



FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Depart to Serve

MAY 27, 2018

SAFE AND HEALTHY OHIO CAMPAIGN To learn more about this ballot initiative to reduce the incarceration rate in Ohio, stop by the Mission Table in Parish Hall, located directly beneath the Sanctuary, during Fellowship Hour. Sign the petition to get this initiative on the ballot in Ohio this November. A member from Justice and Mercy Commission will be at the table to provide more details. Thank you for your support.

LAUNDRY LOVE: TUESDAY, MAY 29 from 6-8 p.m. at WashLand Laundromat, 1469 West Broad Street in West Franklinton. The initiative helps to wash the clothes and bedding of individuals and/or families living in poverty.

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 at 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.

FOOD BOX DELIVERY ASSISTANCE NEEDED Adults are asked to deliver food boxes to homebound seniors in Franklinton on Fridays. Gladden Food Pantry staff will load the boxes into cars. Deliveries are at 9:30 am or noon and take 1 to 1- 1/2 hours. For details and to volunteer for a shift, contact Lindsay Blackburn, Volunteer Coordinator, Gladden Community House, at 614-227-1619 or lindsayblackburn.gch@gmail.com.

HOMELESS IN WEST FRANKLINTON PROJECT The Youth will be collecting the items listed below and distributing to the Homeless camps during the Youth Mission Trip to West Franklinton. Please place donated items in the boxes near the office.

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| 1. Gallon Zip Lock bags | 6. Ponchos |
| 2. Socks | 7. Razors/shaving gel/ tampons |
| 3. Protein/Meal Bars | 8. Waterless hair shampoo |
| 4. Ready-to-eat Soups | 9. Baby Wipes |
| 5. Water bottles | 10. Travel size deodorant, toothpaste, soap |

SUNDAY CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS TOURS: JUNE 3, JULY 1, AUGUST 5 AND SEPTEMBER 2 Join The Rev. Dr. Tim Ahrens for a brief tour to get an overview of the progress of the construction projects occurring both inside and outside of First Church. Meet Rev. Tim at the entrance of the Ralph Fanning Room, located on the first floor immediately across from the original church office, after either the 9 a.m. or 11 a.m. services.

CHOIR’S FINAL FUNDRAISER HIGH TEA ON SUNDAY, JUNE 3 AT 4 P.M. Tickets are still available for this final fundraiser for the Choir’s 2018 Pilgrimage to Norwich and Lincoln Cathedrals. An authentic English High Tea will be offered at the elegantly restored Olde Towne East home of Al Waddell and Allen Baker. Tickets for the High Tea are \$50 per person, and participation is strictly limited to 75 people. If you would like to attend, please contact Kevin Jones (kjones@first-church.org).

COMING UP: NEW MEMBER CLASS, MONDAY, JUNE 18 FROM 7-9 P.M. Interested in learning more about First Church and being part of this vibrant community of faith? Come and learn more. New Members will join at the 11 a.m. service on Sunday June 24. For more information, please contact Rev. Emily Corzine at ecorzine@first-church.org or at 614-221-1741 x21. New member classes for the fall will be announced soon.

● **CONGREGATIONAL CARE MINISTRY MEETING ON MONDAY, JUNE 4 AT NOON** Location to be determined

● **WOMEN’S RETREAT: SATURDAY, JUNE 16** from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at David’s UCC, Canal Winchester, Ohio

● **BON VOYAGE CHORAL EVENSONG: SUNDAY, JULY 8 AT 4 P.M.** Please plan to attend the Choir’s Bon Voyage Choral Evensong. The Tour Choir will sing music by Kenneth Leighton and the “Merton College” canticles by Ēriks Ešēvalds. They will also sing the joyful “Antiphon” by William Walton, all in preparation for their departure to England on July 12. We will also be commissioning the travelers for this mission trip during the liturgy. The Rev. Dr. Nancy Livingston will officiate, with Tyler Robertson as organist.



JOYS AND CONCERNS

MEMBERS Ben Wiant; Anne Hudson; Marcy Essig; Wayne Redenbarger; Sue Salak; Andrew MacGregor; Wally Giffen; Lindy Miller; and Carl Miller.

FRIENDS AND FAMILY Mildred Livingston, mother of Nancy Livingston; Martha Dieckmann; Tim Acton; Sally Glover, daughter of Al Glover; Vic Merrett, stepfather of Melissa Prendergast; Matthew Turck, brother-in-law of Ellen and Pete Boriin; Charles Murray, father of Peter Murray; Joyce Marcum, sister of Betty Conn; and Brooke Chute, cousin of Amy Wagner; and the family and friends of Bill Broadhag.

We offer a special prayer for Mark Williams, Director of Christian Education, who began his Sabbatical on May 21.

THROUGHOUT THE WORLD We pray for the victims and families of those killed in the school shooting at Santa Fe High School in Texas. We pray for all those affected by the Kilauea Volcano’s eruption in Hawaii. We pray for all affected by the crisis in Israel and Palestine. We pray for those around the world who suffer from brain diseases and their caregivers. We pray for the construction crews working on the Gladden Social Justice Park and the Building Exterior Renovation – Phase 1 projects here at First Congregational Church.

IN GOD’S HANDS: THE ECUMENICAL PRAYER CYCLE This week we pray with and for the people and churches of Angola and Mozambique.

MISSIONARIES This week we pray for Carlos Sediles-Real serving in Mexico.

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 the ministers: ecorzine@first-church.org or 614-228-1741, ext. 21, or tahrens@first-church.org or 614-228-1741, ext. 13.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST CHURCH

Sunday, May 27

9 a.m. – Worship: Morning Prayer and Holy Communion – Parish Hall
10 a.m. – Mission Trip Meeting – Education Wing Room D
10 a.m. – First Church Choir Warm Up – Choir Room
11 a.m. – Worship – Sanctuary
Noon – Fellowship Hour – Parish Hall

Monday, May 28

Memorial Day – Office Closed All Day

Tuesday, May 29

2 p.m. – Worship Planning – Children’s Library
6 p.m. – Laundry Love – WashLand Laundromat, 1469 West Broad Street
7 p.m. – Hymnal Supplement Committee – Choir Room

Wednesday, May 30

4 p.m. – Building and Office Close

Saturday, June 2

10 a.m. – Preparation for High Tea Fundraiser – Kitchen

Sunday, June 3

9 a.m. – Worship: Morning Prayer and Holy Communion – Parish Hall
10 a.m. – First Church Choir Warm Up – Choir Room
11 a.m. – Worship – Sanctuary
Noon – Fellowship Hour – Parish Hall
12:30 p.m. – Deacon’s Meeting – Ralph Fanning Room
4 p.m. – High Tea Fundraiser

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 an envelope found in the pew, 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.



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- **Other Gifts:** Please designate your intention: *Memorials, flowers, fund raising projects, music, education, Building Endowment, House and Grounds Special Projects, etc.*

OFFERING TOTAL FOR LAST WEEK’S MISSION

May 20 – \$833.00 – Suicide Prevention Hotline

NEXT WEEK’S MISSION OFFERING – Strengthen the Church



MEMBER BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK 5/29 – Arlene Reynolds, Nancy Williams; 5/30 – Mike Petras, Peter Worley; 5/31 – Lou Flocken, Ann Hunt; 6/1 – Mariner Taft, Grant Washington; 6/2 – Jack Trace

MEMBER ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK Today – Betty and Cindy Conn; 6/1 – Mary Day and Jim Fewlass, Kathleen and Jason Ferguson; 6/2 – Rebecca and Jason Allen

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. <i>(on sabbatical June 21-August 21)</i>
Sabbatical Replacement Director of Christian Education	Karen Mazingo, Ph.D.
Commissioned Minister for Social Justice	Tom Brownfield
Commissioned Minister for Spiritual Formation and Direction	Jacquelyn Dean
Organist/Choirmaster Emeritus	G. Dene Barnard
Jubilate and Exultate 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	Simone Ellerson, Natalie Barker, Taylre Arnold, Miranda Brooks

DIACONATE

Senior Deacon	Janet Newcity
Deacons	Anthony Brown, Valerie Conlin-Losinski, Bert Cook, Martha Fulleman, Shelly Gies, Todd Jacobson, Dayna McCrary, Karen Mazingo, David Nassau, Cori Page, Allison Lowery Palmer, Jorge Polo, Alex Rodriguez, James Velo

CHURCH COUNCIL

Moderator	Joe Baszynski
Moderator-Elect	Lynn Wallich
Treasurer	Joe Hoffman
Assistant Treasurer	Matt Myers
Secretary	Nancy Loy
Assistant Secretary	Jim Griffin

COMMISSIONERS

Administration	Chris Glaros, Elect - Greg Kellison
Church Growth/Vitality	Tom Kiesel and Mary Anne Jacobson, co-chairs; Elect - Maria Brown and Lisa Fravel-Dean
Education	Chris Gelpi, Elect - Jennifer Provenzano
House & Grounds	Gary Leidheiser, Elect - Mark Brown
Justice & Mercy	Dawn George, Elect - Nicole Moss
Music, Arts, & Heritage	Joel Mathias, Elect - Drew Wade
Nominating Chair	Kent Shimeall
Member-at-large	Pavan Peter
Youth-at-large	Miriam Myers
Deacon Council Representative	Todd Jacobson

TRUSTEES

Chairperson	Chris Farquhar
Treasurer	Cindy Conn
Trustees	Brian Cave, Tom Hadley, John Martin, Sheldon Taft, Elaine Warren, Keith White, Gerry Worth

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**“GET ME TO THE CHURCH ON TIME”:
UPDATES ON CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS**

Driving to and from the Church

From East, West and South, unchanged. Coming from the north we recommend exiting I-71 South at Broad Street. Take Broad Street to Ninth Street. Enter church parking from Ninth Street.

From I-670, take Cleveland Avenue to Long Street. Follow the Cleveland Avenue detour signs: Turn East on Long Street to Washington Avenue; south to Broad Street. Turn right at Broad Street west to Ninth Street. Enter church parking from Ninth Street.

Depart the North Lot using Ninth Street south to Broad Street (right turn only), or through the West Lot or alley. Depart the West Lot using Cleveland Avenue (right turn, northbound only).

Parking Access for All Projects

The West Lot can be accessed from Cleveland Avenue northbound from Broad Street only, the alley north of the Carriage House, and from the North Lot via the alley.

Access to the North Lot will be from Ninth Street northbound from Broad Street.

Building Access for All Projects

Everyone MUST enter through the North Ed Wing door. The Ninth Street door WILL NOT be opened at any time except Sunday morning!

From the North Lot, enter through the North Education Wing Doors. Ninth Street doors will not be open or monitored during the week. Elevator access will be maintained throughout the project. Follow signs. From the West Lot, use the sidewalk at the center of the lot to come around the Park construction fence to the West or Broad Street doors.

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Current Activity:

SSRG contractor is in full operation. Covering windows, chiseling away mortar joints, replacing lintels, re-pointing mortar joints.

Window removal is in process and scheduled to be complete Monday May 28. Most window openings will be boarded up with some Plexiglas panels for light. Restored windows will be returned and installed in October.

Church Main Office has been relocated. All persons please enter the building at the North Ed Wing door. Look for directional signs.

Anticipated Completion: October 31, 2018

Gladden Social Justice Park

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Current Activity: Continuing site preparations and preliminary ground work.

Creative Campus Roadway Improvements

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Anticipated Completion: October 22, 2018

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