

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

DEPART TO SERVE

MAY 7, 2017



ACOLYTES TRAINING TODAY! There will be a 20-30 minute training session in the Narthex after the 11 a.m. worship service. Any interested 4th-7th grader is invited to participate. Contact Celeste Feather at 614-789-0516 or celeste@pandc.org for more information.

TEACHER/CONNECTIONS BREAKFAST TODAY The Christian Education Department is hosting a Teacher and Worship Connections appreciation breakfast from 9-11 a.m. in the Children's Library. All teachers and Worship Connection leaders will be recognized in both services.

THE FAITH FORMATION DISCUSSION FOR ADULTS Rev. Nancy Livingston will lead the "Opening the Word" track with "Book of Mark: Listen UP Bible Study Part 2". This wonderful series is for those who are interested in going deeper into the scriptures of Mark. The Faith Formation Time begins each Sunday at 10 a.m. in the Education Wing in Room D. The last session until the fall will be held on May 14.

FLOWER/VEGETABLE SALE ON MAY 14! The youth groups of First Church have extra flowers and plants for sale on Sunday, May 14 for those who did not have a chance to order in April. Plants available are: bush crop cucumbers, peppers (many varieties), pumpkins, tomatoes (many varieties and sizes), red geraniums, pink geraniums, salmon geraniums, vinca vine, sprengeri, spikes, and yellow wave petunias.

- **Sunday, May 14** – Schumacher Awards
- **Sunday, May 21** – Confirmation Sunday
- **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



JOYS AND CONCERNS

CONGRATULATIONS to Simone Slater and Eric Allen who were married here yesterday.

MEMBERS 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.

FRIENDS AND FAMILY Steve, friend of Mark Dahnke; William Lee; Betsy Williams, aunt of Cindy Conn; Verlie Rich, friend of Melva Fisher; Tom Amos, friend of Melva Fisher; Donna, mother of Neal Brower; Holly Reed, sister of Kathy Reed; Laelynn Hope LaRosa and family, friend of Brittanie Logel; Betty Garrison, mother of Kim Hopcraft; Ronald Lee, brother of William Lee; James Smith, Joe and Marjorie Kufel, parents of Sharon Leidheiser; and Jill Ford, friend of Mark Williams.

THROUGHOUT THE WORLD We pray for those affected by the deadly storms in Texas, Missouri, Arkansas and Mississippi. 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 India, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka.

MISSIONARIES This week we pray for Amelia Casillas and Pedro Carlo Munez, serving in Paraguay.

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.

UCC PRIDE 2017 – JUNE 17, 2017 The CSEO Association of the United Church of Christ is hosting a float for the Pride Parade. First Church will participate. If you are interested in serving as our Team Leader, or if you want to walk or ride in the parade, please contact Rev. Emily Corzine at ecorzine@first-church.org. Purple pride t-shirts are for sale for \$10 each. The deadline to order shirts is May 21.



MEMBER BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK Today - Cameron Mailer, Morgan Shaw; 8-Steven Deliman, Steve Secan; 9-Cheryl Hoskinson; 10-Anne Hudson; 11-Paul Fishel Jr., Kathy Young; 13-Bill Wirsching

MEMBER ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK 8-Nancy and Larry Braverman, Laura and Lance Collins; 11-Lori and Ben Horne; 12-Morgan and Christiana Bonito, Sarah and Bill Lange; 13-Beth and Joe Iannarino



NEW MEMBERS CLASS

TUESDAY, MAY 30 AT 7 P.M.

If you are interested in becoming a member of First Church, Rev. Ahrens and other church leaders will be hosting a new member class for you to learn more about our community of faith. New Members will be received into the life of the church at both 9 and 11 a.m. services on Sunday, June 11.

____ **Yes! Sign me up for the class!**

____ **Not at this time, but please contact me for the next class**

Name: _____

Email address: _____

Home Address: _____

Best Telephone # to reach me is: _____

Childcare will be available; please call the church office at 614-228-1741, ext. 10 to let us know how many children to expect.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST CHURCH

Sunday, May 7

- 9 a.m. – Worship: Morning Prayer and Holy Communion – Parish Hall
9 a.m. – Treble Choir – Music Activities Room
10 a.m. – Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room
10 a.m. – Faith Formation – Education Wing, Rooms C/D
11 a.m. – Worship – Sanctuary
12:30 p.m. – Teen Choir – Choir Room
12:30 p.m. – Confirmation – Education Wing, Room D
6 p.m. – Middle and High School Youth Groups Meeting – Parish Hall

Monday, May 8

- 9 a.m. – Good Samaritan Day – Sanctuary, Ralph Fanning Room,
and Parlor
5:45 p.m. – Church Growth/Vitality – Parlor
7 p.m. – Interfaith Bible Study – Parish Hall
7 p.m. – Trustees – Ralph Fanning Room

Tuesday, May 9

- 11:30 a.m. – Worship Planning – Parish Family Room
7 p.m. – Executive Committee – Ralph Fanning Room

Wednesday, May 10

- 10 a.m. – Staff Retreat – Sharon Leidheiser’s Home

Thursday, May 11

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

Saturday, May 13

- 9 a.m. – Flower Pick Up – Education Wing, Room D
10 a.m. – First Church Quilters – Ralph Fanning Room

Sunday, May 14: Schumacher Awards

- 9 a.m. – Worship: Morning Prayer and Holy Communion – Parish Hall
9 a.m. – Treble Choir – Music Activities Room
10 a.m. – First Church Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room
10 a.m. – Faith Formation Time – Education Wing, Rooms C and D
11 a.m. – Worship – Sanctuary Noon – Fellowship Hour – Parish Hall
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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.*

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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
Treble 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	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 Mozingo, David Nassau, Janet Newcity, Jorge Polo, Alejandro Rodriguez, Hugh Schultz

CHURCH COUNCIL

Moderator	Kent Shimeall
Moderator-Elect	Joe Baszynski
Treasurer	David Holt
Assistant Treasurer	Joe Hoffman
Secretary	Pat Patterson
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
House & Grounds	Eric Klintworth, Elect - Gary Leidheiser
Justice & Mercy	Al Glover, Elect - Dawn George
Music, Arts, & Heritage	Sharon Ferguson, Elect - Joel Mathias
Nominating Chair	Brian Cave
Member-at-large	Neal Brower
Youth-at-large	Joe Spofforth
Deacon Council Representative	Janet Newcity

TRUSTEES

Chairperson	Lisa Morris
Treasurer	Bill Johannes
Trustees	Chris Farquhar, Tom Hadley, Bill Heer, Lisa Morris, Sheldon Taft, Keith White, Gerry Worth