



FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Depart to Serve

JUNE 10, 2018

SAFE AND HEALTHY OHIO CAMPAIGN To learn more about this ballot initiative to reduce the incarceration rate in Ohio, stop by the Mission Table in Parish Hall, located directly beneath the Sanctuary, during Fellowship Hour.

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, Ohio 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." Bring a salad to share for lunch. A sign-up sheet is 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, 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.

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 a.m. or Noon and take 1 to 1 ½ hours. Please contact Lindsay Blackburn, Volunteer Coordinator, Gladden Community House, at 614-227-1619 or lindsayblackburn.gch@gmail.com for details and to volunteer for a shift.

FELLOWSHIP HOUR IN JULY Attention all friendly people! Church Growth and Vitality is looking for a few good parishioners who would be willing to host fellowship hour during the month of July. These are the lazy hazy days of summer so no big spread is required. We are looking for 2-3 people to make a pot of coffee, put out some water pitchers and generally welcome visitors and members alike after the service. It will be informal and relaxed. If the weather is good, we can even take it outside. Please contact Mary Anne Jacobson at 612-718-9834 or marytoddj@gmail.com if you and a couple buddies are willing to put your friendly foot forward!

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 Eriks Ešēnvalds. 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. 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.

Please note: the Ninth Street door will ONLY be open on Sunday mornings. Please use the North Education Wing Entrance to enter the building at all other times!

JOYS AND CONCERNS

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

FRIENDS AND FAMILY 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 killed and injured by Guatemala's Fuego volcano eruption and Kilauea Volcano's eruption in Hawaii. We pray for all affected by the crisis in Israel and Palestine. We pray for those around the world who suffer from brain diseases and we pray for their caregivers.

IN GOD'S HANDS: THE ECUMENICAL PRAYER CYCLE This week we pray with and for the people and churches of Botswana and Zimbabwe.

MISSIONARIES This week we pray for Martha Mensendiek serving in Japan.

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 10

9 a.m. – Worship: Morning Prayer and Holy Communion – Parish Hall
10 a.m. – Nominating Committee – Parish Family Room
11 a.m. – Worship – Sanctuary
Noon – Fellowship Hour – Parish Hall

Monday, June 11

9 a.m. – Good Samaritan Day – Ralph Fanning Room
7 p.m. – Christian Education – Jenny Provenzano’s home,
20 Trail Edge Circle, Powell, Ohio 43065
7 p.m. – Trustee’s Meeting – Ralph Fanning Room

Tuesday, June 12

2 p.m. – Worship Planning – Children’s Library
7 p.m. – Executive Committee – Ralph Fanning Room

Wednesday, June 13

9:30 a.m. – Staff Meeting – Children’s Library
4 p.m. – Building and Office Close

Thursday, June 14

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

Sunday, June 17

9 a.m. – Worship: Morning Prayer and Holy Communion – Parish Hall
10 a.m. – Welcome Team Committee – Ralph Fanning Room
11 a.m. – Worship – Sanctuary
Noon – Fellowship Hour – Parish Hall

MEMBER BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK Today - Rick Bennett, Hudson Fleurant, Pat Patterson; 11 – Lauren Hamman, Colin Thompson, Jan Wade, 12 – Camryn Corzine, Bill Nirote; 13 –Alexandria Cole, JJ Cole; 15 – Sam Klintworth; 17 – Julie Delong, Missy Zimmerman; 18 – Lukas Irons; 19 – Shawn Dingus, Carl Jacobson, David Nassau; 20 – Richard Mason; 21 – Rick Henderson, Ken Salak; 22 – Cindy Deliman; 23 – Evan Whaling

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

June 3 – \$616 – Strengthen the Church

NEXT WEEK’S MISSION OFFERING – Community Refugee and Immigration Services (CRIS)

MEMBER ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK Today –Kelly Dodd and Dean Hafey; 11 – Jennifer Mrozek and Gregory Buzzell; 12 – Melody and Paul Leidheiser; 14 – Gayle and Mike Henderson, Shannon and Christopher Washington; 16 – Debra and Fred Hadley; 17 – Luke and Kirsten Ahrens, Penny and Terry Casey, Celeste Feather and Peter Murray; 18 – Val and Phil Stichter; 19 –Deb and Tom Thompson; 20 – Sarah Amy and David Kruk; 21 –Sue and Frank Cook; Janet Newcity and Chris Gelpi; 22 – Wendy and Robert Reber; 23 – Kosby and Kevin Carrico

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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**“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.

From I-670, take Cleveland Avenue to Long Street. Follow the Cleveland Avenue detour signs: Turn East on Long Street to Washington Avenue; south to Broad Street. Turn right at Broad Street west to Ninth Street. Enter church parking from Ninth Street.

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).

Parking Access for All Projects

The West Lot can be accessed from Cleveland Avenue northbound from Broad Street only, 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.

Building Access for All Projects

The Ninth Street door will ONLY be open on Sundays. Please use the North Education Wing Entrance at all other times!

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.

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 wrapping up stone work on the North side of the Parish House. Scaffolding moving to the East side (Ninth Street) mid-June where work will continue as before.

Window removal is complete. Test window has been installed in the Custodial Office. Windows will be restored at Bovard Studios in Iowa. Restored windows scheduled for installation in October.

Church Main Office has been relocated. Look for directional signs.

Ninth Street entrance closed except Sundays and for emergency exit. All persons please enter the building at the North Ed Wing door.

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Anticipated Completion: September

Current Activity:

Concrete contractors working on footings for screen. First concrete pour anticipated week of June 4th. Additional excavation and debris removal. Installation of additional storm water drains happening soon.

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.

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