

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

DEPART TO SERVE

JANUARY 15, 2017

A CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR ELSIE MILLER GEORGE, mother of Marti Rideout (Robert), grandmother of Lissa Wade (Dr. Andrew B. Wade), and great-grandmother of Cameron Wade, Adam Wade, and Henry Wade, will take place at First Church this afternoon at 1:30 p.m., with the prelude beginning at 1:15 p.m., with a reception in the Parlor.

THERE'S STILL ROOM! Ten people have registered for the Interfaith Trip to Israel and the Holy Land June 18-28, 2017. We need to have at least five more people register! Please contact Rev. Ahrens at tahrens@first-church.org for more information.



• **JANUARY 22 AT 11 A.M.: INSTALLATION OF REV. EMILY CORZINE**

• **JANUARY 29 AT 11 A.M.: 2017 ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING —**

Following 10 a.m. Worship. A children's activity will be held during the meeting. Bring your favorite chili to share for the Chili Cook-Off lunch following the meeting!

• **JANUARY 31 AT 6 P.M.: LAUNDRY LOVE —** Laundry Love ministry needs liquid detergent, dryer sheets and large garbage bags; place donations in the laundry baskets at each entrance.

• **FEBRUARY 7 AT 12:15 P.M.: FIRST TUESDAYS CONCERT —** Featuring Organist Tyler Robertson

• **APRIL 21-23: SPRING RETREAT —** This year's spring retreat will be Friday evening at Pilgrim Hills camp and retreat center. Brochures and registration forms will be in the church office and on the website after March 10. Deadline for registration is April 10.

MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH SNOW TRAILS TRIP The Youth Groups will be traveling to Snow Trails for a fun evening of snow tubing on Friday, January 27, 2017, if we have snow. The cost is only \$10 for each youth. We will meet in the parking lot of Costco in Polaris at 4:30 p.m. Deadline to register is January 24. For more information, contact Mark S. Williams at mwilliams@first-church.org

YOUTH MISSION TRIP AGREEMENT FORMS Agreement to Participate forms for the Washington, DC Youth Mission Trip are now available in the church office and online of the church website. Brochures are also available with details about the trip. There is a separate form for youth and one for adults for event. A mandatory meeting for those participating will be held on February 5 immediately after the Youth Sunday service. We are asking a \$50 deposit for each participant. This Washington DC trip will be June 5-10, 2017. Please contact Mark S. Williams at mwilliams@first-church.org for more details.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

MEMBERS Don Streibig; David Owen, son of Bill Owen and the late Jackie Owen; Gleva Stephens; Lisa Fravel Dean; Grace Glaros; Julie Stewart; Ron Cook; Jane Weddle; Sharon Walquist; Bernie Martin; Ray Pendell; and families and friends who continue to mourn the loss of loved ones, including Mike and Gayle Henderson and family, on the death of Mike's mother, Marget Henderson; Melissa Kulwicki, on the death of her grandmother, Jackie Miller; and Marti Rideout and Lissa Wade and family, on the loss of their mother/grandmother, Elsie George.

FRIENDS AND FAMILY Mary Jane John, mother of Victor John; Willene Castleberry, sister of Ann Morganstern; Wendell Smith, father of Sarah Lange; Ronald Lee, brother of William Lee; 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, including the family of Reese Neader.

Throughout The World We pray for those persons killed and wounded in the bombings in Afghanistan. We pray for a peaceful transition of political leadership in our country.

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, Yemen.

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.

2017 NOMINATIONS SLATE

OFFICERS

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
Administration-Elect	Chris Glaros
Church Growth/Vitality	Kent Rambo and Mary Ann Jacobson, Co-Commissioners
Church Growth/Vitality-Elect	Tom Kiesel and Mary Ann Jacobson, Co-Commissioners-Elect
Education	Helen Ninos
Education-Elect	Dr. Chris Gelpi
House & Grounds	Eric Klintworth
House & Grounds-Elect	Gary Leidheiser
Justice & Mercy	Al Glover
Justice & Mercy-Elect	Dawn George
Music, Arts & Heritage	Sharon Ferguson
Music, Arts & Heritage-Elect	Joel Mathias

At-Large Members

Youth At-Large	Joe Spofforth
Member At-Large	Neal Brower

Nominating Chair

Brian Cave

Deacons

Anthony Brown, Martha Fullemann,
Todd Jacobson, Karen Mozingo, David Nassau

Trustees

Chris Farquhar and Tom Hadley (*four-year terms*)
Keith White (*two-year term*)

THIS WEEK AT FIRST CHURCH

Sunday, January 15: Second Sunday After Epiphany

- 9 a.m. – Worship – Parish Hall
- 9 a.m. – Teen/Treble Choirs – Choir Room
- 10 a.m. – Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room
- 10 a.m. – Faith Formation – Education Wing Rooms C/D
- 11 a.m. – Worship – Sanctuary: Rev. Corzine's Installation
- 1:30 p.m. – Elsie George Memorial Service – Sanctuary

Monday, January 16: Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Office Closed All Day

Tuesday, January 17

- 2 p.m. – Worship Planning – Parish Family Room
- 7 p.m. – Church Council – Ralph Fanning Room

Wednesday, January 18

11 a.m. – Book Study: *Falling Upward* – Parlor

Thursday, January 19

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

Friday, January 20

Noon – Newsletter Deadline

Saturday, January 21

8:30 a.m. – House and Grounds – Parish Family Room

Sunday, January 22: Third Sunday after Epiphany

- 9 a.m. – Worship – Parish Hall
- 9 a.m. – Teen/Treble Choirs – Choir Room
- 10 a.m. – Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room
- 10 a.m. – Faith Formation – Education Wing, Rooms C/D
- 11 a.m. – Worship – Sanctuary
- 6:30 p.m. – High School Youth – Parish Hall

MEMBER BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Today-Thom Smith; 16-Pam Kallner, Lisa Warrick, Phil Atkins, Maggie Myers; 17-Anita Allen, Alyssa Batchelor, Giovanni Catenacci, Ben Wiant, Caroline Zeiger; 18-Joe Cheng; 19-Jordan Cole, Cameron Wade, Gary West; 20-Catherine Baird, John Deliman, Mike Henderson

MEMBER ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

Today-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 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.*

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FLOWER DEDICATION CHART

The 2017 flower chart is on the bulletin board by the office lobby. If there is a special occasion or loved one you wish to honor, please sign up. Sundays fill up quickly so don't miss this opportunity. If there are questions, please contact Marty Worth at mworth@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 Sibirian
Wedding Coordinators	Janet Axt, Diana Chandler, 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

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Church Vitality	Chair and Elect Currently Vacant
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
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