



# FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

## Depart to Serve

JULY 8, 2018

**BON VOYAGE CHORAL EVENSONG TODAY 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 9 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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**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.

**DONATIONS FOR LAUNDRY LOVE NEEDED** In support of "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, First Church collects donations of **trash bags, laundry detergent and dryer sheets** from the congregation. This mission is solely dependent on your generous giving. Please continue to save your quarters as well. The next Laundry Love day will be **July 31**. We would love for members and friends to join us the last Tuesday of each month from 6 to 8 p.m. at WashLand Laundromat, 1469 West Broad Street in West Franklinton to serve those in need. Justice and Mercy Commission, Good Samaritan Fund and The Gladden House are also partnering with this important mission. We need volunteers each month! Come join us in serving those in need.

**THE CUPBOARDS ARE BARE. HELP RESTOCK!** Our supplies of toiletries for our Good Samaritan program are greatly diminished. We need the following items:

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



**CELEBRATING JEFF THOMPSON ON SATURDAY, JULY 28 AT 3 P.M. AT TEMPLED HILLS** The Ohio Conference UCC is sponsoring a celebration of Jeff Thompson's dedicated service to outdoor ministries, and you are invited. This will be a time for story-telling, shared memories, and prayers. The celebration will have a cookout, and a free-will offering will be gratefully received. More information to follow, but mark the date, plan to travel to Templed Hills for an afternoon of mixed emotions: sadness at the sudden loss of Jeff, concern and care for Carolyn and Greg, and joyful memories of all his friendships and stewardship for some 27 years!

### JOYS AND CONCERNS

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Katie Gies and Steven Deliman who were married here yesterday.

**MEMBERS** Melva Fisher; Jude Gelfius; Martha Loy; Jane Weddle; Mary Kay Beall Carter; John Carter; 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** Ben Wiant; Mary Ellen Frickie, sister of Ed Koetz; Brian Rideout, son of Marti and Rob Rideout; 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; and the family of Jeff Thompson, Camp Manager at Templed Hills.

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 the trapped soccer team in Thailand and the ongoing rescue efforts and volunteers. We pray for the peace and safety of those in Central America. 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 Eritrea and Ethiopia

**MISSIONARIES** This week we pray for Allison Trezona serving in the United Kingdom.

**Need Prayer?** If you have any prayer requests or joys to share, please contact Amy Wagner, Office Manager, at [awagner@first-church.org](mailto:awagner@first-church.org) or 614-228-1741, ext. 10 or the ministers: [ecorzine@first-church.org](mailto:ecorzine@first-church.org) or 614-228-1741, ext. 21, or [tahrens@first-church.org](mailto:tahrens@first-church.org) or 614-228-1741, ext. 13.

## THIS WEEK AT FIRST CHURCH

### Sunday, July 8

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

11 a.m. – Worship – Sanctuary

Noon – Fellowship Hour – Parish Hall

4 p.m. – Bon Voyage Choral Evensong

### Monday, July 9

9 a.m. – Good Samaritan Day – Ralph Fanning Room

6:30 p.m. – Christian Education Meeting – Gelpi / Newcity Home, 424

W. 2nd Avenue, Columbus, 43201

7 p.m. – Book Club – Nursery

### Tuesday, July 10

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

7 p.m. – Executive Committee – Nursery

### Wednesday, July 11

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

### Saturday, July 14

8:30 a.m. – First Church Quilters – Parish Family Room

9:30 a.m. – CSEOA Council Meeting – Ralph Fanning Room

### Sunday, July 15

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



11 a.m. – Worship – Sanctuary

Noon – Fellowship Hour – Parish Hall

**MEMBER BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK** Today – Joyce Campbell, Mike Rippel, Arstell Washington; 9 – Joan Lebold

**MEMBER ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK** Today – Tammy and Eddie Anderson, Denise and Nate Vogt; 9 – Mary Ann and Herb Goetz; 10 – Angela Evans and Courter Shimeall; 11 – Alan and Murley Miller, Shelly and Tom Gies; 12 – Cindy and John Deliman; 13 – Julie and Tom Stewart

**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](http://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**  **PayPal** 
- **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

July 1 – \$798.58 – The Largest Table

**NEXT WEEK’S MISSION OFFERING** – NAMI of Franklin County



**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**

**The Ninth Street door will ONLY be open on Sundays. Use the North Education Wing Entrance at all other times! Both doors will be locked shortly after the Sunday 11 a.m. service begins. The elevator, Broad Street and West Lot doors will still be available.**

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 avoid the Park construction fence. Continue 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:**

Scaffolding and fencing has moved to the East and South sides of the building where work will continue as before. All persons are encouraged to avoid the Ninth Street doors. Please exit the building thru the North Ed Wing doors or elevator ONLY.

Church Main Office has been relocated. Look for directional signs.

***Anticipated Completion:*** October 31, 2018

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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 have installed underground drain lines.

**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 mid-July.

Work on Cleveland Avenue will be completed on the East side and then switch to the West side. Traffic will continue to be a single lane North-bound only.

Gay Street will be complete from Cleveland Avenue east to the first entrance into the Art Museum parking lot.

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