

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

DEPART TO SERVE

MARCH 26, 2017

LAUNDRY LOVE VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR MARCH 28 Contact Mark Williams at mwilliams@first-church.org if you are able to help from 6-7 p.m. at WashLand Laundromat, 1469 W. Broad Street in West Franklinton.

DIALOGUE ABOUT DEATH: TUESDAY, MARCH 28 6:30 – 8:30 P.M. IN PARISH HALL How do we talk about death? How do we tell our loved ones what we long for at the end of our life? How do we talk with a medical team about how we want to spend our last days on earth? How do we help our loved ones to do the same? Join Marcia Miller, Cathe Kobacker, and Lori Moffett from Yoga on High for a heartfelt community discussion about end of life care that will give you the tools to start the discussion with people in your world. There is a \$5 fee, but scholarships are available. Register for the class at <http://yogaonhigh.com/workshops-retreats/workshops/dialogue-about-death>.

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING ON APRIL 2 following the 11 a.m. service to consider a motion to approve the general plans for a park to be constructed on part of the West Lot.

APRIL 2: INTERFAITH MARCH FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE Join us and our interfaith brothers and sisters in a march for peace and justice. We'll gather as a community to support one another in celebrating our faith diversity. We'll have a light lunch in the Ralph Fanning Room following the Congregational Meeting, and then we'll move quickly to Genoa Park, gathering behind COSI. We can carpool to and from the event. Please register soon so we can plan for lunch and carpooling. First Congregational Church UCC is one of the co-sponsors of this event. Please click on the link below to register or RSVP.
<http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=vta6sivab&oei=dk=a07edyxwd5g1cfd2736&oseq=>

[Get more information](#)

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If you have any questions, please contact Rev. Emily Corzine at ecorzine@first-church.org or any member of the Justice and Mercy Commission.

FAIR TRADE EASTER BASKETS Do you need an Easter basket for someone special or a hostess gift? Sacred Earth will be selling Fair Trade baskets for \$15. Please sign up in the church office with your preference for tea, coffee, or chocolate options. Baskets will be available on April 2 and April 9. Please call Sarah Giffen at 614-471-9665 with questions.

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 place your order with any youth member. You may view the order form online on the church Web site. There are many varieties of flowers and hanging baskets to choose from. The groups also are selling several varieties of tomatoes, vegetables and peppers. They come in small plants for your garden or in planters for your patio or deck. The flowers and vegetables are supplied by Strader's Greenhouse of Columbus. Payment is due at the time of ordering. The flowers will be available for pick up on May 13-14.

LOCATION AND TIME FOR A LABYRINTH WALK The Labyrinth will be located on the first floor of the Education Wing in Room D. The Labyrinth will open after each service on Palm/Passion Sunday and will remain open the rest of Holy Week during regular church office hours (7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.), and before and after the Maundy Thursday Service, the Good Friday Service and on Holy Saturday from 8 a.m. – 3 p.m. If you are unable to walk the Labyrinth, the Gladden Chapel will be open for meditation during the same hours.

THE FIRST CHURCH GOLF LEAGUE will tee up starting Thursday, April 27, and go for 10 weeks every Thursday at 5 p.m. Everyone is welcome – from beginners interested in learning the sport to those looking to sharpen their skills. The only competition is you trying to improve on your game. Keeping score is optional. The league plays at the 9-hole Gahanna Municipal Golf Course, 220 Olde Ridenour Rd., Gahanna, with tee offs between 5 p.m. and 5:15 p.m. Rounds usually last about two hours. Cost is \$11 per round (\$9 for seniors) for 10 rounds for a total of \$110 (\$90 for seniors), due on the first Thursday that we play, April 27. Push carts are available (\$2 payable each week used) and electric carts are also available. A sign-up sheet is in the Church Office, or contact Frank Cook, league representative, at fhc2@aol.com, or by phone at 614-933-0012, or in Church on most Sundays. If you have questions, call Frank.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

CONGRATULATIONS to Luke and Kirsten Ahrens on the birth of their son Rylan Antonio Ahrens. Rylan is little brother to Benton and grandson #2 to Tim Ahrens and Susan Sitler.

CONGRATULATIONS TO AND PRAYERS FOR Dr. Richard Wing on his retirement from serving as Senior Minister of First Community Church for over 20 years.

MEMBERS Madeline Helmer; Tom and Kathy Brownfield; Valerie 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 Bill Nirote, on the death of his mother; Allen Baker, on the death of his brother James Baker; Tammy Anderson, on the death of her grandmother, Sarah Ellen Ullom; and Cheryl Hoskinson, on the death of her friend, Paul McGinnis.

FRIENDS AND FAMILY Travis, Stephanie and Hannah, friends of Heather Whaling; Betsy Williams, aunt of Cindy Conn; James Barnard, brother of Dene Barnard; James, nephew of Margaret Cipriani; Lynn Roseberry; Rick Harmon, brother-in-law of Amy Wagner; Patricia Aileen Tekaucic, mother of Val Christopher Tekaucic; Joe and Marjorie Kufel, parents of Sharon Leidheiser; Jill Ford, friend of Mark Williams; and

THROUGHOUT THE WORLD We pray for the victims and families of the attack near the British House of Parliament. We pray for the people of Peru who suffer from torrential rain and flooding and water insufficiency.

IN GOD'S HANDS: THE ECUMENICAL PRAYER CYCLE This week we pray with and for the people and churches of Czech Republic, Poland, Slovakia.

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 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 26: Lent 4

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
10 a.m. – Park Information Session – Ralph Fanning Room
11 a.m. – Worship – Sanctuary
12:15 p.m. – Park Information Session – Ralph Fanning Room
6 p.m. – Middle and High School Youth Groups Meeting– Parish Hall

Tuesday, March 28

11:30 a.m. – Worship Planning – Parish Family Room
6 p.m. – Laundry Love, WashLand Laundromat, 1469 W. Broad Street,
West Franklinton
6:30 p.m. – Dialogue on Death – Parish Hall

Wednesday, March 29

7 p.m. – Lenten Small Groups

Thursday, March 30

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

Sunday, April 2: Lent 5

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
12:15 – Special Congregational Meeting – Sanctuary
12:30 p.m. – Confirmation Class – Education Wing Room D

MEMBER BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK 3/26 Cassidy Hopcraft, Catherine Kennedy; 3/27 Julie DeVennish, John Firebaugh; 3/28 Margene Whittenburg; 3/29 Herb Cook, Jr.; Will Kennedy, Thomas Mitchell; 3/30 Ruth Allred, Mary Anne Jacobson; 3/31 Katie Gies, Malini Gnanatheban, Jennifer Newhous; 4/1 Gabriel Allen, Bill Catus

MEMBER ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK 3/26 Anne and Rick Bennett; 3/28 Diane Cole and John Rau

PLEASE JOIN US FOR ALL HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Palm/Passion Sunday, April 9

9:00 a.m. – Parish Hall
11:00 a.m. – Sanctuary

Maundy Thursday, April 13

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

Good Friday, April 14

7:30 p.m. The Solemn Liturgy for Good Friday
featuring Heinrich Schütz's "St. Matthew Passion"
(with projected images)

Easter Sunday, April 16

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



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

- **Other Gifts:** Please designate your intention: *Memorials, flowers, fund raising projects, music, education, etc.*

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