

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

DEPART TO SERVE

JANUARY 28, 2018



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 in Parish Hall preceded by a light supper at 6:30 p.m.

VALENTINE'S DAY YOUTH FUDGE SALE The youth of First Church are selling fudge after each worship service in the Parish Hall and through the week during office hours *starting February 4*. The cost is \$5 for a half pound. We will also have chocolate, peanut butter and limited buckeye fudge. You also can place orders for additional amounts. Sales benefit the youth summer mission trip.

VALENTINE CARD PARTY The Children and Youth invite the entire congregation to a Valentine Card Party on Saturday, February 3 from 10 a.m.-Noon to make cards for children and their families at Nationwide Children's Hospital. We will have the cardstock and some stickers. Bring your favorite stickers (no glitter!) and let's bring some smiles to those in the hospital on Valentine's Day. We will meet in the Parish Hall.

MIRACLE ON BROAD STREET CONCERT Saturday, February 3 at 7 p.m. at Broad Street Presbyterian Church, 760 E. Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43205. The concert will feature songs of faith inspired by Broad Street sermons.

THE GOOD SAMARITAN FUND Our cupboard of personal care items is bare. Good Samaritan Day is Monday, February 12. Please consider donating the following items over the next weeks to restock our shelves with items from dollar stores, especially ones where everything in the store is \$1: Men or Women shampoo; Men or Women body wash; Men or Women deodorant; Toothpaste – full size tubes; Disposable razors and shaving cream; and Feminine hygiene products. Place them in the bin outside the church office.

LAUNDRY LOVE VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR THIS TUESDAY, JANUARY 30. Please contact Mark Williams at mwilliams@first-church.org.

NINTH ANNUAL PANCAKE DINNER

TICKETS AVAILABLE We invite everyone to attend the Pancake Dinner at First Church. Making pancakes was a good way to use up all the fat, cream and eggs in the house before Lent fasting began. This old tradition inspired the term "Fat Tuesday" or in French, "Mardi Gras." It also inspired the pancake dinner that many congregations hold today. First Church Youth will host a Pancake Dinner Tuesday, February 13th from 5:30-7:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. You may purchase tickets in advance after each service or at the door. Tickets are \$7.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children 12 and under. This will be a great event.



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 church which hosts fish fries, 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. She will put you in touch with the food pantry director.



Sanctuary Flowers

SANCTUARY FLOWER DEDICATIONS FOR 2018

There are opportunities available to celebrate a special event or remember a loved one through dedicating the sanctuary flowers on Sunday mornings throughout the year. For example, we have had flowers to celebrate baptisms, special anniversaries and special events here at First Church. Did you know 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. The cost of the flowers is \$65, which covers what the church is charged by the florist. If you would like to dedicate flowers for Sunday 11 a.m. worship, please sign up on the flower chart located on the bulletin board outside the church office, or you can contact Marty Worth (mworth@first-church.org) and specify date or dates requested.

JOYS AND CONCERNS



We give thanks for the church's elected officers who have served over the last year, and we pray that God's blessings be upon all newly elected officers in the year ahead.

MEMBERS Jim Fewlass; Rick Henderson; Lola Edwards, Lindy Miller; Carl Miller; Virginia O'Neill; and families and friends who mourn the loss of loved ones, including Lynn Wallich, on the death of her sister Shirley Graf; Kent Rambo, on the death of his mother, Beverly; 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 Chelsea Donelson, friend of Valerie Conlin-Losinski; Richard Taylor, uncle of Kevin Jones; Ward Porch; Zachary Neff, friend of Melissa Kulwicki; 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 and families and the community of Paducah, Kentucky, after the school shooting on Tuesday. We pray for the homeless and all those suffering from the severe winter weather. 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 Algeria, Libya, Morocco, Western Sahara, and Tunisia.

MISSIONARIES This week we pray for Cara McKinney serving in Mexico.

Need Prayer? If you have any prayer requests or joys to share, please 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.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST CHURCH

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 – Parlor
- 6 p.m. – Middle and High School Youth Groups – Parish Hall

Monday, January 29

- 6:30 p.m. – BREAD Network Meeting and Potluck – Parish Hall
- 6 p.m. – Budget and Finance – Ralph Fanning Room
- 7 p.m. – Personnel – Parish Family Room

Tuesday, January 30

- 11:30 a.m. – Worship Planning – Parish Family Room
- 6 p.m. – Laundry Love – WashLand Laundromat,
1469 West Broad Street

Wednesday, January 31

- Noon – Staff Appreciation Lunch – Ralph Fanning Room
- 4 p.m. – Building and Office Closes

Thursday, February 1

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

Saturday, February 3

- 10 a.m. – Valentine Card Making – Parish Hall
- 10 a.m. – Youth Sunday Rehearsal – Sanctuary

Sunday, February 4: Youth Sunday

- 9 a.m. – Worship: Morning Prayer and Holy Communion – Parish Hall
- 9 a.m. – Jubilate Choir – Music Activities Room
- 10 a.m. – First Church Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room
- 10 a.m. – Faith Formation Time – Education Wing Room D
- 11 a.m. – Worship – Sanctuary
- Noon – Fellowship Hour – Parish Hall

MEMBER BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK Today – Teresa Polo, Alec Deitz, Katie Kutschbach; 1/29 – Tom Brownfield, Jane Ward, Martha Fullemann, Amy Fulton, Wayne Henry, Sarah Mitchell; 1/31 – Hamish Baird, Laura Collins; 2/2 – Nathan Bennett, Joplin Logel, Sophia Polo, James Rink, Thomas Rink; 2/3 – Braden Baird, Devon Baird

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 21 – \$1,066.30 – Laundry Love

NEXT WEEK'S MISSION OFFERING

STAR House

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

Parent/ Children Worship Resources

A Worship Activity Pack for Parents and Children, crayons and Children's Bulletins are available at each entrance. Included in the pack is a delightful coloring book, “Be The Church,” that teaches wonderful lessons about who we are as a faith community.
Ask an usher/greeter or Deacon for your own copy!

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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, Margaret Cipriani, Diana Chandler, Amy Wagner, Katie Wagner
Nursery Staff	Evin Wimberly, Simone Ellerson, Natalie Barker, Taylre Arnold

DIACONATE

Senior Deacon	Alec Deitz
Deacons	Kris Brant, Anthony Brown, Valerie Conlin-Losinski, Bert Cook, Martha Fullemann, Dean Hafey, Todd Jacobson, Karen Mozingo, David Nassau, Janet Newcity, Jorge Polo, Alejandro Rodriguez, Hugh Schultz

CHURCH COUNCIL

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, Elect - Chris Glaros
Church Growth/Vitality	Kent Rambo and Mary Anne Jacobson, co-chairs; Elect - Tom Kiesel and Mary Anne Jacobson
Education	Helen Ninios, Elect - Chris Gelpi
House & Grounds	Eric Klintworth, Elect - Gary Leidheiser
Justice & Mercy	Al Glover, Elect - Dawn George
Music, Arts, & Heritage	Sharon Ferguson, Elect - Joel Mathias
Nominating Chair	Brian Cave
Member-at-large	Neal Brower
Youth-at-large	Joe Spofforth
Deacon Council Representative	Janet Newcity

TRUSTEES

Chairperson	Lisa Morris
Treasurer	Bill Johannes
Trustees	Chris Farquhar, Francille Firebaugh, Tom Hadley, Bill Heer, Lisa Morris, Sheldon Taft, Keith White, Gerry Worth