



FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Depart to Serve

JULY 1, 2018

SUNDAY CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS TOURS: TODAY, 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 Ēriks Ešēvalds. 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.

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



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.

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 the Nursery.

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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

SECURITY ANNOUNCEMENT: You may notice additional, uniformed security outside and inside the building on Sunday mornings. These personnel are from our contracted security firm, Anchor Security, and are present with us for everyone’s safety and security. Be sure to introduce yourself to them. We appreciate their presence with us in these coming months.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

CONGRATULATIONS to Leah Hecker and Miranda Martin who were married here yesterday.

MEMBERS Jude Gelfius; Martha Loy; Jane Weddle; Mary Kay Beall Carter; John 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.

FRIENDS AND FAMILY Sue Jones, mother of Ryan Jones; Caleb Secor, grandson of Dennis Secor; 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 those who feel the threat to democracy around 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 States. 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 Sudan, South Sudan and Uganda.

MISSIONARIES This week we pray for Amelia Casillas and Pedro Carlo Muñiz serving in Paraguay.

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, 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
12:15 p.m. –Tim’s Construction Progress Tour

Tuesday, July 3

2 p.m. – Worship Planning – Children’s Library

Wednesday, July 4

Building and Office Closed

Thursday, July 5

7 p.m. – Lincoln Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room

Saturday, July 7

8:30 a.m. – House and Grounds Committee – Fanning Room

Sunday, July 8

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
4 p.m. – Bon Voyage Choral Evensong

MEMBER BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Today – Penny Casey, Larry Walquist, Olivia Rodriguez, Ashton Smith; 2 – Scott Graham, Courter Shimeall; 3 – Liam Collins; 4 – Tom Gies, Cori Rowley; 5 – Bronya Boykin, Nancy Evans; 6 – Sandy Mathias, Janet Newcity; 7 – Kathy Brownfield

MEMBER ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

Today – Stacie and Mark Sholl, Robyn and Mike Petras; 6 – Mark Williams and Tim Carsey; 7- Trisha and Tom Bishop, Lauren and Scott Hamman, Kerry and Rob O’Leary

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 24 – \$660.22 – Faith Mission

NEXT WEEK’S MISSION OFFERING – Children’s Defense Fund



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. For the safety of everyone in the building, both of these doors will be locked shortly after the Sunday 11 a.m. service begins. The elevator will continue to be available as well as the entrances from Broad Street and the West Lot.

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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**“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

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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) the week of July 1st where work will continue as before.

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Anticipated Completion: September

Current Activity:

Concrete contractors have completed 2 large sections of the Art Screen. Additional work to commence immediately. Contractors installing underground drain lines now.

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.

Anticipated Completion: October 22, 2018

Current Activity:

Current work on Cleveland Avenue and Gay Street scheduled to be complete around July 4.
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Gay Street will be complete from Cleveland Avenue east to the first entrance into the Art Museum parking lot.
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