

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

DEPART TO SERVE

MARCH 12, 2017

CHORAL EVENSONG THIS AFTERNOON AT 4 P.M. Please join us for the beautifully meditative service of Choral Evensong on this afternoon at 4 p.m. Set for the Second Sunday in Lent, the First Church Choir will offer music of Gerre Hancock, Orlando Gibbons and Lee Hoiby. Especially in this season of Lent, please join us for this service of meditative prayer. The Choir will be accompanied by organist Tyler Robertson. This is the final Evensong of the season.

LENTEN SMALL GROUPS You are invited to join a Lenten Small Group. The groups will meet 4 times: **Wednesdays: March 15, 22, 29 and April 5 at 7 p.m.**

Hosting and Leading Groups are:

- Meet at Church – Nicole Moss leading - Cell: 614-746-4808 nsydneym@aol.com
- Lynn Wallich Victorian Village (43201) Cell: 614-563-2560 lrw25@yahoo.com
- Marty Worth – Upper Arlington 614-228-1741 ext. 14 mworth@first-church.org
- Virtual Group – Rev. Emily Corzine 614-228-1741 ext. 21 ecorzine@first-church.org

Please contact the group most convenient to you to say you will be attending.



NEW BOOK STUDY SELECTION *THE PROPHEPIC IMAGINATION*

The Book Study Group will meet this Wednesday, March 15 at 11 a.m. in the Parlor to begin discussing Walter Brueggemann's *The Prophetic Imagination*. The book is available for purchase in the church office for \$17.

IT'S TIME FOR CAMP REGISTRATION! The Outdoor Ministries summer camp tentative schedule has been posted, so can spring be far behind? Forms are available in the church office. Camp schedule and descriptions are available online at: <http://www.journeythehills.org>. Once you've decided on a camp, just click one of the "Register Online" buttons to complete your registration and make your payment. Thanks to the generosity of longtime member Alma Keeler, we can offer a 50% camp scholarship on the registration fee (after the \$75 deposit) to any First Church child or youth who wants to go to camp. *A request for these funds must be made by the parent / guardian. This is not automatic as in the past.*

To take advantage of this scholarship you must do several things:

- 1.) Decide which camp you want to attend.
- 2.) Send in your \$75 deposit *as soon as possible* with the 2017 camp registration form.
- 3.) Send the remaining amount owed to the Ohio Conference at least two weeks prior to your camp;
- 4.) Have a wonderful time!

First Church also will offer additional scholarships for those families who need extra help. Any child who wants to go to camp should not be stopped due to financial concerns of the family. For more information about camp, please contact Mark S. Williams at mwilliams@first-church.org. **Deadline for early registration and First Church campership request is March 31.**



2017 SOFTBALL NEWS: CO-ED TEAM

FORMING If you are interested in year #2 for our co-ed softball team for the summer of 2017, please contact Rev. Ahrens at tahrens@first-church.org or call 614-228-1741, ext.13. Last year we had a great team that made the playoffs and never forfeited a

game! But, there is room on the roster for more players, especially women! If you are interested, we would love to welcome you! Deadlines for getting in the league are fast approaching.

CELEBRATING REV. JANINE WILSON'S RETIREMENT Rev. Janine Wilson, who served as both Associate Minister at First Congregational Church and as an Association Minister, is retiring. You are invited to an Open House at Zion UCC Church, 51 W. Central Ave, Delaware Ohio 43014 on Saturday, March 18 from 1 – 3 p.m. If you cannot attend, you may send a card of good wishes to the church for Janine.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

MEMBERS Valarie and Phil Stichter; Sandy Bennett; 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 Cheryl Hoskinson, on the death of her friend, Paul McGinnis. We hold in our prayers our seminarians, Joyce Oyler, Shea Watts, and other Members in Discernment in the United Church of Christ.

FRIENDS AND FAMILY Rick Harmon, brother-in-law of Amy Wagner; Bill Taylor, friend of Melva Fisher; Patricia Aileen Tekaucic, mother of Val Christopher Tekaucic; Jennifer Flocken; Rena Finch, sister-in-law of Arlene Reynolds; James Baker, brother of Allen Baker; Joanie Krohn, sister of Melanie Brown; Kathie Daniels, daughter of Gleva Stephens; Cassie Linger; Brenda Butt; 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; families and community friends who struggle with any form of mental illness.

THROUGHOUT THE WORLD We pray for immigrants and refugees around the world. We pray for the increasing food insufficiency crisis along the horn of Africa. We pray for our brothers and sisters in the Muslim and Jewish communities in this country. We pray for the communities who have been victims of threats, violence and destruction. We pray for those affected by significant storms and flooding across this country.

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

MISSIONARIES This week, we pray for Kahala Cannon, serving in South Korea.

NEED PRAYER? If you have any prayer requests or joys to share, please contact the church office (awagner@first-church.org or 614-228-1741, ext. 10) or one of 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, March 12: Lent 2

9 a.m. – Worship: Morning Prayer and Holy Communion – Parish Hall

9 a.m. – Teen/Treble Choirs – Choir Room

10 a.m. – Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room

10 a.m. – Faith Formation – Education Wing Rooms C/D

11 a.m. – Worship – Sanctuary

4 p.m. – Evensong – Sanctuary

6 p.m. – High School Youth Group Meeting – Parish Hall

Monday, March 13

9 a.m. – Good Samaritan Day – Ralph Fanning Room

7 p.m. – Trustees – Ralph Fanning Room

Tuesday, March 14

11:30 a.m. – Worship Planning – Parish Family Room

7 p.m. – Executive Committee – Ralph Fanning Room

Wednesday, March 15

11 a.m. – Book Study: *The Prophetic Imagination* – Parlor

7 p.m. – Lenten Small Groups

Thursday, March 16

6 p.m. – First Church Ringers Rehearsal – Education Wing Room J

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

Saturday, March 18

8:30 a.m. – House and Grounds – Parish Family Room

Sunday, March 19: Lent 3

9 a.m. – Worship: Morning Prayer and Holy Communion – Parish Hall

9 a.m. – Teen/Treble Choirs – Choir Room

10 a.m. – Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room

10 a.m. – Faith Formation – Education Wing Rooms C/D

11 a.m. – Worship – Sanctuary

12:30 p.m. – Confirmation Class – Education Wing
Room D

6 p.m. – Middle and High School Youth Group Meetings – 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:** 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.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.*

MEMBER BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK Today- Lincoln Glaros Jenny Provenzano; 3/13 Ella Koscher; 3/15 Jacob Holton, Jennifer Mrozek; 3/16 Trai Blanks, Robert O'Leary, Luke Zimmerman, Will Zimmerman; 3/17 Amy Brooks; 3/18 Myles Sholl

MEMBER ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK 3/13 Carol and Andy Bensing; 3/18 Tammy Alexander and Julie Roth-Alexander, Andrea and Michael Gonzalez, James Weygandt and Melissa Murdock-Weygandt

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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 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	Alec Deitz
Deacons	Sandy Bennett, Kris Brant, Anthony Brown, Valerie Conlin-Losinski, Bert Cook, Martha Fullemann, Dean Hafey, Todd Jacobson, Karen Mazingo, David Nassau, Janet Newcity, Jorge Polo, Alejandro 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