



FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Depart to Serve

MARCH 18, 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 –
Gather on Broad Street Steps

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

TODAY:

FORMATIVE DISCUSSIONS FOR ADULTS: 10 A.M. EDUCATION WING ROOM D The Rev. Dr. Nancy Livingston will lead the session on the various aspects of forgiveness.

TODAY'S FELLOWSHIP HOUR will be held immediately following the 11 a.m. service in the Parlor, located on the first floor across from the church office.

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.

FIRST CHURCH CHOIR PASTA SUPPER AND SILENT AUCTION: SUNDAY, MARCH 18 FOLLOWING EVENSONG Support the Choir's pilgrimage this summer to Lincoln and Norwich cathedrals. Only a few tickets remain – see a choir member to purchase the \$15 tickets. Tickets will **not** be available at the door.

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, as well as 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 24, 4:30 – 7 P.M. The final stop will be Our Lady of Victory, 1559 Roxbury Road, Columbus, 43212. The menu is ocean perch, potatoes or rice, salad or slaw, and includes beverages, wine, pop, coffee and homemade desserts, and pizza for the kids! Price is \$10 for adults and \$5 for kids.

MARCH FOR OUR LIVES COLUMBUS: SATURDAY, MARCH 24 – 11 A.M. STATE CAPITOL 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. First Church will host UCC Youth at the church on Friday evening, and Justice and Mercy Commission is providing breakfast for them.

SAFE CHURCH POLICY TEAM PLANS PRESENTATION AND DRILL ON APRIL 15 The Safe Church Policy Team has been working for over a year on updating and improving safety procedures for First Church. On April 15, the team will give a presentation after each worship service to review Fire, Severe Weather and Interruption of Worship procedures. At the end of the presentation, the congregation will practice a Severe Weather drill.

FLOWER/VEGETABLE SALE FOR YOUTH ONGOING! The youth groups of First Church will be taking orders for their spring flower sale now through April 15. You may view the order form online on the church website or place your order with any youth member.

REGISTRATION FOR THE SPRING RETREAT IS NOW ONLINE! Go to www.first-church.org to register.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

MEMBERS Pat Liebchen; Wally Giffen; Alaina Thompson; Nell Cole; Jude Gelfius; Don Streibig; 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 the millions of refugees displaced throughout the world. We pray for the victims and families of gun violence. We pray for those across this country with brain diseases and their care givers. We pray for those people and countries affected by oppressive regimes. We pray for an end to the unrest in Syria and a calming of tensions in the Middle East.

IN GOD'S HANDS: THE ECUMENICAL PRAYER CYCLE This week we pray with and for the people and churches of Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania.

MISSIONARIES This week we pray for Monica Liddle serving in East Timor.

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, March 18: Lent V

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. – Faith Formation Time – Education Wing Room D
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

Monday, March 19

6 p.m. – Budget and Finance – Ralph Fanning Room
7 p.m. – Personnel Committee – Parish Family Room
7 p.m. – Deacons Meeting – Parish Hall
7:30 p.m. – Hymnal Supplement Committee – Choir Room

Tuesday, March 20

Deadline for Newsletter
2 p.m. – Worship Planning – Parish Family Room
7 p.m. – Council Meeting – Ralph Fanning Room

Wednesday, March 21

11 a.m. – Book Study: *Writing in the Sand* – Parlor
12:15 p.m. – Lenten Small Group – Ralph Fanning Room
4 p.m. – Building and Office Close

Thursday, March 22

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

Friday, March 23

1 p.m. – Faith Mission Meal Preparation – Kitchen

Saturday, March 24

10 a.m. – March for Our Lives – Meet at church

Sunday, March 25: Palm/Passion 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
6 p.m. – High School Youth Group – 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 11 – \$660.16 – Kaleidoscope

NEXT WEEK'S MISSION OFFERING

Good Samaritan Fund



MEMBER BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Today – Myles Sholl; 19 – Greg Kellison, Tom Leighton; 20 – Brett Bachman, David Mailer, Tom Worley; 21 – Eric Ewing, James Gaugh, Rezi Haghiri, Dorothy Horn; 22 – Debbi Kelly, James Powell; 24 – Amy Wagner

MEMBER ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK Today – Tammy Alexander and Julie Roth-Alexander, Andrea and Michael Gonzalez, James Weygandt and Melissa Murdock-Weygandt; 20 – Janice and Mariner Taft

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,

WWW.FIRST-CHURCH.ORG

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

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Anticipated Completion: 4 weeks

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Building Exterior Restoration – Phase 1

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Construction Start: April 2, 2018

Current Activity:

Spirituality Network Offices are now moved to Classrooms C & D. Except for Sunday mornings, these rooms are for their exclusive use. The Church Office will be moved to the Ed Wing the week of March 19. During the week, entrance into the building will be through the North Ed Wings doors.

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