UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

DEPART TO SERVE

June 19, 2016

TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME

Join First Church on Sunday, July 24 at 4:05 p.m. as the Columbus Clippers take on the Pawtucket Red Sox, as part of the Faith Days with the Clippers series. First Church will order tickets for reserved seating; tickets are only $7 for adult, youths and seniors! Please sign up in the office. Payment for tickets is due in full by July 10. Please make checks out to First Congregational Church, and indicate “Clippers Baseball Outing” in the memo line. Tickets will be available for pick up Sunday July 24 after worship (or possibly earlier).

THANK YOU FOR SHARING THE LIGHT!

Thank you to all First Church Youth who faithfully serve as acolytes in our 11 a.m. services year-round. We appreciate your dedication and commitment to fulfilling this important role in worship. Thanks also to their parents who support them in this effort, and to Cindy Deliman who serves as the coordinator for the Acolyte Ministry. Since Cindy establishes the acolyte schedule to cover several months at a time, occasionally the acolytes serving for a particular service do not match up with those listed in the bulletin due to last minute schedule changes. Acolytes include: Chutney Anderson, Alyssa Batchelor, Nick Boriin, Mae Hubbard, Miriam Myers, Nick Boriin, Allysia Palmer, Matty Provenzano, Mia Provenzano, Peter Spofforth, Alaina Thompson, and Nina Zimmerman.

NAMIWALKS: SUPPORT THOSE WHO STRUGGLE WITH MENTAL ILLNESS ON JUNE 25, 2016

1 in 5 adults experience a mental illness every year. Mental illnesses affect not only the person suffering from them, but their family members, friends, and community as well. However, recovery is possible. The National Alliance on Mental Illnesses Franklin County is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing FREE classes and support groups for those suffering from mental illnesses, as well as their family members and caregivers. Join NAMIFC for our 2016 NAMIWalks event on Saturday, June 25! Participate in a non-competitive 1 to 3 mile walk in support of those impacted by mental illness, to increase awareness, and to ensure that every single member of our community can get the help that they need. The walk will be in Wolfe Park, 105 Park Drive, Columbus, Ohio 43209. Registration begins at 9 a.m., and the walk begins at 10 a.m., followed by our second annual Health & Wellness Fair. Register today: http://www.namifw.org/franklincounty

NAMI HEALTH & WELLNESS FAIR EVENT ON JUNE 25, 2016

Interested in having a happy, healthy family? Want to learn more about all the community resources available to you? Join the National Alliance on Mental Illnesses Franklin County for our 2016 Health & Wellness Fair on Saturday, June 25 at Wolfe Park, 105 Park Drive, Columbus, Ohio 43209. For the first time ever, this year’s fair will feature the Family Wellness Olympics with fun activities for both kids and adults. Get resources and information to help you and your family live a healthy and balanced life. The event will also include food trucks, music, face painting, line dancing, and more! The fair will follow our NAMIWALKS event, a non-competitive 1 to 3 mile walk in support of those impacted by mental illnesses.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

BLESSINGS TO NEWLY MARRIED COUPLES

We extend our blessings and congratulate Jessica Dixon and Amin Ansari, who were married here Friday, and Adle Liefeld and Hunter Young, married here Saturday.

MEMBERS

Arlene Reynolds; Abby Salah and Melissa Prendergast and their daughter, Ruth Eloise; Sandy Bennett; Margene Whittenberg; Bernice Martin; Ray Pendell; and families and friends who continue to mourn the loss of loved ones, including: Margaret Capriani, on the death of her cousin Mary Margaret, Judy Smith, on the death of her sister Carol Smith; Cindy Deliman on the death of her aunt, Alta Smith; and Janet Stoneking, on the death of her mother Norma.

FRIENDS AND FAMILY

John and Elaine Poppe, father and step mother of Barb Poppe; Richie Balsi, cousin of Joe Bellissimo, who died recently; Bill Taylor; Bev Goldie; Lois Beery; Bill Gutlieb; Monica Depinet, sister of Tom Gies; Joe, Marjorie, and David Kufel, father, mother and brother of Sharon Leidheiser; Craig Smith, friend of Becky Magaw; Judy Presser; Ruby and Wendell Smith, parents of Sarah Lange; 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.

THROUGHOUT THE WORLD

We pray for those killed and injured in the shootings in Orlando, as well as their family and friends.

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 Angola and Mozambique.

MISSIONARIES

This week, we pray for Susan Vaillette, serving in South Africa.

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: curser@first-church.org or 614-228-1741, ext. 21, or twolfe@first-church.org or 614-228-1741, ext. 13.
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.

- **Offertry 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 website 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:


**Other Gifts:** Please designate your intention: Memorials, flowers, fund raising projects, music, education, etc.

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If you have a Facebook, Foursquare, or Instagram profile, please **CHECK-IN** and let friends know you are worshipping with us today. If you are on Twitter, please hashtag your tweets with #firstchurcbus.”

Please don’t forget to silence your device before worship begins.

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**MEMBER ANNIVERSARIES** 20-Sarah Amy and David Kruk, Julie and Eric Vore; 21-Sue and Frank Cook; 22-Gail and Bill Johannes, Wendy and Robert Reber; 23-Kosby and Kevin Carrico; 26-Virginia and James O’Neil