

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

DEPART TO SERVE

APRIL 30, 2017



**THE NEHEMIAH ACTION TOMORROW NIGHT**

On Monday Night, May 1, more than 3,500 people from 50+ congregations of the BREAD Organization will gather at The Celeste Center on the Ohio State Fairgrounds to lift our voices for social justice. The First Congregational UCC Justice Ministry Network made up of 28 people has

commitments from over 200 people. Let's celebrate our church's 165 years of justice efforts in Columbus. We need to bring our friends, coworkers, family and neighbors. Come and make a difference in our work for Justice.

You can pick up your ticket after both worship services today just outside of the church office. Let's make this a great celebration for justice. Contact Robert Reber (robert.reber1@gmail.com), Barb Glover (bglover202@gmail.com) or one of these Justice Ministry Network members to sign-up: John Aeschbury, Tim Ahrens, Anita Allen, Deborah Anderson, Kristen Blanks, Anthony Brown, Kathy Brownfield, Tom Brownfield, Penny Casey, Valerie Conlin-Losinski, Emily Corzine, Alec Deitz, Kris Deppen, Sarah Dryer, Sarah Giffen, Al Glover, Barb Glover, Greg Halbe, Anne Hudson, Antoinette Koolemans-Beynen, Joan Lebold, Pat Liebchen, Nancy Livingston, Nicole Moss, Robert Reber, Wendy Reber, Merit Rutland, and Stacie Sholl.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR NEHEMIAH ACTION** Please call the B.R.E.A.D. office 614-220-9363 *as soon as possible* if you are willing and able to arrive around 5:30 to:

- help with registration or
- serve on the floor during the program to help guide the audience to respond with appropriate slogans, etc.

10-15 more volunteers are still needed for registration, as well as 10 or so floor volunteers. Additional childcare helpers are also needed.

**ACOLYTES NEEDED FOR 11 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE!**

There will be a 20-30 minute training session in the Narthex after the 11 a.m. worship service on May 7. Any interested 4th-7th grader is invited to participate. Contact Celeste Feather at 614-789-0516 or [celeste@pandc.org](mailto:celeste@pandc.org) for more information.

**TEACHER/CONNECTIONS BREAKFAST MAY 7** The Christian Education Department will host a Teacher and Worship Connections appreciation breakfast on Sunday, May 7, in the Children's Library. All teachers and Worship Connection leaders will be recognized in both services.

**PLANTS AND FLOWERS AVAILABLE FOR SALE ON SUNDAY, MAY 14**

Check out the extra flowers and plants available for sale – help support the youth mission trip! Plants available are: bush crop cucumbers, peppers (many varieties), pumpkins, tomatoes (many varieties and sizes), red geraniums, pink geraniums, salmon geraniums, vinca vine, sprengeri, spikes, and yellow wave petunias.

**BOOM LIFT** For those of you interested in the boom lift sitting on-site this week: The architects from Schooley Caldwell will be using the lift to continue their survey of the exterior of the building. They are compiling a detailed evaluation of the condition of the building and will be



presenting their recommendations for corrective action. This is part of the Trustees Project 2020. In addition, we will have all of the Plexiglas covers on the stained-glass windows evaluated, clean gutters and downspouts and install additional heat tapes in downspouts for protection against ice build-up.

- **Sunday, May 14** – Schumacher Awards
- **Sunday, May 21** – Confirmation Sunday
- **Tuesday, May 30 at 7 p.m.** – New Members Class
- **Sunday, June 4** – Graduate Recognition during worship



**JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Rev. Janine Wilson on her retirement!

**IN CELEBRATION** of all First Church members who attended the Spring Retreat last weekend.

**MEMBERS** Mary Alice Kuhn; Scott Barker; Julie Stewart; Ron Cook; Jane Weddle; Bernie Martin; Ray Pendell; and families and friends who continue to mourn the loss of loved ones, including Jim Griffen, on the death of his friend, Danny McNeeley; and Kristen Blanks, on the death of her grandfather, Dominick Maimone.

**FRIENDS AND FAMILY** Steve, friend of Mark Dahnke; Jenny Lukens, friend of Sharon Leidheiser; Betsy Williams, aunt of Cindy Conn; Verlie Rich, friend of Melva Fisher; Tom Amos, friend of Melva Fisher; Donna, mother of Neal Brower; Holly Reed, sister of Kathy Reed; Laelynn Hope LaRosa and family, friend of Brittanie Logel; Betty Garrison, mother of Kim Hopcraft; Ronald Lee, brother of William Lee; James Smith, Joe and Marjorie Kufel, parents of Sharon Leidheiser; and Jill Ford, friend of Mark Williams.

**THROUGHOUT THE WORLD** We pray for the family Robert Godwin. We pray for those affected by famine in South Sudan and Somalia. We pray for churches of Egypt and the Middle East. We pray for individuals and families who face immigration and deportation challenges.

**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, and Uzbekistan.

**MISSIONARIES** This week we pray for Mark Behle, serving in Lesotho.

**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 one of 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 30

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

### Monday, May 1

Noon – Care Ministry – Ralph Fanning Room  
7 p.m. – BREAD Nehemiah Action – Celeste Center,  
717 E. 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43211

### Tuesday, May 2

11:30 a.m. – Worship Planning – Parish Family Room  
5:30 p.m. – Sacred Earth – Ralph Fanning Room  
6:30 p.m. – Christian Education – Mark Williams’ office  
7 p.m. – Justice and Mercy – Ralph Fanning Room

### Wednesday, May 3

11a.m. – Book Study – Parlor

### Thursday, May 4

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

### Saturday, May 6

8:30 a.m. – House and Grounds – Parish Family Room

### Sunday, May 7

9 a.m. – Worship: Morning Prayer and Holy Communion – Parish Hall  
9 a.m. – Treble Choir – 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  
12:30 p.m. – Teen Choir – Choir Room  
12:30 p.m. – Confirmation – Education Wing, Room D  
6 p.m. – Middle and High School Youth Groups Meeting – Parish Hall

**MEMBER BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK** 2-Allen Baker; 3-Christopher Brooks; 3-Mala Ghose, Matt Stevens; 4-Eddie Anderson, Sharon Ferguson; 5-Marc Danneberger, Matty Provenzano, Rick Sayre, Mike Underwood; 6-Eddie Anderson IV, Nick Boriin, Robyn Petras

**MEMBER ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK** 3-Fran and Bruce Panek; 4-Whitney and Kirk Marker; 5-Lee Anne and Jared Kiesel

**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](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.

#### **easyTithe**

<http://www.easytithe.com/dl/?uid=Firs444421>

#### **PayPal**

<https://www.paypal.com/signup/accountCreate>

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

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## 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	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