

## DEPART TO SERVE

JANUARY 22, 2017



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! *Please note that there is one combined worship service next week at 10 a.m.*

- **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



**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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

**FRIENDS AND FAMILY** Cassie Linger; Brenda Butt; Mary Jane John, mother of Victor John; Willene Castleberry, sister of Ann Morganstern; Wendell Smith, father of Sarah Lange; 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.

**Throughout The World** We pray for those injured and killed in the avalanche and earthquakes in Italy.

**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 Will O'Brien, serving in Egypt.

**NEED PRAYER?** If you have any prayer requests or joys to share, please contact the church office ([awagner@first-church.org](mailto:awagner@first-church.org) or 614-228-1741, ext. 10) or one of 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.

## 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](mailto:mworth@first-church.org)



## 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 Anne Jacobson, Co-Commissioners
Church Growth/Vitality-Elect	Tom Kiesel and Mary Anne Jacobson, Co-Commissioners-Elect
Education	Helen Ninos
Education-Elect	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 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

### Monday, January 23

- 11 a.m. – Staff Luncheon – Ralph Fanning Room
- 6 p.m. – Budget and Finance – Parish Family Room
- 7 p.m. – Interfaith Bible Study – Parish Hall
- 7 p.m. – Deacons – Ralph Fanning Room

### Tuesday, January 24

- 2 p.m. – Worship Planning – Parish Family Room
- 7 p.m. – Senior Minister Member Advisory Group – Rev. Ahrens' Office

### Wednesday, January 25

- 9:30 a.m. – Staff Meeting – Ralph Fanning Room

### Thursday, January 26

- 2 p.m. – Park Planning Committee – Ralph Fanning Room
- 7:15 p.m. – First Church Choir – Parish Hall

### Saturday, January 28

- 10 a.m. – BOBS Evaluation Meeting – Ralph Fanning Room

### Sunday, January 29: Fourth Sunday After Epiphany

- 9 a.m. – Teen/Treble Choirs – Choir Room
- 10 a.m. – Worship – Sanctuary
- 11 a.m. – Annual Meeting – Sanctuary
- Noon – Annual Chili Cook Off - Parish Hall
- 1 p.m. – Confirmation Class – Education Wing Room D
- 6:30 p.m. – Middle and High School Youth – Parish Hall

**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](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, etc.*

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
444 EAST BROAD STREET, COLUMBUS, OHIO 43215-3885  
PHONE: 614.228.1741 FAX: 614.461.1741

[WWW.FIRST-CHURCH.ORG](http://WWW.FIRST-CHURCH.ORG)



#### MEMBER BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

24- Joyce Ward, Sarah Lange, Kevin Butler, Benjamin Hunter; 25-Aryn Mason, Jack Koscher, Chase Washington; 26-Julie Stewart; 27-Graeme Magaw, Tanya Miller; 28- Teresa Polo, Alec Deitz, Katie Kutschbach

#### 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, 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

#### CHURCH COUNCIL

Moderator	Brian Cave
Moderator-Elect	Kent Shimeall
Treasurer	Cindy Conn
Assistant Treasurer	Joe Baszynski
Secretary	Nancy Braverman
Assistant Secretary	Pat Patterson

#### COMMISSIONERS

Administration	Allison Palmer, Elect - Sue Cook
Church Growth	Matt Myers, Elect - Kent Rambo
Education	Jennifer Okezie-Watts, Elect - Helen Ninos
House & Grounds	Charlie Weaver, Elect - Eric Klintworth
Justice & Mercy	Tracy Ross, Elect - Al Glover
Music, Arts, & Heritage	Al Waddell, Elect - Sharon Ferguson
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
Trustees	Patricia Groseck, Bill Heer, Lisa Morris, Sheldon Taft, Charlie Weaver, Keith White, Gerry Worth