

**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

**DEPART TO SERVE**

**FEBRUARY 28, 2016**

**JOIN US THIS WEEK FOR FIRST TUESDAYS FEATURING KEVIN JONES**

For the third year in a row, Minister of Music Kevin Jones will play a harpsichord recital featuring the music of Johann Sebastian Bach on **Tuesday, March 1, at 12:15 p.m.** as part of the ongoing *First Tuesdays* series. This year, Mr. Jones has chosen one of the six English Suites – the English Suite in g minor, BWV 808. Lunch is available immediately following the concert in the Parish Hall for a donation of \$5.

**CHORAL EVENSONG AND CONCERT** On Sunday, March 6 at 4 p.m. the First Church Choir will sing Choral Evensong featuring the music of William Byrd (c.1540-1623). Following the Evensong, the Kilbourne Singers will present their annual tour concert, “Let Our Love Be Heard”.

**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!***



**“PRAY & PLAY” SPRING RETREAT APRIL 15-17** Join the First Church family as they head toward the hills – Pilgrim Hills that is. Our Spring Retreat, “Pray & Play,” is Friday evening, April 15, through Sunday morning, April 17. Please mark your calendars and plan to bring your whole family or just yourself. Our weekend will include hiking, nature talks and activities, devotions, basketball, fishing, a folk dance for all ages, a campfire with s’mores, crafts, singing and worship at camp Sunday morning. *All* First Church children and youth are able to attend at no cost thanks to an Alma Keeler grant. Adults are \$95 each, which includes food, lodging and program costs.

Pilgrim Hills is one of the United Church of Christ camp and retreat centers. It is an hour northeast of Columbus off Route 62 at Brinkhaven.

Brochure and registration forms are in the church office and on the Web site. **Deadline for registration is April 10.** We have space for 70 people– let’s fill it! Brochure and registration forms are available in the church office and on the Web site. See Mark S. Williams for more information.

**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.** Tickets to Bollywood and Bar-bee-que (that’s City Barbeque!) can be purchased online at [fcchurch.com](http://fcchurch.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)!

**MYERS BRIGGS TYPE INVENTORY (MBTI) WORKSHOP** will be rescheduled for a later date, due to a schedule conflict.

# Joys & Concerns

**MEMBERS:** Rev. Tim Ahrens and Susan Sitler and their family, on the death of Tim’s father, Dr. Herman C. Ahrens, who died on Wednesday; the family of Gerhard Wolff, who died on Tuesday; 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; Lucille Kropp; Bernie Martin; Ray Pendell; Wib Smith; and for families and friends who continue to mourn the loss of loved ones.

**FRIENDS AND FAMILY:** Ellie Turck, niece of Ellen Boriin; 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; 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 the victims of the shootings in Kalamazoo, Michigan and all those all those affected by gun violence. We pray for those displaced by storms in the southeastern United States.

**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 Germany and France.

**MISSIONARIES:** This week, we pray for Lauren Kabat, serving in Chile.

*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 [tabrens@first-church.org](mailto:tabrens@first-church.org) or 228-1741, ext. 13.*

## THIS WEEK AT FIRST CHURCH

### 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

### Monday, February 29

7 p.m. – Budget and Finance Meeting – Large Conference Room

### Tuesday, March 1

12:15 p.m. – First Tuesdays Concert featuring Kevin Jones – Sanctuary  
12:45 p.m. – First Tuesdays Luncheon – Parish Hall  
2:30 p.m. – Worship Planning – Parish Family Room  
5:30 p.m. – Sacred Earth – Large Conference Room  
7 p.m. – Justice and Mercy – Large Conference Room

### Wednesday, March 2

11 a.m. – Book Study: *Without Buddha I Could Not Be Christian* – Parlor

### Thursday, March 3

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

### Saturday, March 5

9 a.m. – Youth Fudge Making – Kitchen

### Sunday, March 6 – 4<sup>th</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  
4 p.m. – Choral Evensong – Sanctuary

**MEMBER BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK** 3/1-Emily Kutschbach-Schmitt; 2-Sheldon Taft; 3-Bruce Panek, Mitchell Gelpi; 4-Helen Ninos, Julie Roth-Alexander, Andrea Rower, Alana Thompson, Jonathan Kraft; 5-Phil Stichter, Nick Warrick, Tyler Cave; 6-Shirley Calhoun

**MEMBER ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK** 3/1-Ellen and Pete Boriin; 3-Debbie Yontz and Keith White

**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.*

### **February Offering Schedule**

February 28 Deep Griha

### **February Fellowship Hour Schedule**

February 28 Samuel

### **February Crucifer Schedule**

February 28 Joe Spofforth

### **February Acolyte Schedule**

February 28 Chutney Anderson Cassidy Hopcraft

- **TUESDAY, MARCH 1** – *First Tuesdays* Concert featuring Minister of Music Kevin Jones – 12:15 p.m., followed by lunch in the Parish Hall
- **SUNDAY, MARCH 6** – Congregational Concert and Choral Evensong at 4 p.m.



## 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, Janet Newcity, Jorge Polo, 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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