

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

DEPART TO SERVE

MAY 8, 2016



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. You also may include a photo (electronic image only).

TOILETRIES FOR GOOD SAMARITAN DAY The next Good Samaritan Day is Monday, May 9. Thank you for the contribution of personal hygiene items. They are really appreciated. We are in need of the following items, especially those listed in bold:

- Men's shampoo and/or body wash
- Women's shampoo and/or body wash
- **Women's deodorant**
- **Men's deodorant**
- **Disposable razors and shaving cream**
- **Toothpaste and toothbrushes**



A good source for these items in **full sizes** are Dollar Stores where everything in the store is \$1. Please leave your donations in the bin outside the church office. Thank you for your continued support of this vital outreach to the community.

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. The next Laundry Love is May

31 from 6-7 p.m. at WashLand. Contact Mark Williams (mwilliams@first-church.org) to volunteer.

YOU CAN HELP IN FRANKLINTON! The congregation is being asked to You can: provide lunch for a day for the youth participants and the home we are serving or an evening meal at First Church during the week, or provide paint brushes, paint trays, yard waste bags and Home Depot gift cards.

Meal Schedule for Youth Mission Trip We hope that church commissions/committees and families will volunteer for one of the time slots during the week of June 6-10. 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 Mark Williams at mwilliams@first-church.org for more information.

June 6 – Monday – Lunch @ work location _____
Dinner @ First Church Conference Room _____

June 7 Tuesday - Lunch @ work location _____
Dinner @ First Church Conference Room - Justice and Mercy Committee

June 8 – Wednesday - Lunch @ work location _____
Dinner @ First Church Conference Room _____

June 9 – Thursday - Lunch @ work location _____
Dinner @ First Church Conference Room _____

June 10 – Friday - Lunch @ work location _____

SECOND THURSDAYS FELLOWSHIP: MUSIC, POETRY, PRAYERS AND CONVERSATION with John Carter & Mary Kay Beall. The program will feature an eclectic mix of sacred and secular piano pieces, songs, hymns, original poems, and devotional time. Everyone is welcome to attend this Thursday, May 12 at 10:30 a.m.

HOUSEHOLD ITEMS NEEDED Rev. Ahrens has been in contact with a family that has just moved here from Texas. They have been homeless and are trying to establish themselves in Columbus. If anyone has any household items or furniture, please contact Rev. Tim at tahrens@first-church.org or 614-228-1741, ext. 13.

MEMBER BIRTHDAYS 9-Cheryl Hoskinson; 10-Anne Hudson; 11-Paul Fishel Jr., Kathy Young; 13-Bill Wirsching; 14-Kris Brant, Carol Woodard; 15-Andrew MacGregor, Allyson Wharton; 16-Greer Aeschbury, Elias Ewing

MEMBER ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK 11-Lori and Ben Horne; 12-Morgan and Christiana Bonito, Sarah and Bill Lange; 13-Beth and Joe Iannarino

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Congratulations to Laverne Koscher who will celebrate her 105th birthday on May 16. Laverne is the grandmother of Michael Koscher.

MEMBERS Brian Holt; Sarah Garbe; Vic Campbell; Lucille Kropp; John Carter; Madeline Helmer; Bernie Martin; Ray Pendell; and families and friends who continue to mourn the loss of loved ones.

FRIENDS AND FAMILY Kira, friend of Nancy Loy; Mark Bokenkamp, friend of Fran and Bruce Panek; Judy Presser; Bill Gutlieb; Theresa Norris; Virginia Colson-Leidheiser and the Colson and Leidheiser families; Lois Beery, friend of Mary Kay Beall Carter; Paul Caldwell, friend of Jeff Worth; Jacquelyn Banks Lowery, mother of Allison Lowery Palmer; Wendell Smith, father of Sarah Lange; David Kellermeyer, uncle of Tim Ahrens; 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 Steve Bassett and two-year-old, Frankie, on the death of wife and mother, Jenny Bassett, friends of Joe Baszynski.

THROUGHOUT THE WORLD We pray for the urban and suburban poor throughout the United States. We pray for those who work to end human trafficking around the world and those who work with victims to bring healing.

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 Sudan, South Sudan, and Uganda.

MISSIONARIES: This week, we pray for Bethany Waggoner, serving in Chile.

If you have any prayer requests or joys to share, please contact the church office (awagner@first-church.org or 614-228-1741, ext. 10) or one of the ministers: ecorazine@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 8– Seventh Sunday of Easter and Schumacher Award Presentation

9 a.m. – Worship: Morning Prayer and Holy Communion
 9 a.m. – Teen and Treble Choirs Rehearsal – Choir Room & Music Activities Room
 10 a.m. – First Church Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room
 10 a.m. – Christian Education – Ed Wing; Adult Ed – Rooms C / D
 11 a.m. – Worship – Sanctuary
 Noon – Fellowship Hour – Parish Hall

Monday, May 9

9 a.m. – Good Samaritan Day – Large Conference Room
 6:45 p.m. – BREAD Nehemiah Action Meeting – The Celeste Center, 717 E. 17th Ave. Columbus, OH 43211

Tuesday, May 10

2 p.m. – Worship Planning – Parish Family Room
 7 p.m. – Executive Committee – Large Conference Room

Wednesday, May 11

10 a.m. – Staff Retreat – Kevin Jones’ home

Thursday, May 12

10:30 a.m. – Second Thursday Fellowship – Music Activities Room
 7:15 p.m. – First Church Choir Rehearsal – Parish Hall

Friday, May 13

9 a.m. – Flower Delivery – Education Wing, Room C

Saturday, May 14

9 a.m. – Flower Pick Up – Education Wing, Room D
 10 a.m. – First Church Quilters – Large Conference Room

Sunday, May 15– Pentecost Sunday

9 a.m. – Worship: Morning Prayer and Holy Communion
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 6 p.m. – Middle and High School Youth Groups – 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 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** 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.*



May Fellowship Hour Schedule

May 8 Kings
 May 15 Leviticus
 May 22 Micah
 May 29 Numbers

May Mission Offering Schedule

May 8 BREAD
 May 15 Strengthen the Church
 May 22 Faith Mission Meal Team
 May 29 Laundry Love

May Acolyte Schedule

May 8 Nina Zimmerman Chutney Anderson
 May 15 Allysia Palmer Mae Hubbard
 May 22 Mia Provenzano Matty Provenzano
 May 29 Alaina Thompson Cassidy Hopcraft

May Crucifer Schedule

May 8 Cameron Wade
 May 15 Dylan Hopcraft
 May 22 Adam Wade
 May 29 Will Zimmerman

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
Building Manager Thomas Santiago
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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