



FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Depart to Serve

MAY 6, 2018

TEACHER/CONNECTIONS BREAKFAST TODAY IN THE CHILDREN'S LIBRARY The Christian Education Department will host a Teacher and Worship Connections appreciation breakfast today from 9 to 11 a.m. in the Children's Library.

FINAL CONGREGATIONAL EVENSONG AND CONCERT TODAY AT 4 P.M. Following Evensong, the choir will be joined by brass septet, harp, and percussion as they present "*Te Deum laudamus?*", four settings of the ancient canticle by Britten, Esenvalds, and Rutter.

FORMATIVE DISCUSSIONS FOR ADULTS ON MAY 6 AND MAY 13 Two sessions on Intersectionality and Racism will be presented by The OSU Department of Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies. Department chairperson, Shannon Winnubst and others will lead this important discussion at 10 a.m. in Room D.

TICKETS FOR THE NEHEMIAH ACTION ON MONDAY, MAY 7 Get your tickets today from BREAD network members as you exit from both of the worship services today. On Monday, May 7, plan to arrive at the Celeste Center on the State Fairgrounds before 6:40 p.m. and join the large group from First Church! Tickets also available during the week at the church office.

CAR POOL TO THE NEHEMIAH ACTION ON MONDAY, MAY 7 Meet in Parish Hall for pizza starting at 5 p.m. We'll share rides and depart for the Celeste Center at 6:15 p.m. Call the church office at 614-228-1741 or Antoinette Beynen at 614-451-9947 if you plan to join us for pizza.



CALLING ALL GRADUATES! If you or a family member is graduating from high school or college this year, send us some information including the individual's name, the school they are graduating from, and their degree and possible future plans. We will be recognizing our graduates on Sunday, May 20. Send the information to awagner@first-church.org. You also may include a photo (electronic image only).

FLOWERS/VEGETABLES FOR SALE FOR ON MAY 13! The youth groups of First Church have extra flowers and plants for sale on Sunday May 13 for those who did not have a chance to order in April. The flowers and vegetables are supplied by Strader's Greenhouse. Payment is due at the time of the sale. The flowers will be available for pick up on May 12-13. Plants available are: Burpee Hybrid cucumbers, squash, peppers (many varieties), eggplant, tomatoes (many varieties and sizes), red geraniums, white geraniums, salmon geraniums, vinca vine, sprengeri, spikes, and lavender wave petunias. The prices range from \$2 to \$3. This is a great way to help the youth toward their mission trip and the environment.

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.

MEAL SCHEDULE FOR YOUTH MISSION TRIP JUNE 4-8 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. Contact Dawn George at dawngeorge16@gmail.com for more information.

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.

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

SAVE THE DATE: WOMEN'S RETREAT SATURDAY, JUNE 16, 2018 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at David's UCC, Canal Winchester, Ohio.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

CONGRATULATIONS to Erin Johnson and Brian McDonald who were married here on Saturday.

MEMBERS Cathy Maupin; Anne Hudson; Andrew McGregor; Wally Giffen; Lindy Miller; Carl Miller; and families and friends who mourn the loss of loved ones, including the family of Don Streibig.

FRIENDS AND FAMILY Joyce Marcum, sister of Betty Conn; Bob Childs, brother-in-law of Martha Huey; Joan Corzine; Jim Fletcher, cousin of Paul and Gary Leidheiser; Brooke Chute, cousin of Amy Wagner.

THROUGHOUT THE WORLD We pray for the 110 people killed and hundreds injured by lightning strikes created by the powerful dust storm in northwestern India. We pray for political tensions around the world to end. We pray for immigrants and those seeking safety and peace for their families. We pray for the unrest in Yemen and in Nicaragua.

IN GOD'S HANDS: THE ECUMENICAL PRAYER CYCLE This week we pray with and for the people and churches of India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka.

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 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 6: 6th Sunday of Easter

9 a.m. – Worship: Morning Prayer and Holy Communion
– Parish Hall

9 a.m. – Exultate Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room

9 a.m. – Jubilate Choir – Music Activities Room

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

11 a.m. – Worship – Sanctuary

Noon – Fellowship Hour – Parish Hall

4 p.m. – Choral Evensong and Choir Concert –
Sanctuary

6 p.m. – Middle and High School Youth Groups –
Parish Hall

Monday, May 7

5 p.m. – Meal before BREAD Nehemiah Action – Parish Hall

7 p.m. – BREAD Nehemiah Action – Celeste Center Ohio State
Fairgrounds

Tuesday, May 8

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

7 p.m. – Executive Committee – Ralph Fanning Room

Wednesday, May 9

4 p.m. – Building and Office Close

Thursday, May 10

2 p.m. – SSRG Construction Meeting – Adult Library

7 p.m. – Security Team – Ralph Fanning Room

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

Saturday, May 12

8:30 a.m. – House and Grounds – Ralph Fanning Room

10 a.m. – First Church Quilters – Parish Family Room

9 a.m. – Flower Pick Up – Education Wing (ends at Noon)

Sunday, May 13: Schumacher Awards

9 a.m. – Worship: Morning Prayer and Holy Communion – Parish Hall

9 a.m. – Exultate Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room

9 a.m. – Jubilate Choir – Music Activities Room

10 a.m. – First Church Choir Warm Up – Choir Room

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

11 a.m. – Worship – Sanctuary Noon – Fellowship Hour – Parish Hall

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

April 29 – \$ 582.64 – Ohio Conference UCC

Outdoor Ministries

NEXT WEEK’S MISSION OFFERING – The Well

Salvation Army Anti Human Trafficking Program

MEMBER BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK Today – Eddie Anderson IV, Nick Boriin, Lee Anne Kiesel, Robyn Petras; 7 – Cameron Mailer, Morgan Shaw; 8 – Steven Deliman, Reese Magaw, Steve Secan; 9 – Cheryl Hoskinson; 10 – Anne Hudson; 11 – Paul Fishel Jr., Bennett Rowley, Kathy Young

MEMBER ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK 8 – Nancy and Larry Braverman, Laura and Lance Collins; 11 – Lori and Ben Horne; 12 – Sarah and Bill Lange

SABBATICAL INFORMATION Mark Williams, Director of Christian Education, will be on Sabbatical May 21 through August 21. A brochure is available at all entrances of worship explaining the Sabbatical and how the congregation can support the ministry during this time of learning and rest.

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
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	TBD

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, Keith White, Elaine Warren, 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.

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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).

Building Exterior Restoration – Phase 1 This church project will be performed on the eastern ‘Parish House’ part of the building and will include removal and rebuilding of all windows, replacement of steel lintels, and tuck pointing all mortar joints. Offices and meeting spaces will be relocated during this time. Scheduling for all meetings and use of the building is mandatory.

Current Activity:

SSRG contractor is in full operation. Covering windows, chiseling away mortar joints, replacing lintels. Window removal anticipated late May.

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

Parking Access: The West Lot can be accessed from Cleveland Avenue northbound from Broad Street only, and from the North Lot via the alley. Access to the North Lot will be from Ninth Street northbound from Broad Street.

Building Access:

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.

Gladden Social Justice Park This church project will transform the south end of the West Lot along Broad Street and along the east side of Cleveland Avenue into a community green space with numerous special features and artwork.

Anticipated Completion: September

Current Activity:

Continuing site preparations and preliminary ground work.

Parking Access: The parking lot entrance from Broad Street to the West Lot is closed for the duration of project. The West Lot can be accessed from Cleveland Avenue, 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.

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Creative Campus Roadway Improvements This City of Columbus project will upgrade the roadway, sidewalks, pedestrian safety, lighting and aesthetic elements of Cleveland Avenue, Gay Street, Ninth Street and Washington Avenue.

Anticipated Completion: October 22, 2018

Current Activity:

Continuing work on Cleveland Avenue and Gay Street. First phase scheduled for completion by July 4.

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Anticipated Completion: Friday, May 18, 2018.

Current Activity:

Completion of the cutover to new underground power on Friday, May 18. The church will be without power most of the day. Nothing will be scheduled at the church that day.

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