

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

DEPART TO SERVE

JANUARY 29, 2017

2017 ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING Today at 11 a.m. Our Annual Meeting will begin immediately following 10 a.m. worship. A children's activity will be held during the meeting. The Chili Cook-Off lunch will be held in Parish Hall following the meeting!

FAITH FORMATION DISCUSSIONS FOR ADULTS FOR NEXT WEEK In the Opening the Word track, Rev. Nancy Livingston will lead week 5 of this 6-week study entitled "Book of Mark: Listen UP Bible Study Part 1", for those who are interested in going deeper into the scriptures of Mark. In the Life and Faith track, Rev. Dr. Tim Ahrens will lead a discussion on the UCC's policy and position on Palestine and Israel.

MEETING FOR YOUTH MISSION TRIP IN FEBRUARY 5 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. 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 are separate forms for youth and adults.



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

FIRST TUESDAYS Organist Tyler W. Robertson plays a lunchtime concert on Tuesday, February 7 at 12:15 p.m. on the Beckerath and Kimball organs. Tyler is a long-time member of the American Guild of Organists and holds their Associate level (AAGO) certification. This year, Tyler has been the regular organist for all services of Choral Evensong. Lunch is available immediately following the concert in the Parish Hall for a donation of \$5.

CHORAL EVENSONG ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12 AT 4 P.M. The First Church Choir will sing "Eternal Light" by Leo Sowerby; Preces and Responses by Thomas Tomkins; Canticles in D Major by George Dyson; and "Now there lightens upon us" by Sowerby. The Choir will be accompanied by Tyler Robertson. Please plan to join us that afternoon for a peaceful, meditative close to the day.

- **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 5: YOUTH SUNDAY** – The youth will practice for Youth Sunday on Saturday, February 4th from 10 a.m. – 12 noon in the Sanctuary.
- **MARCH 4-6: GLADDEN LECTURE SERIES** – Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund, author of *Blessed are the Crazy: Breaking the Silence about Mental Illness, Family and Church*, will be our Gladden Lecturer. Check the church website (www.first-church.org) for information about specific events.



"Practice the pause. When in doubt, pause. When angry, pause. When tired, pause. When stressed, pause. And when you pause, pray."

JOYS AND CONCERNS

MEMBERS Andrew MacGregor; Don Streibig; David Owen, son of Bill Owen and the late Jackie Owen; Gleva Stephens; Grace Glaros; Julie Stewart; Ron Cook; Jane Weddle; Sharon and Larry Walquist; Bernie Martin; Ray Pendell; and families and friends who continue to mourn the loss of loved ones including Mark Williams and Tim Carsey, on the death of Mark's mother, Frankie Williams; Lori Buehler and family, on the death of her father; and Denise and Nate Vogt and family, on the death of Clayton Frye.

FRIENDS AND FAMILY Charles Wyatt II and family, grandfather of Denise Vogt; 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; 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 severe storms in the Southeast.

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 Eric and Kim Free, serving in Mozambique.

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.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST CHURCH

Sunday, January 29: Fourth Sunday After Epiphany

9 a.m. – Treble Choir – Music Activities 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

Monday, January 30

7 p.m. – Interfaith Bible Study – Parish Hall

Tuesday, January 31

6 p.m. – Laundry Love – WashLand Laundromat, 1469 West Broad Street

Wednesday, February 1

9 a.m. – Book Study – Parlor

Thursday, February 2

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

Saturday, February 4

10 a.m. – Youth Sunday Rehearsal – Sanctuary

Sunday, February 5:- Youth Sunday

9 a.m. – Worship: Morning Prayer and Holy Communion – Parish Hall
9 a.m. – Teen/Treble Choirs – Choir Room and Music Activities Room
10 a.m. – Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room
10 a.m. – Faith Formation – Education Wing, Rooms C/D
11 a.m. – Worship – Sanctuary
Noon – Coffee Hour – Parlor

MEMBER BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Today-Tom Brownfield, Jane Ward, Amy Fulton, Wayne Henry, Sarah Mitchell; 31-Hamish Baird, Laura Collins; 2/2-Nathan Bennett, Sophia Polo, James Rink, Thomas Rink; 3- Braden Baird, Devon Baird; 4-Randy Hoffman, Grace Gelpi, Vanessa Gonzalez



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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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