

**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

**DEPART TO SERVE**

**MAY 29, 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.

**DEDICATION OF RALPH FANNING ROOM TODAY** Following today's 11 a.m. service, there will be a brief dedication service to rename the Large Conference Room to the Ralph Fanning Room. Plan to join us!



**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. 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**.

**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](mailto:awagner@first-church.org). You also may include a photo (electronic image only).

**THANK YOU TO MEAL PROVIDERS FOR YOUTH MISSION TRIP**

Thank you to all individuals and committees for their support!

**June 6 – Monday** – Lunch @ work location – **Cook/Weaver Families**  
Dinner in Ralph Fanning Room – **Zimmerman Family**

**June 7 – Tuesday** - Lunch @ work location – **Deliman Family**  
Dinner in Ralph Fanning Room – **Justice and Mercy Committee**

**June 8 – Wednesday** - Lunch @ work location – **Kelm-Kallner Family**  
Dinner in Ralph Fanning Room – **Gies/Halbe Families**

**June 9 – Thursday** - Lunch @ work location -**Kulwicki Family**  
Dinner in Ralph Fanning Room – **Linda Slocum and LKS Staff**

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

**FRANKLINTON DONATIONS**

**FOR MISSION TRIP**

Since the mission trip is rapidly approaching, the congregation is being asked to help donate the following items: **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. **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.
2. **Volunteer:** Help is needed at the Booth on Saturday and decorating the float (Times TBA). Please sign up in the church office.



**FLOWER DEDICATIONS** If any of the following available dates has special meaning to you, please contact Marty Worth [mworth@first-church.org](mailto:mworth@first-church.org) to sign up for dedicating the flowers or sign up on the flower chart on the bulletin board outside the office: July 3, 10, 17, 24; August 28, September 25 and October 23. Thank you!

**JOYS AND CONCERNS**

Congratulations to Betty Johnson and Cindy Conn who were married here yesterday, and to Kathleen and Daniel Byrnes, who were married here on May 20.



**MEMBERS** Abby Salak and Melissa Prendergast; Margene Whittenberg; Ken Storey; Sarah Garbe; 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** Monica Depinet, sister of Tom Gies; 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 family and friends of Hilliard Police Officer Sean R. Johnson; the family and friends of Max Vokhgelt, friend of Alex Palmer; and the Colson and Leidheiser families, on the death of Virginia Colson-Leidheiser.

**THROUGHOUT THE WORLD** We continue to pray for those who battle mental illness daily; we pray for those who suffer from the effects of violent weather, including those in Kansas, Texas and Oklahoma.

**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 Botswana and Zimbabwe.

**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](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 [tabrens@first-church.org](mailto:tabrens@first-church.org) or 614-228-1741, ext. 13.*

**VOLUNTEERS FOR OUTSIDE GARDENING** We are looking for volunteers who like to work outside in garden beds. We need help with weeding and trimming. Please call or email Sharon Leidheiser at 614-228-1741, ext. 11 or [sleidheiser@first-church.org](mailto:sleidheiser@first-church.org).



## THIS WEEK AT FIRST CHURCH

### 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

### Monday, May 30 – Memorial Day

Office and Building Closed

### Tuesday, May 31

2 p.m. – Worship Planning – Parish Family Room  
6 p.m. – Laundry Love – Wash Land Laundromat,  
1469 West Broad Street, West Franklinton

### Wednesday, June 1

9:30 a.m. – Book Study: *How My Mind Has Changed* – Parlor

### Sunday, June 5 – Recognition of Graduates

9 a.m. – Worship: Morning Prayer and Holy Communion  
10 a.m. – First Church Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room  
11 a.m. – Worship – Sanctuary  
Noon – Congregational Meeting – Sanctuary  
4 p.m. – First Church Softball Game – AB Field 8

**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** 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.*

## June Fellowship Hour Schedule

June 5 Proverbs  
June 12 Psalms  
June 19 Romans  
June 26 Ruth

## May Acolyte Schedule

June 5 Chutney Anderson Alyssa Batchelor  
June 12 Miriam Myers Samantha Myers  
June 19 Finnegan Miller Ethan Murray  
June 26 Mae Hubbard Alaina Thompson

## June Crucifer Schedule

June 5 Joe Spofforth

## June Mission Offering Schedule

June 5 Gladden Community House  
June 12 Good Samaritan  
June 19 UCC – LGBT  
June 26 Community Shelter Board



**MEMBER BIRTHDAYS** 5/31-Lou Flocken, Ann Hunt, Judith Purdy; 6/1-Mariner Taft, Grant Washington; 2-Mikayla Knerr, Jack Trace; 3-Julie Vore; 4-Donald Erickson, Katie Wagner, Bill Wright; 5-Wyeth Rowley, Henry Wade; 6-Brittney Dean, Patty Pohlman, Natalie Setty

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

## 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  
*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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