

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

DEPART TO SERVE

MAY 28, 2017

FELLOWSHIP HOUR TODAY Everyone is cordially invited to fellowship following the 11 a.m. service. In honor of our Mission donation towards Outdoor Ministries as well as in celebration of the beauty of God's creation, we encourage you to come outside to the Sam Gordon playground and share both a cup of coffee or lemonade and conversation with those you know and those who you may have not yet had a chance to meet. Let's extend our extravagant welcome to each other. The Sam Gordon Playground can be reached via the west doors in the Christian Education Wing. If the weather is not cooperating (i.e. rain), please join one another downstairs in Parish Hall, located downstairs directly under the Sanctuary. Please take the stairs near either the Broad Street or Ninth Street entrances, or utilize the elevator located in the hallway between the Education Wing and Ninth Street doors. Any church member will be glad to direct you.

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.

PENTECOST IS NEXT 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!



CALLING ALL GRADUATES! We will be recognizing our graduates on Sunday, June 4.

- **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



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.

WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE SEATING The House and Grounds Commission is seeking feedback on our proposal to move wheelchair accessible seating to the middle of the center aisle. Please see the posters with drawings and a photo for this project on easels sitting near the exit door on the Lectern side of the Sanctuary or in the Narthex. There are notebooks and pens available on the easels for you to record your comments.



2017 ARTS FESTIVAL BEVERAGE BOOTH
If you are going to the 2017 Columbus Arts Festival, please come to the First Church Choir's Beverage Booth on Friday, June 9 and Sunday, June 11. The Choir will be selling at this booth all day and will receive 10% of all sales toward the 2018 Norwich/Lincoln Pilgrimage. Come say hello and grab a refreshing beverage!

JOYS AND CONCERNS

CONGRATULATIONS to Kristen Ferguson and Andrew Yang who were married here yesterday!



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, including Nancy Livingston, on the loss of her son, Tony Goff.

FRIENDS AND FAMILY Anna Goff; 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 the lives lost and those who were injured in the Manchester bombing on Monday. 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.

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 Judy Chan, serving in Hong Kong.

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 one of 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 28

9 a.m. – Worship – Parish Hall

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

10 a.m. – Faith Formation Time for Adults – Education Wing Room D

11 a.m. – Worship – Sanctuary

Noon – Fellowship Hour – Playground

Monday, May 29

Office Closed All Day – Memorial Day

Tuesday, May 30

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

6 p.m. – Laundry Love – WashLand Laundromat, 1469 West Broad Street

7 p.m. – New Members Class – Parlor

Sunday, June 4: Pentecost

9 a.m. – Worship – Parish Hall

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

11 a.m. – Worship – Sanctuary

June Acolyte Schedule

June 4	Mae Hubbard	Cassidy Hopcraft
June 11	Mia Provenzano	Matty Provenzano
June 18	Ethan Murray	Ruby Holt
June 25	Mae Hubbard	AnnaSofia Severson

June Mission Offering Schedule

June 4	UCC – Strengthen the Church
June 11	Good Samaritan
June 18	CRIS
June 25	Health Gives Hope

OFFERING TOTAL FOR RECENT MISSIONS

May 21 – \$817.50 – March of Dimes

May 14 – \$1037.84 – The Well

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** 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.*

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



MEMBER ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK 6-1-Mary Day and Jim Fewlass, Kathleen and Jason Ferguson; 2-Rebecca and Jason Allen

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Organist/Choirmaster Emeritus	G. Dene Barnard
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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
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Treasurer	David Holt
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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
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Member-at-large	Neal Brower
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Deacon Council Representative	Janet Newcity

TRUSTEES

Chairperson	Lisa Morris
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