



FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

## Depart to Serve

APRIL 29, 2018



**TODAY AT 4 P.M. – INTERFAITH MARCH FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE** Join in the second annual Interfaith March for Peace and Justice today at 4 p.m. in downtown Columbus at Genoa Park, 303 W. Broad Street. The march kicks off behind COSI and then continues to the Gavel sculpture on Front Street. Afterwards, there will

be a rally featuring stories, performance and speakers. Join others around the country and world to build a community with dignity for all, regardless of religion, race, or place of origin. For more information, go to [www.interfaithmarch.com](http://www.interfaithmarch.com) or [facebook.com/interfaithmarch](https://facebook.com/interfaithmarch).

**FORMATIVE DISCUSSIONS FOR ADULTS ON MAY 6 AND MAY 13** Two sessions on Intersectionality and Racism will be presented by The OSU Department of Women’s, Gender and Sexuality Studies. Department chairperson, Shannon Winnubst and others will lead this important discussion at 10 a.m. in Room D.

**FINAL CONGREGATIONAL CONCERT ON MAY 6** The final Choral Evensong and Concert of the 2017–18 concert season will be sung on Sunday, May 6, at 4 p.m. The Evensong will be comprised of the “Gladden” Preces and Responses by Kevin Jones (recently published by Paraclete Press and reviewed in the *Journal* of the Association of Anglican Musicians and *Diapason* magazine!), the Merton College Canticles (2013) by Latvian composer Eriks Esenvalds, and “O taste and see” by Eugene Hancock. Following Evensong, the choir will be joined by brass septet, harp, and percussion as they present “*Te Deum laudamus!*”, four settings of the ancient canticle by Britten, Esenvalds, and Rutter. Please don’t miss this very special festival event.

**TEACHER/CONNECTIONS BREAKFAST MAY 6** The Christian Education Department will host a Teacher and Worship Connections appreciation breakfast on Sunday, May 6 from 9 to 11 a.m. in the Children’s Library. All teachers and Worship Connection leaders will be recognized in both services that day.

**TICKETS FOR THE NEHEMIAH ACTION ON MONDAY, MAY 7** Get your tickets today from BREAD network members as you exit from both of the worship services today. On Monday, May 7, plan to arrive at the Celeste Center on the State Fairgrounds before 6:45 p.m. and join the large group from First Church! Tickets also available during the week at the church office.

**CAR POOL TO THE NEHEMIAH ACTION ON MONDAY, MAY 7** Meet in Parish Hall for pizza starting at 5 p.m. We’ll share rides and depart for the Celeste Center at 6:15 p.m. Call the church office at 614-228-1741 or Antoinette Beynen at 614-451-9947 if you plan to join us for pizza.



**CALLING ALL GRADUATES!** If you or a family member is graduating from high school or college this year, send us some information including the individual’s name, the school they are graduating from, and their degree and possible future plans. We will be recognizing our graduates on Sunday, May 20. Send the information to [awagner@first-church.org](mailto:awagner@first-church.org). You also may include a photo (electronic image only).

**SABBATICAL INFORMATION** Mark Williams, Director of Christian Education, will be on Sabbatical May 21 through August 21. A brochure is available at all entrances of worship explaining the Sabbatical and how the congregation can support the ministry during this time of learning and rest.

*Hope*  
does not disappoint us, because God  
has poured out His love into our hearts  
by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us.  
*Romans 5:5*

### JOYS AND CONCERNS

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Angela and Jonathan Trautman on the birth of their daughter, Charlotte Grace Trautman on April 18.

**WELCOME BACK** to Donald Dunn as he returns to the membership of First Congregational Church UCC as an Associate Member.

**MEMBERS** Bev Cook; Anne Hudson; Barbara Clapham; Rick Henderson; Andrew McGregor; Herb Goetz; Wally Giffen; Nell Cole; Jude Gelfius; Don Streibig; Lindy Miller; Carl Miller; and families and friends who mourn the loss of loved ones, including Kelley Dean, on the death of her grandfather; and Heather Biggers, on the death of her mother, Billie.

**FRIENDS AND FAMILY** Abby Allen, daughter of Anita Allen; Joyce Marcum, sister of Betty Conn; Kenneth Tucker, cousin of Melva Fisher; Joan Corzine; Jim Fletcher, cousin of Paul and Gary Leidheiser; Brooke Chute, cousin of Amy Wagner; Ben Brewer, friend of Melva Fisher; Missy, a young mother fighting cancer; and the Capital University community, on the death of Professor Mark Baker.

**THROUGHOUT THE WORLD** We pray for the peace in Makurdi, Nigeria. We pray for the unrest in Yemen and in Nicaragua. We pray for the victims of the van attack in Toronto, Canada. We pray for all who work for social justice in this community, nation and world. We pray for peace in the Middle East. We pray for political tensions around the world to end. We pray for immigrants and those seeking safety and peace for their families.

**IN GOD’S HANDS: THE ECUMENICAL PRAYER CYCLE** This week we pray with and for the people and churches of Afghanistan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Mongolia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan.

**MISSIONARIES** This week we pray for Ha-un Priscilla Yang serving in Hungary.

**Need Prayer?** If you have any prayer requests or joys to share, please contact Amy Wagner, Office Manager, at [awagner@first-church.org](mailto:awagner@first-church.org) or 614-228-1741, ext. 10 or the ministers: [ecorzine@first-church.org](mailto:ecorzine@first-church.org) or 614-228-1741, ext. 21, or [tahrens@first-church.org](mailto:tahrens@first-church.org) or 614-228-1741, ext. 13.

## THIS WEEK AT FIRST CHURCH

### Sunday, April 29: Fifth Sunday of Easter

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  
12:30 p.m. – Confirmation – Education Wing Room D  
4 p.m. – Middle and High School Youth Groups/Congregation –  
Interfaith March for Peace and Justice – Genoa Park,  
303 W. Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio

### Tuesday, May 1

2 p.m. – Worship Planning – Parish Family Room  
5:30 p.m. – Sacred Earth – Ralph Fanning Room  
7 p.m. – Justice and Mercy – Ralph Fanning Room  
7:30 p.m. – Hymnal Supplement Committee – Choir Room

### Wednesday, May 2

9 a.m. – Staff Retreat – Ohio Dominican  
4 p.m. – Building and Office Close

### Thursday, May 3

2 p.m. – SSRG Construction Meeting – Adult Library  
7:15 p.m. – First Church Choir – Parish Hall

### Saturday, May 5

10 a.m. – First Church Choir Dress Rehearsal – Sanctuary

### Sunday, May 6: 6th Sunday of Easter

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  
4 p.m. – Choral Evensong and Choir Concert –  
Sanctuary  
6 p.m. – Middle and High School Youth Groups –  
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](http://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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**PayPal**

- **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

April 22 – \$859.00 – Sacred Earth Tree  
Replanting

### NEXT WEEK’S MISSION OFFERING – BREAD

**MEMBER BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK** Today – John Martin; 4/30 Susan Sitrer; 5/1 – Allen Baker, Fubara Braide; 2 – Margaret Wells; 3 – Christopher Brooks; 3 – Mala Ghose, Matt Stevens; 4 – Sharon Ferguson; 5 – Marc Danneberger, Spencer Kiesel, Matty Provenzano Rick Sayre, Mike Underwood

**MEMBER ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK** 3 – Fran and Bruce Panek; 5 – Lee Anne and Jared Kiesel

**The church office has not relocated yet.** Currently, the Ninth Street entrance and the elevator are the best access points to the church during the week. Before visiting, please feel free to call the office to see which entrance you should use. Thank you for your patience during this construction project.

### 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 Mazingo, 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	Cindy Conn
Trustees	Brian Cave, Tom Hadley, John Martin, Sheldon Taft, Keith White, Elaine Warren, Gerry Worth

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

**Driving to and from the Church:** From East, West and South, unchanged. Coming from the north we recommend exiting I-71 South at Broad Street. Take Broad Street to Ninth Street. Enter church parking from Ninth Street.

From I-670, take Cleveland Avenue to Long Street. Follow the Cleveland Avenue detour signs: Turn East on Long Street to Washington Avenue; south to Broad Street. Turn right at Broad Street west to Ninth Street. Enter church parking from Ninth Street.

Depart the North Lot using Ninth Street south to Broad Street (right turn only), or through the West Lot or alley. Depart the West Lot using Cleveland Avenue (right turn, northbound only).

**Building Exterior Restoration – Phase 1** This church project will be performed on the eastern ‘Parish House’ part of the building and will include removal and rebuilding of all windows, replacement of steel lintels, and tuck pointing all mortar joints. Offices and meeting spaces will be relocated during this time. Scheduling for all meetings and use of the building is mandatory.

***Current Activity:***

SSRG contractor is in full operation. Covering windows, chiseling away mortar joints. First phase about 90% complete. Lintel replacement work has begun.

Window removal anticipated late May.

Church Main Office relocation scheduled for Tuesday, May 1. All persons please enter the building at the North Ed Wing door starting Wednesday, May 2. Look for directional signs.

***Anticipated Completion:*** October 31, 2018

***Parking Access:*** The West Lot can be accessed from Cleveland Avenue northbound from Broad Street only, and from the North Lot via the alley. Access to the North Lot will be from Ninth Street northbound from Broad Street.

***Building Access:***

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From the West Lot, use the sidewalk at the center of the lot to come around the Park construction fence to the West or Broad Street doors.

**Gladden Social Justice Park** This church project will transform the south end of the West Lot along Broad Street and along the east side of Cleveland Avenue into a community green space with numerous special features and artwork.

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**Anticipated Completion:** Friday, May 18, 2018.

**Current Activity:**

Completion of the cutover to new underground power on Friday, May 18. The church will be without power most of the day. Nothing will be scheduled at the church that day.

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