

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

DEPART TO SERVE

MARCH 6, 2016

CHORAL EVENSONG AND CONCERT TODAY! Today at 4 p.m. the First Church Choir will sing Choral Evensong featuring the music of William Byrd (c.1540-1623). Following the Evensong, the Kilbourne Singers will present their annual tour concert, “Let Our Love Be Heard.”

CONGREGATIONAL CONCERT MARCH 13 On Sunday, March 13, 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.

- *Poster 5: March 6 (Mark 12:28-44): Love.*
- *Poster 6: March 13 (Mark 13:1-8, 24-37): Watch!*
- *Poster 7: March 20 (Palm Sunday - Mark 14:3-9): Risk.*
- *Poster 8: March 24 (Maundy Thursday - Mark 14:22-42): Take. Eat. And March 25 (Good Friday - Mark 15:16-39): Forsaken.*
- *Poster 9: March 25 (Easter - Mark 16:1-8): Go! Tell!*

JUST US FOR JUSTICE Come join us for “Just Us for Justice” on March 7 at 7 p.m. at the church. We’ll be going over BREAD’s wins for the year, where they stand in their current research process, and getting ready for the Nehemiah Action. Also, pizza and pop will be provided.

FAIR TRADE COFFEE, TEA AND CHOCOLATE ARE ON SALE TODAY IN PARISH HALL. Fair Trade ensures sustainable labor practices and protects the environment.

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

INTERACTIVE PRAYER ACTIVITIES FOR FAMILIES: A LENTEN

PRACTICE Families come and join us for “Second Saturday” on March 12; come when you can for as long as you can between 10 a.m.-12 noon. We’ll host interactive prayer activities for families with children from newborn to teen. Families will engage and embrace new prayer practices in a fun, loving and safe environment. Prayer stations and self-guided activities will make this hands-on morning activity one to talk about at home. We will meet in the Toddler Room in the Education Building. Questions? Ask Rev. Emily Corzine at ecorzine@first-church.org.

“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 for information.



SECOND THURSDAY FELLOWSHIP GROUP MEETS THURSDAY

MARCH 10 at 10:30 a.m. Bring a book which you’ve read and share a short review with the group!

March Fellowship Hour Schedule

March 6 Zechariah
March 13 Acts
March 20 Amos
March 27 Easter: Colossians, Corinthians, Daniel and Deuteronomy

March Offering Schedule

March 6 Deep Griha Scholarships
March 13 UCC Neighbors In Need
March 20 Good Samaritan
March 27 One Great Hour of Sharing

JOYS AND CONCERNS

MEMBERS: 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; Sophie Baird; Lucille Kropp; Bernie Martin; Ray Pendell; Wib Smith; and for families and friends who continue to mourn the loss of loved ones.

FRIENDS AND FAMILY: Barb Clapham; Mary Johnston, daughter of John Carter; baby Cameron Barrow; Marcia Smith, mother of Gretchen Weller; Ellie Turck, niece of Ellen Boriin; Wendell Smith, father of Sarah Lange; Janet Harris, aunt of Kevin Carrico; James Malloy, great uncle of Kevin Carrico; Joyce Wood, friend of Melva Fisher; the family and friends of Maribeth Quinn; Marjorie Kufel, mother of Sharon Leidheiser; Thea Cesner, friend of Pat Patterson; and Jill Ford, friend of Mark Williams.

THROUGHOUT THE WORLD We pray for the victims of the shootings in Middletown, Ohio, and all those affected by gun violence.

IN GOD’S HANDS: THE ECUMENICAL PRAYER CYCLE This week, we pray with and for the people and churches of Germany and France.

MISSIONARIES: We pray for Jeanette Salley, who is serving in Nicaragua.

If you have any prayer requests or joys to share, please contact the church office (avagner@first-church.org or 228-1741, ext. 10) or one of the ministers: ecorzine@first-church.org or 228-1741, ext. 21, or tabrens@first-church.org or 228-1741, ext. 13.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

MARCH 20 – PALM SUNDAY SERVICES 9 AND 11 A.M. Sermon: *Crying and Courageous Prayers*; 11 a.m. music by Langlais, Ley, Nelson, and Sleeth.

MARCH 24 – MAUNDY THURSDAY DINNER (6 P.M.) AND TENEBRAE SERVICE (7:30 P.M.) Meditation: *Ending Prayers*; music by Bernstein, Duruflé, Poulenc, and Stainer.

MARCH 25 – GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE 7:30 P.M. Sermon: *Suffering Prayers*; Music: *Johannespassion* by Heinrich Schütz (with projections).

MARCH 27 – EASTER SUNDAY – 7, 8:45 & 11 A.M. Sermon: *Joy-Filled Prayers*; Music for brass, organ and choir by Hadley, Handel, Karg-Elert, Phillips, and others.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST CHURCH

Today – 4th 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. – Choral Evensong – Sanctuary

Monday, March 7

7 p.m. – “Just Us for Justice” Meeting – Large Conference Room

7 p.m. – Trustees – Parlor

Tuesday, March 8

2:00 p.m. – Worship Planning – Parish Family Room

6:30 p.m. – Christian Education Committee – Mark Williams’ office

7 p.m. – Executive Committee – Large Conference Room

Wednesday, March 9

9:30 a.m. – Staff Meeting – Large Conference Room

Thursday, March 10

10:30 a.m. – Second Thursday Fellowship Group – Parlor

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

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

Friday, March 11

11 a.m. – Gerhard Wolff Memorial Service and Reception – Sanctuary and Parlor

Saturday, March 12

9 a.m. – Young Families Lenten Prayer Activities – Education Wing, Room D

10 a.m. – First Church Quilters – Large Conference Room

Sunday, March 13 – 5th 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

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

March Acolyte Schedule

March 6	Tori Lute	Nina Zimmerman
March 13	Nick Boriin	Peter Spofforth
March 20	Chutney Anderson	Cassidy Hopcraft
March 27:	8:45 a.m. Erin Murray	Ethan Murray
	11 a.m. Alyssa Batchelor	Chutney Anderson

MEMBER BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

7-Christina Kirker, Bob Monahan, Andrew Smith; 8-Gretchen Atkinson, Madison Fulton; 9-Joel Bishop, Heather Giffin; 11-Candace Cummings, Allison Lange, Sue Salak; 12-Lincoln Glaros, Jenny Provenzano; 13-Ella Koscher



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
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<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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