



FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Depart to Serve

JUNE 24, 2018



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR LAUNDRY

LOVE THIS TUESDAY, JUNE 26

Please consider volunteering for this month's Laundry Love from 6 to 7 p.m. this Tuesday at WashLand Laundromat, 1469 West Broad Street in West Franklinton. 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 which 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. Contact Amy Wagner at awagner@first-church.org or 614-228-1741, ext. 10 for more information or to sign up to volunteer.

SUNDAY CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS TOURS: 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.

SPECIAL CSEOA MEETING ON SATURDAY, JULY 7 AT 10 A.M. Our representatives on the Ohio Conference Wider Church Vision Team will present, discuss and answer questions about the Restructuring Proposal. The meeting will be hosted by Advent UCC, 2303 N. Cassady Avenue, Columbus, 43219. Everyone is invited, encouraged to attend, and fully participate! There is no cost, but we do request you register so the team will have enough materials on hand for everyone. The team is looking forward to hearing from you – members of our faith communities as we prayerfully discern ways to reach "the goal of which is to create a nimble and responsible judicatory, faithful in mission and responsible in stewardship." The registration link can be found here:

<http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07efgbi6xi6e131c66&llr=ewhgzg8cab>

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 Ešenvalds. 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.

BOOK CLUB MEETING – MONDAY, JULY 10 AT 7 P.M. IN THE NURSERY We will discuss *Defending Jacob* by William Landay. There will be light refreshments. Join us for a lively discussion and bring with you any recommendations for future selections.

DESPERATELY SEEKING A FEW GOOD PERSONS!

Attention all friendly people! Church Vitality and Growth 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. Church Vitality and Growth will supply the cookies. 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!



SENIOR MINISTER / MEMBER ADVISORY GROUP If you have any joys or concerns to share regarding our Senior Minister, please contact any one of the SMMAG members prior to the group's meeting on July 30 at 7 p.m. in Rev. Tim's office.

Kristen Blanks	333-990-1250	kristenblanks@gmail.com
Duan Cannon	614-589-7046	Duanie@aol.com
Gerry Hudson	614-879-6667	ghudson@wittenberg.edu
Tom Kiesel	614-795-0866	kiesel44@msn.com
Jenny Provenzano	614-395-2428	jenpro1@gmail.com
Steve Sterrett	614-262-4586	sterrett.1@osu.edu

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 Martha Loy; Jane Weddle; Grace Glaros; Mary Kay Beall Carter; Ben Wiant; Marcy Essig; Wayne Redenbarger; Andrew MacGregor; Wally Giffen; Lindy Miller; and Carl Miller; and those who mourn the loss of loved ones, including Kristen Koly Blanks, on the death of her grandmother.

FRIENDS AND FAMILY Dorothy Sushila, mother of Malini Gnanatheeban; Mildred Livingston, mother of Nancy Livingston; Tim Acton; 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 immigrants and refugees fleeing violence and abuse around the world. We pray for aid workers along the Southern border of the United State. We pray for continued peace along the Korean peninsula. We pray for peace in the Middle East. We pray for those affected by natural disasters around the world. We pray for those who suffer from brain diseases and their caregivers.

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

MISSIONARIES This week we pray for Kearstin Bailey serving in Greece.

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 24: Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

9 a.m. – Worship: Morning Prayer and Holy Communion – Parish Hall
11 a.m. – Worship – Sanctuary
Noon – Fellowship Hour – Parish Hall
Noon – Lincoln Information Meeting for Travelers – Choir Room
1 p.m. – Lincoln Choir Rehearsal

Monday, June 25

7 p.m. – Lincoln Choir Rehearsal

Tuesday, June 26

2 p.m. – Worship Planning – Children’s Library
6 p.m. – Laundry Love – WashLand Laundromat,
1469 West Broad Street

Wednesday, June 27

9:30 a.m. – Staff Meeting – Children’s Library

Thursday, June 28

7 p.m. – Lincoln Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, July 1: Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

9 a.m. – Worship: Morning Prayer and Holy Communion – Parish Hall
10:15 a.m. – Tim’s Construction Progress Tour
11 a.m. – Worship – Sanctuary
Noon – Fellowship Hour – Parish Hall
12:15 p.m. – Tim’s Construction Progress Tour

MEMBER BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK Today – Trenton Helmer, Eric Klintworth, Sarah Trace; 25 – Benton Ahrens, Donald Dunn, Heather Whaling; 26 – Eric Boyd, Lauren Holt, Dan Logel, Jonathan Miller, Rhonda Poirier; 27 – Alice Cook; 29 – Andrew McWilliams, Kathy White; 30 – Sarah Allen, Kathryn Reed

MEMBER ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK 26 – Virginia and James O’Neil; 27 – Carol and Alejandro Rodriguez; 29 – Pam Kallner and Russ Kelm

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 17 – \$901.30 – CRIS

NEXT WEEK’S MISSION OFFERING – St. John UCC’s The Largest Table

THE CUPBOARDS ARE BARE. HELP RESTOCK! After facilitating our Good Samaritan Day this month, 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



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, Tayire 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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