

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

DEPART TO SERVE

FEBRUARY 19, 2017

BREAD MEETING TODAY! First Church's BREAD Team Leaders will hold a meeting today at 12:30 p.m. in Parish Hall for First Church Network Members and all others who are interested in learning about the BREAD organization.

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.

TODAY 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 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.

- **FEBRUARY 28 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. *Since the Pancake*



Dinner and Laundry Love are both on February 28, additional volunteers are needed this month since youth and parents will be splitting their time and efforts between the two events.

- **MARCH 1: ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES** – First Church will hold Ash Wednesday services at noon and 7:30 p.m.
- **TUESDAY, MARCH 7 AT 12:15 P.M.: FIRST TUESDAYS CONCERT** – Minister of Music Kevin Jones will play a harpsicord recital featuring the music of J.S. Bach.

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 Sam Spofforth and Betsy Hubbard and family, on the death of Sam's mother, Sarah Tate; and Sarah and Bill Lange and family, on the death of Sarah's father, Wendell Smith.

FRIENDS AND FAMILY James Baker, brother of Allen Baker; Joanie Krohn, sister of Melanie Brown; 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 Smith, mother 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, including Joe Bellissimo and Kevin Jones, on the death of Joe's aunt, Bunita Weiner.

THROUGHOUT THE WORLD We pray for all those affected by the winter storms throughout New England. We pray for persons forced to evacuate due to the impending dam failure in California. 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 France, Germany and Monaco.

MISSIONARIES This week, we pray for Toni Reynolds, serving in the Dominican Republic.

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.



NEW MEMBERS CLASS – 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 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
12:30 p.m. – BREAD Meeting – Parish Hall
6 p.m. – Middle and High School Youth Groups Meeting – Parish Hall

Monday, February 20

Deadline for Newsletter
7 p.m. – Interfaith Bible Study – Parish Hall
7 p.m. – Personnel Committee – Parish Family Room

Tuesday, February 21

11:30 p.m. – Worship Planning – Parish Family Room
7 p.m. – Church Council – Ralph Fanning Room

Wednesday, February 22

9:30 a.m. – Staff Meeting – Parish Family Room
7 p.m. – Pinafore Chorus Rehearsal – Choir Room

Thursday, February 23

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

Saturday, February 25

9 a.m. – Faith Mission Meal Preparation – Kitchen
10 a.m. – Pinafore Chorus Rehearsal – Choir Room

Sunday, February 26

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
12:15 p.m. – Confirmation Field Trip to Noor Islamic Cultural Center
4 p.m. – Congregational Concert: *H.M.S. Pinafore* - Sanctuary
6 p.m. – Choir Pasta Dinner and Silent Auction – Parish Hall

MEMBER BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Today-Ron Cook
2/20-Andy Bensing, Hannah Brooks, Michael Frost, Jr., Dylan Hopcraft;
2/21-Cathy Redenbarger; 2/23-Jason Allen, Gleva Stephens, Annie-Rose
Cooke; 2/24-Lola Edwards, Kevin Cubick; 2/25-Mike Koscher, Joanna
McWilliams, Julia Myers, Betsy Braverman

MEMBER ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

Today-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 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 Giaros
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