

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

DEPART TO SERVE

JUNE 18, 2017

WOMEN'S RETREAT JUNE 24 FROM 9 A.M. TO NOON

"It's Now - But..." The Gift of Remembering – A Sacred Journey

Come learn ways to "excavate" the past so that the "now" can be embraced. The Rev. Mary Ann Goetz will be our facilitator. Bring a brunch item to share. Coffee, tea and juice will be provided. Also, please bring pictures of yourself as a child that represent who you were and an object or a picture of an object that was meaningful to you at that time (i.e. skate key, pet, favorite toy, game). A sign-up sheet will be in the church office. If you have any questions, please contact Jackie Dean at 614-868-0485.

BE PART OF A MISSION OF MERCY Abbas, the seven-year-old boy from Iraq, had his first surgery which was successful. He has several appointments at Nationwide Children's Hospital before his next surgery. Transportation is needed to and from the hospital for the host family member and Abbas. If you can provide transportation for one of the trips, please call Dawn George at 614-338-0507. Thank you from Justice and Mercy.

NEXT LAUNDRY LOVE DATE IS TUESDAY,

JUNE 27 The children and youth of First Congregational Church invite you to join them in a year-long mission project called "Laundry Love", an initiative in partnership with individuals, groups and local Laundromats throughout the US. The initiative helps to wash the clothes and bedding of individuals and/or families living in poverty. We would love for members and friends to come and volunteer. This mission is solely dependent on your generous giving. Laundry Love from 6 to 7 p.m. at WashLand Laundromat, 1469 West Broad Street in West Franklinton.



COLUMBIA GAS WORK CONTINUES Columbia Gas has been working toward the replacement of the main gas line feeding the church. You will see trenches, some blocked sidewalk areas and pavement removal in the courtyard. Work will continue next week. Access to the building and the elevator will be maintained throughout the project. Additional work that is part of the 20/20 Project will be required in the courtyard area after Columbia Gas has completed their project. **Please observe all barricades and off-limits areas for your safety.**

THE CUPBOARDS ARE BARE. HELP RESTOCK! After facilitating our Good Samaritan Day last Monday, our supplies of toiletries are greatly diminished. We need the following items:

- Toothpaste
- Body wash for both men and women
- Shampoo
- Razors (disposable)
- Shaving cream
- Toilet paper



We would like to replenish our supply. *There is an easy way to do this!* When you come to church on Sundays or during the week for meetings, you can bring a few things and drop them in the bin outside of the church office. Please bring **full size items** (not samples). Good resources are weekly coupons in the newspaper and the Dollar Store is a treasure trove for such items. Buy one or several. Our clients are so appreciative for these gifts. Thank you in advance, and for all that you do to support our Good Samaritan program.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR - FAIRWELL TO PILGRIM HILLS: OCTOBER 7



Glorious Fall colors should greet us when we say official good-byes to Pilgrim Hills Camp on Saturday, October 7 in Brinkhaven, Ohio. Campers of all ages, counselors and directors, and friends are all welcome to

Pilgrim Hills for a ceremony of de-commissioning. We will sing, worship, tell stories of how we met each other and God in this space. We will have an opportunity for final camp tour, a community lunch and time for telling stories about the friendships and faith encounters made possible by the long history of our use of this sacred space. There will be an opportunity for an overnight visit for those who wish to arrive early and spend time on their own savoring special places and moments on the camp site. Official activities, however, are planned for Saturday. Registration will be available soon.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

CONGRATULATIONS to Molly O'Connor and Todd Locke who were married here yesterday.

MEMBERS Don Erickson; Lindy Miller; Carol Bensing; Ron Cook; Jane Weddle; Bernie Martin; Ray Pendell; and families and friends who continue to mourn the loss of loved ones.

FRIENDS AND FAMILY Ben Brewer, friend of Melva Fisher; Dan Campbell, friend of Greg Halbe; Marian Blum; David Wyatt; Kathie Daniels, daughter of Gleva Stephens; Abbas H. Al-Qaraghuli; and Jill Ford, friend of Mark Williams; and families and friends who continue to mourn the loss of loved ones.

THROUGHOUT THE WORLD We pray for the victims and families of the devastating hi-rise fire in London, England.. We pray for the victims and families of the shooting in Alexandria, Virginia. We pray for the victims of the explosion at the kindergarten in Beijing, China. 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. We pray for all people affected by brain disorders.

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

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

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.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST CHURCH

Sunday, June 18

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

Monday, June 19

7 p.m. – Personnel – Parish Family Room

Tuesday, June 20

Deadline for Newsletter Articles
11:30 a.m. – Worship Planning – Parish Family Room
7 p.m. – Church Council – Ralph Fanning Room

Saturday, June 24

9 a.m. – Faith Mission Meal Preparation – Kitchen

Sunday, June 25

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



MEMBER BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK Today –Lukas Irons; 6/19 Shawn Dingus, Carl Jacobson, David Nassau; 6/20 Richard Mason; 6/21 Rick Henderson, Ken Salak; 6/22 Cindy Deliman; 6/23 Evan Whaling; 6/24 Trenton Helmer, Eric Klintworth

MEMBER ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK Today – Val and Phil Stichter; 6/19 Ann and John Aecshbury, Deb and Tom Thompson; 6/20 Sarah Amy and David Kruk; 6/21 Sue and Frank Cook, Janet Newcity and Chris Gelpi; 6/22 Gail and Bill Johannes, Wendy and Robert Reber; 6/23 Kosby and Kevin Carrico

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.*



OFFERING TOTAL FOR LAST WEEK'S MISSION
June 11 – \$1,137.71 – Good Samaritan Program



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DIACONATE

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