

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

## DEPART TO SERVE

FEBRUARY 5, 2017

### VALENTINE FUDGE – 9 A.M. IN PARISH HALL – 11 A.M. OUTSIDE

**FANNING ROOM** We will have a variety of flavors in our regular half-pound and pound boxes. You also can place orders for additional amounts. Sales benefit the youth summer mission trip.

**MEETING FOR YOUTH MISSION TRIP TODAY** A mandatory meeting for those participating will be held today in Room D immediately after the Youth Sunday service. We are asking a \$50 deposit for each participant. This Washington DC trip will be June 5-10, 2017. Please contact Mark S. Williams at [mwilliams@first-church.org](mailto:mwilliams@first-church.org) for more details. Agreement to Participate forms for the Washington, DC Youth Mission Trip are now available in the church office and online of the church website.

**FIRST TUESDAYS CONCERT THIS WEEK!** Organist Tyler W. Robertson plays a lunchtime concert on Tuesday, February 7 at 12:15 p.m. on the Beckerath and Kimball organs. Lunch is available immediately following the concert in the Parish Hall for a donation of \$5.

**CHORAL EVENSONG ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12 AT 4 P.M.** The First Church Choir will sing “Eternal Light” by Leo Sowerby; Preces and Responses by Thomas Tomkins; Canticles in D Major by George Dyson; and “Now there lightens upon us” by Sowerby. The Choir will be accompanied by Tyler Robertson. Please plan to join us that afternoon for a peaceful, meditative close to the day.

**YOU ARE INVITED!** Next Sunday, February 12, we are honoring Arlene Reynolds as she steps down after 31 years of leadership of the Bethlehem on Broad Street Team. She will be recognized during our 11 a.m. worship service and celebrated at a reception immediately following in Parish Hall. You are invited to share your memories of Arlene and BOBS as we share fellowship together at the reception.

**PANCAKE DINNER TICKETS GO ON SALE NEXT SUNDAY** 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.

### FIRST CHURCH CHOIR PASTA SUPPER AND SILENT AUCTION

**FEBRUARY 26** Looking for a great way to spend a Sunday evening with friends and family, enjoy a wonderful Italian meal, excellent appropriate beverages, great entertainment, and support the First Church Choir’s 2018 pilgrimage to Lincoln and Norwich cathedrals? 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 great silent 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.

**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. Check the church website ([www.first-church.org](http://www.first-church.org)) for information about specific events.



**NEW MEMBERS CLASS: MARCH 6 FROM 7-9 P.M. IN THE PARLOR** 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. If you are interested in joining and have not already expressed your interest, please let Rev. Emily Corzine know ([ecorzine@first-church.org](mailto:ecorzine@first-church.org))/

**FLOWER DEDICATION CHART** The schedule for flower dedications is filling up quickly. Don’t miss an opportunity to celebrate a special person or event in your life, memorialize a loved one or celebrate a special event here at First Church. Here are some dates in the next few months that are available: **February 19, March 19, April 9, 23, 30, June 25.**

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](mailto:mworth@first-church.org)) and specify date or dates requested.



### JOYS AND CONCERNS

**MEMBERS** Andrew MacGregor; 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 Denise and Nate Vogt and family, on the death of her grandfather, Chuck Wyatt, and family member Clayton Frye; Kristen Blanks, on the death of her grandmother, Mary Maimone; Erick Gale, on the death of his mother, Candace Gale; Mark Williams and Tim Carsey, on the death of Mark’s mother, Frankie Williams; and Lori Buehler and family, on the death of her father.

**FRIENDS AND FAMILY** 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; Mary Jane John, mother of Victor John; Willene Castleberry, sister of Ann Morganstern; Wendell Smith, father of Sarah Lange; Lois Beery, friend of Mary Kay Beall Carter; Gidget, family member of Bill Johannes and Barb Clapham; 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.

**Throughout The World** We pray for Quebec City and the Muslims and their families killed there. We stand with our Muslim brothers and sisters around the world. 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 Andorra, Italy, Malta, Portugal, San Marino, Spain, Vatican City.

**Missionaries** This week, we pray for Stewart Barker, serving in Swaziland.

**NEED PRAYER?** If you have any prayer requests or joys to share, please contact the church office ([awagner@first-church.org](mailto:awagner@first-church.org) or 614-228-1741, ext. 10) or one of the ministers: [ecorzine@first-church.org](mailto:ecorzine@first-church.org) or 614-228-1741, ext. 21, or [tahrens@first-church.org](mailto:tahrens@first-church.org) or 614-228-1741, ext. 13.

## THIS WEEK AT FIRST CHURCH

### Sunday, February 5: Youth Sunday

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. – Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room  
10 a.m. – Faith Formation – Education Wing, Rooms C/D  
11 a.m. – Worship – Sanctuary  
Noon – Coffee Hour – Parlor  
12:15 – Meeting about Youth Mission Trip – Education Wing Room D

### Monday, February 6

Noon – Care Ministry 7 p.m. – Interfaith Bible Study – Parish Hall  
6: 30 p.m. – Christian Education Meeting – Mark Williams’ Office

### Tuesday, February 7

2:15 p.m. – First Tuesdays Concert – Sanctuary  
12:45 p.m. – Lunch following Concert – Parish Hall  
1:30 – Celebration and Remembrance – Ralph Fanning Room  
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

### Wednesday, February 8

9:30 a.m. – Staff Meeting – Ralph Fanning Room

### Thursday, February 9

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

### Saturday, February 11

10 a.m. – First Church Quilters – Ralph Fanning Room

### Sunday, February 12

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. – Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room  
10 a.m. – Faith Formation – Education Wing, Rooms C/D  
11 a.m. – Worship – Sanctuary  
Noon – Fellowship Hour – Parish Hall  
12:30 p.m. – Confirmation Class – Education Wing Room D  
12:30 p.m. – Planned Giving Meeting – Parish Family Room  
6 p.m. – High School Youth Group Meeting – Parish Hall

## MEMBER BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Today- Anne Morganstern, Lynn Wallich, Debbie Yontz, Rachel Catus, Abby Prendergast; 7-Jane Carter; 8-Jonah Ewing; 9-Helen Cook, Tim Ahrens, Jim Griffin, Alyssia Palmer, Denny Wojtanowski; 10-Kennedy Thompson; 11-Jazmyn Daines



## MEMBER ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK Today-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 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](http://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

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
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 Sibirian
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 Mozingo, 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 Glaros
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