

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

DEPART TO SERVE

MAY 1, 2016

ADULT EDUCATION TODAY THROUGH MAY 8 Rev. Dr. Nancy Livingston will lead the “Porch Sessions” in Room D. Biblical Theologian and Old Testament professor, Walter Brueggemann and community developer and author, Peter Block engage in conversation about the broad narrative of faith and community that has immediate implications in our particular neighborhoods and churches. In Room C, Rev. Emily Corzine will explore the different translations and differences we find in the many Bibles on the market today and in the past.

CHORAL EVENSONG TODAY AT 4 P.M. The First Church Choir will sing the final Choral Evensong of the 2015-2016 season today afternoon. Music featured will be the “Gladden” Preces and Responses by Kevin Jones (newly composed for this occasion), and the Canticles by American composer Lee Hoiby. The Easter anthem, “Ye Choirs of New Jerusalem” by C.V. Stanford will round out the music for this liturgy. Immediately following the evensong, the Choir will present Bernstein’s joyously exuberant *Chichester Psalms*.

TEACHER/CONNECTIONS BREAKFAST TODAY!

The Christian Education Department will host a Teacher and Worship Connections appreciation breakfast today in the Children’s Library. All teachers and Worship Connection leaders will be recognized in both services.



“SOUP AND SOLAR” GATHERING ON MAY 3

In celebration of Earth Week, the Sacred Earth mission invites you to “Soup and Solar” on Tuesday, May 3, at 5:30 pm. This event pairs food and fellowship with earth care education.

Soup and Solar attendees will learn about many facets of solar energy including feasibility, function, principle, affordability, and site assessment. Both the dinner and seminar are free and open to the public. RSVPs are not required, but to aid with meal planning, please contact Amy Wagner in the office at awagner@first-church.org or 614-228-1741, ext. 10 if you are planning on attending.



TOILETRIES FOR GOOD SAMARITAN DAY The next Good Samaritan Day is Monday, May 9. Thank you for the contribution of personal hygiene items. They are really appreciated. We are in need of the following items, especially those listed in bold:

- Men’s shampoo and/or body wash
- Women’s shampoo and/or body wash
- **Women’s deodorant**
- **Men’s deodorant**
- **Disposable razors and shaving cream**
- **Toothpaste & toothbrushes**



A good source for these items in **full sizes** are Dollar Stores where everything in the store is \$1. Please leave your donations in the bin outside the church office. Thank you for your continued support of this vital outreach to the community.

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. We have reached 81% of our goal. Find out more information at first-church.org and click on the News section. 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. You also may include a photo (electronic image only).



JOYS AND CONCERNS

MEMBERS: 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 the family of Wib Smith; and Rev. Emily and Jeff Corzine, on the death of their nephew, Holden Corzine.

FRIENDS AND FAMILY: Steve Bassett and two-year-old, Frankie, on the death of wife and mother, Jenny Bassett, friends of Joe Baszynski; Bill Gutlieb; Theresa Norris; Virginia Colson-Leidheiser and the Colson and Leidheiser families; Lois Beery, friend of Mary Kay Beall Carter; Paul Caldwell, friend of Jeff Worth; Jacquelyn Banks Lowery, mother of Allison Lowery Palmer; Wendell Smith, father of Sarah Lange; Penny Montgomery, niece of Betty Johnson; Don Norris, cousin of Tim Ahrens; David Kellermeyer, uncle of Tim Ahrens; Frankie Williams, mother of Mark Williams; Jill Ford, friend of Mark Williams; the Santiago family, for improved health; Carlitos Hanke, nephew of Tom Santiago; Lisa Hanke, sister-in-law of Tom Santiago; Crucita Viruet, mother of Tom Santiago; and families and friends who continue to mourn the loss of loved ones, including the Rhoden family; the family of Officer Steven Smith and the family of Rosie Hanna.

THROUGHOUT THE WORLD: We pray for the urban and suburban poor throughout the United States. We pray for those who work to end human trafficking around the world and those who work with victims to bring healing.

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 Eritrea and Ethiopia.

MISSIONARIES: This week, we pray for Erik Free, serving in Mozambique.

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

THIS WEEK AT FIRST CHURCH

Today - Sixth Sunday of Easter

9 a.m. – Teacher Appreciation Brunch – Children’s Library

9 a.m. – Worship: Morning Prayer and Holy Communion

9 a.m. – Teen and Treble Choirs Rehearsal – Choir Room & 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

4 p.m. – Choral Evensong and Concert – Sanctuary

Monday, May 2

6:30 p.m. – Christian Education – Mark Williams’ office

7 p.m. – BREAD – Parish Family Room

Tuesday, May 3

2 p.m. – Worship Planning – Parish Family Room

5:30 p.m. – Sacred Earth’s “Soup and Solar” Gathering – Parish Hall

7 p.m. – Justice and Mercy – Large Conference Room

Wednesday, May 4

11 a.m. – Book Study – Parlor

Thursday, May 5

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

Sunday, May 8– Seventh Sunday of Easter and Schumacher Award

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MEMBER BIRTHDAYS 2-Allen Baker; 3-Christopher Brooks, Mala Ghose, Matt Stevens; 4-Sharon Ferguson; 5-Marc Danneberger, Matty Provenzano, Rick Sayre, Mike Underwood; 6-Eddie Anderson IV, Nick Boriin, Robyn Petras; 7-Cameron Mailer, Morgan Shaw; 8-Steven Deliman, Reese Magaw, Steve Secan, Ivan Vore

MEMBER ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK 3-Fran and Bruce Panek; 4-Whitney and Kirk Marker; 5-Lee Anne and Jared Kiesel; 8-Nancy and Larry Braverman, Laura and Lance Collins

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** 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 1 Jeremiah
May 8 Kings
May 15 Leviticus
May 22 Micah
May 29 Numbers

May Mission Offering Schedule

May 1 Compass
May 8 BREAD
May 15 Strengthen the Church
May 22 Faith Mission Meal Team
May 29 Laundry Love

May Acolyte Schedule

May 1 Allysa Batchelor Alaina Thompson
May 8 Nina Zimmerman Chutney Anderson
May 15 Allysia Palmer Mae Hubbard
May 22 Miriam Myers Samatha Myers
May 29 Alaina Thompson Cassidy Hopcraft

May Crucifer Schedule

May 1 Joe Spofforth
May 8 Cameron Wade
May 15 Dylan Hopcraft
May 22 Adam Wade
May 29 Will Zimmerman

CHURCH LEADERSHIP

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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, S.M.M.

Treble Choir Director Sandra Mathias, Ph.D.

DIACONATE

Senior Deacon Lynn Wallich

Deacons 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

Chairperson Francille Firebaugh

Trustees Bill Heer, Lisa Morris, Sheldon Taft, Charlie Weaver, Keith White, Carrie Wise, Gerry Worth

Moderator Brian Cave

Treasurer Bill Johannes

CHURCH STAFF

Business Manager Sharon Leidheiser

Program Manager Martha Worth

Office Manager Amy Wagner

Building Manager Thomas Santiago

Custodian William Lee, Jimmy Sibrian

Wedding Coordinators Janet Axt, Margaret Cipriani

Nursery Staff Evin Wimberly, Simone Ellerson, Natalie Barker, Taylre Arnold

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Yes! Sign me up for the class!
 Not at this time but contact me for the next class

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Monday, May 9

BREAD Nehemiah Action Assembly



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Registration begins at 6:15 p.m. If you need a ride, let us know by calling the church office – 614-228-1741, ext. 10 – Amy Wagner. You can also go directly to the meeting. Parking is free – but pick up a pass to gain easiest access. Email Rev. Tim with any questions at tahrens@first-church.org.

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