

# FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

## DEPART TO SERVE

MARCH 13, 2016

**CONGREGATIONAL CONCERT TODAY AT 4 P.M.** The Columbus Wind Quintet and pianist Kevin Jones will present a concert of chamber music featuring the Sextet of Ludwig Thuille and the Quintet in E-flat, KV 452 of W.A. Mozart. The Columbus Wind Quintet is made up of Randall Hester, flute; Stephen Secan, oboe; David Thomas, clarinet; Gene Standley, horn; and Betsy Sturdevant, bassoon. A reception will be held following the concert.

**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.

**“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. 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. Contact Mark S. Williams at [mwilliams@first-church.org](mailto:mwilliams@first-church.org) for information.



**SHOE BOXES NEEDED** Have an empty shoe box at home? We could use them to decorate for our butterflies. Bring them to Mark Williams or the church office.



The Outdoor Ministries summer camp schedule has been posted, so can spring be far behind? 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. Forms are now available in the church office. First Congregational Church has always been a strong supporter of the Outdoor Ministries Summer Camp Program by encouraging participation and by offering scholarships for campers. Thanks to the generosity of longtime member Alma Keeler, we are able to 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:

- Decide which camp you want to attend.
- Send in your \$75 deposit as soon as possible with the 2016 camp registration form.
- Send the remaining amount owed to the Ohio Conference at least two weeks prior to your camp;
- 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](mailto:mwilliams@first-church.org). **Deadline for early registration and First Church campership request is March 31.**

**MYERS BRIGGS TYPE INVENTORY (MBTI) WORKSHOP** has been rescheduled for April 9 from 9:30-12 noon at First Church.

### March Fellowship Hour Schedule

March 13 Acts  
March 20 Amos  
March 27 Easter: Colossians, Corinthians, Daniel and Deuteronomy

### March Offering Schedule

March 13 UCC Neighbors In Need  
March 20 Good Samaritan  
March 27 One Great Hour of Sharing

## JOYS AND CONCERNS

**CONGRATULATIONS TO AND PRAYERS FOR** Abby Salak and Melissa Prendergast, who are expecting a baby in September.

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

**FRIENDS AND FAMILY:** Barb Clapham; Ron, brother-in-law of Kim Hopcraft; Joe LaBute and his family and friends; Mary Johnston, daughter of John Carter; baby Cameron Barrow; Marcia Smith, mother of Gretchen Weller; Wendell Smith, father of Sarah Lange; Joyce Wood, friend of Melva Fisher; the family and friends of Maribeth Quinn; Marjorie Kufel, mother of Sharon Leidheiser; and Jill Ford, friend of Mark Williams.

**THROUGHOUT THE WORLD** We pray for those impacted by the increasing tensions on the Korean Peninsula; for Israel/Palestine; for victim of human trafficking; for refugees.

**IN GOD’S HANDS: THE ECUMENICAL PRAYER CYCLE** We pray with and for the people and churches of Myanmar and Thailand.

**MISSIONARIES:** This week, we pray for Linda James, serving in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

*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.*

## HOLY WEEK SERVICES

**MARCH 20 – PALM/PASSION SUNDAY SERVICES 9 AND 11 A.M.**  
Sermon: *Crying and Courageous Prayers*

**MARCH 24 – MAUNDY THURSDAY DINNER AND HOLY COMMUNION (6 P.M.) AND TENEBRAE SERVICE (7:30 P.M.)** Meditation: *Ending Prayers*

**MARCH 25 – GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE 7:30 P.M.** Sermon: *Suffering Prayers*

**MARCH 27 – EASTER SUNDAY – 7, 8:45 & 11 A.M.** Sermon: *Joy-Filled Prayers*

### THIS WEEK AT FIRST CHURCH

#### Sunday, March 13 – 6<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. – Congregational Concert featuring the Columbus Wind Quintet and pianist Kevin Jones – Sanctuary  
6 p.m. – High School Youth Group – Parish Hall

#### Monday, March 14

9 a.m. – Good Samaritan Day – Large Conference Room  
7 p.m. – Trustees Meeting – Parlor

#### Tuesday, March 15

Noon – Care Ministry Luncheon – Large Conference Room  
2:00 p.m. – Worship Planning – Parish Family Room  
7 p.m. – Church Council – Large Conference Room

#### Wednesday, March 16

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

#### Thursday, March 17

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

#### Friday, March 18

Noon – Deadline for the Newsletter

#### Saturday March 19

8:30 a.m. – House and Grounds Meeting – Family Parish Room  
11 a.m. – Van Barndt Memorial Service and Reception – Sanctuary and Parish Hall

#### Sunday, March 20 – Palm/Passion Sunday

Labyrinth Open All Day – Room D  
9 a.m. – Worship – Parish Hall  
9 a.m. – Teen and Treble Choirs Rehearsal – Choir and Music Activities Rooms  
10 a.m. – First Church Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room  
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11 a.m. – Worship – Sanctuary  
Noon – Fellowship Hour – Parish Hall  
6 p.m. – Middle and High School Youth Groups – 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:** 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.*

### March Crucifer Schedule

March 13 Adam Wade  
March 20 Joe Spofforth  
March 27: **8:45 a.m.** Eddie Anderson IV; **11 a.m.** Dylan Hopcraft

### March Acolyte Schedule

March 13 Nick Boriin Peter Spofforth  
March 20 Chutney Anderson  
March 27: **8:45 a.m.** Erin Murray Ethan Murray  
**11 a.m.** Alyssa Batchelor Chutney Anderson

**MEMBER BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK** 15-Jennifer Mrozek; 16-Robert O'Leary, Luke Zimmerman, Will Zimmerman; 17-Amy Brooks; 18-Megan Daniels, Marla Flewellen; 19-Austin Wharton; 20-David Mailer, Tom Worley; 21-Eric Ewing, James Gaugh, Dorothy Horn

**MEMBER ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK** 14- Janet Stoneking and Eric Boyd, Jon and Sarah Frank; 18-Tammy Alexander and Julie Roth-

Alexander, Andrea and Michael Gonzalez, James Weygandt and Melissa Murdock-Weygandt; 20-Janice and Mariner Taft

### 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, S.M.M.
<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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