

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

DEPART TO SERVE

MAY 14, 2017



FLOWER/VEGETABLE 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. 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.

THE FAITH FORMATION DISCUSSION FOR ADULTS The class has been postponed today and will be rescheduled for a later date.

2017 SOFTBALL NEWS: CO-ED TEAM Please contact Joe Baszynski at joseph.baszynski@gmail.com if you are interested in joining the team. All games are played at the Anheuser Busch Sports Park, 4900 Olentangy River Road, Columbus, Ohio 43213. Dates for May and June games are:

May: Sunday, May 14 at 4 p.m. on Field 6
Sunday, May 21 at 5 p.m. on Field 5

June: Sunday, June 4 at 4 p.m. on Field 5
Sunday, June 11 at 5 p.m. on Field 5
Sunday, June 18 at 5 p.m. on Field 6
Sunday, June 25 at 5 p.m. on Field 6



UCC PRIDE 2017 – JUNE 17, 2017 The Central Southeast Ohio Association (CSEO) of the United Church of Christ is hosting a float for the Pride Parade. First Church will participate. If you are interested in serving as our Team Leader, or if you want to walk or ride in the parade, please contact Rev. Emily Corzine at ecorzine@first-church.org. Purple pride t-shirts are for sale for \$10 each. The deadline to order shirts is May 21.

ADVANCED FLOWER AND VEGETABLE ORDERS MAY BE PICKED UP IN ROOM C OF THE EDUCATION WING.

- **Sunday, May 21** – Confirmation Sunday
- **Tuesday, May 30 at 7 p.m.** – New Members Class
- **Tuesday, May 30** – Laundry Love from 6 to 7 p.m. at WashLand Laundromat, 1469 West Broad Street in West Franklinton
- **Sunday, June 4** – Graduate Recognition during worship



JOYS AND CONCERNS

CONGRATULATIONS to Michelle Richard and Christopher Murphy who were married here yesterday.

MEMBERS Mary Alice Kuhn; Julie Stewart; Ron Cook; Jane Weddle; Bernie Martin; Ray Pendell; and families and friends who continue to mourn the loss of loved ones.

FRIENDS AND FAMILY Abbe Allen, daughter of Anita Allen; LeeAnn Fausnaugh, friend of Melissa and Abby Prendergast; Trudy Bolin Matz, friend of Amy Wagner; Steve, friend of Mark Dahnke; Laelynn Hope LaRosa and family, friend of Brittanie Logel; William Lee; Betsy Williams, aunt of Cindy Conn; Tom Amos, friend of Melva Fisher; Holly Reed, sister of Kathy Reed; 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 those affected by famine in Yemen, South Sudan and Somalia. We pray for an end to the violence against the LGBTQ community in Chechnya. 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 We pray with and for the people and churches of Bangladesh, Bhutan, and Nepal.

MISSIONARIES We pray for Kearstin Bailey, 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 or 614-228-1741, ext. 10 or one of the ministers: ecorzine@first-church.org or 614-228-1741, ext. 21, or tahrens@first-church.org or 614-228-1741, ext. 13.

MEMBER BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK Today - Kris Brant, Carol Woodard; 15-Andrew MacGregor; 16-Elias Ewing; 18- Nancy Burba, Kyle Danneberger, Emma Gonzalez; 19-Gabrielle Collins, Betty Powell, Traci Shaw; 20-Kim Crabtree, Todd Cunningham, Alyah Dean, Tom Kiesel, Matt Myers, Mike Weddle

MEMBER ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK 16-Beth and Andy Cooke, Shane and Lauren McDonald, Kara and Drew Warren; 17- Stefanie and Christopher Bohnert; 18-Sue and Ken Salak, Debbie and Colin Thompson, Jean and Lee Wetmore; 19- Ralph and Linda Mumford, Tom Worley and Nancy Loy; 20-Leslie and William Larson



NEW MEMBERS CLASS

TUESDAY, MAY 30 AT 7 P.M.

If you are interested in becoming a member of First Church, Rev. Ahrens and other church leaders will be hosting a new members class for you to learn more about our community of faith. New Members will be received into the life of the church at both 9 and 11 a.m. services on Sunday, June 11.

____ **Yes! Sign me up for the class!**

____ **Not at this time, but please contact me for the next class**

Name: _____

Email address: _____

Home Address: _____

Best Telephone # to reach me: _____

Childcare will be available; please call the church office at 614-228-1741, ext. 10 to let us know how many children to expect.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST CHURCH

Sunday, May 14: Schumacher Awards

9 a.m. – Worship: Morning Prayer and Holy Communion – Parish Hall
9 a.m. – Treble Choir – Music Activities Room
10 a.m. – First Church Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room
10 a.m. – Faith Formation Time – Education Wing
11 a.m. – Worship – Sanctuary
Noon – Fellowship Hour – Parish Hall
Noon – Flower and Vegetable Sale – Parish Hall

Monday, May 15

Noon – First Church Care Ministry – Ralph Fanning Room
7 p.m. – Interfaith Bible Study – Parish Hall
7 p.m. – Personnel Committee – Parish Family Room

Tuesday, May 16

11:30 a.m. – Worship Planning – Parish Family Room
7 p.m. – Church Council – Ralph Fanning Room

Wednesday, May 17

11 a.m. – Book Study – Parlor

Thursday, May 18

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

Saturday, May 20

Deadline for Newsletter Articles
10 a.m. – Confirmation Rehearsal and Luncheon –
Sanctuary and Parish Hall

Sunday, May 21: Confirmation

9 a.m. – Worship – Parish Hall
9 a.m. – Treble Choir Rehearsal– Music Activities Rooms
10 a.m. – First Church Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room
11 a.m. – Worship – Sanctuary
Noon – Fellowship Hour – Parish Hall

OFFERING TOTAL FOR LAST WEEK'S MISSION:

\$710.86 to Faith in Public Life

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE IN OUR COMMUNITY

We are called by Christ to serve those in need.

Gladden Community House

Lindsay Blackburn, Volunteer Coordinator reached out to First Church for assistance. Contact Lindsay at 614-227-1619 for more details about the following projects:

- **Food Pantry Drivers Needed:** pick up baked goods at local Kroger stores and deliver to pantry.
- **Household/Yard Work Volunteers:** assist senior citizens with yard work or household chores.

A First Church Gladden Team is forming to prepare lunch for seniors ONE time a month and offer an activity from 11 a.m. -1 p.m. on a weekday. Please contact Dawn George at dawngeorge16@gmail.com if you are interested.

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** 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.*

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

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