

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

DEPART TO SERVE

APRIL 24, 2016

ADULT EDUCATION TODAY THROUGH MAY 8 Rev. Dr. Nancy Livingston will lead the “Porch Sessions” in Room D. Biblical Theologian and Old Testament professor, Walter Brueggemann and community developer and author, Peter Block engage in conversation about the broad narrative of faith and community that has immediate implications in our particular neighborhoods and churches. In Room C, Rev. Emily Corzine will explore the different translations and differences we find in the many Bibles on the market today and in the past.

APPEAL FOR FIRST CHURCH AND TREBLE CHOIR VESTMENTS

Funds are needed to replace aging choir robes for these two ensembles. If you would like to contribute, forms are available in the Main Office. We have reached 64% of our goal. Find out more information at first-church.org and click on the News section. Thank you for your generosity!

LAST CALL TO JOIN THE FIRST CHURCH GOLF LEAGUE Starting this Thursday, April 28 and running every Thursday for 10 weeks, the First Church Golf League will tee up at 5 p.m. Everyone is welcome – from beginners to those looking to sharpen their skills. The only competition is you trying to improve 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 \$10 per round (\$8 for seniors) for 10 rounds for a total of \$100 (\$80 for seniors), due on the first Thursday that we play. Players must have their own clubs, balls and bag. Push carts are available for \$2 per week 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.



UPCOMING EVENTS IN MAY

CHORAL EVENSONG ON SUNDAY, MAY 1 AT 4 P.M. The First Church Choir will sing the final Choral Evensong of the 2015-2016 season next Sunday afternoon. Music featured will be the “Gladden” Preces and Responses by Kevin Jones (newly composed for this occasion), and the Canticles by American composer Lee Hoiby. The Easter anthem, “Ye Choirs of New Jerusalem” by C.V. Stanford will round out the music for this liturgy. Immediately following the evensong, the Choir will present Bernstein’s joyously exuberant *Chichester Psalms*.

“SOUP AND SOLAR” GATHERING ON MAY 3 In celebration of Earth Week, the Sacred Earth mission invites you to “Soup and Solar” on Tuesday, May 3, at 5:30 pm. This event pairs food and fellowship with earth care education. Soup and Solar attendees will learn about many facets of solar energy including feasibility, function, principle, affordability, and site assessment. Both the dinner and seminar are free and open to the public.

THE NEHEMIAH ACTION ASSEMBLY ON MONDAY, MAY 9



Over 2,500 people from 54 congregations of the BREAD Organization will gather at The Celeste Center on the Ohio State Fairgrounds to lift our voices for social justice, for the largest gathering of interfaith witness for justice in Ohio in 2016. The First Congregational UCC Justice Ministry Network is reforming now to identify our commitments and bring people that night. Let’s bring our friends, co-workers, family and neighbors. Registration begins at 6:15 p.m. and the event runs from 6:45 to 8:30 p.m. Childcare will be available.

YOUNG AMBASSADORS OHIO LUNCHEON AND CONCERT MAY ON 22

This summer, four youth from First Congregational Church – Carly Kutschbach, and Will, Luke, and Nina Zimmerman, along with nine other youth from the Ohio Conference, will travel to Germany to experience their Reformation heritage, learn about racism issues in Germany, serve as ambassadors of peace on Christ’s behalf, experience the culture, and participate in mission work with the German youth. To raise funds for the trip, the youth will host a German Luncheon, complete with brats, sauerkraut, German potato salad & the fixings, after church at 12:30 p.m. on Sunday, May 22. Following the luncheon, we will have a concert with Rev. Dan Doty, UCC Minister at Trinity UCC in Wadsworth, singing some German Opera and Art Song. Rev. Doty is a professionally trained opera singer who sang at the General Synod Closing worship in Cleveland last year.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

MEMBERS: Lucille Kropp; John Carter; Madeline Helmer; Bernie Martin; Ray Pendell; and families and friends who continue to mourn the loss of loved ones, including the family of Wib Smith; and Rev. Emily and Jeff Corzine, on the death of their nephew, Holden Corzine.

FRIENDS AND FAMILY: Lois Beery, friend of Mary Kay Beall Carter; Paul Caldwell, friend of Jeff Worth; Jacquelyn Banks Lowery, mother of Allison Lowery Palmer; Wendell Smith, father of Sarah Lange; Penny Montgomery, niece of Betty Johnson; Don Norris, cousin of Tim Ahrens; David Kellermeyer, uncle of Tim Ahrens; Frankie Williams, mother of Mark Williams; Jill Ford, friend of Mark Williams; the Santiago family, for improved health; Carlitos Hanke, nephew of Tom Santiago; Lisa Hanke, sister-in-law of Tom Santiago; Crucita Viruet, mother of Tom Santiago; and families and friends who continue to mourn the loss of loved ones, including the family of Officer Steven Smith and the family of Rosie Hanna.

THROUGHOUT THE WORLD: We pray for those around the world affected by natural disasters; earthquakes in Ecuador and Japan; the storms and flooding in Houston, Texas.

IN GOD’S HANDS: THE ECUMENICAL PRAYER CYCLE This week in the Ecumenical Prayer Cycle, we pray with and for the people and churches of Djibouti and Somalia.

MISSIONARIES: This week, we pray for Elena Huegel, serving in Chile.

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.

CURRENT CONTACT INFORMATION FOR LUCILLE KROPP

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THIS WEEK AT FIRST CHURCH

Sunday, April 24 – Fifth Sunday of Easter

- 9 a.m. – Worship: Morning Prayer and Holy Communion
9 a.m. – Teen and Treble Choirs Rehearsal – Choir Room & Music Activities Room
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
12:15 p.m. – Deacons Meeting – Large Conference Room
6 p.m. – Middle and High School Youth Groups – Parish Hall

Monday, April 25

- 6 p.m. – Budget and Finance – Large Conference Room
6:30 p.m. – Hebrew Scripture Study Passover Seder – Temple Israel, 5419 E. Broad Street, Columbus, OH 43213

Tuesday, April 26

- 2 p.m. – Worship Planning – Parish Family Room
6 p.m. – Laundry Love – Wash Land Laundromat, 1469 West Broad Street, West Franklinton

Wednesday, April 27

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

Thursday, April 28

- 2 p.m. – Art Committee – Parlor
7:15 p.m. – First Church Choir Rehearsal – Parish Hall

Friday, April 29

- 5 p.m. – Concert Rehearsal – Sanctuary

Saturday, April 30

- 10 a.m. – Concert Rehearsal – Sanctuary

Sunday, May 1– Sixth Sunday of Easter

- 9 a.m. – Teacher Appreciation Brunch – Children’s Library
9 a.m. – Worship: Morning Prayer and Holy Communion
9 a.m. – Teen and Treble Choirs Rehearsal – Choir Room & Music Activities Room
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4 p.m. – Choral Evensong and Concert – 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:** Go to our web site www.first-church.org click on **Give** and then click on **Online Giving**. Set up an account and 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.*



APRIL FELLOWSHIP HOUR SCHEDULE

April 24 Hosea

APRIL ACOLYTE SCHEDULE

April 24 Torrie Lute

APRIL OFFERING SCHEDULE

April 24 UCC National Youth Event

APRIL CRUCIFER SCHEDULE

April 24 Will Zimmerman

MEMBER BIRTHDAYS 25-Lori Buehler, Dean Hafey; 26-Ben Horne; 27-Chris Farquhar; 28-Neal Brower, Frank Cook III; 29-John Martin; 30-Susan Sitler; 5/1-Allen Baker,

MEMBER ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK 28-Anita Babu and Joe Cheng

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

TRUSTEES

<i>Chairperson</i>	Francille Firebaugh
<i>Trustees</i>	Bill Heer, Lisa Morris, Sheldon Taft, Charlie Weaver, Keith White, Carrie Wise, Gerry Worth
<i>Moderator</i>	Brian Cave
<i>Treasurer</i>	Bill Johannes

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
<i>Wedding Coordinators</i>	Janet Axt, Margaret Cipriani
<i>Nursery Staff</i>	Evin Wimberly, Simone Ellerson, Natalie Barker, Taylre Arnold

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NEW MEMBER CLASS: MONDAY, MAY 16 AT 7 P.M.

If you are interested in learning more about life and membership at First Congregational Church, you are invited join us for our New Member Class. Those who are interested in joining the church will do so the following Sunday, May 22, during the worship services.

Yes! Sign me up for the class!
 Not at this time but contact me for the next class

Name: _____

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SHOPPING LIST FOR GOOD SAMARITAN DAY

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- Men's shampoo and/or body wash
- Women's shampoo and/or body wash
- **Women's deodorant**
- **Men's deodorant**
- **Disposable razors and shaving cream**
- **Toothpaste & toothbrushes**



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