

# FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

## DEPART TO SERVE

FEBRUARY 21, 2016

**LENTEN COLORING POSTERS** Coloring has always been a big hit with the young but now it has regained popularity with adults as a form of meditation and prayer. During the season of Lent a series of Lenten Coloring Posters will be located in the Parish Hall for “Children of ALL Ages” to come together and color. The Lenten themed posters are large enough for many of ALL AGES to gather and color.

- *Poster 1: February 10 (Ash Wednesday - Mark 9:30-37): **Welcome.***
- *Poster 2: February 14 (Mark 10:17-31): **Give.***
- *Poster 3: February 21 (Mark 10:32-52): **Serve.***
- *Poster 4: February 28 (Mark 12:13-17): **Listen.***
- *Poster 5: March 6 (Mark 12:28-44): **Love.***
- *Poster 6: March 13 (Mark 13:1-8, 24-37): **Watch!***
- *Poster 7: March 20 (Palm Sunday - Mark 14:3-9): **Risk.***
- *Poster 8: March 24 (Maundy Thursday - Mark 14:22-42): **Take. Eat.***  
*And March 25 (Good Friday - Mark 15:16-39): **Forsaken.***
- *Poster 9: March 25 (Easter - Mark 16:1-8 ): **Go! Tell!***



**LENTEN SMALL GROUPS** Lenten Small Groups begin this week on Wednesday, February 24. The following hosts have graciously opened their homes for this study of prayer.

- Upper Arlington/Grandview – Marty Worth – [mworth@first-church.org](mailto:mworth@first-church.org)
- Lewis Center/Powell – Jenny Provenzano - [jenpro1@gmail.com](mailto:jenpro1@gmail.com)
- Bethel Road & 315 area – Don Streibig - [streibig.don@sbcglobal.net](mailto:streibig.don@sbcglobal.net)  
*Convenient location for those in Clintonville & Worthington*
- Victorian Village – Lynn Wallich - [lrv25@yahoo.com](mailto:lrv25@yahoo.com)
- Gahanna – Sarah & Wally Giffen - [segiffen@yahoo.com](mailto:segiffen@yahoo.com)

Please contact the host directly to get address, directions and the time.

Jackie Dean, Commissioned Minister of Spiritual Direction, is offering four Saturday mornings on Prayer in the church parlor beginning Saturday, February 27. She opens each Saturday at 10 a.m. Childcare is available on request by Thursday of each week.

**FAIR TRADE** coffee, tea and chocolate are on sale today in Parish Hall. Fair Trade ensures sustainable labor practices and protects the environment.

**BOLLYWOOD AND BAR-BEE-QUE** Deep Griha of Pune, India is actively involved with the “empowerment of the marginalized through capacity building and sustainable rural and urban development programs”. The major fundraising event of the year is **BOLLYWOOD & BAR-BEE-QUE** on Sunday, **March 6, 2016 at First Community Church’s North Campus, 3777 Dublin Road Columbus 43221.** Last year, Neela Onawale and her daughter, Ashlesha, visited our church and spoke of the need to sponsor a child in a school setting where they receive health care and academic materials, job training and meals. Tickets to Bollywood and Bar-bee-que (that’s City Barbeque!) can be purchased online at [fchurch.com](http://fchurch.com) and then going to the Missions tab to find Deep Griha. In addition, our main office will sell them: \$12 for adults and \$6 for children. This is a great family event, offering dancing, henna painting, music, fabulous dinners (including vegan dishes) and yummy desserts (East Indian and homemade American)!

**THE NEXT LAUNDRY LOVE DAY IS TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23!** Come join us from 6 to 8 p.m. at WashLand Laundromat, 1469 West Broad Street to serve those in need. We need volunteers to pour detergent, insert quarters and load dryer sheets. We invite parents, children and youth of First Congregational Church to join in this year-long mission project called “Laundry Love,” an initiative in partnership with individuals, groups and local Laundromats throughout the U.S. that helps to wash the clothes and bedding of individuals and/or families living in poverty. The Children and Youth continue to collect quarters and donations of liquid laundry detergent and dryer sheets from the congregation.

**SOFTBALL NEWS** If you are interested in a softball team for the summer of 2016, please contact Rev. Ahrens ASAP. Last year we did not field a Sunday afternoon co-ed team because no one stepped up to the plate to help or to lead us. So, if the interest is there from the membership, could someone please step-up soon? If you love to play ball, please call... deadlines for getting in the league are fast approaching. Contact Rev. Ahrens at [tahrens@first-church.org](mailto:tahrens@first-church.org) or call, 228-1741, ext.13.



**MYERS BRIGGS TYPE INVENTORY (MBTI) WORKSHOP** will be held on Saturday, March 12, 9 a.m. – 12 noon in Parish Hall. If you would like to discover why you do what you do, or how you are wired in your brain, this workshop is for you. For example, are you an Introvert or Extravert? A Sensor or an Intuitive? A Thinker or a Feeler? A Perceiver or a Judger? If you find yourself sitting alone in a corner at a party or family gathering, there is a reason for that. If you find that you are the “life of the party” everywhere you go, there is also a reason for that. Sign-up in the office or email me at [tahrens@first-church.org](mailto:tahrens@first-church.org). Rev. Dr. Tim Ahrens will lead this class.

## Joys & Concerns

**MEMBERS:** Kathy and Tom Brownfield and family, on the death of Kathy’s brother, Van Barndt; Nancy Jeffrey and family, on the death of Nancy’s husband Tad; Sophie Baird; Gerhard Wolff; Lucille Kropp; Grace Glaros; Bernie Martin; Ray Pendell; Wib Smith; Wendell Smith, father of Sarah Lange; and for families and friends who continue to mourn the loss of loved ones.

**FRIENDS AND FAMILY:** Wendell Smith, father of Sarah Lange; Janet Harris, aunt of Kevin Carrico; James Malloy, great uncle of Kevin Carrico; Joyce Wood, friend of Melva Fisher; the family and friends of Maribeth Quinn; family and friends of Lois Ann Shearer, aunt of Valerie Conlin-Losinski; friends and family of MarShawn McCarrel; Marjorie Kufel, mother of Sharon Leidheiser; Thea Cesner, friend of Pat Patterson; Mark Williams’ former student who is facing chemotherapy treatment; and Jill Ford, friend of Mark Williams.

**THROUGHOUT THE WORLD** We pray for all those suffering from continued physical or emotional pain.

**IN GOD’S HANDS: THE ECUMENICAL PRAYER CYCLE** This week in the Ecumenical Prayer Cycle, we pray with and for the people and churches of Portugal, Spain, Italy, and Malta.

**MISSIONARIES:** This week, we pray for Phyllis Byrd, serving in Kenya.

*If you have any prayer requests or joys to share, please contact the church office ([avagner@first-church.org](mailto:avagner@first-church.org) or 228-1741, ext. 10) or one of the ministers: [ecorazine@first-church.org](mailto:ecorazine@first-church.org) or 228-1741, ext. 21, or [tahrens@first-church.org](mailto:tahrens@first-church.org) or 228-1741, ext. 13.*

## THIS WEEK AT FIRST CHURCH

### Sunday, February 21 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent

9 a.m. – Worship: Morning Prayer and Holy Communion – Parish Hall  
9 a.m. – Treble Choir Rehearsal – Music Activities Room  
10 a.m. – First Church Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room  
10 a.m. – Christian Education – Ed Wing; Adult Ed – Rooms C / D  
11 a.m. – Worship – Sanctuary  
Noon – Fellowship Hour – Parish Hall  
12:15 p.m. – New Member’s Class – Large Conference Room  
6 p.m. – Youth Groups Meetings– Parish Hall

### Monday, February 22

7 p.m. – Deacon’s Meeting – Education Wing, Room D

### Tuesday, February 23

2 p.m. – Worship Planning – Parish Family Room  
6 p.m. – Council – Large Conference Room  
6 p.m. – Laundry Love – Wash Land Laundromat,  
1469 West Broad Street, West Franklinton

### Wednesday, February 24

9:30 a.m. – Staff Meeting – Large Conference Room

### Thursday, February 25

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

### Saturday February 27

9 a.m. – Faith Mission Meal Preparation – Kitchen

### Sunday, February 28 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent

9 a.m. – Worship: Morning Prayer and Holy Communion – Parish Hall  
9 a.m. – Teen and Treble Choirs Rehearsal – Choir and  
Music Activities Rooms  
10 a.m. – First Church Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room  
10 a.m. – Christian Education – Ed Wing; Adult Ed – Rooms C / D  
11 a.m. – Worship – Sanctuary  
Noon – Fellowship Hour – Parish Hall

**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:** Simply go to our web site [www.first-church.org](http://www.first-church.org) click on **Give** and then click on **Online Giving**. You will need to set up an account. You can pay with your credit card or through your checking or savings account. You may use the QR link or:



<https://www.faithstreet.com/church/first-congregational-church-of-columbus-columbus-oh/giving>

**Other Gifts:** Please designate your intention: *Memorials, flowers, fund raising projects, music, education, etc.*

**MEMBER BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK** 23-Gleva Stephens, Annie-Rose Cooke; 24-Lola Edwards; 25-Mike Koscher, Joanna Stewart, Julia Myers, Betsy Braverman; 26-Kopano Marumo; 27-Kim Hopcraft, Dylan Collier; 28-Connie Johnson, Melva Fisher; 29-Tammy Alexander

### **February Offering Schedule**

February 21 Back Bay Mission  
February 28 Deep Griha

### **February Fellowship Hour Schedule**

February 21 Ruth  
February 28 Samuel

### **February Crucifer Schedule**

February 21 Adam Wade  
February 28 Joe Spofforth

### **February Acolyte Schedule**

February 21 Nick Boriin Peter Spofforth  
February 28 Chutney Anderson Cassidy Hopcraft

## CHURCH LEADERSHIP

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<i>Senior Minister</i>	Timothy C. Ahrens, D. Min.
<i>Associate Minister</i>	Emily Krause Corzine, M. Div.
<i>Minister of Music</i>	Kevin Jones, M.M.
<i>Director of Christian Education</i>	Mark S. Williams, M. Ed.
<i>Commissioned Minister for Social Justice</i>	Tom Brownfield
<i>Commissioned Minister for Spiritual Formation and Direction</i>	Jacquelyn Dean
<i>Organist/Choirmaster Emeritus</i>	G. Dene Barnard
<i>Treble Choir Director</i>	Sandra Mathias, Ph.D.

### DIACONATE

<i>Senior Deacon</i>	Lynn Wallich
<i>Deacons</i>	Sandy Bennett, Kris Brant, Valerie Conlin-Losinski, Sue Cook, Alec Deitz, Dean Hafey, Anne Hudson, Paul Leidheiser, Mary Lightbody, Dayna McCrary, Alex Rodriguez; Hugh Schultz

### CHURCH STAFF

<i>Business Manager</i>	Sharon Leidheiser
<i>Program Manager</i>	Martha Worth
<i>Office Manager</i>	Amy Wagner
<i>Building Manager</i>	Thomas Santiago
<i>Custodian</i>	William Lee, Jimmy Sibrian, Onofre Franco-Chavez
<i>Wedding Coordinators</i>	Janet Axt, Margaret Cipriani
<i>Nursery Staff</i>	Evin Wimberly, Simone Ellerson, Natalie Barker, Taylre Arnold

We encourage you to carefully review the many opportunities of programs, meetings and ministries this week and in coming weeks here at First Church through today’s *Depart to Serve* Leaflet, Facebook page, Twitter, Website or Newsletter.

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