

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

## DEPART TO SERVE

JANUARY 8, 2017

### FAITH FORMATION DISCUSSIONS FOR ADULTS START TODAY!

The Faith Formation Discussion for Adults on Sunday morning start the year with two new tracks that will entice many to attend. Rev. Nancy Livingston will lead the *Opening the Word* track with **“Book of Mark: Listen UP Bible Study Part 1”**. This is a wonderful 6-week study for those who are interested in going deeper into the scriptures of Mark. The *Life and Faith* track will begin with a series of classes on **“Just Peace: What is a Just Peace Church?”** Social Justice Commissioned Minister Tom Brownfield will lead us through the understanding and benefits of being a Just Peace Church through this UCC program. The Faith Formation Time begins each Sunday at 10 a.m. on the first floor of the Education Wing.

**PLEASE NOTE** A time for fellowship will take place in the Parlor after the 11 a.m. worship service. Please gather and greet one another there.

### BILL COHEN BRINGS THE SONGS OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS

#### MOVEMENT TO LIFE – JANUARY 14, 2017 AT 7 P.M. AT FIRST

**CHURCH!** Singer, song writer and former NPR Ohio Statehouse Reporter, Bill Cohen, will perform the songs of the Civil Rights Movement at First Church on Saturday Night, January 14 at 7 p.m. Bill has developed a presentation of songs, visuals, actual film footage and historic retelling of the Civil Rights Struggle. Joined by Paisha Thomas, Bill will reach our hearts and minds. There will be a freewill offering with the proceeds going to the Center for Healthy Families, a Columbus non-profit group which helps teenage mothers deliver healthy babies, stay in school, delay future pregnancies, and stabilize their families.

### NAMI CLASSES FOR COPING WITH MENTAL ILLNESS BEGIN

**JANUARY 15** The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) of Franklin County is offering classes for families to cope with mental illness. The classes will run on Sunday afternoons from 1-5:30 p.m. from January 15-February 19, 2017 in Room C of the Education Wing.

**THERE’S STILL ROOM!** Ten people have registered for the Interfaith Trip to Israel and the Holy Land June 18-28, 2017. We need to have at least five more people register! Please contact Rev. Ahrens at [tahrens@first-church.org](mailto:tahrens@first-church.org) for more information.

- **JANUARY 22 AT 11 A.M.: INSTALLATION OF REV. EMILY CORZINE**

- **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.

- **JANUARY 31 AT 6 P.M.: LAUNDRY LOVE –** The Laundry Love ministry needs liquid detergent, dryer sheets and large garbage bags. Please place donations at each entrance in the laundry baskets.

- **FEBRUARY 7 AT 12:15 P.M.: FIRST TUESDAYS CONCERT –** Featuring Organist Tyler Robertson

- **APRIL 21-23: SPRING RETREAT –** This year’s spring retreat will be Friday evening at Pilgrim Hills camp and retreat center located about an hour northeast of Columbus off Route 62 at Brinkhaven. Brochures and registration forms will be in the church office and on the website after March 10. Deadline for registration is April 10.

**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. More information will be posted throughout the church. 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. Make plans now and get your name on the list. 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** Gleva Stephens; Abby Prendergast; Lisa Fravel Dean; Grace Glaros; Kay Neffinger; Steven Ferris; Julie Stewart; Ron Cook; Jane Weddle; Larry and Sharon Walquist; Bernie Martin; Ray Pendell; and families and friends who continue to mourn the loss of loved ones, including Mike and Gayle Henderson and family, on the death of Mike’s mother, Marget Henderson; Melissa Kulwicki, on the death of her grandmother, Jackie Miller; and Marti Rideout and Lissa Wade and family, on the loss of their mother/grandmother, Elsie George.

**FRIENDS AND FAMILY** Willene Castleberry, sister of Ann Morganstern; Wendell Smith, father of Sarah Lange; Ronald Lee, brother of William Lee; 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, including the family of Reese Neader.

**Throughout The World** We pray for the victims and families of the nightclub attack in Istanbul. We pray for the people of Aleppo, Syria. We pray for peace throughout world.

**In God’s Hands: The Ecumenical Prayer Cycle** This week we pray with and for the people and churches of Iran, Iraq, Syria.

**Missionaries** This week, we pray for Karen Campbell Nelson, serving in Indonesia.

**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.

**A CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR ELSIE MILLER GEORGE**, mother of Marti Rideout (Robert), grandmother of Lissa Wade (Dr. Andrew B. Wade), and great-grandmother of Cameron Wade, Adam Wade, and Henry Wade, will take place at First Church on Sunday, January 15, at 1:30 p.m., with the prelude beginning at 1:15 p.m. A reception will follow in the Parlor.

## THIS WEEK AT FIRST CHURCH

### Sunday, January 8: The Baptism of Our Lord and Holy Communion

- 9 a.m. – Worship – Parish Hall
- 10 a.m. – Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room
- 10 a.m. – Faith Formation – Education Wing, Rooms C and D
- 10 a.m. – Confirmation Trip to St. Thomas the Apostle Roman Catholic Church
- 11 a.m. – Worship – Sanctuary
- 12:30 – Confirmation Class – Education Wing Room D
- 6:30 p.m. – Middle and High School Youth Groups – Parish Hall

### Monday, January 9

- 9 a.m. – Good Samaritan Day – Sanctuary, Ralph Fanning Room and Parlor
- 7 p.m. – Trustees – Ralph Fanning Room

### Tuesday, January 10

- 2 p.m. – Worship Planning – Parish Family Room
- 7 p.m. – Executive Committee – Ralph Fanning Room

### Wednesday, January 11

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

### Thursday, January 12

- 7:15 p.m. – First Church Choir – Parish Hall

### Saturday, January 14

- 10 a.m. – First Church Quilters – Ralph Fanning Room
- 7 p.m. – Songs of Struggle Concert – Parish Hall

### Sunday, January 15: Second 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

**MEMBER BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK** Today-Carl Gelfius; 11-Ray Pendell; 12-Linda Mumford; 13-Abby Cave, Jim Fewlass, Eddie Fleurant, Kendra Worley; 14-Katie Waller, Emily Bennett

**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.*

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**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)

#### 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 Sibirian
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