

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

DEPART TO SERVE

FEBRUARY 18, 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 Faith Formation Time begins each Sunday at 10 a.m. on the first floor of the Education Wing.

ILLUMINATI TO SING ON FEBRUARY 18 AT THE 11 A.M. SERVICE

Referring to the Latin phrase meaning “the Enlightened Ones,” Illuminati was created to respond to the community’s expressed desire for musical performances of a sacred or spiritual nature. Its mission, as an ensemble within the Columbus Gay Men’s Chorus, is to increase outreach performances, particularly to religious organizations, while respecting our members’ diverse spiritual beliefs. Conducted by Dr. Ken Harned and accompanied by Casey Cook, Illuminati shares the music of various sacred cultures to demonstrate that we all have a place within God’s family.

CHORAL EVENSING 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.

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 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.



THE NEXT NEW MEMBERS CLASS WILL MEET MARCH 4 AND 11 AT 10 A.M. Contact Rev. Emily Corzine ecorzine@first-church-org for more information.

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 neighborhood groups will meet 4 times: **Wednesdays: February 28, March 7, 14 and 21 at 7 p.m.**

Groups (so far) are:

- Meet at Church – Rev. Tim Ahrens Wednesdays 12:15-1:45 p.m. tahrens@first-church.org
 - Web-based meet online – Rev. Emily Corzine ecorzine@first-church.org
- Neighborhood Groups**
- Elaine Warren – Gahanna 614-337-9935 melainewarren232@gmail.com
 - Janet Newcity – Victorian Village 43201 jnewcity@gmail.com
 - 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.

RALLY TO END RACISM All Faith groups are called to action on the 50th anniversary of the assassination of Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. Dr. King once said, “A time comes when silence is betrayal.” The Ohio Council of Churches and the Ohio Conference UCC are providing buses to the Rally in Washington, D.C. April 3 - 4. The Columbus bus will depart approximately 10 p.m. on April 3, arriving for the Interfaith Service of Prayer on April 4 7:30 a.m. at the Lincoln Memorial. Participants then walk 1.3 miles to the National Mall for the Rally. Return bus will arrive in Columbus approx. 1 a.m. April 5. Bus fare will be reimbursed by the Ohio Conference UCC and First Church. A copy of the registration is needed for reimbursement from First Church. Use this link to register for the bus transportation:

<https://ohcouncilchs.org/calendar-of-events>. **Registration deadline in March 1.**

DEEP GRIHA BBQ First Community Church will host a dinner to raise funds for Deep Griha, USA and to solicit for Child Sponsorships. This year’s event will be held on **Sunday, March 4 from 5:30 to 7:30 at North Campus**. The dinner will feature the delicious food of City Barbeque as well as some tantalizing vegetarian dishes. We are pleased to welcome Dick Celeste as our guest speaker. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$8 for children 12 and under. Sign-up sheet will be in the First Church office.

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 Gail Johannes, Emily Johannes, and Barb Clapham, on the death of their husband, father and brother, Bill Johannes; Joan Lebold, on the death of her son-in-law, Jay Stoerker; and Pavan Peter, on the death of his aunt.

FRIENDS AND FAMILY The Bice Family; Ben Brewer, friend of Melva Fisher; Ruth Smith, sister of Judy Smith; Lois Mitchell and John Mitchell, mother and brother of Melissa Mitchell; Chelsea Donelson, friend of Valerie Conlin-Losinski; Ward Porch; Joyce Marcum, sister of Betty Conn; and families and friends who continue to mourn the loss of loved ones, including Joe Bellissimo, on the death of his cousin, Joseph and the families of Westerville Police Officers Eric Joering and Anthony Morelli.

THROUGHOUT THE WORLD We pray for the victims of the school shooting in Parkland Florida. We pray for all students and educators. We pray for all who struggle with mental illness. We pray for all Olympians. **IN GOD’S HANDS: THE ECUMENICAL PRAYER CYCLE** This week we pray with and for the people and churches of France, Germany, and Monaco.

MISSIONARIES This week we pray for Joshua Busick serving in the Dominican Republic.

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.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST CHURCH

Sunday, February 18: Advent 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
- 12:30 p.m. – Confirmation Class – Education Wing Room D
- 2 p.m. – Johannes Memorial Service and Reception – Sanctuary and Parish Hall
- 4 p.m. – Choral Evensong – Sanctuary

Monday, February 19

- 7 p.m. – Trustees – Parish Family Room

Tuesday, February 20

- Noon – Newsletter Deadline
- 2 p.m. – Worship Planning – Parish Family Room
- 7 p.m. – Church Council – Ralph Fanning Room

Wednesday, February 21

- 11 a.m. – Book Study – Parlor
- 4 p.m. – Office Closes

Thursday, February 22

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

Saturday, February 24

- 11 a.m. – Miller Memorial Service – Sanctuary and Parish Hall

Sunday, February 25: Lent II

- 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
- 6 p.m. – Middle and High School Youth Groups – Parish Hall

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

MEMBER BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK Today – Cindy Conn; 19 – Ron Cook; 2 – Andy Bensing, Hannah Brooks, Dylan Hopcraft, Erik Mitchell; 21 – Cathy Redenbarger; 23 – Jason Allen, Gleva Stephens, Annie-Rose Cooke; 24 – Lola Edwards, Kevin Cubick

MEMBER ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK Today – Sallie and Karl Danneberger; 19 – Cami Curren and Thom Smith

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 11 – \$733.10 – Back Bay Mission

NEXT WEEK'S MISSION OFFERING

Kaleidoscope

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 Fulleman, 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	
Trustees	Brian Cave, Tom Hadley, John Martin, Sheldon Taft, Keith White, Gerry Worth,

WWW.FIRST-CHURCH.ORG

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!

**“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.



Church Electrical Service Underground Installation

This project, paid for by the City of Columbus, will install new electrical transformers near the Carriage House. Underground ducts will be installed to connect the electrical feed from the transformer to the existing underground feeders coming into the church building. Once operational, telephone poles along the alley will be removed.

Construction Start: Week of February 19, 2018

Anticipated Completion: Unknown

Current Activity: Pending. The ramp between the West Lot and the alley will be closed during this work. Some parts of the West Lot will be closed for trenching and equipment access.

Parking Access: The West Lot can be accessed from Cleveland Avenue. North Lot unchanged.

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Gladden Social Justice Park

This church project will transform the south end of the West Lot along Broad Street and along the east side of Cleveland Avenue into a community green space with numerous special features and artwork.

Anticipated Completion: August 1, 2018

Current Activity: Demolition of pavement and removal off-site. Removal of retaining walls and excavation begins.

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Creative Campus Roadway Improvements

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Construction Start: February 26, 2018

Anticipated Completion: October 22, 2018

Upcoming Activity: Gay Street will be closed from Cleveland Avenue to Washington Avenue. Cleveland Avenue will be northbound only starting early March. Ninth Street will temporarily be changed to 2-way traffic. Major construction will be on-going in 7 Phases with various completion dates.

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