

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

## DEPART TO SERVE

DECEMBER 3, 2016

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10: COOKIE MISSION - SPREAD THE JOY!

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 and in our church community. If interested, call the office at 614-228-1741. We need help with:

- 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.



**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.

**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. The 2017 collectible features the Clerestory Windows of the Nave and is \$18. All 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. Contact Mark S. Williams, ([mwilliams@first-church.org](mailto:mwilliams@first-church.org)) for more information.

**NEED A HOSTESS GIFT OR A GIFT FOR FRIENDS OR FAMILY?** Sacred Earth is offering holiday chocolate, coffee, and tea baskets with fair trade items for just \$15. Baskets will be available starting Sunday, December 3, during our Fellowship Hour and again on Sunday, December 17 (the first and third Sundays of December). Please look for a sign up in the church office where you can indicate which option you would like and date you prefer. If you need a basket for another time, please call Sarah Giffen at 614-471-9665.

**FORMATIVE DISCUSSIONS FOR ADULTS – NEXT SUNDAY** Experience how Christmas is observed in each of the four Gospels in this study written by Cynthia M. Campbell. This creative, three-session adult study compares each of the Gospels to homes that Christians visit. Illustrations of each Gospel house are provided by artist Kevin Burns based on his interpretation of the shape and character of each Gospel. Together Christian adults will be challenged to see Christmas from the different perspectives offered in each house as they further reflect on the mystery of Jesus. Rev. Dr. Nancy Livingston and Rev. Lauren Emery will lead the discussion in Room D.

### JOYS AND CONCERNS

**MEMBERS** Herb Goetz; Sophie Baird; Virginia O'Neill; and families and friends who mourn the loss of loved ones.

**FRIENDS AND FAMILY** Rose Sanders, aunt of Robert Davis, Jr.; Dave Belcastro and Debbie Anderson; the O'Rourke Family; Alice Anderson, mother of Eddie Anderson and sister of Duan Cannon; and families and friends who continue to mourn the loss of loved ones, including the family of Rev. Roger Miller.

**THROUGHOUT THE WORLD** We pray for those affected by the attack on a mosque in Nigeria. We pray for the victims and families of the mission Argentine Naval submarine. We pray for peace and stability in Zimbabwe and Kenya.

**IN THE UNITED STATES** We pray for those who are affected by sexual violence and sexual assault. We pray for the city of Columbus and those affected by gun violence on our streets. We pray for those who face deportation.

**IN GOD'S HANDS: THE ECUMENICAL PRAYER Cycle** This week we pray with and for the people and churches of Myanmar and Thailand.

**MISSIONARIES** This week we pray for Bruce Van Voorhis, serving in Hong Kong.

**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.

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR THE ADVENT/CHRISTMAS SEASON AT FIRST CHURCH

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 9 & 11 A.M.

WORSHIP SERVICES FOR ADVENT I

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, 9 & 11 A.M.

WORSHIP SERVICES FOR ADVENT II

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17, 9 & 11 A.M.

WORSHIP SERVICES FOR ADVENT III

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17, 4 P.M.

A CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

PRELUDE BEGINS PROMPTLY AT 3:30 P.M.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24

11:00 A.M. – WORSHIP SERVICE FOR ADVENT IV

3:00 P.M. – FAMILY CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

7:30 P.M. – CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE INCLUDING THE DRAMA OF  
THE NATIVITY

10:30 P.M. – NATIVITY CONCERT *MAGNIFICAT!*

11:00 P.M. – CANDLELIGHT CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31, 9 & 11 A.M.

COMMUNITY LESSONS AND CAROLS FOR THE FIRST SUNDAY OF  
CHRISTMAS

## THIS WEEK AT FIRST CHURCH

### Sunday, December 3: Advent I

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,  
Room D  
10 a.m. – New Members Class – Education Wing,  
Room C  
11 a.m. – Worship – Sanctuary  
Noon – Fellowship Hour – Parish Hall  
12:30 p.m. – Confirmation Class – Education Wing,  
Room D  
12:30 p.m. – Luncheon – Education Wing,  
Room C  
6 p.m. – High School Youth Group – Parish Hall

### Monday, December 4

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

### Tuesday, December 5

11:30 a.m. – Worship Planning – Parish Family Room  
12:15 p.m. – Yoga – Sanctuary  
5:30 p.m. – Sacred Earth – Ralph Fanning Room  
5:45 p.m. – Yoga – Sanctuary

### Wednesday, December 6

11 a.m. – Book Study: *On Tyranny* – Parlor  
4 p.m. – Building and Office Close

### Thursday, December 7

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

### Saturday, December 9

8:30 a.m. – House and Grounds – Ralph Fanning Room  
9 a.m. – Children's Play Rehearsal – Parish Hall  
1 p.m. – Discovery District Trolley Hop – Sanctuary

## Sunday, December 10: Advent II

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,  
Room D  
10 a.m. – New Members Class – Education Wing,  
Room C  
11 a.m. – Worship – Sanctuary  
Noon – Fellowship Hour – Parish Hall  
12:30 p.m. – Deacons and Ushers Meeting – Parlor  
6 p.m. – Christmas Dinner /Children's Play – Parish Hall  
7:30 pm – Youth Pageant Rehearsal – 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 Mazingo, 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, Gery Worth

**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 26 – \$1,177.00 – Gladden Christmas Fund

#### NEXT WEEK'S MISSION OFFERING

Bethlehem on Broad Street

**COPIES OF TODAY'S SERMON** can be found in the office or at the

Broad Street entrance to the Sanctuary.

**MEMBER BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK** Today-Elaine Warren, Frank Cook,

Whitney Marker; 6-Betty Cobb, Karl Danneberger, Diane Rambo, Alex Vore; 7-Ben Allred; 8-Janet Axt, Kent Rambo; 10-Brian Thomas, Tiana Daines, Victoria Daines

**MEMBER ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK** 12/10 – Diana and Bob

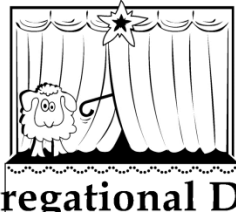
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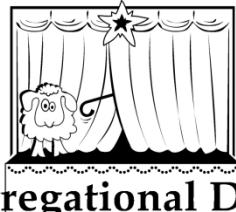
Complete this order form (*indicate the dedication*) and return with payment to the church office or place in the offering plate with payment (check or cash).  
**The deadline for ordering is December 15.**

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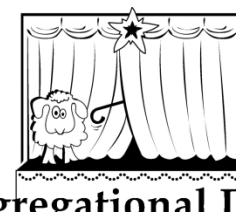
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