

# FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

## DEPART TO SERVE

APRIL 3, 2016

**FAITH BASED SOCIAL SERVICES – IN THE WORLD FOR THE SAKE OF THE WORLD** Join us **today at 2 p.m.** in Parish Hall for a public forum on Faith Based Social Services, sponsored by the Interfaith Association of Central Ohio.

**“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](mailto:mwilliams@first-church.org) for information.



**THE FIRST CHURCH GOLF LEAGUE** Starting 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 on 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, April 28. 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](mailto:fhc2@aol.com), or by phone at 614-933-0012. If you have questions, call Frank.

**REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT TOPIC IN ADULT EDUCATION** First Community Church member Mary Buzby will speak about how their congregation has resettled refugees in the past and how they are preparing to resettle a family this year. Come to Adult Education today at 10 a.m. in Room D in the Education Wing: bring your questions!

**ORGANIST JASON ROBERTS IN RECITAL, SUNDAY, APRIL 10** Jason Roberts, Associate Director of Music, Organist and the Director of the Boy and Girl Choristers at the famed St. Bartholomew’s Church in New York City, presents an organ recital at First Church on Sunday, April 10, at 4 p.m. as part of the Congregational Concerts series. His program will include the music of Marcel Dupré, Maurice Ravel and others, as well as a grand improvisation to close the concert.

### WHAT IS YOUR PERSONALITY TYPE? – AN MBTI WORKSHOP

Join us on Saturday, April 9 from 9:30 a.m. to 12 Noon in Parish Hall for a Myers Briggs Type Inventory (MBTI) workshop. If you would like to discover why you do what you do, or how you are wired in your brain, this workshop is for you. For example, are you an Introvert or Extravert? A Sensor or an Intuitive? A Thinker or a Feeler? A Perceiver or a Judger? To sign-up, call the church office at 614-228-1741 ext. 10 or email Rev. Tim at [tahrens@first-church.org](mailto:tahrens@first-church.org). We have over 20 people already signed up, and we can easily accommodate 30 or more. All participants will need to fill out and have scored your MBTI form in advance of the class. We have Questions and the Answer sheets in the church office. They must be returned by Wednesday, April 6.

### 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. Thank you for your generosity.

**FLOWER/VEGETABLE SALE FOR YOUTH ONGOING!** The youth groups of First Church will be taking orders for their spring flower sale now through April 15. You may place your order with any youth member or after worship during the Fellowship Hour. You may view the order form online on the church Website. There are many varieties of flowers and hanging baskets to choose from. The groups also are selling several varieties of tomatoes, vegetables and peppers. They come in small plants for your garden or in planters for your patio or deck. The flowers and vegetables are supplied by Strader’s Greenhouse of Columbus. Payment is due at the time of ordering. The flowers will be available for pick up on May 14-15.

### JOYS AND CONCERNS

**MEMBERS:** John Carter; Arlene Reynolds; Madeline Helmer; Wib Smith; Lucille Kropp; Bernie Martin; Ray Pendell; and families and friends who continue to mourn the loss of loved ones, including Gretchen Weller, on the death of her mother, Marcia Smith; Elaine Stewart and family, on the death of her wife, Darla Luebbe; and Mary Anne Jacobson, on the death of her father.

**FRIENDS AND FAMILY:** the family and friends of Joe LaBute; Samira Santiago, daughter of Thomas Santiago; Len Weaver, brother of Charlie Weaver; and Jill Ford, friend of Mark Williams.

**THROUGHOUT THE WORLD:** We pray for the victims and their families devastated by the Easter Sunday bombing in Pakistan, which left 72 people dead including at least 25 children, and nearly 300 persons injured.

**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 Brunei, Malaysia, and Singapore

**MISSIONARIES:** This week, we pray for Amelia Casillas and Pedro Muniz, serving in Paraguay.

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



**MEMBER BIRTHDAYS** 4-1 Bill Catus; 2- Laura Baird, Pete Boriin, Bill Lange, AnnaSofia Severson; 4- Jack Allen, Peter Unkovic, Al Waddell; 7- Stefanie Bohnert, Dana Schultz; 8- Liz Cook, Mitchell Dean, Katherine Erickson, Nancy Loy, Amy Mailer, Amanda Mason, Anna Rambo; 9- Lisa Morris, Becky Taft; 10-Emily Cave, Loretta Hoffman, Janice Taft, Jane Werum

**MEMBER ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK** 4-Abby and Brian Cave, Amy and David Mailer; 4-7 Meredith and David Sugar

## THIS WEEK AT FIRST CHURCH

### Today – Second Sunday of Easter

- 9 a.m. – Worship: Morning Prayer and Holy Communion
- 9 a.m. – Teen and Treble Choirs Rehearsal – Choir and Music Activities Rooms
- 10 a.m. – Christian Education – Ed Wing; Adult Ed – Rooms C / D
- 11 a.m. – Worship – Sanctuary
- Noon – Fellowship Hour – Parish Hall
- 2 p.m. – Interfaith Association of Central Ohio Public Forum – Parish Hall
- 6 p.m. – High School Youth Group – Parish Hall

### Monday, April 4

- 6:30 p.m. – Christian Education Committee Meeting – Mark Williams' office
- 7 p.m. – Hebrew Scripture Study – Parish Hall

### Tuesday, April 5

- Noon – Care Ministry Luncheon – Large Conference Room
- 2 p.m. – Worship Planning – Parish Family Room
- 5:30 – Sacred Earth – Large Conference Room
- 7 p.m. – Justice and Mercy – Large Conference Room

### Wednesday, April 6

- 11 a.m. – Book Study – Parlor

### Saturday, April 9

- 7:30 a.m. – Stewardship Meeting – Large Conference Room
- 9:30 a.m. – Myers Briggs Type Inventory Workshop – Parish Hall
- 10 a.m. – First Church Quilters – Large Conference Room

### Sunday, April 10 – Third Sunday of Easter

- 8:45 a.m. – Treble Choir Rehearsal – Music Activities Room
- 9 a.m. – Worship: Morning Prayer and Holy Communion
- 9 a.m. – Teen Choir Rehearsal – Choir 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
- 4 p.m. – Congregational Concert: Jason Roberts, Organist – Sanctuary
- 6 p.m. – Middle and High School Youth Groups – Parish Hall

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.

**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](http://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.*

## APRIL FELLOWSHIP HOUR SCHEDULE

April 3	Ephesians
April 10	Galatians
April 17	Haggai
April 24	Hosea

## APRIL ACOLYTE SCHEDULE

April 3	Miriam Myers	Samantha Myers
April 10	Alex Palmer	Trenton Helmer
April 17	Tori Lute	Madeline Helmer
April 24	Allysa Batchelor	Alaina Thompson

## APRIL OFFERING SCHEDULE

April 3	Youth Mission Franklinton
April 10	Outdoor Ministries
April 17	Sacred Earth
April 24	National Youth Event

## APRIL CRUCIFER SCHEDULE

April 3	Cameron Wade
April 10	Adam Wade
April 17	Dylan Hopcraft
April 24	Will Zimmerman

## 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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