

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

DEPART TO SERVE

MAY 21, 2017

THE FAITH FORMATION DISCUSSION FOR ADULTS TODAY Rev.

Nancy Livingston will lead the "Opening the Word" track with "Book of Mark: Listen UP Bible Study Part 2." This is a wonderful series for those who are interested in going deeper into the scriptures of Mark. The Faith Formation Time begins each Sunday at 10 a.m. on the first floor in Room D.



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](mailto:ecorzine@first-church.org). Purple pride t-shirts are for sale for \$10 each. The deadline to order shirts is today, May 21.

2017 SOFTBALL NEWS: CO-ED TEAM Please contact Joe Baszynski at [joseph.baszynski@gmail.com](mailto: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 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

- 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



PENTECOST IS SUNDAY, JUNE 4! It is First Church's tradition to wear red on Pentecost, so circle this date on your calendar with a red marker to remind yourself to wear something red!

A SUNDAY TRANSPORTATION TEAM IS FORMING A team is forming to provide First Church Members such as Dr. Will Fernald and Mariner Taft rides to church on Sunday mornings for the 11 a.m. worship service. This is a small ministry commitment that means so much to those who don't have a means to get to church. Please consider joining this ministry. Contact the church office for more information.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

MEMBERS Beth Hunker; Lindy Miller; Carol Bensing; 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 Abbas H. Al-Qaraghuli; Amanda Conley; Stacey Brown; A-Sone Brown; 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; 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. We pray for those affected by the tornadoes which have occurred throughout the U.S.

IN GOD'S HANDS: THE ECUMENICAL PRAYER CYCLE This week we pray with and for the people and churches of the Indian Ocean Islands: Comoros, Madagascar, Maldives, Mauritius, Seychelles.

MISSIONARIES This week we pray for John Campbell-Nelson, serving in Indonesia.

NEED PRAYER? If you have any prayer requests or joys to share, please contact Amy Wagner, Office Manager at [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 [tahrens@first-church.org](mailto:tahrens@first-church.org) or 614-228-1741, ext. 13.

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 is forming to prepare lunch and an activity for seniors on a quarterly basis on a weekday 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Please contact Dawn George at [dawngeorge16@gmail.com](mailto:dawngeorge16@gmail.com) if you are interested.

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 21: Confirmation

9 a.m. – Worship – Parish Hall

10 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

### Monday, May 22

6 p.m. – Budget and Finance – Parish Family Room

7 p.m. – Deacons – Education Wing, Room D

### Tuesday, May 23

11:30 a.m. – Worship Planning – Parish Family Room

### Wednesday, May 24

10 a.m. – Staff Planning Retreat – offsite

### Friday, May 26

1 p.m. – Faith Mission Meal Preparation – Parish Hall

### Sunday, May 28

9 a.m. – Worship – Parish Hall

10 a.m. – First Church Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room

11 a.m. – Worship – Sanctuary



**MEMBER BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK** Today - Leslie Boltz, Martha Loy, Carol Gallagher; 22-Val Stichter; 23-Guy Cole, Melissa Murdock-Weyandt; 24-Gil Kirk, Jr., Dorothy Vish, Chase Wagner; 25- Dominick Blanks, Tim Brownlee, Brian Cave; 26-Luke Ahrens, Adam Ghose, Bill Heer; 27-Charlie Roach, Caroline Thompson

**MEMBER ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK** 20-Leslie and William Larson; 22-Mario and Jessica Catenacci; 23-Betsy Hubbard and Sam Spofforth; 27-Phil and Candy Schneider

**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** 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.*

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## 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 Mazingo, 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