

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

## DEPART TO SERVE

NOVEMBER 20, 2016

**KEVIN JONES ORGAN RECITAL TODAY** At 4 p.m., Minister of Music Kevin Jones presents his annual organ recital featuring Bach's Fantasia and Fugue in G minor, BWV 542, the Four Duetti, BWV 802-805, and Franck's A minor Choral will be heard on the Beckerath. The Kimball will bring Widor's magnificent 6<sup>th</sup> Symphony to life painted with lush colors and broad strokes. A reception will follow the concert.

**amazon smile** If you are an Amazon shopper, support us when you shop for holiday gifts. #StartWithaSmile at <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/31-4394163> and Amazon donates. To help donate to First Church please use the following link: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/31-4394163>

**NEXT SUNDAY IN FORMATIVE DISCUSSIONS FOR ADULTS** Discover the meaning of the season with *O Come, O Come Emmanuel: Reflections on Four Seasonal Hymns*. Written by Mary Louise (Mel) Bringle and Beverly Howard, this four-session adult study looks at the meaning of four popular Advent and Christmas hymns. Featured hymns include "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus;" "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence;" "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel;" and "In the Bleak Midwinter." This curriculum will encourage adults to discuss the importance of the hymns, explore the meaning of the featured text, and learn more about the hymn writers. Rev. Dr. Nancy Livingston and Rev. Mary Kay Beall Carter will lead these sessions at 10 a.m. in Room D of the Education Wing.

**LUNCH AND CONVERSATION WITH AUTHOR ROBERT JONES** *The End of White Christian America* author Robert Jones will visit First Church on Wednesday, December 1 from 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. in the Ralph Fanning Room for lunch and conversation. Please plan to join us!

**NEED A HOSTESS GIFT OR A GIFT FOR FRIENDS OR FAMILY?** Sacred Earth has some options for you! We will offer chocolate, coffee, and tea baskets with fair trade items plus an appropriate accessory which coordinates with each theme (i.e. a tea strainer, tea bag rest, etc.) and a mug for \$15. Please sign up in the church office, indicating which option and date you prefer. Baskets will be available during Fellowship Hour on the first and third Sundays of December. If you need a basket for another time, please call Sarah Giffen at 614-471-9665.

### FIRST CHURCH'S 2016 ORNAMENT NOW AVAILABLE FOR \$18

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 2016 collectible features the Clerestory Windows of the Nave. This series started ten years ago. The first ornament (2007) was the "Shepherd Window" that is located 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, which is 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 Arts – Painting" panel. All the keepsake ornaments, except 2007, are still available in limited quantity at \$10 each or you can purchase all the previous eight ornaments for a discounted price of \$50. This year's ornament presale begins November 27 and the ornaments will be available for pickup after December 9 after the 9 a.m. service and during the Fellowship Hour in the Parish Hall after the 11 a.m. service. It also will be available for purchase during the week in the church office. The 2016 ornament is \$18. Contact Mark S. Williams, ([mwilliams@first-church.org](mailto:mwilliams@first-church.org)) for more information.

**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 ½ 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. Order forms will be available beginning on November 27 after each worship service in the Parish Hall. See Mark Williams [mwilliams@first-church.org](mailto:mwilliams@first-church.org) for details regarding special orders.

**ADVENT RESOURCES FOR CHILDREN, FAMILIES AND ADULTS** will be available beginning Sunday, November 27, at the entrance to the worship space and in classrooms. An Advent children's activities calendar and teen's calendar, an Advent paper chain, a booklet for family prayers, scriptures and reflections "From Heaven to Manger" and "Peace, Hope-Light" by C. S. Lewis, an individual devotion booklet for the days of

Advent, will all be available. Please pick up a copy at either service or in the church office.

### JOYS AND CONCERNS

**MEMBERS** Steven Ferris; Nicole Moss; Alyssa Dean; Betsy Zahn; Helen Cook; Julie Stewart; Julie Devenish; Bill Catus; Ron Cook; Jane Weddle; Sharon Walquist; Bernie Martin; Ray Pendell; and families and friends who continue to mourn the loss of loved ones, including Abby Cave, on the death of her grandfather, Guy Metcalf; and Jim Griffin, on the death of his aunt.

**FRIENDS AND FAMILY** Jackie Miller, grandmother of Melissa Kulwicki; Jim Smith, brother of Thom Smith; Linda Bowers; Kampsee Weber, friend of Amy Wagner; Gayle Maloch, sister-in-law of Francille Firebaugh; Clyde and Jenny Fravel, friends of Lisa Fravel Dean; Daisy, aunt of Tracey Ross; Jenny Lukens, friend of Sharon Leidheiser; Mark Kinley, friend of Sharon Leidheiser; Shirley Graf, sister of Lynn Wallich; Lois Beery, friend of Mary Kay Beall Carter; 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.

**THROUGHOUT THE WORLD** We pray for the people of New Zealand affected by last week's earthquake. We pray for migrants who have died seeking refuge among the Mediterranean. We pray for the people and aid workers in Syria, Iraq and Afghanistan and Yemen.

**IN GOD'S HANDS: THE ECUMENICAL PRAYER CYCLE** This week we pray with and for the people and churches of Cameroon, Central African Republic, and Equatorial Guinea.

**MISSIONARIES** This week, we pray for Michael Joseph, serving in Colombia.

**NEED PRAYER?** If you have any prayer requests or joys to share, please contact the church office ([awagner@first-church.org](mailto:awagner@first-church.org) or 614-228-1741, ext. 10) or one of 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 20: Reign of Christ Sunday

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

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

1 p.m. – Deadline for Newsletter Articles

4 p.m. – Congregational Concert: Kevin Jones, Organist – Sanctuary

6 p.m. – Hanging of the Greens – Sanctuary/Parish Hall

### Monday, November 21

10:30 a.m. – Worship Planning – Parish Family Room

7 p.m. – Interfaith Bible Study – Parish Hall

7 p.m. – Personnel Committee – Parish Family Room

### Thursday, November 24 – Thanksgiving

Building Closed All Day

### Friday, November 25

Building Closed All Day

1 p.m. – Faith Mission Meal Preparation – Kitchen

### Sunday, November 27: Advent 1

9 a.m. – Worship: Morning Prayer and Holy Communion – Parish Hall

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

6 p.m. – Middle and High School Youth Groups – Parish Hall

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR LAUNDRY LOVE ON NOVEMBER 29

Volunteers are needed for the next Laundry Love on Tuesday,

November 29 from 6-7p.m at WashLand Laundromat, 1469 West Broad Street in West Franklinton. Hope you can help share the load.

### MEMBER BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Today-Schlelia Gray, John Matchett; 21-Anita Babu, Allison Palmer; 22-Natalie Barker, Kristen Blanks, Adeline Brown, Madeline Helmer, Jane Weddle; 23-Bill Wagner; 24-Mike Bukach, Andy Rozmiarek, Scott Warrick; 25-Sarah Ahrens; 26-Eric Malmborg, Adam Wade

### MEMBER ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

26-Kathie and R.Guy Cole, Sarah and Wally Giffen, Sandy and Michael Valinis

**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](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, 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.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

444 EAST BROAD STREET, COLUMBUS, OHIO 43215-3885

PHONE: 614.228.1741 FAX: 614.461.1741

[WWW.FIRST-CHURCH.ORG](http://WWW.FIRST-CHURCH.ORG)

### 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, 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	<i>Chair and Elect Currently Vacant</i>
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

## COOKIE MISSION ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11



Help those less fortunate and shut-in members of First Church enjoy some cheer by providing Christmas cookies and/or candies on Sunday, December 11. Christmas is a time for giving to others, and this is one way church members can give back to the community and shut-in members. You can bake, help prepare packages for delivery or deliver.

Please indicate below how you would like to participate:

\_\_\_\_\_ I can bake 4 dozen cookies/candies and deliver them by 10 a.m. to the Ralph Fanning Room.

\_\_\_\_\_ I can package cookies for delivery  
(meet between 8 - 10 a.m. in the Ralph Fanning Room.)

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to deliver cookies to a shut-in  
(after 11 a.m. service).

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone or Email: \_\_\_\_\_



### TWO OPPORTUNITIES:

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4 AT 12:30 P.M.

OR

MONDAY, DECEMBER 5 AT 7 P.M.

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes! Sign me up for the class! Sunday \_\_\_\_\_ Monday \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Not at this time, but please contact me for the next class

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Best Telephone # to reach me is: \_\_\_\_\_

Childcare will be available; please call the church office at 228-1741, ext. 10 to let us know how many children to expect.

## COOKIE MISSION ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11



Help those less fortunate and shut-in members of First Church enjoy some cheer by providing Christmas cookies and/or candies on Sunday, December 11. Christmas is a time for giving to others, and this is one way church members can give back to the community and shut-in members. You can bake, help prepare packages for delivery or deliver.

Please indicate below how you would like to participate:

\_\_\_\_\_ I can bake 4 dozen cookies/candies and deliver them by 10 a.m. to the Ralph Fanning Room.

\_\_\_\_\_ I can package cookies for delivery  
(meet between 8 - 10 a.m. in the Ralph Fanning Room.)

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to deliver cookies to a shut-in  
(after 11 a.m. service).

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone or Email: \_\_\_\_\_



### TWO OPPORTUNITIES:

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4 AT 12:30 P.M.

OR

MONDAY, DECEMBER 5 AT 7 P.M.

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes! Sign me up for the class! Sunday \_\_\_\_\_ Monday \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Not at this time, but please contact me for the next class

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Best Telephone # to reach me is: \_\_\_\_\_

Childcare will be available; please call the church office at 228-1741, ext. 10 to let us know how many children to expect.

## COOKIE MISSION ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11



Help those less fortunate and shut-in members of First Church enjoy some cheer by providing Christmas cookies and/or candies on Sunday, December 11. Christmas is a time for giving to others, and this is one way church members can give back to the community and shut-in members. You can bake, help prepare packages for delivery or deliver.

Please indicate below how you would like to participate:

\_\_\_\_\_ I can bake 4 dozen cookies/candies and deliver them by 10 a.m. to the Ralph Fanning Room.

\_\_\_\_\_ I can package cookies for delivery  
(meet between 8 - 10 a.m. in the Ralph Fanning Room.)

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to deliver cookies to a shut-in  
(after 11 a.m. service).

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone or Email: \_\_\_\_\_



### TWO OPPORTUNITIES:

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4 AT 12:30 P.M.

OR

MONDAY, DECEMBER 5 AT 7 P.M.

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes! Sign me up for the class! Sunday \_\_\_\_\_ Monday \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Not at this time, but please contact me for the next class

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Best Telephone # to reach me is: \_\_\_\_\_

Childcare will be available; please call the church office at 228-1741, ext. 10 to let us know how many children to expect.