

# FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

## DEPART TO SERVE

MAY 15, 2016

**THANK YOU, TREBLE AND TEEN CHOIRS!** Today is the last Sunday for the year that the Treble and Teen Choirs will be in session. We thank them for their worship and musical leadership throughout the past year, and we especially thank their parents that make time for them to participate and learn about worship, music and singing each week. Many thanks to Treble Choir director, Dr. Sandy Mathias, for her wonderful leadership.

**YOU CAN HELP IN FRANKLINTON!** The congregation is being asked to You can: provide lunch for a day for the youth participants and the home we are serving or an evening meal at First Church during the week, or provide paint brushes, paint trays, yard waste bags and Home Depot gift cards.

**Meal Schedule for Youth Mission Trip** We hope that church commissions/committees and families will volunteer for one of the time slots during the week of June 6-10. Lunches could be sandwiches, fruit, cookies, chips and drinks. We will 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. Contact Mark Williams at [mwilliams@first-church.org](mailto:mwilliams@first-church.org) for more information.

**June 6 – Monday** – Lunch @ work location \_\_\_\_\_  
Dinner @ First Church Conference Room \_\_\_\_\_

**June 7 Tuesday** - Lunch @ work location \_\_\_\_\_  
Dinner @ First Church Conference Room - Justice and Mercy Committee

**June 8 – Wednesday** - Lunch @ work location \_\_\_\_\_  
Dinner @ First Church Conference Room \_\_\_\_\_

**June 9 – Thursday** - Lunch @ work location \_\_\_\_\_  
Dinner @ First Church Conference Room \_\_\_\_\_

**June 10 – Friday** - Lunch @ work location \_\_\_\_\_

**APPEAL FOR CHOIR VESTMENTS ENDS MAY 22** Funds are needed to replace aging choir robes for the First Church and Treble Choirs. To date, we have reached 89% of our goal. If you would like to contribute, forms will be available in the Main Office through Sunday, May 22. Thank you for your generosity!



**CALLING ALL GRADUATES!** If you or a family member is graduating from high school or college this year, send us some information including the person's name, the school the person is graduating from, the degree received, and possible future plans.

We will be recognizing our graduates on Sunday, June 5. Send the information to [awagner@first-church.org](mailto:awagner@first-church.org). You also may include a photo (electronic image only).

**COLUMBUS PRIDE PARADE STEPS OFF 10:30 A.M. ON SATURDAY, JUNE 18** The Central Southeast Association of the UCC is hosting a booth and a float for the day. Important items of note include:

1. **T-Shirts:** Purple shirts are available for purchase for \$10, paid in advance. Payment and shirt size need to be into the church office by Wednesday, May 26.
2. **Pre-Parade Breakfast at St. John's UCC on Main Street:** Please sign up in the church office if you are interested in attending by Monday, June 6.
3. **Volunteer:** Help is needed at the Booth on Saturday and decorating the float (Times TBA). Please sign up in the church office.

Meet with Rev. Emily in the East Transept immediately following the 11 a.m. worship service today to discuss First Church's plans for the PRIDE Parade. We hope that First Church will have a strong showing of support and fellowship.



**FIRST QUARTER STATEMENTS** First quarter statements were mailed Thursday, May 5. Please review your statement carefully and call Sharon Leidheiser at 614-228-1741, ext. 11 if you have questions or concerns. Please continue to support our church through your regular donations to missions, programs and the general church budget. We appreciate all gifts to First Church. If you would like to increase your pledge, donate to the Trustee endowments or just talk finances of the church, call Sharon.

## JOYS AND CONCERNS

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Cori, Ben, and Wyeth Rowley on the birth of daughter and sister Bennett Emilia Rowley on May 11, 2016.

**MEMBERS** Margene Whittenberg; Ken Storey; Rick Henderson; Brian Holt; Sarah Garbe; Vic Campbell; Lucille Kropp; John Carter; Madeline Helmer; Bernie Martin; Ray Pendell; and families and friends who continue to mourn the loss of loved ones, including Fran and Bruce Panek, on the death of their friend Mark Bokenkamp.

**FRIENDS AND FAMILY** Kira, friend of Nancy Loy; Craig Smith, friend of Becky Magaw; Judy Presser; Bill Gutlieb; Theresa Norris; Ruby and Wendell Smith, parents of Sarah Lange; David Kellermeier, uncle of Tim Ahrens; Frankie Williams, mother of Mark Williams; Jill Ford, friend of Mark Williams; and families and friends who continue to mourn the loss of loved ones, including the Colson and Leidheiser families, on the death of Virginia Colson-Leidheiser.

**THROUGHOUT THE WORLD** We pray for those persons impacted by the wildfire in Canada and the tornadoes in Oklahoma and Nebraska, and for those impacted by the bombings in Iraq.

**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 Sudan, South Sudan, and Uganda.

**MISSIONARIES:** This week, we pray for Henry Brewer-Calvert, serving in the Dominican Republic.

*If you have any prayer requests or joys to share, please contact the church office ([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 [tabrens@first-church.org](mailto:tabrens@first-church.org) or 614-228-1741, ext. 13.*

**MEMBER BIRTHDAYS** 18-Nancy Burba, Kyle Danneberger, Emma Gonzalez; 19-Gabrielle Collins, Betty Powell, Traci Shaw; 20-Kim Crabtree, Todd Cunningham, Tom Kiesel, Matt Myers, Mike Weddle; 21-Martha Loy, Carol Gallagher; 22-Nick Bruckelmeyer, Val Stichter; 23-Guy Cole, Alex Heer Melissa Murdock-Weygandt

## THIS WEEK AT FIRST CHURCH

### Sunday, May 15– Pentecost Sunday

- 9 a.m. – Worship: Morning Prayer and Holy Communion
- 9 a.m. – Teen Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room
- 10 a.m. – Treble Choir Rehearsal – Music Activities 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
- 5 p.m. – First Church Softball Game – AB Field 8
- 6 p.m. – Middle and High School Youth Groups – Parish Hall

### Monday, May 16

- 7 p.m. – Personnel Committee – Parish Family Room

### Tuesday, May 17

- Noon – Care Ministry Luncheon – Large Conference Room
- 2 p.m. – Worship Planning – Parish Family Room
- 7 p.m. – Church Council – Large Conference Room

### Wednesday, May 18

- 11 a.m. – Book Study: *How My Mind Has Changed* – Parlor

### Thursday, May 19

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

### Friday, May 20

- 1 p.m. – Deadline for June Newsletter

### Saturday, May 21

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

### Sunday, May 22

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

#### **Piano and Pipe Organ Concert**

**Thursday, May 19, 2016 at 7 p.m.**

Liberty Hill Baptist Church  
4410 Refugee Road, Columbus, OH 43232

#### **Debuting the Reconstructed**

**1965 Möller 4 rank Pipe Organ**

Featuring Pianist Wengie “Felix” Lu and  
Organist Ronald Gibson

Doors open at 6 p.m. – Prelude featuring various musicians  
and an art show featuring various artists

**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** and then click on **Online Giving**. Set up an account and 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.*

#### **May Fellowship Hour Schedule**

May 15	Leviticus
May 22	Micah
May 29	Numbers

#### **May Mission Offering Schedule**

May 15	Strengthen the Church
May 22	Faith Mission Meal Team
May 29	Laundry Love

#### **May Acolyte Schedule**

May 15	Allysia Palmer	Mae Hubbard
May 22	Mia Provenzano	Matty Provenzano
May 29	Alaina Thompson	Cassidy Hopcraft

#### **May Crucifer Schedule**

May 15	Dylan Hopcraft
May 22	Adam Wade
May 29	Will Zimmerman

**MEMBER ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK** 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, 22-Mario and Jessica Catenacci; 23-Betsy Hubbard and Sam Spofforth

## 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>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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If you are interested in learning more about life and membership at First Congregational Church, you are invited join us for our New Members Class. Those who are interested in joining the church will do so the following Sunday, May 22, during the worship services.

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