January 22, 2017

Depart to Serve

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.

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 an adult. 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 Favel 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 Morganstem; 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 or 614-228-1741, ext. 10) or one of the ministers: eczine@first-church.org or 614-228-1741, ext. 21, or tahrems@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.

2017 Nominations Slate

Officer
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 term)
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.

- **Offertry 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](http://www.easytithe.com/dl/?uid=Firs444421)
  - **PayPal**
  - [https://www.paypal.com/signup/accountCreate](https://www.paypal.com/signup/accountCreate)

- **Other Gifts:** Please designate your intention: Memorials, flowers, fund raising projects, music, education, etc.

MEMBER BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK