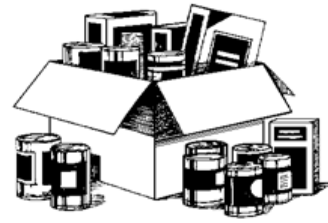
Below are suggestions of non-perishable items to bring. Please be as generous as you can.

The Justice and Mercy Commission of First Church

- Canned vegetables and fruits, especially tomatoes and pineapple
- Pasta, Rice, Dried Beans, Instant Mashed Potatoes
- Boxed meals such as Hamburger Helper
- Canned Meats (Tuna, Chicken)
- Cereal
- Boxed Macaroni & Cheese Mix
- Soup (Chicken Noodle, Chicken and Stars, Chicken and Rice)
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- Cornbread Mixes (Jiffy, etc.)
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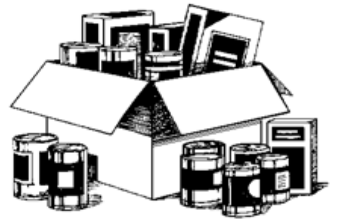
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