



FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Depart to Serve

JULY 15, 2018

SECOND QUARTER PLEDGE STATEMENTS ARE IN YOUR CHURCH

MAILBOX. These statements reflect donations from January 1, 2018-June 30, 2018. Please pick up your statement and review where you are on your pledge. Thank you for your gifts to First Church's programs, missions and budget. Please contact Sharon Leidheiser at Sleidheiser@first-church.org or 614-228-1741 ext. 11 if you have any questions on your statement. Also, if you have not made a pledge, it is not too late.

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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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 GOOD SAMARITAN CUPBOARDS ARE BARE. HELP RESTOCK!

Our supplies of toiletries for our Good Samaritan program are greatly diminished. We need the following items:

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



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!

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.

SERMON SERIES Beginning July 29 and lasting through September 2, we will have a special summer sermon series entitled, "The New Social Gospel." Guest preachers will join the Rev. Dr. Tim Ahrens through the month as we lift-up the themes of Washington Gladden's Social Gospel for a new age! Don't miss the six weeks of special sermons. The first sermon is entitled, "The Prophet of the Social Gospel."

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.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

CONGRATULATIONS to Ali Dillon and Drew Levorsen who were married here yesterday.

MEMBERS Jude Gelfius, who is facing surgery tomorrow; 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, including Mary Anne Jacobsen, on the death of her mother, Mary Kreider; and Ed Koetz, on the death of his sister Mary Ellen Frickie.

FRIENDS AND FAMILY Ben Wiant; 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; 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.

We pray for the First Church Choir and travelers as they travel to the United Kingdom.

We continue to pray for the Vision Team of the Ohio Conference UCC.

THROUGHOUT THE WORLD We pray for the rescued soccer team in Chiang Rai, Thailand. 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 Djibouti and Somalia.

MISSIONARIES This week we pray for Jeff Wright serving in Israel/Palestine.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST CHURCH

Sunday, July 15

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

11 a.m. – Worship – Sanctuary

Noon – Fellowship Hour – Parish Hall

Monday, July 16

Noon – First Church Care Ministry – Nursery

Tuesday, July 17

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

Friday, July 20

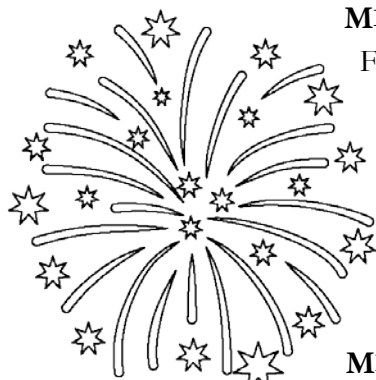
Deadline for Newsletter

Sunday, July 22

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 – Francille Firebaugh; 16 – Steve Brandehoff, Mark Brown, Shelly Gies, Sharon Leidheiser, David Magers, Twink Starr; 17 – Angela Evans, Mary Lightbody, Todd Jacobson; 18 – Michael Hopcraft; 19 – Bev Cook, Betsy Trace, Mariah Watts

MEMBER ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

Today – Anne and Gerry Hudson, Sarah and Erik Mitchell; 17 – Carol and Jim Gallagher, Natalie and Tristan Setty; 21 – Lauren and Matt Emery

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.
- **Other Gifts:** Please designate your intention: *Memorials, flowers, fund raising projects, music, education, Building Endowment, House and Grounds Special Projects, etc.*



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OFFERING TOTAL FOR LAST WEEK’S MISSION

July 8 – \$561.30 – Children’s Defense Fund

NEXT WEEK’S MISSION OFFERING – Good Samaritan 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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