

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

DEPART TO SERVE

MAY 22, 2016

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING SUNDAY, JUNE 5

The Church Council has called a special congregational meeting on Sunday, June 5, 2016, immediately following the 11 a.m. worship service. The purpose of the meeting is to provide a brief overview of the Creative Campus Project and to consider a motion to authorize Church Council to act on behalf of the congregation related to necessary easements for this project with the City of Columbus or affected utility companies.

YOUNG AMBASSADORS OHIO LUNCHEON AND CONCERT TODAY AT 12:30 P.M.

To raise funds for their trip to Germany this summer, Carly Kutschbach, and Will, Luke, and Nina Zimmerman, the youth will host a German Luncheon, complete with brats, sauerkraut, German potato salad and the fixings. Following the luncheon, Rev. Dan Doty, UCC Minister at Trinity UCC in Wadsworth will present a concert, singing some German Opera and Art Song. Rev. Doty is a professionally trained opera singer who sang at the General Synod Closing worship in Cleveland last year.

VEGETABLE PLANTS AVAILABLE TODAY! The remaining single and 3-pack plants of vegetable plants are available for sale in Room D.

WENDY'S BOYCOTT NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER AND ACTION ON MAY 23

In preparation for Wendy's Annual Shareholder Meeting, the Justice and Mercy Committee invites you to please join thousands of people of faith around the country for a Wendy's Boycott National Day of Prayer and Action on May 23. Just take a minute to call the office of Wendy's Board Chair and major shareholder Nelson Peltz, asking him to urge Wendy's executives to bring the corporation to an agreement with the Coalition of Immokalee Workers. Call-in Number: 212-451-3000.



UPDATE ON LAUNDRY LOVE MISSION The Children and Youth of First Church took on the mission of providing free laundry service to the residents of Franklinton. The mission began with a great boost from the congregation with over \$1,000 towards the cost and multiple donations of

laundry detergent and dryer sheets. The mission started in October of 2015. As of the end of April 2016 we have provided 132 triple/double loads of wash and 361 loads of drying. Over 23 different volunteers inserted 5,271 quarters in the machines helping 73 families and individuals. That translates to \$1,227.50 from October to April. This all was done within an hour once a month. This mission provides dignity to those in need. It is a fact; people are treated differently if they have clean clothes, something many of us take for granted. The next Mission Offering for Laundry Love is scheduled for May 29. Your donations to this mission ministry will determine if we will continue through the summer. Please consider how you might support this important mission. The next Laundry Love day will be **May 31**. Come join us in serving those in need.

MEAL SCHEDULE FOR YOUTH MISSION TRIP 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 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. All the meals need to serve 11 people. Contact Mark Williams at 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 – **Gies/Halbe Families**

June 9 – Thursday - Lunch @ work location _____
Dinner @ First Church Conference Room – **Linda Slocum and LKS**
Staff

June 10 – Friday - Lunch @ work location – Tim Carsey

FRANKLINTON DONATIONS FOR MISSION TRIP 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 and 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.

COLUMBUS PRIDE PARADE STEPS OFF AT 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.



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).

APPEAL FOR CHOIR VESTMENTS ENDS TODAY Funds are needed to replace aging choir robes for the First Church and Treble Choirs. If you would like to contribute, forms are available in the Main Office. Thank you for your generosity!

DEDICATION NEXT SUNDAY Following the 11 a.m. service next Sunday, May 29, there will be a brief dedication service to rename the Large Conference Room to the Ralph Fanning Room. Plan to join us!

SENIOR MINISTER / MEMBER ADVISORY GROUP If you have any joys or concerns to share regarding our Senior Minister, please contact any one of the SMAG members prior to Monday evening's meeting.

Kristen Blanks	333-990-1250	kristenblanks@gmail.com
Duan Cannon	614-725-1851	Duanie@aol.com
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Tom Kiesel	614-795-0866	kiesel44@msn.com
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THIS WEEK AT FIRST CHURCH

Sunday, May 22 – Trinity Sunday

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

12:30 p.m. – Young Ambassadors Ohio Luncheon – Parish Hall

2 p.m. – Young Ambassadors Ohio Concert featuring Rev. Dan Doty – Sanctuary

5 p.m. – First Church Softball Game – AB Field 8

Monday, May 23

6 p.m. – Budget and Finance Committee – Adult Library

7 p.m. – Deacons Meeting – Large Conference Room

Tuesday, May 24

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

7 p.m. – Senior Minister Member Advisory Group – Rev. Tim's office

Wednesday, May 25

9:30 a.m. – Staff Meeting – Large Conference Room

Thursday, May 26

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

Friday, May 27

1 p.m. – Faith Mission Meal Preparation – Kitchen

Sunday, May 29

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 and Dedication of Ralph Fanning Room – Parlor and Large Conference Room

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.*

JOYS AND CONCERNS

MEMBERS Margene Whittenberg; Ken Storey; Sarah Garbe; Madeline Helmer; Bernie Martin; Ray Pendell; and families and friends who continue to mourn the loss of loved ones, including the families and friends of Lucille Kropp and Victor Campbell.

FRIENDS AND FAMILY Joe, Marjorie, and David Kufel, father, mother and brother of Sharon Leidheiser; Kira, friend of Nancy Loy; Craig Smith, friend of Becky Magaw; Judy Presser; Ruby and Wendell Smith, parents of Sarah Lange; 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 continue to pray for those persons impacted by the wildfire in Alberta, Canada and Washington State.

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 Malawi and Zambia.

MISSIONARIES: This week, we pray for Ann Gregory, serving in Thailand.

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: ecorazine@first-church.org or 614-228-1741, ext. 21, or tabrens@first-church.org or 614-228-1741, ext. 13.

MEMBER BIRTHDAYS 24-Dorothy Vish, Chase Wagner; 25-Dominick Blanks, Tim Brownlee, Brian Cave, Jude Clark; 26-Luke Ahrens, Adam Ghose, Bill Heer; 27-Sandy Bennett, Charlie Roach, Caroline Thompson; 28-Bill Johannes, 29-Arlene Reynolds, Nancy Williams; 30-Mike Petras, Peter Worley

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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