

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

DEPART TO SERVE

JANUARY 14, 2018

CALLING ALL 4TH GRADERS! The First Church Acolyte Team will be hosting an orientation and training session for new members today 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.

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.



JANUARY 28 AT 11 A.M.: 2018 ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING — Following 10 a.m. worship. Bring your favorite chili to share for the Chili Cook-Off lunch following the meeting! *Please note that there is one combined worship service at 10 a.m.*



IT'S COMING...THE GREAT FISH FRY TOUR!
Brought to you by the Church Vitality Committee. Watch here for more details in the coming weeks. Questions or to nominate your favorite, contact Mary Anne Jacobson at marytoddj@gmail.com.

THE GOOD SAMARITAN FUND Our cupboard of personal care items is bare. Good Samaritan Day is Monday, February 12. We hope you will consider donating items over the next weeks to restock our shelves with items from dollar stores, especially ones where everything in the store is \$1. Needed items: Men or Women Shampoo; Men or Women Body Wash; Men or Women Deodorant; Toothpaste – full size tubes if possible (we have received a very generous donation of toothbrushes from a member, so we have plenty of those); Disposable razors & shaving cream.; Feminine hygiene products. Place them in the bin outside the church office. Thank you from the Good Samaritan volunteers.

B.R.E.A.D. NETWORK MEETING: MONDAY, JANUARY 29 7 p.m. meeting preceded by a light supper at 6:30 p.m. ALL Network members are strongly encouraged to attend!! ANYONE else who might be interested in joining our B.R.E.A.D. network is welcome to attend but should RSVP to the Church Office.

Youth Groups will NOT meet this evening.

SNOW TUBING FORMS are available on the website: <https://www.first-church.org/protected/ArticleView.aspx?iid=63Y2000&dasi=4G3AI>

IMMEDIATE FOOD PANTRY VOLUNTEER NEED Our neighbor Broad Street Presbyterian Church Food Pantry located at 760 E. Broad Street, needs 2 or 3 “shoppers” to pick up food at the Shop Through Days at Mid-Ohio Foodbank (Grove City) and deliver to the food pantry by 9:30 a.m. The time commitment is 8-10 a.m., once a week or once a month, depending on your availability. Volunteers are also needed at the pantry weekdays from 9 a.m.-12 noon. Training will be provided. Please contact Rev. Emily Corzine at ecorzine@first-church.org. She will put you in touch with the food pantry director.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

CONGRATULATIONS to Mildred Livingston, mother of Nancy Livingston, celebrating her 105 birthday today!

MEMBERS Lola Edwards, 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.

FRIENDS AND FAMILY Zachary Neff, friend of Melissa Kulwicki; Shirley Graf, sister of Lynn Wallich; Joyce Marcum and Jerry Amburgey, sister and brother of Betty Conn; and families and friends who continue to mourn the loss of loved ones.

THROUGHOUT THE WORLD We pray for the victims of the mudslides in California. We pray for those who are victims of sexual harassment or sexual assault. We pray for all who struggle with mental illness.

IN GOD'S HANDS: THE ECUMENICAL PRAYER CYCLE This week we pray with and for the people and churches of Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates, and Yemen.

MISSIONARIES This week we pray for Lindley Kinerk and Andy Jepson serving in Sri Lanka.

Need Prayer? Contact Amy Wagner, Office Manager at awagner@first-church.org or 614-228-1741, ext. 10 or the ministers: ecorzine@first-church.org or 614-228-1741, ext. 21, or tahrens@first-church.org or 614-228-1741, ext. 13.

2018 NOMINATIONS SLATE

OFFICERS

Moderator	Joe Baszynski
Moderator-Elect	Dr. Lynn Wallich
Treasurer	Joe Hoffman
Assistant Treasurer	Matt Myers
Secretary	Nancy Loy
Assistant Secretary	TBD

COMMISSIONERS

Administration	Chris Glaros
Administration-Elect	Greg Kellison
Church Growth/Vitality	Tom Kiesel and Mary Ann Jacobson, Co-Commissioners
Church Growth/Vitality-Elect	Lisa Fravel Dean, Commissioners-Elect
Education	Dr. Chris Gelpi
Education-Elect	Jennifer Provenzano
House & Grounds	Gary Leidheiser
House & Grounds-Elect	Mark Brown
Justice & Mercy	Dawn George
Justice & Mercy-Elect	Nicole Moss
Music, Arts & Heritage	Joel Mathias
Music, Arts & Heritage-Elect	Drew Wade

At-Large Members

Youth At-Large	Miriam Myers
Member At-Large	Pavan Peter

Nominating Chair

Kent Shimeall

Deacons

Shelly Gies, Dayna McCrary,
Cori Page, Allison Lowery Palmer, Dr. James Velo

Trustees

Mary Lightbody and John Martin (*four-year terms*)

THIS WEEK AT FIRST CHURCH

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

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

Office and Building Closed All Day

Tuesday, January 16

11:30 a.m. – Worship Planning – Parish Family Room
7 p.m. – Church Council – Ralph Fanning Room

Wednesday, January 17

9:30 a.m. – Staff Meeting – Ralph Fanning Room
11 a.m. – Book Study – Parlor
4 p.m. – Building and Office Close

Thursday, January 18

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

Friday, January 19

Noon – Newsletter Deadline

Saturday, January 20

9:30 a.m. – BOBS Meeting – Education Wing Room D

Sunday, January 21: Third 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
12:30 p.m. – Confirmation Class – Education Wing, Room D
4 p.m. – Choral Evensong – Sanctuary
6 p.m. – Middle and High School Youth Groups – Parish Hall

DID YOU KNOW.....

...that the Sanctuary flowers on Sunday are part of the ministry of First Church. Each Sunday the Deacons make bouquets from the arrangement to deliver to those on the prayer list. If there has been a dedication, a bouquet is given to the family.



...that the Carrie Schumacher endowment fund provides funds in the amount of \$1400 for the year.

...that the cost of the flowers each Sunday is \$65. The Flower Endowment fund can cover the cost of 25 Sundays. Easter and Christmas Sundays are special Sundays with dedications of lilies and poinsettias.

...that the Flower Fund provides flowers for special services such as Ordination and Installation. We can do this because members of the congregation provide dedications throughout most of the year.

...that some families dedicate flowers yearly on a Sunday that holds significant meaning to them.

...that there are 52 Sundays in 2018. To have a fresh arrangement every Sunday that can then be given to people on the care and concern list, it is important that we have a dedication on 27 Sundays this year. Please consider dedicating Sunday flowers in honor of or in memory of someone or in celebration of a special occasion as part of the ministry to our shut ins and those on our prayer list.

...that the flower chart is found on the bulletin board outside the church office. Sundays fill up fast so don't miss out.

... that the Flower Fund provides the red and white roses upon births and deaths, and the red carnations for new members when they join.

... that you can contact Marty Worth if you have questions 228-1741 x 14 or mworth@first-church.org.

MEMBER BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK 14 – Katie Waller, Emily Bennett; 15 – Thom Smith; 16 – Phil Atkins, Pam Kallner, Maggie Myers, Lisa Warrick; 17 – Anita Allen, Alyssa Batchelor, Giovanni Catenacci, Joe Hoffman, Ben Wiant; 19 – Jordan Cole, Cameron Wade, Gary West; 20 – Catherine Baird; John Deliman; Mike Henderson

MEMBER ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK 15 – Ryan Jones and Heath Jolliff; 16 – James and Carol Woodard; 17 – Andrea and Nick Bruckelmeyer

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 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

January 7 – \$611.85 – Crossroad

NEXT WEEK'S MISSION OFFERING

Laundry Love

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