

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

DEPART TO SERVE

NOVEMBER 6, 2016

TODAY IN FORMATIVE DISCUSSION FOR ADULTS At 10 a.m., two great sessions will be offered. In **Opening the Word**, Rev. Emily Corzine will lead three sessions on the topic *“Understanding Worship at First Church.”* These sessions will focus on the different parts of our worship, the history and the meanings of worship. The **Faith and Life Discussion Group** will focus on *White Privilege: Let's TALK. Let's DO something.* The UCC now offers a new adult curriculum—White Privilege: Let's Talk—that's designed to encourage church members to engage in safe, meaningful, substantive and bold conversations on race. These sessions will run on Sunday mornings through November 20. Plan to join us!



COME TO THE CABARET! The church-wide Cabaret is tonight at 6 p.m.! Tickets are available after each worship service and at the door. The youth will be auctioning themed baskets during the event. The baskets are on display during Fellowship Hour.

EGAN-RYAN FUNERAL HOME VETERANS DAY FOOD DRIVE Join with Egan-Ryan Funeral Services in giving thanks to our Vets and donate to their second annual Veterans Day Food Drive. Non-perishable food items, personal care items and monetary donations can be dropped off at either of Egan-Ryan's two locations (403 E. Broad Street or 4661 Kenny Road) Monday-Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. beginning November 1 through Veteran's Day, November 11. Call 614-221-6665 with questions.

SHARE THANKSGIVING BLESSINGS On Sunday, November 13, members are asked to share their blessings by bringing **non-perishable** food i.e., canned fruit, meat and vegetables to worship. Justice and Mercy members will divide the food into three portions for delivery to the Broad Street Presbyterian Pantry, the Gladden Community House Pantry and Groceries-To-Go, which is a pantry serving persons with HIV/AIDS and active cancer. Thank you for sharing your blessings, from Justice and Mercy.

MUSIC NEWS *Choral Evensongs* continue on Sunday, November 13, at 4 p.m. The First Church Choir will sing the Preces/Responses by Herbert Howells, the rarely-heard, haunting Canticles for St. Peter's, Westminster by Howells, and the festival anthem “Antiphon” by William Walton. The Rev. Nancy Livingston will be the officiant, and the choir will be accompanied by evensong organist Tyler Robertson. The 45-minute service of prayer and meditation is the perfect close to the day. We look forward to seeing you there.

Then, on Sunday, November 20, at 4 p.m., Minister of Music Kevin Jones presents his annual organ recital featuring the music of J.S. Bach, César Franck, and Charles-Marie Widor played on both the von Beckerath and Kimball instruments. 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 6th Symphony to life painted with lush colors and broad strokes. A reception will follow the concert.

FIRST CHURCH EVENT: WINE TASTING Come enjoy food and fellowship on Friday, November 18 from 6-8pm, for wine tasting with the Wine Director of The Hills Market Downtown, hosted by Al Waddell and Allen Baker. Help support the ministries and mission of First Congregational Church. Tickets are \$50/person prior to the event. Tickets are required and can be purchased in the main office. Each ticket counts as a \$27 donation. See Cindy Conn in the main office on Sundays until November 13 to purchase your ticket or stop by the main office during the week.

NO ONE ALONE FOR THE HOLIDAYS THANKSGIVING DINNER

Each year since 2009 the ONA Outreach Team at North Church has hosted a Thanksgiving meal for those who do not have someone to enjoy Thanksgiving dinner with. This year, like last year, we have moved the meal to St. John's UCC so we could also reach those who are living in shelters and on the streets. Though the meals were designed for the broken, many others have enjoyed bringing their families, friends or just being supportive. Everyone is welcome to join us, and donations of food are always welcome as well. If you would like to donate your time and/or talents for food preparation or donate money or food you may contact Marilyn Lloyd at marilynelloyd@yahoo.com or 614-477-9000.

COOKIE TINS NEEDED! The Cookie Mission is just around the corner and we need your help. If you have clean cookie tins that you are not using, please bring them into the church office to use for the Cookie Mission. Call Sharon Leidheiser at 614-228-1741 ext. 11 for details.

UMCH FAMILY SERVICES ADOPTION AND FOSTER PARENT

TRAINING and information session begins in January. A ministry of the United Methodist Church, UMCH Family Services is our new neighbor across Broad Street. They are enrolling people for their foster or adopt parent training sessions beginning in January 2017. If you are interested, please contact Beth Moore at 614-559-2800, ext. 109.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

MEMBERS Alyssa Dean; Betsy Zahn; Val-Christopher Tekaucic; Helen Cook; Julie Stewart; Julie DeVennish; Bill Catus; Ron Cook; Christina Holt; Jane Weddle; Sharon Walquist; Abby Salak and Melissa Prendergast and their daughter, Ruth Eloise; 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; Jim Griffin, on the death of his aunt; and Reggie and Duan Cannon, on the death of Reggie's mother, Essie Cannon.

FRIENDS AND FAMILY 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; Bobby; 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 victims of natural disasters around the world; especially the earthquake in Italy. We pray for a peaceful resolution to Dakota Access Pipeline standoff in North Dakota. We pray for safety for all who travel to the Standing Rock Sioux Nation. We pray for the people of Iraq, Afghanistan, Syria and for all who work peace in those areas and around the world. We pray for our nation, state and communities during the election this week.

IN GOD'S HANDS: THE ECUMENICAL PRAYER CYCLE This week in the Ecumenical Prayer Cycle, we pray with and for the people and churches of Burundi, Democratic Republic of Congo, and Rwanda.

MISSIONARIES This week, we pray for Sarah Williams, serving in India.

NEED PRAYER? If you have any prayer requests or joys to share, please contact the church office (awagner@first-church.org or 614-228-1741, ext. 10) or one of 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 6 – All Saints 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

12:15 – Confirmation Class – Education Wing Room D

6 p.m. – Cabaret – Parish Hall

Monday, November 7

6:30 p.m. – Christian Education Virtual Meeting

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

Tuesday, November 8

2 p.m. – Worship Planning – Parish Family Room

Wednesday, November 9

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

Thursday, November 10

6 p.m. – First Church Ringers Rehearsal – Education Wing Room J

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

Saturday, November 12

10 a.m. – First Church Quilters – Ralph Fanning Room

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11 a.m. – Worship – Sanctuary

Noon – Fellowship Hour – Parish Hall

4 p.m. – Choral Evensong – Sanctuary

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

MEMBER BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK Today-Nathaniel Vogt; 8-Emma

Rau, James O'Neill; 9-Brianna Burkett, David Leidheiser; 12-Erin Dean,

Wendy Reber, Don Streibig

MEMBER ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK Today-Becky and Troy

Magaw; 7-Amy Nicholson and Mohamed Obeid-Salim; 8-Joanna and

Jamie McWilliams; 9-Arevena and Bill Nirote, Susan Sitler and Tim

Ahrens; 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 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 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.

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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

