

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

DEPART TO SERVE

JANUARY 21, 2018

**CHORAL EVENSONG** Choral Evensong for the Third Sunday after the Epiphany will be offered today 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.*

**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.

**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 and shaving cream; and Feminine hygiene products. Place them in the bin outside the church office. Thank you from the Good Samaritan volunteers.



**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 spot, contact Mary Anne Jacobson at marytoddj@gmail.com.

**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](mailto:ecorzine@first-church.org). She will put you in touch with the food pantry director.

**JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**MEMBERS** Matt Stevens; Lola Edwards, Lindy Miller, Chris Hayler; Carl Miller; Virginia O'Neill; and families and friends who mourn the loss of loved ones, including Melissa Prendergast, on the death of her father, Patrick Prendergast; Scott Warrick, on the death of his brother, Kelly Warrick; and Eric Klintworth, on the death of his aunt.

**FRIENDS AND FAMILY** Richard Taylor, uncle of Kevin Jones; Ward Porch; 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 homeless and all those suffering from the severe winter weather. 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 Cyprus, Greece and Turkey.

**MISSIONARIES** This week we pray for Ann Gregory serving in Thailand.

**Need Prayer?** 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.

2018 NOMINATIONS SLATE

**OFFICERS**

Moderator Joe Baszynski  
Moderator-Elect 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 Anne Jacobson,  
Co-Commissioners  
Church Growth/Vitality-Elect Maria Brown and Lisa Fravel Dean,  
Co-Commissioners-Elect  
Education 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, James Velo

**Trustees**

Brian Cave and John Martin (*four-year terms*)

## THIS WEEK AT FIRST CHURCH

### 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. – 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

### Monday, January 22

6 p.m. – Deacons Meeting – Education Wing Room D  
6 p.m. – Budget and Finance – Ralph Fanning Room  
7 p.m. – Personnel – Parish Family Room

### Tuesday, January 23

11:30 a.m. – Worship Planning – Parish Family Room  
7:30 p.m. – Hymnal Supplement Committee – Choir Room

### Wednesday, January 24

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

### Thursday, January 25

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

### Sunday, January 28: Fourth Sunday After Epiphany

9 a.m. – First Church Choir Warm Up – Choir Room  
10 a.m. – Worship – Sanctuary  
11 a.m. – Annual Meeting – Sanctuary  
12:15 p.m. – Chili Cookoff – Parish Hall  
12:30 p.m. – Confirmation Class – Education Wing, Room D  
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](mailto:mworth@first-church.org).

**MEMBER BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK** 22 – Sebbey Kulwicki; 24 – Kevin Butler, Sarah Lange, Ben Mailer, Joyce Ward; 25 – Aryn Mason, Jack Koscher, Chase Washington; 26 – Julie Stewart; 27 – Graeme Magaw

**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**

January 14 – \$697.78 – BREAD

#### **NEXT WEEK'S MISSION OFFERING**

Good Samaritan Fund

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