

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

DEPART TO SERVE

MARCH 5, 2017



GLADDEN LECTURE TODAY! The Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund, author of *Blessed are the Crazy: Breaking the Silence about Mental Illness, Family and Church*, will preach on *Jesus and Mental Illness* at both the 9 and 11 a.m. services, and will lead a question and answer session during Faith Formation time at 10 a.m. in Parish Hall. Then, at 4 p.m. in the Sanctuary, she will present her Gladden Lecture entitled *Spirituality and Mental Illness: Does God Make Mistakes?*

FIRST TUESDAYS CONCERT – TUESDAY, MARCH 7 AT 12:15 P.M.

Minister of Music Kevin Jones will play a harpsicord recital featuring the music of J.S. Bach. This year, Kevin will perform the Suite in E-flat Major, BWV 815. This is one of the set of so-called “French” Suites. The month of March is the elder Bach’s birth month. Lunch is available immediately following the concert in the Parish Hall for a \$5 donation.

ONE ID COLUMBUS, the coalition of organizations that is working with BREAD to establish the municipal ID program for Columbus, is holding a summit open to all interested members of the community. The Speaker of the New York City Council will present along with council members from Baltimore and Detroit. The summit will be on Tuesday, March 7 from 10 a.m. - noon at Congregation Tifereth Israel, 1354 E. Broad St., Columbus. Please call the Church Office (614-228-1741) if you are interested in joining the Justice Ministry Team to further the wonderful work of BREAD, the social justice organization which is supported by First Church and 38 other churches throughout Franklin County.

DEEP GRIHA SCHOLARSHIP FUNDING It’s time again to celebrate the impact that the Sponsorship Program has had on many, many lives of orphaned children living at Deep Griha’s City of Child in Pune, India. The annual fundraiser for Deep Griha – at which *Rev. Ahrens* will be the main speaker and *Pavan Peter* will M. C. – is on March 12 at 5:30 p.m. at the North Campus of First Community Church, 3777 Dublin Road, Columbus, Ohio.

CONGREGATIONAL CONCERT FRIDAY, MARCH 10 AT 7:30 P.M.

French virtuoso organist Michel Bouvard will be featured in recital. Mssr. Bouvard will play a varied program including the music of Buxtehude, Louis and François Couperin, Mendelssohn, Brahms, Dupré, Alain and Duruflé.

MARCH 12 AT 4 P.M. – CHORAL EVENSONG Please join us for the beautifully meditative service of Choral Evensong on Sunday, March 12, 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.

MARK THE DATE! LENTEN SMALL GROUPS Begin the week of March 13, for four consecutive weeks. In addition to our traditional neighborhood groups, we hope to have a virtual group and a group which will meet at the church. Interested? Please email Marty Worth @ mworth@first-church.org.

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.**

JOYS AND CONCERNS

MEMBERS Tim Ahrens; Bert Cook; Don Streibig; 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: Sam Spofforth and Betsy Hubbard and family, on the death of Sam’s mother, Sarah Tate; and Sarah and Bill Lange and family, on the death of Sarah’s father, Wendell Smith.

FRIENDS AND FAMILY 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, including Joe Bellissimo and Kevin Jones, on the death of Joe’s aunt, Bunita Weiner.

THROUGHOUT THE WORLD We pray for those along the horn of Africa who face famine and political unrest. We pray for countries that feel increasing pressure from neighboring political powers.

IN GOD’S HANDS: THE ECUMENICAL PRAYER CYCLE This week we pray with and for the people and churches of Ireland, United Kingdom: England, Northern Ireland, Scotland, Wales.

MISSIONARIES This week, we pray for Don Westra, serving in Honduras.

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.

Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST CHURCH

Sunday, March 5: Lent 1

- 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. – First Church Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room
- 10 a.m. – Faith Formation – Education Wing, Room D/Fanning Room
- 11 a.m. – Worship – Sanctuary
- 12:30 p.m. – Confirmation Class – Education Wing Room D
- 4 p.m. – Gladden Lecture – Sanctuary

Monday, March 6

- 10 a.m. – Gladden Lecture Meeting – Parish Hall
- Noon – Care Ministry – Ralph Fanning Room
- 6:30 p.m. – Christian Education Committee
- 7 p.m. – New Members Class – Parlor

Tuesday, March 7

- 12:15 p.m. – First Tuesdays Concert – Sanctuary
- 12:45 p.m. – Lunch following Concert – Parish Hall
- 2:30 p.m. – Worship Planning – Parish Family Room
- 5:30 p.m. – Sacred Earth – Parish Family Room
- 7 p.m. – Justice and Mercy – Parish Family Room
- 7 p.m. – Hebrew / Christian Scripture Study
Make Up Class – Ralph Fanning Room

Wednesday, March 8

- 9:30 a.m. – Staff Meeting – Ralph Fanning Room

Thursday, March 9

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

Friday, March 10

- 7:30 p.m. – Congregational Concert – Sanctuary

Saturday, March 11

- 10 a.m. – First Church Quilters – Ralph Fanning Room

Sunday, March 12: Lent 2

- 9 a.m. – Worship – 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
- 6 p.m. – High School Youth Group Meeting – 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.

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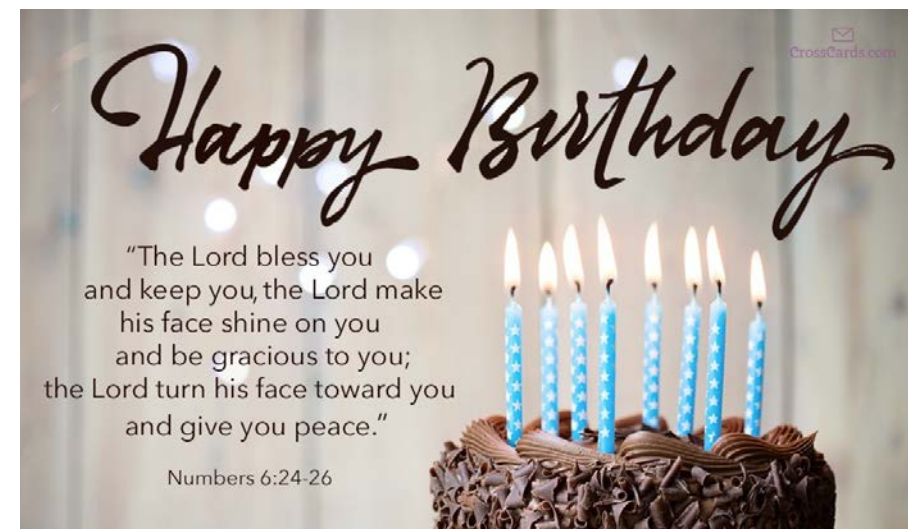
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- **Other Gifts:** Please designate your intention: *Memorials, flowers, fund raising projects, music, education, etc.*

MEMBER BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK Today-Kullen Carrico, Tyler Cave, Phil Stichter; 6-Shirley Calhoun, George West; 7-Scott Barker, Christina Kirker, Bob Monahan, Andrew Smith; 8-Gretchen Atkinson, Madison Fulton; 9-Heather Giffin; 11-Candace Cummings, Allison Lange, Sue Salak



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 Mozingo, 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

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NEW MEMBERS CLASS – MONDAY, MARCH 6 AT 7 P.M.



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Name: _____

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Childcare will be available; please call the church office at 614-228-1741, ext. 10 to let us know how many children to expect.



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