

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

DEPART TO SERVE

JUNE 25, 2017

IN CELEBRATION OF THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
A LITANY WRITTEN BY THE REV. DR. TIMOTHY C. AHRENS

Please stand as you are able.

The Rev. Dr. Ahrens

L: On June 25, 1957, the United Church of Christ was born in Cleveland, Ohio. The Congregational Christian Church and The Evangelical and Reformed Church united, bringing together four streams of Protestant Christianity in America dating back to our nation's earliest days. It was the first time in the history of the Christian church that unity, rather than division, had marked our heritage. Today we celebrate the unique and beautiful creation of Christ's church known as the United Church of Christ.

Mark Williams

L: In John 17:20-21, Jesus prays to God on behalf of his disciples, "I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me."

All: May we all be One.

9-Alejandro Rodriguez/11-Alec Deitz

L: As our Savior called his disciples to unity, we pray this day, God of grace and God of glory, that we may also be one in Christ. We ask that you send your Spirit upon us as we lift up and celebrate our United Church of Christ.

All: May we all be One.

9-Laurie Maynell/11-Amy Wagner

L: For our visionary forbearers in faith who believed that your church should be united and not divided, we give you thanks, O God.

All: May we all be One.

9-The Rev. John Aeschbury/11-The Rev. William R. Nirote

L: For your Word preached and taught, your sacraments celebrated in Baptism and Holy Communion, your love uniting all who share the covenant of love; your eternal presence when the last breath of earth becomes the first breath of heaven, we give you thanks, O God.

All: May we all be One.

9-Shelly Gies/11-Jacquelyn Dean

L: For your presence in trial and rejoicing; for your presence in prayer and purposeful living; for your witness of justice and peace lived in our homes, our church, and on the streets of our city throughout our 60 years of life together, we give you thanks, O God.

All: May we all be One.

9-Kevin Jones/11-Dene Barnard

L: For the symphony of sound in the music of your church which has lifted spirits and brought us together in worship and praise of your glorious name, we give you thanks, O God.

All: May we all be One.

9-Nathaniel Vogt/11-Rev. Lauren Emery

L: For Confirmands and Converts; for Saints and Seekers; for those who proclaim your name with Holy Boldness, and those who are skeptics and struggle to proclaim your name, we give you thanks, O God.

All: May we all be One.

9-Donna Vogt/11-Sammy Myers

L: Our future is in your hands, O God. Be gentle with us. Be kind to us. Be merciful with us. Call us out into the world to be your witnesses of love and justice. Guide our hearts, minds, bodies, and our very lives that we may always remember that our beginning and our ending is discovered and rediscovered every day in joyfully following our Savior and founder of our faith, Jesus Christ.

All: May we all be One.

Our Lord's Prayer

Rev. Ahrens

Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread,

and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,

for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever.

Amen.

PLEASE JOIN the Wade family in celebrating Adam Wade's Eagle Court of Honor on Sunday, July 2 at 2 p.m. in the sanctuary. A brief reception will follow in the Parlor. Adam is most grateful to his church family for their support of his Scouting journey and his Eagle project.

LAUNDRY LOVE IS TUESDAY, JUNE 27 Please contact Mark Williams at mwilliams@first-church.org if you are able to volunteer this Tuesday from 6 to 7 p.m. at WashLand Laundromat, 1469 West Broad Street in West Franklinton.

COLUMBIA GAS HAS INSTALLED THE NEW GAS LINE TO THE CHURCH However, reconstruction of sidewalks and the courtyard area is an ongoing process. There will continue to be trenches, some blocked sidewalk areas and pavement removed in the courtyard. Access to the building and the elevator will be maintained; however, additional work that is part of the 20/20 Project will be required in the courtyard area. Please observe all barricades and off-limits areas for your safety.

THE CUPBOARDS ARE BARE. HELP RESTOCK!

Our supplies of toiletries are greatly diminished. Please bring *full size items* and drop them in the bin outside of the church office.

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



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 June 26 at 7 p.m. in Rev. Tim's office.

Kristen Blanks	333-990-1250	kristenblanks@gmail.com
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MEMBER BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK Today – Benton Ahrens, Heather Whaling; 6/26 Eric Boyd, Lauren Holt, Dan Logel, Jonathan Miller, Rhonda Poirier; 6/27 Alice Cook; 6/29 Andrew McWilliams; Kathy White; 6/30 Sarah Allen, Kathryn Reed; 7/1 Penny Casey, Larry Walquist, Olivia Rodriguez, Ashton Smith

MEMBER ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK 6/26 Virginia and James O'Neil; 6/27 Carol and Alex Rodriguez; 6/29 Pam Kallner and Russ Kelm; 7/1 Mike and Robyn Petras

JOYS AND CONCERNS

CONGRATULATIONS to Cara Ratcliff and Michael Mayhugh who were married here yesterday.

PRAYERS FOR CAMPERS We hold in prayer First Church members attending camp this week: Chutney Anderson, Eddie Anderson, Miriam Myers, Sammy Myers, Maggie Myers, and Nina Zimmerman. Send them a note at Pilgrim Hills, 33833 Township Road 20, Brinkhaven, Ohio 43006.

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

FRIENDS AND FAMILY Rev. Roger Miller; Navamani Peter, mother of Pavan Peter; Paul Hunt, cousin of Mary Kay Beall Carter; Ben Brewer, friend of Melva Fisher; Dan Campbell, friend of Greg Halbe; Marian Blum; David Wyatt; Kathie Daniels, 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 all persons along the Gulf Coast who are impacted by tropical storm Cindy. 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 Kenya and Tanzania.

MISSIONARIES This week we pray for Lindley Kinerk, serving in Sri Lanka.

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.

OFFERING TOTAL FOR LAST WEEK'S MISSION
June 18 – \$741.00 – CRIS



THIS WEEK AT FIRST CHURCH

Sunday, June 25

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

11 a.m. – Worship – Sanctuary

Monday, June 26

6 p.m. – Budget and Finance Committee – Parish Family Room

7 p.m. – Senior Minister Member Advisory Group – Rev. Ahrens' Office

Tuesday, June 27

11:30 a.m. – Worship Planning – Parish Family Room

6 p.m. – Laundry Love – WashLand Laundromat,
1469 West Broad Street

7 p.m. – Deacon's Meeting – Ralph Fanning Room

Wednesday, June 28

9:30 a.m. – Staff Meeting – Ralph Fanning Room

Sunday, July 2

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

11 a.m. – Worship – Sanctuary

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.*

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.
Commissioned Minister for Social Justice	Tom Brownfield
Commissioned Minister for Spiritual Formation and Direction	Jacquelyn Dean
Organist/Choirmaster Emeritus	G. Dene Barnard
Treble 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	Evin Wimberly, Simone Ellerson, Natalie Barker, Taylre Arnold

DIACONATE

Senior Deacon	Alec Deitz
Deacons	Kris Brant, Anthony Brown, Valerie Conlin-Losinski, Bert Cook, Martha Fullemann, Dean Hafey, Todd Jacobson, Karen Mozingo, David Nassau, Janet Newcity, Jorge Polo, Alejandro Rodriguez, Hugh Schultz

CHURCH COUNCIL

Moderator	Kent Shimeall
Moderator-Elect	Joe Baszynski
Treasurer	David Holt
Assistant Treasurer	Joe Hoffman
Secretary	Pat Patterson
Assistant Secretary	Nancy Loy

COMMISSIONERS

Administration	Sue Cook, Elect - Chris Glaros
Church Growth/Vitality	Kent Rambo and Mary Anne Jacobson, co-chairs; Elect - Tom Kiesel and Mary Anne Jacobson
Education	Helen Ninos, Elect - Chris Gelpi
House & Grounds	Eric Klintworth, Elect - Gary Leidheiser
Justice & Mercy	Al Glover, Elect - Dawn George
Music, Arts, & Heritage	Sharon Ferguson, Elect - Joel Mathias
Nominating Chair	Brian Cave
Member-at-large	Neal Brower
Youth-at-large	Joe Spofforth
Deacon Council Representative	Janet Newcity

TRUSTEES

Chairperson	Lisa Morris
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