

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

DEPART TO SERVE

FEBRUARY 11, 2018

FAITH FORMATION DISCUSSIONS FOR ADULTS “Compass,” a program that is located at Broad Street Presbyterian Church, will lead the “Opening the Word” track with “Learning About Poverty.” The “Life and Faith” track continues with “UCC Policy on Israel and Palestine.” The Rev. Tim Ahrens will lead the overview and discussion of the denomination’s position. The Faith Formation Time begins each Sunday at 10 a.m. on the first floor of the Education Wing.

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. The cost is \$5 for a half pound. We will also have chocolate, peanut butter, salty caramel and limited buckeye fudge. Sales benefit the youth summer mission trip.

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 for adults and \$4 for children 12 and under. This will be a great event.



FEBRUARY 14 – ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES AT NOON AND 7:30 P.M. We hope that you can join us for one of these Ash Wednesday services.

CHORAL EVENSONG ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18, AT 4 P.M. The First Church Choir will sing Preces and Responses by William Byrd, the Second Service also by Byrd, and the spiritual “Deep River,” arranged by Gerre Hancock. The Choir will be accompanied by Tyler Robertson. Please plan to join us for a peaceful, meditative close to the day, and a prayerful way to begin this week in Lent.



THE GREAT FISH FRY TOUR: TIMES / LOCATIONS

This “do it yourself” tour is open to all: go with your family or join with other church friends. Simply show up for as many dinners as you would like – no reservations are necessary.

Friday, February 16: Immaculate Conception, Marian Hall, 414 E. North Broadway, Columbus, OH 43214, 5-7 p.m.

Friday, February 23: Christ the King Catholic Church at All Saints Academy, 2855 E. Livingston Avenue, Columbus, OH 43209, 5-8 p.m.

Friday, March 16: St. Stephen the Martyr Catholic Church, 4131 Clime Road, Columbus, OH 43228, 5-7 p.m.

Friday, March 23: Our Lady of Victory, Parish Life Center, 1559 Roxbury Rd., Columbus, OH 43212, 4:30-7 p.m.

MARK THE DATE! LENTEN SMALL GROUPS You are invited to join a Lenten Small Group. The theme this year is *Forgiveness*. In addition to our traditional neighborhood groups, Rev. Tim Ahrens will lead a group in the Parlor at church on Wednesdays at 12:15-1:45 p.m., and Rev. Emily Corzine will host a web-based gathering, an evening time from the comfort of your own home (great for working families). Interested? Email Marty Worth mworth@first-church.org. If you would like to host and or lead a group in your neighborhood, please email Marty Worth @ mworth@first-church.org.

The groups will meet 4 times: **Wednesdays: February 28, March 7, 14 and 21 at 7 p.m.** (except for Rev. Tim’s group. See above)

Groups (so far) are:

- Meet at Church – Rev. Tim Ahrens Wednesdays 12:15-1:45 p.m. tahrens@first-church.org
- Elaine Warren – Gahanna 614-337-9935 melainewarren232@gmail.com
- Janet Newcity – Victorian Village 43201 jnewcity@gmail.com
- Web-based meet online – Rev. Emily Corzine ecorzine@first-church.org
- Marty Worth – Upper Arlington 614-228-1741 ext. 14 mworth@first-church.org

Please contact the group most convenient to you to say you will be attending.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

MEMBERS Jim Fewlass; Rick Henderson; Lindy Miller; Carl Miller; Virginia O’Neill; and families and friends who mourn the loss of loved ones, including Kent Shimeall and Courter Shimeall, on the death of their father and grandfather, Clark Shimeall; Judy Smith, on the death of her aunt, Ruth Stank; Lynn Wallich, on the death of her sister Shirley Graf; and Kent Rambo, on the death of his mother, Beverly.

FRIENDS AND FAMILY Lois Michel and John Michel, mother and brother of Melissa Mitchell; Chelsea Donelson, friend of Valerie Conlin-Losinski; Ward Porch; Joyce Marcum and Jerry Amburgey, sister and brother of Betty Conn; and families and friends who continue to mourn the loss of loved ones, including Charity Wallace and Jeff Fellure, friends of Melissa Kulwicki, on the death of their daughter.

THROUGHOUT THE WORLD We pray for the victims of the earthquake in Taiwan. We pray for DACA recipients. We pray for those families and communities affected by the opioid epidemic in this country. 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 Austria, Liechtenstein, and Switzerland.

MISSIONARIES This week we pray for Lauren Robinson serving in the Philippines.

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.

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

THIS WEEK AT FIRST CHURCH

Sunday, February 11: Transfiguration Sunday

9 a.m. – Worship: Morning Prayer and Holy Communion
– Parish Hall
9 a.m. – Exultate Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room
9 a.m. – Jubilate Choir – Music Activities Room
10 a.m. – First Church Choir Warm Up – Choir Room
10 a.m. – Faith Formation Time – Education Wing Room D
11 a.m. – Worship – Sanctuary
Noon – Fellowship Hour – Parish Hall
12:30 p.m. – Hymnal Supplement Committee – Choir Room
6 p.m. – Middle and High School Youth Group – Parish Hall

Monday, February 12

9 a.m. – Good Samaritan Day – Sanctuary,
Ralph Fanning Room, Parlor
6:30 p.m. – Christian Education Committee –
Mark Williams’ Office
7 p.m. – Trustees – Ralph Fanning Room

Tuesday, February 13

2 p.m. – Worship Planning – Parish Family Room
5:30 p.m. – Pancake Dinner – Parish Hall
7 p.m. – Executive Committee – Ralph Fanning Room

Wednesday, February 14

10 a.m. – Staff Meeting – Ralph Fanning Room
Noon – Ash Wednesday Service – Sanctuary
4 p.m. – Office Closes
7:30 p.m. – Ash Wednesday Service – Sanctuary

Thursday, February 15

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

Sunday, February 18: Lent I

9 a.m. – Worship: Morning Prayer and Holy Communion
– Parish Hall
9 a.m. – Exultate Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room
9 a.m. – Jubilate Choir – Music Activities Room
10 a.m. – Faith Formation Time – Education Wing
Room D
11 a.m. – Worship – Sanctuary
Noon – Fellowship Hour – Parish Hall
12:30 p.m. – Confirmation – Education Wing Room D
4 p.m. – Choral Evensong – Sanctuary
6 p.m. – Middle and High School Youth Groups –
Parish Hall

MEMBER BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK Today – Jazmyn Daines; 14 – Grace Glaros, Bob Kutschbach, Becky Magaw, Joel Mathias, Rachel Unkovic; 16 – Peggy Alexander, Tom Farquhar, Elliott Hayler, William Owen, Dick Ward; 17 – Craig Clay, Rachel Henderson

MEMBER ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK 14 – Debbi Kelly and Larry Thorne; 16 – Amy and Bill Wagner

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

February 4 – \$711.10 – Star House

NEXT WEEK’S MISSION OFFERING

Deep Griha

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!

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
Jubilate and Exultate 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	Simone Ellerson, Natalie Barker, Taylre Arnold

DIACONATE

Senior Deacon	Janet Newcity
Deacons	Anthony Brown, Valerie Conlin-Losinski, Bert Cook, Martha Fullenham, Shelly Gies, Todd Jacobson, Dayna McCrary, Karen Mozingo, David Nassau, Cori Page, Allison Lowery Palmer, Jorge Polo, Alex Rodriguez, James Velo

CHURCH COUNCIL

Moderator	Joe Baszynski
Moderator-Elect	Lynn Wallich
Treasurer	Joe Hoffman
Assistant Treasurer	Matt Myers
Secretary	Nancy Loy
Assistant Secretary	TBD

COMMISSIONERS

Administration	Chris Glaros, Elect - Greg Kellison
Church Growth/Vitality	Tom Kiesel and Mary Anne Jacobson, co-chairs; Elect - Maria Brown and Lisa Fravel-Dean
Education	Chris Gelpi, Elect - Jennifer Provenzano
House & Grounds	Gary Leidheiser, Elect - Mark Brown
Justice & Mercy	Dawn George, Elect - Nicole Moss
Music, Arts, & Heritage	Joel Mathias, Elect - Drew Wade
Nominating Chair	Kent Shimeall
Member-at-large	Pavan Peter
Youth-at-large	Miriam Myers
Deacon Council Representative	

TRUSTEES

Chairperson	Chris Farquhar
Treasurer	Bill Johannes
Trustees	Brian Cave, Tom Hadley, Bill Heer, John Martin, Sheldon Taft, Keith White, Gerry Worth,

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**“GET ME TO THE CHURCH ON TIME”:
UPDATES ON CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS**

We are striving to keep everyone informed on upcoming construction projects and schedules, how you can get into the church parking lots, and how you will access the building.

Gladden Social Justice Park

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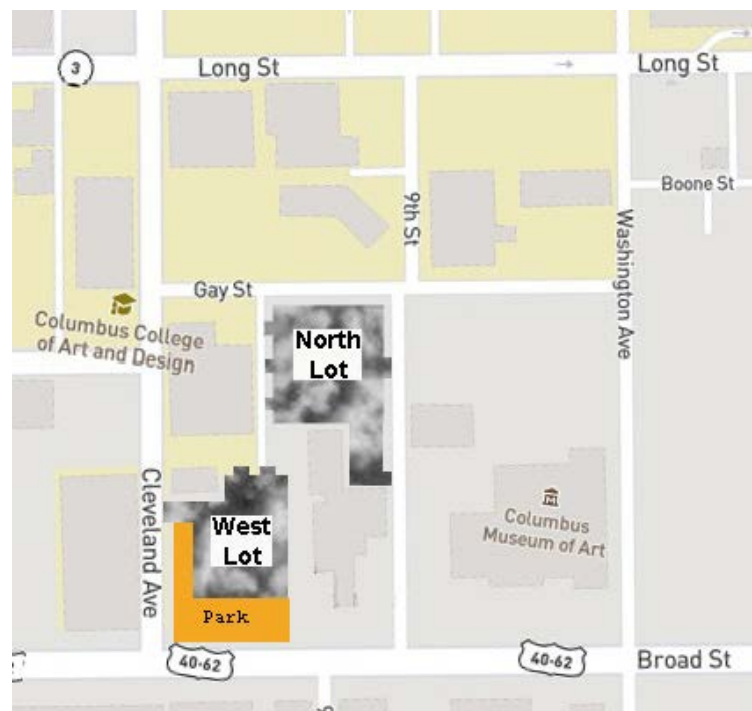
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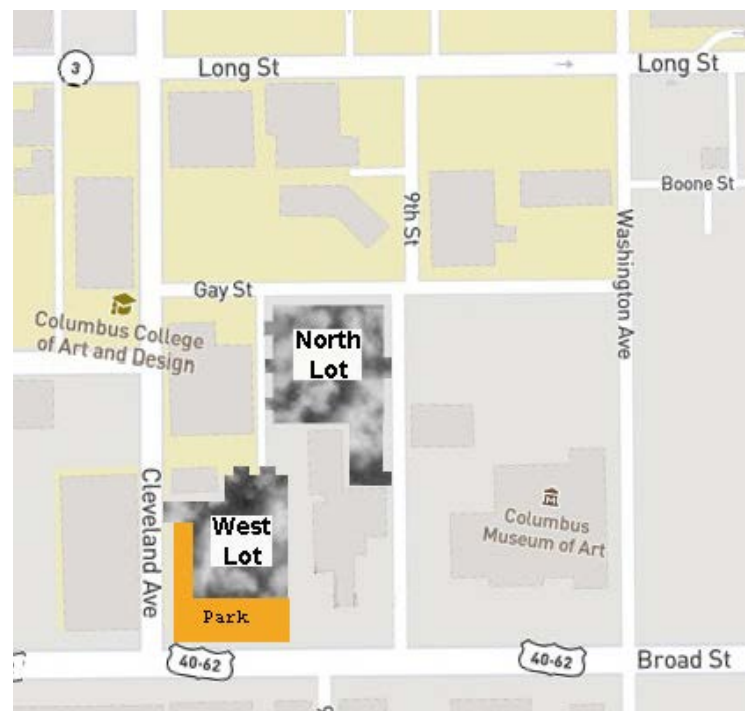
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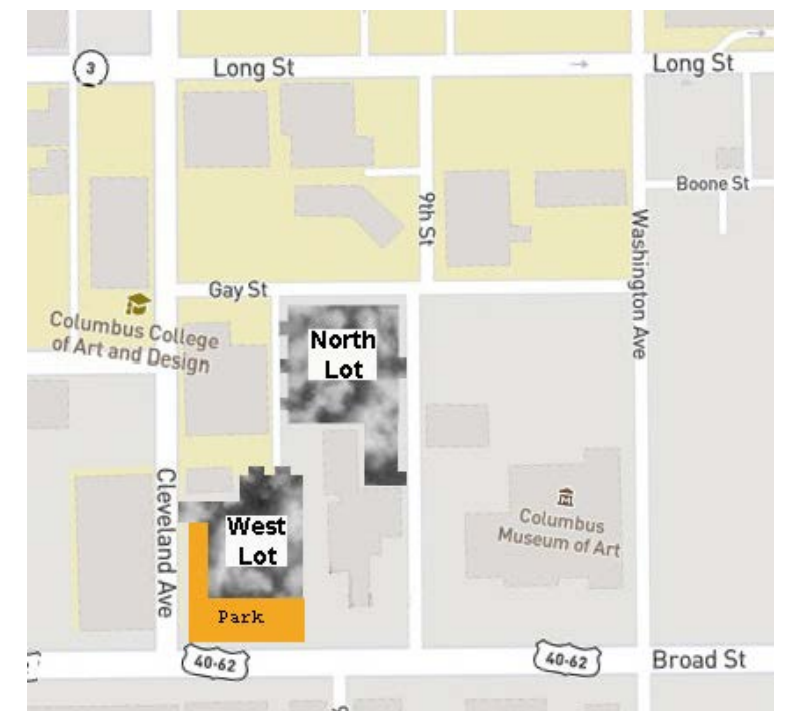
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Anticipated Completion: October 22, 2018

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