

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

DEPART TO SERVE

JANUARY 7, 2018

**FAITH FORMATION DISCUSSIONS FOR ADULTS STARTS NEW YEAR!**

The Faith Formation Discussion for Adults on Sunday morning start the year with two new tracks that will entice many to attend. The Rev. Mary Kay Beall Carter will lead the Opening the Word track with “Hospitality for the Immigrant”. This is a wonderful three-week study for those who are interested in going deeper into the scriptures concerning immigration. The Life and Faith track will begin with a series of classes on “Social Justice Advocacy for the Trans Community” led by Equality Ohio. Both classes begin today at 10 a.m. on the first floor of the Education Wing.

**CALLING ALL 4TH GRADERS!** The First Church Acolyte Team will be hosting an orientation and training session for new members on January 14 after the 11 a.m. worship service. Please meet in the Narthex if you would like to become a part of this ministry to our worship community. For questions or more information, contact Celeste Feather at 614-789-0516 or [celeste@pandc.org](mailto:celeste@pandc.org).

**CHORAL EVENSONG** Choral Evensong for the Third Sunday after the Epiphany will be offered on Sunday, January 21, at 4 p.m. The First Church Choir will sing Responses by Howells, the St. Peter’s, Westminster, Canticles by Howells, and Recitative, Trio, and Chorus from Mendelssohn’s oratorio, Christus. The Rev. Dr. Nancy Livingston officiates, and Tyler W. Robertson will be the organist.



**THANK YOU** to all that helped with the Cookie Mission especially Tammy Anderson who chaired the event and made sure cookies were stuffed into tins, cleaned the room and all that comes with doing a big mission project, and to Barbara Clapham, who washed and lined all the cookie tins. Also, thank you to Susan Sitler for assisting Tammy with this important mission project. There was a nice selection of candies and cookies; thank you First Church!

**JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**MEMBERS** Lindy Miller, Chris Hayler; Carl Miller; Virginia O’Neill; and families and friends who mourn the loss of loved ones, including Amy Wagner, on the death of her brother-in-law, Rick Harmon; Janet Stoneking, on the death of her father, Jim Stoneking; Robert Davis, Jr., on the death of his aunt, Rose Sanders; and the family of Joyce Campbell.

**FRIENDS AND FAMILY** Herb Goetz; Joe Griffen, brother of Jim Griffen; Shirley Graf, sister of Lynn Wallich; Donald Hayler, father of Chris Hayler; Kent Rambo’s mother; Ward Porch and parents Rev. Trip and Brittany Porch; Joyce Marcum, sister of Betty Conn; Jerry Amburgey, brother of Betty Conn; and families and friends who continue to mourn the loss of loved ones.

**THROUGHOUT THE WORLD** We pray for those who flee persecution around the world. We pray for the people of Israel and the Palestinian people. We pray for those who are victims of sexual harassment or sexual assault. We pray for all who struggle with mental illness, either personally or within their families.

**IN GOD’S HANDS: THE ECUMENICAL PRAYER CYCLE** This week we pray with and for the people and churches of Iran, Iraq and Syria.

**MISSIONARIES** This week we pray for Bethany Waggoner serving in Lebanon.

**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.

**MEMBER BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK** 9 – Carl Gelfius; 11 – Cori Page; 12 – Linda Mumford; 13 – Abby Cave, Jim Fewlass, Kendra Worley



**OFFERING TOTAL FOR LAST WEEK’S MISSION**  
December 31 – \$879.00 – Good Samaritan Fund

**NEXT WEEK’S MISSION OFFERING**  
BREAD

**COPIES OF TODAY’S SERMON** can be found in the office or at the Broad Street entrance to the Sanctuary.

**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, January 7: Baptism of our Lord Sunday

9 a.m. – Worship: Morning Prayer and Holy Communion – Parish Hall  
10 a.m. – Confirmation Trip to St. Thomas the Apostle  
10 a.m. – First Church Choir Warm Up – Choir Room  
10 a.m. – Faith Formation Time – Education Wing, Room D  
11 a.m. – Worship – Sanctuary  
Noon – Fellowship Hour – Parish Hall  
12:30 p.m. – Confirmation Class – Education Wing, Room D

### Monday, January 8

9 a.m. – Good Samaritan Day – Sanctuary and Ralph Fanning Room  
7 p.m. – Trustees – Ralph Fanning Room

### Tuesday, January 9

11:30 a.m. – Worship Planning – Parish Family Room  
5:30 p.m. – Justice and Mercy – Ralph Fanning Room  
7 p.m. – Executive Committee – Ralph Fanning Room

### Wednesday, January 10

#### Deadline for Annual Reports

9:30 a.m. – Staff Meeting – Ralph Fanning Room  
4 p.m. – Building and Office Close  
5:30 p.m. – Budget and Finance – Ralph Fanning Room

### Thursday, January 11

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

### Saturday, January 13

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

### Sunday, January 14: Second Sunday after Epiphany

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  
11 a.m. – Worship – Sanctuary  
Noon – Fellowship Hour – Parish Hall  
6 p.m. – High School Youth Group – Parish Hall

### Monday, January 15 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Office and Building Closed All Day

**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.*

## 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, Gerry Worth

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