

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

DEPART TO SERVE

JULY 16, 2017

NEXT BOOK STUDY SELECTION On Wednesday, August 2 at 11 a.m., the Book Study will begin discussing Paul Tillich's *The Courage to Be*. Tillich defines courage as the self-affirmation of one's being in spite of a threat of non-being. He relates courage to anxiety – anxiety being the threat of non-being and courage – what we use to combat that threat. Tillich outlines three types of anxiety: The Anxiety of Fate and Death; The Anxiety of Guilt and Condemnation; and, finally, The Anxiety of Meaningless and Emptiness, and thus three ways to display The Courage to Be.

Through the anxiety of our time, this classic book will give us all a language and a pathway to discover the courage that is in each one of us.



LOOKING FOR FELLOWSHIP AFTER THE 11 AM SERVICE?

Coffee and Fellowship will return on July 30. We hope that you will be able to find a few minutes to come downstairs, meet someone new, and catch up with those who you know.

Some of you may be wondering what the plan is for Fellowship following our 11 a.m. service. We currently have 10 working groups who are available to host our Fellowship. Given the time constraints of these groups, we are currently planning one Fellowship event/month utilizing these existing groups. In addition to these groups, the Church Vitality Committee is opening up dates for individuals or small groups to host additional Fellowship events on available weekends. A sign-up sheet with open dates is posted on the Church Vitality bulletin board across from the office for those who would like to volunteer for this Sunday ministry. If you are interested in hosting Fellowship, being a part of a Fellowship Hosting Group, or simply finding out more about this ministry, please contact Mary Anne Jacobson either through email at marytoddj@gmail.com or via text/phone at 612-718-9834.

TEMPORARY NURSERY WORKER POSITION First Church is seeking a Temporary Nursery worker for the months of September through December. The position will work at least two Sundays per month. Please contact Mark Williams at mwilliams@first-church.org for more information.

SECOND QUARTER PLEDGE STATEMENTS ARE HERE! Second quarter pledge statements are now available in your church mailbox. These statements reflect pledge donations from January 1, 2017-June 30, 2017. If you have any questions please contact Sharon Leidheiser 614-228-1741 ext.11 or Sleidheiser@first-church.org. First Church thanks you for your gifts to the church's programs, missions and general budget. Blessings!



OFFERING TOTAL FOR LAST WEEK'S MISSION
July 9 – \$575.55 – Children's Defense Fund

NEXT WEEK'S MISSION OFFERING
Faith Mission Meals

JOYS AND CONCERNS

CONGRATULATIONS to Holly Kidwell and William Ore who were married here yesterday.

MEMBERS Frank Hussey; 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 Diane Hymans; Patrick Prendergast, father of Melissa Prendergast; Marjorie Kufel, mother of Sharon Leidheiser; Paul Avona; Rev. Louis Dorsch; Rev. Roger Miller; Abbas H. Al-Qaraghuli; and Jill Ford, friend of Mark Williams; and families and friends who continue to mourn the loss of loved ones, including Eamonn Coyle and Jeff Worth, son of Marty and Gerry Worth, on the death of Eamonn's sister, Anne Coyle.

THROUGHOUT THE WORLD We pray for the families of the 16 Marines killed in the plane crash in rural western Mississippi. We continue to pray for those suffering from the devastating famine in South Sudan. We pray for individuals and families who face immigration and deportation challenges. We pray for all people affected by brain disorders. We pray for churches of Egypt and the Middle East.

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 Jerri Handy, serving in Mexico.

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.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST CHURCH

Sunday, July 16

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

11 a.m. – Worship – Sanctuary

Monday, July 17

Noon – First Church Care Ministry – Ralph Fanning Room

7 p.m. – Personnel – Parish Family Room

Tuesday, July 18

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

7 p.m. – Executive Committee – Ralph Fanning Room

Thursday, July 20

Deadline for Newsletter

Sunday, July 23

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

11 a.m. – Worship – Sanctuary

Noon – Planned Giving Meeting – Ralph Fanning Room

Celebrate!

MEMBER BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK Today – Steve Brandehoff, Elizabeth Drotleff, Mark Brown, Shelly Gies, Sharon Leidheiser, David Magers, Madeline McWilliams, Twink Starr; 7/17 – Angela Evans, Mary Lightbody, Todd Jacobson; 7/18 – Michael Hopcraft; 7/19 – Bev Cook Betsy Trace, Mariah Watts; 7/22 – Janice Cook, Marilyn Lewis, Eric Chambers

MEMBER ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK 7/17 – Carol and Jim Gallagher, Natalie and Tristan Setty; 7/21 – 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 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.
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Director of Christian Education	Mark S. Williams, M. Ed.
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Custodians	William Lee, Jimmy Sibrian
Wedding Coordinators	Janet Axt, Margaret Cipriani, Diana Chandler, Amy Wagner, Katie Wagner
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DIACONATE

Senior Deacon	Alec Deitz
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CHURCH COUNCIL

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Moderator-Elect	Joe Baszynski
Treasurer	David Holt
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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
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Deacon Council Representative	Janet Newcity

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