

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

DEPART TO SERVE

FEBRUARY 4, 2018

FAITH FORMATION DISCUSSIONS FOR ADULTS – NEXT SUNDAY!

The Faith Formation Discussion for Adults on Sunday morning will entice many to attend. “Compass,” a program that is located at Broad Street Presbyterian Church, will lead the “Opening the Word” track with “Learning About Poverty.” This is a wonderful two-week study for those who are interested in going deeper into the cause and ways to help those in poverty. The “Life and Faith” track continues with two classes (February 4 and 11) on “UCC Policy on Israel and Palestine.” Rev. Tim Ahrens will lead the overview and discussion of the denomination’s position. The Faith Formation Time begins each Sunday at 10 a.m. on the first floor of the Education Wing unless noted elsewhere.

VALENTINE’S DAY YOUTH FUDGE SALE The youth of First Church are selling fudge after each worship service in the Parish Hall and through the week during office hours *starting today*. The cost is \$5 for a half pound. We will also have chocolate, peanut butter, salty caramel and limited buckeye fudge. Sales benefit the youth summer mission trip.

FIRST TUESDAYS LUNCHTIME CONCERT THIS WEEK Organist-choirmaster Emeritus G. Dene Barnard plays a lunchtime concert on Tuesday, February 6 at 12:15 p.m. on the Beckerath organ. Mr. Barnard plays music by Howells, Schumann, Zolt Gardonyi, and Myron Roberts. Lunch is available immediately following the concert in the Parish Hall for a donation of \$5.

THE GOOD SAMARITAN FUND Our cupboard of personal care items is bare. Good Samaritan Day is Monday, February 12. Please consider donating the following items over the next weeks to restock our shelves with items from dollar stores, especially ones where everything in the store is \$1: Men or Women shampoo; Men or Women body wash; Men or Women deodorant; Toothpaste – full size tubes; Disposable razors and shaving cream; and Feminine hygiene products. Place them in the bin outside the church office.

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!

NINTH ANNUAL PANCAKE DINNER

TICKETS AVAILABLE

We invite everyone to attend the Pancake Dinner at First Church. Making pancakes was a good way to use up all the fat, cream and eggs in the house before Lent fasting began. This old tradition inspired the term “Fat Tuesday” or in French, “Mardi Gras.” It also inspired the pancake dinner that many congregations hold today. First Church Youth will host a Pancake Dinner Tuesday, February 13th 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 \$7.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children 12 and under. This will be a great event.



IT’S ALMOST HERE ...THE GREAT FISH FRY TOUR! Mark your calendars for:

- February 16
- February 23
- March 16
- March 23

Locations will be revealed next week...

SANCTUARY FLOWER DEDICATIONS FOR 2018

There are opportunities available to celebrate a special event or remember a loved one through dedicating the sanctuary flowers on Sunday mornings throughout the year. For example, we have had flowers to celebrate baptisms, special anniversaries and special events here at First Church. Did you know the Sanctuary flowers on Sunday are part of the ministry of First Church? Each Sunday, the Deacons make bouquets from the arrangement to deliver to those on the prayer list. If there has been a dedication, a bouquet is given to the family. The cost of the flowers is \$65, which covers what the church is charged by the florist. If you would like to dedicate flowers for Sunday 11 a.m. worship, please sign up on the flower chart located on the bulletin board outside the church office, or you can contact Marty Worth (mworth@first-church.org) and specify date or dates requested.



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 Kent Shimeall and Courter Shimeall, on the death of their father and grandfather, Clark Shimeall; Judy Smith, on the death of her aunt, Ruth Stank; Lynn Wallich, on the death of her sister Shirley Graf; Kent Rambo, on the death of his mother, Beverly; Melissa Prendergast, on the death of her father, Patrick Prendergast; Scott Warrick, on the death of his brother, Kelly Warrick; and Eric Klintworth, on the death of his aunt.

FRIENDS AND FAMILY Chelsea Donelson, friend of Valerie Conlin-Losinski; Richard Taylor, uncle of Kevin Jones; Ward Porch; Zachary Neff, friend of Melissa Kulwicki; Joyce Marcum and Jerry Amburgey, sister and brother of Betty Conn; and families and friends who continue to mourn the loss of loved ones, including Charity Wallace and Jeff Fellure, friends of Melissa Kulwicki, on the death of their daughter.

THROUGHOUT THE WORLD We pray for the victims in the Amtrak train-truck collision in Virginia. We pray for the city of Paris and the recent flooding. We continue to pray for those who recover from major storms throughout the world. We pray for DACA recipients. We pray for those families and communities affected by the opioid epidemic in this country. We pray for the homeless and all those suffering from the severe winter weather. We pray for those who are victims of sexual harassment or sexual assault. We pray for all who struggle with mental illness.

IN GOD’S HANDS: THE ECUMENICAL PRAYER CYCLE This week we pray with and for the people and churches of Andora, Italy, Malta, Portugal, San Marino, Spain, and Vatican City.

MISSIONARIES This week we pray for Susan Valiquette and Scott Cooper serving in South Africa.

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 4: Youth Sunday

9 a.m. – Worship: Morning Prayer and Holy Communion – Parish Hall
9 a.m. – Jubilate Choir – Music Activities Room
10 a.m. – First Church Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room
10 a.m. – Faith Formation Time – Education Wing Room D
11 a.m. – Worship – Sanctuary
Noon – Fellowship Hour – Parish Hall

Monday, February 5

Noon – Care Ministry – Ralph Fanning Room

Tuesday, February 6

12:15 p.m. – First Tuesdays Concert – Sanctuary
12:45 p.m. – Lunch following Concert – Parish Hall
2:30 p.m. – Worship Planning – Parish Family Room
5:30 p.m. – Sacred Earth – Ralph Fanning Room
7p.m. – Justice and Mercy – Ralph Fanning Room
7 p.m. – BREAD Meeting – Parish Hall

Wednesday, February 7

9:30 a.m. – Staff Meeting – Ralph Fanning Room
4 p.m. – Building and Office Close

Thursday, February 8

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

Saturday, February 10

8:30 a.m. – House and Grounds – Ralph Fanning Room
10 a.m. – First Church Quilters – Parish Family Room

Sunday, February 11: Transfiguration Sunday

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
12:30 p.m. – Hymnal Supplement Committee – Choir Room
6 p.m. – High School Youth Group – Parish Hall

MEMBER BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK Today – Randy Hoffman, Grace Gelpi, Vanessa Gonzalez; 5 – Jeff Corzine, Anne Morganstern, Abby Prendergast, Stacie Sholl, Lynn Wallich, Debbie Yontz; 7 – Jane Carter; 8 – Jonah Ewing; 9 – Tim Ahrens, Jim Griffin, Alyssia Palmer

MEMBER ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK 5 – Kris and Richard Brant

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.easytithes.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

January 28 – \$1,519.40 – Good Samaritan Fund

NEXT WEEK'S MISSION OFFERING

Back Bay Mission

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

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.
Minister for Social Justice	Tom Brownfield
Commissioned Minister for Pastoral Formation and Direction	Jacquelyn Dean
Organist/Choirmaster Emeritus	G. Dene Barnard
Choir and Exultate Choir Director	Sandra Mathias, Ph.D.
Business Manager	Sharon Leidheiser
Program Manager	Martha Worth
Office Manager	Amy Wagner
Facilities & 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	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
Member-at-large on Council Representative	

TRUSTEES

Chairperson	Chris Farquhar
Treasurer	Bill Johannes
Trustees	Brian Cave, Tom Hadley, Bill Heer, John Martin, Sheldon Taft, Keith White, Gerry Worth,

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