



FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

## Depart to Serve

NOVEMBER 11, 2018

### FORMATIVE DISCUSSIONS FOR ADULTS IN NOVEMBER

The **Faith and Life Discussion Group** will focus on **Domains of Racism, White Privilege and Change**. Join us for a discussion of the personal, interpersonal, institutional, and cultural domains as they relate to racism, white privilege and change, facilitated by First Church member Pam Kallner. The focus will be on ways to make a lasting change in each domain as an individual and as a church. The sessions will be at the 10 a.m. Faith Formation time on Sunday mornings in Classroom D.

**Opening the Word - November 11, 18 and 25 at 10 a.m.** First Church member Anthony Brown will lead a Bible Study on the First Letter of John. This will be a wonderful exploration of the scriptures. This class will be in the Ralph Fanning Room.

**Open and Affirming Task Force: Sunday, November 18 and 25 at 10 a.m. in Classroom D.** The First Church ONA Task Force will review the revised and updated Opening and Affirming Statement. We encourage the congregation to review this new document.

**PRACTICE FOR THE CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PLAY** Children in grades 2-5 will practice each Sunday at 10 a.m. in Room B in the Education Wing. All children are welcome to participate in this fun event. Children toddlers through 1<sup>st</sup> grade will practice in their classrooms during the 10 a.m. hour. The play is scheduled for Sunday, December 9 after the Christmas dinner at 6 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

**MUSIC FOR ORGAN AND ORCHESTRA NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18, AT 4 P.M.** Concerts at First Church, along with the Columbus Chapter of the American Guild of Organists, presents Music for Organ and Orchestra, featuring organist Todd Wilson, strings and brass. This concert is the final celebration of the 100th anniversary of the Columbus chapter. The concert is free and will feature music by Handel, Haydn, Praetorius, Dupré, Widor, Walter Piston, and the monolithic Concerto in G Minor by Francis Poulenc. Kevin Jones will conduct.

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

**OUR 2019 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN** is well underway, and in true First Church fashion, you have been supportive and generous. To those of you who have already made your pledge, we offer a heartfelt thank you. If you have yet to make your pledge, we hope you will prayerfully and thoughtfully do so in the near future.

*Awake to What God is Doing.* Our stewardship theme is also an apt description of who we are as a church. We demonstrate our belief in the future God has for us by investing in the maintenance of our magnificent cathedral church. We publicly proclaim our deeply rooted belief in social justice with the recent dedication of The Washington Gladden Social Justice Park. We affirm every week our love for God through relevant, compelling preaching and inspiring liturgy and music.

We believe the best God has for us lies ahead, and we hope you will join in support of God's work by making your 2019 pledge soon. Your pledge can be made online, by completing a pledge card or by contacting Sharon Leidheiser in the church office. Sharon can be reached at 614-228-1741x 11 or [sleidheiser@first-church.org](mailto:sleidheiser@first-church.org).

**YOUTH SELLING FUDGE FOR HOLIDAYS** The First Church Youth Groups will be selling a variety of fudge again this year as a fundraiser during the holiday season. The fudge, either half pound or pound boxes, will be on sale after each worship service and during office weekday hours beginning the end of November through December. This makes a perfect gift for the holiday season. Consider giving a box of fudge as gifts for your business/employees. See Mark Williams or contact him at [mwilliams@first-church.org](mailto:mwilliams@first-church.org) for more details regarding special orders.

**CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PLAY** Rehearsals for this year's production, "Jimmy Grabbage and the Utterly Cool Key to the Universe" are underway, held during the supremely family-friendly time of 10 a.m. on Sundays through the day of the play, Sunday, December 9. The only non-Sunday practice is the dress rehearsal the day before, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, December 8, in the Parish Hall. Pre-K-1st children will tackle the roles of Mistletoe Marchers; 2nd graders will introduce the spectacle with their very own spotlight-stealing rhymes; and 3rd-5th graders will charm and disarm us with speaking parts to rival Shakespeare or SpongeBob. All are welcome; there are no tryouts or cuts. Questions? Melissa Kulwicki at [mbkulwicki@gmail.com](mailto:mbkulwicki@gmail.com) and Karen Mozingo at [karen\\_mozingo@hotmail.com](mailto:karen_mozingo@hotmail.com).

**COOKIE TINS NEEDED!** The Cookie Mission is just around the corner and we need your help. If you have clean cookie tins to donate, please bring them into the church office. Watch for sign ups to participate in the Cookie Mission.

### HANGING OF THE GREENS: SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 6-9 P.M.

Come for fellowship and help prepare the church for the seasons of Advent and Christmas. All ages can participate. Many hands make light work. Come and share in the fun.

### JOYS AND CONCERNS

**MEMBERS** Donald Dunn; Arlene Reynolds; Celeste Feather; Deb Kelly; Barbara Knox; Andrew MacGregor; Lindy Miller; Carl Miller, and those who mourn the loss of loved ones, including Bert and Bev Cook, on the death of their daughter, Jan Cook; and Tom Brownlee, on the death of his father, John David Brownlee.

**FRIENDS AND FAMILY** Chuck Comfar, friend of Thom Smith; Gene Dahnke, father of Mark Dahnke; Marjorie Kufel, mother of Sharon Leidheiser; Chris Collaros; Joyce Marcum, sister of Betty Conn; and Brooke Chute, cousin of Amy Wagner; and those who mourn the loss of loved ones.

**THROUGHOUT THE WORLD** We pray for the people of Yemen who face political and humanitarian crisis. We pray for the people who we killed in gun violence in this city and around the country this week, especially at the nightclub in Thousand Oaks, California. We pray for victims of the shooting at Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh. We pray for those suffering from brain diseases and their families. We pray for persons recovering from natural disasters. We pray for tensions in the Middle East to cease.

**IN GOD'S HANDS: THE ECUMENICAL PRAYER CYCLE** This week we pray with and for the people and churches of Aotearoa, New Zealand and Australia.

**MISSIONARIES** This week we pray for Danielle Lee serving in Thailand.

**NEED PRAYER?** If you have any prayer requests or joys to share, please contact Amy Wagner, Office Manager, at [awagner@first-church.org](mailto:awagner@first-church.org) or 614-228-1741, ext. 10 or 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, November 11: Veterans Day and Food Gifts Presented

- 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 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. – Middle and High School Youth Groups – Parish Hall

### Monday, November 12

- 9 a.m. – Good Samaritan Day – Sanctuary,  
Ralph Fanning Room
- 6 p.m. – Budget and Finance – Ralph Fanning Room
- 6:30 p.m. – Christian Education Meeting –  
Mark Williams’ Office
- 7 p.m. – Trustees – Ralph Fanning Room

### Tuesday, November 13

- 2 p.m. – Worship Planning – Children’s Library
- 6 p.m. – Music Committee – Parlor
- 7 p.m. – Executive Committee – Nursery
- 7 p.m. – Church Council – Nursery

### Wednesday, November 14

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

### Thursday, November 15

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

### Saturday, November 17

- 3 p.m. – Memorial Service and Reception for Jan Cook –  
Sanctuary and Parish Hall

### Sunday, November 18

- 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 and Ralph Fanning Room
- 11 a.m. – Worship – Sanctuary
- Noon – Fellowship Hour – Parish Hall
- 12:30 p.m. – Confirmation – Education Wing Room D
- 4 p.m. –AGO Centennial Concert and Reception – Sanctuary

**ABOUT YOUR OFFERING TODAY** All our offerings support the Ministry of First Church through its programs, outreach and related groups as we witness to God’s love together. 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](http://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**  

- **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**  
November 11 – \$1,080.25 – BREAD

**NEXT WEEK’S MISSION OFFERING** – Gladden  
Community House Christmas Fund

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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
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, 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 Mazingo, David Nassau, Allison Lowery Palmer, Jorge Polo, Alex Rodriguez, James Velo

#### 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

**MEMBER BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK** 12 – Erin Dean, Wendy Reber; 13 – John Aeschbury, Melanie Brown, Victoria Washington; 14 – Elijah Horne, Samuel Horne; 15 – Erin Murray; 16 – Barbara Knox; 17 – Joyce Oylar, Robert Reber, Judy Smith

**MEMBER ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK** 14 – Abby and Melissa Prendergast; 15 – Missy and Doug Zimmerman