



FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Depart to Serve

JUNE 3, 2018

SUNDAY CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS TOURS: TODAY AND JULY 1, AUGUST 5 AND SEPTEMBER 2 Join the Rev. Dr. Tim Ahrens for a brief tour to get an overview of the progress of the construction projects occurring both inside and outside of First Church. Meet Rev. Tim at the entrance of the Ralph Fanning Room, located on the first floor immediately across from the original church office, after either the 9 a.m. or 11 a.m. services.

WOMEN'S RETREAT: SATURDAY, JUNE 16 FROM 9:15 A.M. TO 3:30 P.M. at David's UCC, 80 W. Columbus Street, Canal Winchester, OH 43110. Our lives are full of distractions – jobs, family, health issues – you name it, the list is endless! Yet, we are constantly being asked to slow down, to breathe, and to live in the moment! Tzivian Gover, author of *Mindful Moments for Stressful Days*, states, "Living mindfully allows you to make choices from a place of compassion rather than from one of competition, and it trains you to respond with gratitude rather than with greed." Please join First Church women and the women of David's UCC, Canal Winchester, as we discover and experience simple ways to find meaning and joy in our daily lives. Program will begin promptly at 9:30 a.m. so plan to arrive by 9:15 a.m. for registration and coffee. Bring a salad to share for lunch. Maps and sign-up will be in the church office. Please call Jackie Dean at 614-868-0485 if you have any questions.

WELCOME TEAM MEETING ON JUNE 17, AT 10 A.M. Welcome Teams are needed to assist Refugees as they integrate into new lives in Columbus. Men and women of First Church are invited to meet on June 17th at 10 a.m. in the Fanning Room. A staff member from Community Refugee and Immigration Services (CRIS) will explain how a Welcome Team works. The goal of the meeting is to form a Welcome Team.

COMING UP: NEW MEMBER CLASS, MONDAY, JUNE 18 FROM 7-9 P.M. Interested in learning more about First Church and being part of this vibrant community of faith? Come and learn more. New Members will join at the 11 a.m. service on Sunday, June 24. For more information, please contact the Rev. Emily Corzine at ecorzine@first-church.org or at 614-221-1741 x21. New member classes for the fall will be announced soon.

FOOD BOX DELIVERY ASSISTANCE NEEDED Adults are asked to deliver food boxes to homebound seniors in Franklinton on Fridays. Gladden Food Pantry staff will load the boxes into cars. Deliveries are at 9:30 am or noon and take 1 to 1 ½ hours. For details and to volunteer for a shift, contact Lindsay Blackburn, Volunteer Coordinator, Gladden Community House, at 614-227-1619 or lindsayblackburn.gch@gmail.com.

- **CONGREGATIONAL CARE MINISTRY MEETING ON MONDAY, JUNE 4 AT NOON IN ROOM A** of the Education Wing
- **BOOK CLUB MEETING MONDAY, JUNE 4, AT 7 P.M.** in Room B of the Education Wing. We will discuss *Small Great Things* by Jodie Picoult.
- **BON VOYAGE CHORAL EVENSONG: SUNDAY, JULY 8 AT 4 P.M.** Please plan to attend the Choir's Bon Voyage Choral Evensong. The Tour Choir will sing music by Kenneth Leighton and the "Merton College" canticles by Ēriks Ešņvalds. They will also sing the joyful "Antiphon" by William Walton, all in preparation for their departure to England on July 12. We will also be commissioning the travelers for this mission trip during the liturgy. The Rev. Dr. Nancy Livingston will officiate, with Tyler Robertson as organist.



YOU ARE INVITED! TRIP TO ISRAEL/PALESTINE AND "THE PASSION PLAY" in Oberammergau, Germany in June 2020. That is right – 24 months from now. The Passion Play is performed in a small village in Germany once every ten years. It is an all-day event. We would take 9 days to see the Holy Lands. On Day 10, we would fly to Munich and see the city and Dachau Concentration Camp. Day 11 would be the Passion Play, and Day 12 would feature a trip to Ettal Abbey Linderhof Castle. We return to the USA on Day 13. Because the Passion Play tickets are sold in blocks and often sold out one year in advance, we are setting aside a block of 45 tickets now and securing commitments soon. We really need to have a preliminary count by June 20, 2018. Are you interested in going? Please contact the Rev. Dr. Tim Ahrens at tahrens@first-church.org, or call with questions, 614-228-1741, ext. 13.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS FOR MISSION TRIP We offer prayers for the youth and adults participating in the Mission Trip this week, as they go to the heart of West Franklinton for times of devotion, team building, and work experiences with the Senior Assistance Program of Gladden Community House and homeless camps in Columbus.

CONGRATULATIONS to Elizabeth Morelli and Danny Frank who were married here yesterday.

MEMBERS Nell Cole; Jane Weddell; Grace Glaros; Mary Kay Beall Carter; Ben Wiant; Anne Hudson; Marcy Essig; Wayne Redenbarger; Andrew MacGregor; Wally Giffen; Lindy Miller; and Carl Miller.

The white rose marks the death of Miriam Grace Shimeall Shanahan, daughter of Wyatt Shimeall and Cecilia Shanahan, granddaughter of Lisa Morris and Kent Shimeall.

FRIENDS AND FAMILY Jay Ruben; Mildred Livingston, mother of Nancy Livingston; Martha Dieckmann; Tim Acton; Charles Murray, father of Peter Murray; Joyce Marcum, sister of Betty Conn; and Brooke Chute, cousin of Amy Wagner.

We offer a special prayer for Mark Williams, Director of Christian Education, who is on sabbatical through August 21.

THROUGHOUT THE WORLD We pray for all those affected by the Kilauea Volcano's eruption in Hawaii. We pray for all affected by the crisis in Israel and Palestine.

IN GOD'S HANDS: THE ECUMENICAL PRAYER CYCLE This week we pray with and for the people and churches of Lesotho, Namibia, South Africa, and Swaziland.

MISSIONARIES This week we pray for Linda James serving in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

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, June 3

9 a.m. – Worship: Morning Prayer and Holy Communion – Parish Hall
10 a.m. – First Church Choir Warm Up – Choir Room
11 a.m. – Worship – Sanctuary
Noon – Fellowship Hour – Parish Hall
12:30 p.m. – Deacon’s Meeting – Ralph Fanning Room
4 p.m. – Choir High Tea Fundraiser

Monday, June 4

Noon – Congregational Care Ministry – Education Wing Room A
7 p.m. – Book Club – Education Wing Room B

Tuesday, June 5

2 p.m. – Worship Planning – Children’s Library
5:30 p.m. – Sacred Earth – Fanning Room
7 p.m. – Justice and Mercy – Fanning Room

Wednesday, June 6

11 a.m. – Book Study – Education Wing Room A
4 p.m. – Building and Office Close

Saturday, June 9

8:30 a.m. – House and Grounds – Ralph Fanning Room
10 a.m. – First Church Quilters – Parish Family Room

Sunday, June 10

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

May 27 – \$608.09 – Community Mediation Services

NEXT WEEK’S MISSION OFFERING – Laundry Love

MEMBER BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

4 – Katie Wagner; 5 – Wyeth Rowley, Henry Wade; 6 – Brittney Dean, Patty Pohlman, Natalie Setty; 7 – Lindy Miller; 8 – Elin Chambers, Beth Hunker; 9 – Ian Jacobson, Scott Jones

MEMBER ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

7 – Janet and Dan Axt, Emily and Jeff Corzine, Kaye and John Martin; 9 – Janice and Ron Cook, Mary and Charlie Weaver

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. (on sabbatical June 21-August 21)
Sabbatical Replacement Director of Christian Education	Karen Mozingo, Ph.D.
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 Mozingo, 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	Jim Griffin

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, Elaine Warren, Keith White, Gerry Worth

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