

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

## DEPART TO SERVE

NOVEMBER 12, 2017

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

**COMMUNICATIONS SURVEY** Check your email this week for our First Church Communication Survey. It is a short survey but very important to us living into the Long-Range Plan. See Emily Corzine ([ecorzine@first-church.org](mailto:ecorzine@first-church.org)) for more information.

**CHORAL EVENSING ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19, AT 4 P.M.** The First Church Choir will sing the Preces / Responses by Richard Ayleward, Evening Service in A Major by Stephen Caracciolo, the current director of LancasterChorale, and the contemplative anthem “I will lift mine eyes” by Jake Runestad. The Rev. Dr. Nancy Livingston will be the officiant, and the choir will be accompanied by evensong organist Tyler Robertson. Please see [www.concertsatfirstchurch.org](http://www.concertsatfirstchurch.org) for more information.

**HANGING OF THE GREENS: NOVEMBER 26 FROM 6-9 P.M.** Come at 6 p.m. for pizza and fellowship and help us prepare for Advent. People of all ages and skill levels can participate in this festive event. From hanging wreaths to tying bows to stringing lights on the tree in the Nave, many hands make light work. Please respond to the church office if you can attend.

**LAUNDRY LOVE IS TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28** Please contact Mark Williams at [mwilliams@first-church.org](mailto:mwilliams@first-church.org) if you can volunteer this Tuesday from 6 to 7 p.m. at WashLand Laundromat, 1469 West Broad Street in West Franklinton.

**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 1-pound or ½-pound boxes, will be on sale after each worship service and during office weekday hours beginning the end of November through December. Order forms are available in the office. Contact Mark Williams at [mwilliams@first-church.org](mailto:mwilliams@first-church.org) for more details regarding special orders.

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10: COOKIE MISSION - SPREAD THE JOY!** Help those less fortunate, shut-in members or members who are having a difficult time enjoy some holiday cheer by providing a tin of Christmas cookies and a friendly visit from a church member. Christmas is a time for giving to others and this is one simple way church members can give back to the other members in need & in our church community. You can bake, help prepare packages for delivery or deliver. If interested simply call the office at 614-228-1741. Here’s how you can help:

- Bake 4-dozen cookies/candies and deliver to the Ralph Fanning Room between 8:30–11 a.m.
- Prepare cookies tins for delivery; meet at 10 a.m. in Ralph Fanning Room
- Deliver cookies after 9 and 11 a.m. services; address and phone number provided.



### OUR STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE IS HAVING A SILENT CAMPAIGN

Thanks to all who are talking with us. If no one has called you, call or email Rev. Tim @ 614-228-1741, ext. 13 / [tahrens@first-church.org](mailto:tahrens@first-church.org). We need to set up a time for you to share your thoughts on stewardship and generosity. Tim would love to talk with you one on one, or you could speak with someone else. We are asking for an across the board 7% increase in giving. If you have never pledged or found yourself unable to pledge for a few years, please step up and join us in pledging for 2018. Please call our Business Manager, Sharon Leidheiser, 614-228-1741, ext. 11 or email Sharon – [sleidheiser@first-church.org](mailto:sleidheiser@first-church.org).

**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. 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 is available 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](mailto:mwilliams@first-church.org)) for more information.

*ON TYRANNY*, the book for the Book Study Group, is available for purchase in the church office for \$10.

**MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUPS WILL NOT MEET TONIGHT.**

### JOYS AND CONCERNS

**MEMBERS** Grace Glaros; Sophie Baird; Kathy Brownfield; Virginia O’Neill; and families and friends who mourn the loss of loved ones, including: Jennifer Okezie-Watts and family, on the death of her sister-in-law, Angela Watts; and the family of Don Erickson; and the family of Evelyn Shaheen.

**FRIENDS AND FAMILY** Tim and Heidi Binkley, friends of Jeff Corzine; Nancy Williams, sister-in-law of Mark Williams; The O’Rourke Family; Alice Anderson, mother of Eddie Anderson and sister of Duan Cannon; Marjorie Kufel, mother of Sharon Leidheiser; Rev. Roger Miller; and families and friends who continue to mourn the loss of loved ones.

**THROUGHOUT THE WORLD** We pray for those along the Korean Peninsula. We pray for the unrest on the Arabian Peninsula, especially in Yemen and recent events in Saudi Arabia. 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 community of Sutherland Springs, Texas after the shootings at First Baptist Church. 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 Aotearoa/New Zealand and Australia.

**MISSIONARIES** This week we pray for Nishan Bakalian, 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.

### 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!

## THIS WEEK AT FIRST CHURCH

### 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

### Monday, November 13

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

1 p.m. – Shaheen Memorial Service /Reception – Sanctuary and Parlor

7 p.m. – Trustees – Ralph Fanning Room

### Tuesday, November 14

11:30 p.m. – Worship Planning – Parish Family Room

5:45 p.m. – Yoga – Parish Hall

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

### Wednesday, November 15

11 a.m. – Book Study: *On Tyranny* – Parlor

4 p.m. – Building and Office Close

### Thursday, November 16

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

### Saturday, November 18

10 a.m. – First Church Quilters – Parish Family Room

### Sunday, October 19

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

11 a.m. – Worship – Sanctuary

Noon – Fellowship Hour – Parish Hall

12:30 p.m. – Confirmation Class – Education Wing, Room D

4 p.m. – Choral Evensong – Sanctuary

## MEMBER BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Today – Erin Dean, Wendy Reber,  
Don Streibig; 11/13 – John Aeschbury, Melanie Brown, Victoria  
Washington; 11/14 – Elijah Horne, Samuel Horne; 11/15 – Erin  
Murray; 11/16 – Barbara Knox

## MEMBER ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

11/15 – Missy and Doug  
Zimmerman

**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](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

<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

November 5 – \$1,675.29 – Good Samaritan

## NEXT WEEK'S MISSION OFFERING

Mid-Ohio Workers Association

**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



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