



Depart to Serve

MARCH 11, 2018

PLEASE JOIN US FOR ALL HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Palm/Passion Sunday, March 25

9:00 a.m. – Parish Hall
10 a.m. – Faith Formation Hour
11:00 a.m. – Sanctuary

Maundy Thursday, March 29

6 p.m. Dinner and Holy Communion – Parish Hall
7:30 p.m. Tenebrae Service – Sanctuary

Good Friday, March 30

7:30 p.m. The Solemn Liturgy for Good Friday

Easter Sunday, April 1

7 a.m. Sunrise Service – Broad Street entrance steps
8:45 & 11 a.m. Easter Services – Sanctuary
10 a.m. Congregational Brunch – Parish Hall

FORMATIVE DISCUSSIONS FOR ADULTS: 10 A.M. EDUCATION WING ROOM D In this six-session study, we will consider the various aspects of forgiveness, a concept perhaps more central to Christianity than to any other religion. The Rev. Dr. Nancy Livingston will lead the session.

WALKING THE LABYRINTH HOLY WEEK – MARCH 25- MARCH 31 – A NEW LOCATION A labyrinth is not a maze that gets you lost. It is a way to find yourself, your soul, the Spirit and God. A Labyrinth has one pathway..... Beginning after both Palm/Passion Sunday services and the rest of Holy Week, a Labyrinth will be available in **Room B** for our community of faith to walk and meditate. A brochure will be provided at the entrance of each worship space starting March 25 on the church website, and in the church office. The Labyrinth will be open for all to walk during regular church office hours during the week and on Holy Saturday. We ask those walking through the First Floor in the Education Wing to observe the area as a “quiet zone.”



UPCOMING EVENTS:

THE GREAT FISH FRY TOUR: FRIDAY, MARCH 16 Stop #3 is sure to be special. St. Stephen the Martyr Catholic Church at 4131 Clime Road offers a unique twist to the traditional fry up. This stop offers two options: the traditional fish fry (all you can eat) with green beans, slaw, fries, drink and dessert, or a Spanish style whole fish with lime and hot sauce which includes all the sides, drink and dessert. Both options are just \$10/adult, \$7 for seniors and \$5 for kids. Join us to get your fry on!!!

WOMEN’S RETREAT: “ONE THOUSAND AND ONE GIFTS” ON SATURDAY, MARCH 17, 9 A.M. – NOON Experience God’s presence in your everyday life. Please meet in the Ralph Fanning Room and bring a brunch item to share. Coffee and tea provided. Call Jackie Dean at 614-868-0485 for more information.

CHORAL EVENSONG: SUNDAY, MARCH 18, AT 4 P.M. Set for the Fifth Sunday in Lent, the First Church Choir will offer music of Tchaikovsky, Kenneth Leighton, Herbert Howells, and Paul Halley. Especially in this season of Lent, please join us for this service of meditative prayer. The Choir will be accompanied by organist Tyler Robertson.

FIRST CHURCH CHOIR PASTA SUPPER AND SILENT AUCTION: SUNDAY, MARCH 18 Come to First Church Choir’s Pasta Dinner and Silent Auction Sunday, March 18 following evensong, and enjoy a wonderful Italian meal with great entertainment and bid on some enticing items. The event is a fundraiser to support the Choir’s pilgrimage this summer to Lincoln and Norwich cathedrals. The ticket price of only \$15 per person includes salad, Italian bread, meat and meatless pasta, up to two glasses of wine (other beverages available) and homemade desserts. Tickets must be purchased in advance and are available from any choir member or the church office.

MARCH FOR OUR LIVES COLUMBUS: SATURDAY, MARCH 24 –11 A.M. STATE CAPITAL Not one more. We cannot allow one more child to be shot at school. We cannot allow one more teacher to make a choice to jump in front of a firing assault rifle to save the lives of students. We cannot allow one more family to wait for a call or text that never comes. Our schools are unsafe. Our children and teachers are dying. We must make it our top priority to save these lives. Join First Church Youth and UCC Ohio Conference Youth who will meet at the church at 10 a.m. and will walk to the State House. Watch for more details on the church website and Facebook page and via email.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

MEMBERS Nell Cole; Jude Gelfius; Don Streibig; Bev Cook; Wally Giffen; Lindy Miller; Carl Miller; Virginia O’Neill; and families and friends who mourn the loss of loved ones.

FRIENDS AND FAMILY Brooke Chute, cousin of Amy Wagner; Bob Murdock, father of Melissa Weygandt; the Bice Family; Ben Brewer, friend of Melva Fisher; Ruth Smith, sister of Judy Smith; Lois Mitchell and John Mitchell, mother and brother of Melissa Mitchell; Chelsea Donelson, friend of Valerie Conlin-Losinski; Ward Porch; Joyce Marcum, sister of Betty Conn; and families and friends who continue to mourn the loss of loved ones.

THROUGHOUT THE WORLD We pray for victims of gun violence. We pray for all students and educators. We pray for all who struggle with mental illness. We pray for those whose lives have been torn apart by emergencies and disasters.

IN GOD’S HANDS: THE ECUMENICAL PRAYER CYCLE This week we pray with and for the people and churches of Denmark, Iceland, Norway, and Sweden.

MISSIONARIES This week we pray for Ricardo Mayol serving in Guatemala.

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.



LAUNDRY LOVE MISSION IS IN GREAT NEED OF TRASH BAGS. The mission is always collecting laundry detergent and dryer sheets as well.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST CHURCH

Sunday, March 11: Lent IV

- 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. – New Members Class – Parlor
- 10 a.m. – Faith Formation Time – Education Wing Room D
- 11 a.m. – Worship – Sanctuary
- 12:15 p.m. –Teacher, Nursery and Usher Training – Ralph Fanning Room
- Noon – Fellowship Hour – Parish Hall
- 6 p.m. – Middle and High School Youth Groups – Parish Hall

Monday, March 12

- 9 a.m. – Good Samaritan Day – Sanctuary, Ralph Fanning Room, Parlor
- 6:30 p.m. – Christian Education Committee – Virtual Meeting
- 7 p.m. – Trustees – Ralph Fanning Room

Tuesday, March 13

- 2 p.m. – Worship Planning – Parish Family Room
- 7 p.m. – Executive Committee – Ralph Fanning Room

Wednesday, March 14

- 9:30 a.m. – Staff Meeting – Ralph Fanning Room
- 12:15 p.m. – Lenten Small Group – Ralph Fanning Room
- 4 p.m. – Building and Office Close

Thursday, March 15

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

Saturday, March 17

- 9 a.m. – Women’s Retreat – Ralph Fanning Room

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- 11 a.m. – Worship – Sanctuary
- Noon – Fellowship Hour – Parish Hall
- 12:30 p.m. – Confirmation Trip to Noor Islamic Cultural Center
- 4 p.m. – Choral Evensong – Sanctuary
- 6 p.m. – Pasta Dinner – 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 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.

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- **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

March 4 – \$679.24 – Deep Griha

NEXT WEEK’S MISSION OFFERING

Youth Mission Trip



MEMBER BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Today – Candace Cummings, Allison Lange, Sue Salak; 12 – Lincoln Glaros, Jenny Provenzano; 13 – Ella Koscher; 15 – Jacob Holton, Jennifer Mrozek, 16 – Trai Blanks, Robert O’Leary, Luke Zimmerman, Will Zimmerman, 17 – Amy Brooks

MEMBER ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK 14 – Christy Carlson and Jim Curry; Janet Stoneking and Eric Boyd; Jon and Sarah Frank; 13 – Carol and Andy Bensing

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
Jubilate and Exultate 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	Simone Ellerson, Natalie Barker, Taylre Arnold, Miranda Brooks

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
Deacon Council Representative	Todd Jacobson

TRUSTEES

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

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“GET ME TO THE CHURCH ON TIME”: UPDATES ON CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

We are striving to keep everyone informed on upcoming construction projects and schedules, how you can get into the church parking lots, and how you will access the building.



Church Electrical Service Underground Installation

This project, paid for by the City of Columbus, will install new electrical transformers near the Carriage House. Underground ducts will be installed to connect the electrical feed from the transformer to the existing underground feeders coming into the church building. Once operational, telephone poles along the alley will be removed.

Anticipated Completion: 4 weeks

Current Activity:

Construction of transformer pads complete. Underground ducts partially done and waiting on additional materials to proceed.

Parking Access: The West Lot can be accessed from Cleveland Avenue. North Lot unchanged.

Building Access: From the North Lot, unchanged. From the West Lot, use the sidewalk at the center of the lot to come around the Park construction fence to the West or Broad Street doors.

Gladden Social Justice Park

This church project will transform the south end of the West Lot along Broad Street and along the east side of Cleveland Avenue into a community green space with numerous special features and artwork.

Anticipated Completion: August 1, 2018

Current Activity:

Excavation and debris removal wrapping up. Lights poles in construction area to be removed soon. Preparing to excavate for footings once City approvals are in place.

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Creative Campus Roadway Improvements

This City of Columbus project will upgrade the roadway, sidewalks, pedestrian safety, lighting and aesthetic elements of Cleveland Avenue, Gay Street, Ninth Street and Washington Avenue.

Anticipated Completion: October 22, 2018

Current Activity: Gay Street now closed from Cleveland Avenue to Washington Avenue.

Cleveland Avenue will be switched to northbound only starting March 12. Entrances to the West Lot and alley will be maintained. Ninth Street has been changed to two-way traffic. Major construction will be on-going in 7 Phases with various completion dates.

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Coming from the north we recommend exiting I-71 South at Broad Street.

From I-670, take Cleveland Avenue to Long Street. East on Long Street to Washington Avenue; south to Broad Street. Broad west to Ninth Street. Enter church parking from Ninth Street.

Depart the North Lot using Ninth Street south to Broad Street (right turn only), or thru the West Lot or alley. Depart the West Lot using Cleveland Avenue (northbound only after March 12).

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Building Exterior Restoration – Phase 1

This church project will be performed on the eastern ‘Parish House’ part of the building and will include removal and rebuilding of all windows, replacement of steel lintels, and tuck pointing all mortar joints. Offices and meeting spaces will be relocated during this time. Scheduling for all meetings and use of the building is mandatory.

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