

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

DEPART TO SERVE

FEBRUARY 12, 2017

CELEBRATION FOR ARLENE REYNOLDS TODAY We are honoring Arlene Reynolds as she retires after 31 years of leadership of the Bethlehem on Broad Street Team. She will be recognized during our 11 a.m. worship service and celebrated at a reception immediately following in Parish Hall. You are invited to share your memories of Arlene and BOBS as we share fellowship together at the reception.

CHORAL EVENSONG TODAY 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.

VALENTINE FUDGE – 9 A.M. IN PARISH HALL – 11 A.M. OUTSIDE FANNING ROOM We will have a variety of flavors in our regular half-pound boxes. You also can place orders for additional amounts. Sales benefit the youth summer mission trip.

PANCAKE DINNER TICKETS ON SALE NOW! The First Church youth will host a pancake dinner on Tuesday, February 28, 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 is always a great event.

NEXT SUNDAY IN FAITH FORMATION DISCUSSION FOR ADULTS Rev. Nancy Livingston will lead the *Opening the Word* track with *Book of Mark: Listen UP Bible Study Part 1*. This is a wonderful study for those who are interested in going deeper into the scriptures of Mark. This discussion will be held in Room D. The *Life and Faith* track continues with two classes on *UCC Advocacy and Action: Where Do We Start?*. Mark Williams, Director of Christian Education, present the sessions in the Ralph Fanning Conference Room. The Faith Formation Time begins each Sunday at 10 a.m.

FIRST CHURCH CHOIR PASTA SUPPER AND SILENT AUCTION
FEBRUARY 26 Looking for a great way to spend a Sunday evening with friends and family, enjoy a wonderful Italian meal, excellent appropriate beverages, great entertainment, and support the First Church Choir’s

2018 pilgrimage to Lincoln and Norwich cathedrals? Join us in Parish Hall on February 26 after the rousing performance of *H.M.S. Pinafore* for dinner, fellowship, and silent auction to support the First Church Choir. Tickets are only \$15 per person and can be purchased in advance from any choir member or by calling the church office at 614-228-1741. Come at 6 p.m. and survey a fantastic collection of silent auction items. Dinner is served beginning at 6:15 p.m. and includes salad, Italian bread, meat and meatless baked ziti, and homemade desserts; entertainment begins at 6:45 p.m. and the Silent Auction concludes at 7:10 p.m. Auction winners will be announced at 7:30 p.m.

H.M.S. PINAFORE OR “THE LASS THAT LOVED A SAILOR” The very popular Gilbert & Sullivan comic opera *H.M.S. Pinafore* will be performed in a concert setting (but with full dialogue) on Sunday, February 26, at 4 p.m. in the Sanctuary. The performance will feature eight principal singer/actors; chorus and a 19-piece orchestra. Beloved the world over for their topsy-turvy collaborations and story twists, Gilbert & Sullivan’s 13 comic operas are forever a part of the dramatic fabric of Western culture.



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. On Saturday morning, March 4 from 9 a.m. – noon in Parish Hall, Dr. Lund will discuss *Mental Illness and Families*. On Sunday morning, Dr. Lund will preach on *Jesus and Mental Illness* at both the 9 and 11 a.m. services, and will lead a question and answer session during Faith Formation time at 10 a.m. Then, at 4 p.m. in the Sanctuary, she will present her Gladden Lecture entitled *Spirituality and Mental Illness: Does God Make Mistakes?* We hope you can join us for one of the many events during our Gladden Weekend Series.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

MEMBERS Tim Ahrens; Bert Cook; Jennifer Flocken; Don Streibig; 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: the family of David Owen, son of Bill Owen and the late Jackie Owen; and Denise and Nate Vogt and family, on the death of her grandfather, Chuck Wyatt, and family member Clayton Frye.

FRIENDS AND FAMILY Cindy Catlett, sister of Bill Lange; Patricia Smouse and family; Noah Steinle, relative of Francille Firebaugh; Kathie Daniels, daughter of Gleva Stephens; Cassie Linger; Brenda Butt; Ruby and Wendell Smith, parents of Sarah Lange; Lois Beery, 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 all those affected by the tornadoes in New Orleans and throughout Louisiana. We stand with our Muslim brothers and sisters around the world. We pray for all those standing up against injustice throughout the world.

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 Cara McKinney, serving in Ecuador.

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.



MONDAY, MARCH 6 AT 7 P.M.

If you are interested in becoming a member of First Church, Rev. Corzine and other church leaders will be hosting a new member class for you to learn more about our community of faith. New Members will be received into the life of the church at both 9 and 11 a.m. services on Sunday, March 12.

____ **Yes! Sign me up for the class!**

____ **Not at this time, but please contact me for the next class**

Name: _____

Email address: _____

Home Address: _____

Best Telephone # to reach me is: _____

Childcare will be available; please call the church office at 228-1741, ext. 10 to let us know how many children to expect.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST CHURCH

Sunday, February 12

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. – First Church Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room
10 a.m. – Faith Formation – Education Wing, Rooms C/D
11 a.m. – Worship – Sanctuary
Noon – Fellowship Hour – Parish Hall
12:30 p.m. – Confirmation Class – Education Wing
Room D
12:30 p.m. – Planned Giving Meeting – Parish Family Room
4 pm. – Choral Evensong - Sanctuary
6 p.m. – High School Youth Group Meeting – Parish Hall

Monday, February 13

9 a.m. – Good Samaritan – Sanctuary, Ralph Fanning Room, Parlor
6:30 p.m. – Christian Education Meeting – Mark Williams' Office
7 p.m. – Interfaith Bible Study – Parish Hall
7 p.m. – Trustees – Ralph Fanning Room
7 p.m. – Pinafore Chorus Rehearsal – Choir Room

Tuesday, February 14

11:30 p.m. – Worship Planning – Parish Family Room
7 p.m. – Executive Committee – Ralph Fanning Room

Wednesday, February 15

11a.m. – Book Study – Parlor

Thursday, February 16

4 p.m. – Park Meeting – Ralph Fanning Room and Parlor
6 p.m. – First Church Ringers Rehearsal – Room J, Education Wing
7:15 p.m. – First Church Choir Rehearsal – Parish Hall

Saturday, February 18

8:30 a.m. – House and Grounds – Parish Family Room
10 a.m. – Pinafore Chorus Rehearsal – Choir Room

Sunday, February 19

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. – First Church Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room
10 a.m. – Faith Formation – Education Wing, Room D/Fanning Room
11 a.m. – Worship – Sanctuary
Noon – Coffee Hour – Parlor
6 p.m. – Middle and High School Youth Groups Meeting – Parish Hall

MEMBER BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK Today- Mark Leidheiser; 14-Bob Kutschbach, Becky Magaw, Rachel Unkovic, Grace Glaros; 15-Herb Goetz, Ellen Braverman; 16-Peggy Alexander, Dick Ward, Tom Farquhar; 17- Craig Clay, Tyler Reid, Rachel Henderson; 18-Cindy Conn

MEMBER ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK 14-Debbie Kelly and Larry Thorne; 16-Amy and Bill Wagner; 18-Sallie and Karl Danneberger



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

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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	Sandy Bennett, Kris Brant, Anthony Brown, Valerie Conlin-Losinski, Martha Fulleman, Dean Hafey, Todd Jacobson, Karen Mazingo, David Nassau, Janet Newcity, Jorge Polo, Alex 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 Ninos, 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, Tom Hadley, Bill Heer, Lisa Morris, Sheldon Taft, Keith White, Gerry Worth