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** 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.

**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.

**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.

**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 Buchler 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](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.

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