



FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Depart to Serve

MAY 13, 2018

FORMATIVE DISCUSSIONS FOR ADULTS TODAY The second session 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.

FLOWERS/VEGETABLES FOR SALE TODAY! The youth groups of First Church have extra flowers and plants for sale for those who did not have a chance to order in April. The flowers and vegetables are supplied by Strader's Greenhouse. Payment is due at the time of the sale. Plants available are: Burpee Hybrid cucumbers, squash, peppers (many varieties), eggplant, tomatoes (many varieties and sizes), red geraniums, white geraniums, salmon geraniums, vinca vine, sprengeri, spikes, and lavender wave petunias. The prices range from \$2 to \$3. This is a great way to help the youth toward their mission trip and the environment.

FIRST CHURCH BOOK CLUB MEETS MONDAY, MAY 14, AT 7 P.M. IN THE PARLOR. We will discuss *Between the World and Me* by Ta-Nehisi Coates. There will be light refreshments. Join us for a lively discussion and bring with you any recommendations for future selections.

SAFE AND HEALTHY OHIO CAMPAIGN To learn more about this ballot initiative to reduce the incarceration rate in Ohio, stop by the Mission Table in Parish Hall, located directly beneath the Sanctuary, during Fellowship Hour. Sign the petition to get this initiative on the ballot in Ohio this November. A member from Justice and Mercy Commission will be at the table to provide more details. Thank you for your support.

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. You also may include a photo (electronic image only).

YOU CAN HELP IN FRANKLINTON! The congregation is being asked to help in several ways with our Youth Mission Trip to Franklinton in June. Here are the ways you can help: 1). Provide lunch for a day for the youth participants at the home we are serving or an evening meal at First Church during the week. 2). Provide paint brushes, paint trays, yard waste bags and Home Depot gift cards.

MEAL SCHEDULE FOR YOUTH MISSION TRIP JUNE 4-8 We hope church commissions/committees and families will volunteer for one of the time slots. Lunches could be sandwiches, fruit, cookies, chips and drinks. We also want to provide lunch for those senior citizen families we are serving. The evening meal could be a variety of options that includes a salad, main course, drinks and dessert. The following times are still open:

- Lunch on Wednesday, June 6
- Lunch on Thursday, June 7
- Dinner on Wednesday, June 6
- Lunch on Friday, June 8

Please contact Dawn George at dawngeorge16@gmail.com to sign up to provide a meal or to get additional information.

HOMELESS IN WEST FRANKLINTON PROJECT The Youth will be collecting the items listed below and distributing to the Homeless camps during the Youth Mission Trip to West Franklinton. Please place donated items in the boxes near the office.

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| 1. Gallon Zip Lock bags | 6. Ponchos |
| 2. Socks | 7. Razors/shaving gel/ tampons |
| 3. Protein/Meal Bars | 8. Waterless hair shampoo |
| 4. Ready-to-eat Soups | 9. Baby Wipes |
| 5. Water bottles | 10. Travel size deodorant, toothpaste, soap |

CHOIR'S FINAL FUNDRAISER HIGH TEA ON SUNDAY, JUNE 3 AT 4 P.M. The Choir will reprise its elegant event from 2014 as they present their final fundraiser for the 2018 Pilgrimage to Norwich and Lincoln Cathedrals. An authentic English High Tea will be offered at the elegantly restored Olde Towne East home of Al Waddell and Allen Baker. Tickets for the High Tea are \$50 per person, and participation is strictly limited to 75 people. If you would like to attend, please contact Kevin Jones (kjones@first-church.org). Tickets will be offered on a first-come, first-served basis, but must be purchased by May 20.

- **LAUNDRY LOVE: TUESDAY, MAY 29** from 6-8 p.m. at WashLand Laundromat, 1469 West Broad Street in West Franklinton. The initiative helps to wash the clothes and bedding of individuals and/or families living in poverty.
- **WOMEN'S RETREAT: SATURDAY, JUNE 16, 2018** from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at David's UCC, Canal Winchester, Ohio



JOYS AND CONCERNS

MEMBERS Sue Salak; Dean Hafey; Anne Hudson; Andrew McGregor; Wally Giffen; Lindy Miller; Carl Miller; and families and friends who mourn the loss of loved ones, including the family of Don Streibig.

FRIENDS AND FAMILY Vic Merrett, stepfather of Melissa Prendergast; Matthew Turck, brother-in-law of Ellen and Pete Boriin; Charles Murray, father of Peter Murray; Joyce Marcum, sister of Betty Conn; Joan Corzine; Jim Fletcher, cousin of Paul and Gary Leidheiser; and Brooke Chute, cousin of Amy Wagner.

THROUGHOUT THE WORLD We pray for all whose lives have been touched by tragedy, whether by accident or a deliberate act. For those who mourn, immerse them in your love and lead them through this darkness into your arms, and light. For those who comfort, be in both the words they use and all that's left unspoken; fill each heart with love. We ask this through Jesus Christ, whose own suffering brought us life, here and for eternity. Amen ©John Birch

IN GOD'S HANDS: THE ECUMENICAL PRAYER CYCLE This week we pray with and for the people and churches of Bangladesh, Bhutan, and Nepal.

MISSIONARIES This week we pray for Nia Sullivan serving in Sierra Leone.

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

THIS WEEK AT FIRST CHURCH

Sunday, May 13: Schumacher Awards

- 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

Monday, May 14

- 9 a.m. – Good Samaritan Day – Ralph Fanning Room
- 6:30 p.m. – Christian Education – Mark Williams' Office
- 7 p.m. – Book Club – Parlor

Tuesday, May 15

- 2 p.m. – Worship Planning – Parish Family Room
- 7 p.m. – Council – Ralph Fanning Room

Wednesday, May 16

- 9:30 a.m. – Staff Meeting – Children's Library
- 11 a.m. – Book Study: Writing in the Sand – Parlor
- 4 p.m. – Building and Office Close

Thursday, May 17

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

Friday, May 18

- Scheduled Power Outage – Church Office and Building Closed

Saturday, May 19

- 10 a.m. – Confirmation Rehearsal and Luncheon – Sanctuary and Parish Hall
- 2 p.m. – Streibig Memorial Service and Reception – Sanctuary and Parish Hall

Sunday, May 20: Pentecost, Confirmation and Graduate Recognition

- 9 a.m. – Worship: Morning Prayer and Holy Communion – Parish Hall
- 9 a.m. – Jubilate Choir – Music Activities Room
- 10 a.m. – First Church Choir Warm Up – Choir Room
- 11 a.m. – Worship – Sanctuary
- Noon – Fellowship Hour – Parish Hall

Deadline for 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 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 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**
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

May 6 – \$ 809.20 – BREAD

NEXT WEEK'S MISSION OFFERING – Suicide Prevention Hotline



MEMBER BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK Today – Bill Wirsching II; 14 – Kris Brant, Carol Woodard; 15 – Lauren Emery, Andrew MacGregor; 16 – Elias Ewing; 18 – Nancy Burba, Kyle Danneberger, Emma Gonzalez, Lauren Muscott; 19 – Gabrielle Collins, Betty Powell, Traci Shaw

MEMBER ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK Today – Beth and Joe Iannarino; 16 – Beth and Andy Cooke; 17 – Stefanie and Christopher Bohnert; 18 – Sue and Ken Salak, Debbie and Colin Thompson, Jean and Lee Wetmore; 19 – Nancy Loy and Tom Worley

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. We welcome Karen Mozingo to our staff to assist us during this time..

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 Mozingo, 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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