

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

DEPART TO SERVE

July 17, 2016

VOLUNTEER FOR LAUNDRY LOVE ON TUESDAY, JULY 26

Please join us for our next Laundry Love on Tuesday, July 26 at 6 p.m. at Wash Land Laundromat, 1469 West Broad Street, West Franklinton. **Laundry Love needs volunteers, liquid detergent, large trash bags with drawstrings, and financial assistance to purchase quarters.**



THE CUPBOARD IS BARE! TOILETRIES NEEDED FOR GOOD

SAMARITAN DAY The next Good Samaritan Day is Monday, August 15. Thank you for the contribution of personal hygiene items. They are really appreciated. We are in **desperate need** of the following items:

- Men's shampoo and/or body wash
- Women's shampoo and/or body wash
- Women's deodorant
- Men's deodorant
- Disposable razors and shaving cream
- Toothpaste & toothbrushes

A good source for these items in **full sizes** are Dollar Stores where everything in the store is \$1. Please leave your donations in the bin outside the church office. Thank you for your continued support of this vital outreach to the community.

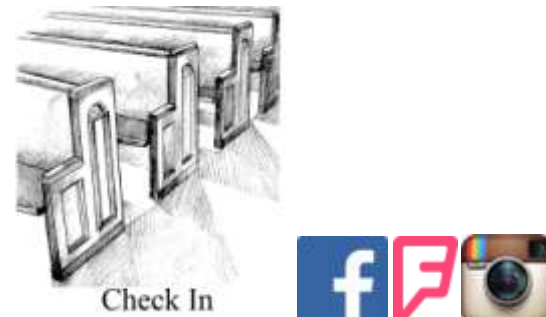
FAIR TRADE COFFEE, TEA AND CHOCOLATE ARE ON SALE TODAY

in the Parish Hall after worship. You can purchase packages of Full City Roast, Medium French Roast, and Medium Vienna Roast coffees for \$8, tea for \$4, and cocoa for \$6. Fair Trade ensures sustainable labor practices and protects the environment. By choosing Fair Trade, you help small-scale farmers support themselves, their families and the environment. In addition, Equal Exchange contributes to its Faith partners for their efforts to improve the lives of small farmers.



HOSPICE VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITY AT MOUNT CARMEL

HOSPICE Mount Carmel Hospice and Palliative Care Service invites you to join us in serving those who are at end-of-life. In the spirit of the Gospel, our volunteers help their neighbors who are at end-of-life. If you are interested in becoming a hospice volunteer whether at the bedside or behind the scenes, join us for a special panel discussion. A group of Mount Carmel Hospice volunteers will discuss their roles and contributions then answer your questions. The session can help you find the best way to serve your community at end-of-life. Please join us on either August 9 from 1-2 p.m. or on August 16 from 6-7 p.m. at the Mount Carmel Hospice and Palliative Care Center located at 1144 Dublin Road, Columbus, Ohio 43215. Register by calling 614-234-LIFE (5433).



If you have a Facebook, Foursquare, or Instagram profile, please **CHECK-IN** and let friends know you are worshipping with us today. If you are on Twitter, please hashtag your tweets with #firstchurchcbus.”

Please don't forget to silence your device before worship begins.

We encourage you to carefully review the many opportunities of programs, meetings and ministries this week and in coming weeks here at First Church through today's *Depart to Serve* Leaflet, Facebook page, Twitter, Website or Newsletter.

MEMBER BIRTHDAYS 19-Bev Cook, Betsy Trace, Mariah Watts; 22-Janice Cook, Marilyn Lewis, Eric Chambers; 23-Jim Kyle; 24-Linda Gieseke, Hector Gonzalez; 25-Nancy Braverman, Earl Fritz, Frederick Hunker, Sarah Welsh-Huggins

MEMBER ANNIVERSARIES 23-Lissa and Drew Wade

JOYS AND CONCERNS

MEMBERS Grace Glaros; Rick Henderson; Janice White; Abby Salak and Melissa Prendergast and their daughter, Ruth Eloise; Bernie Martin; Ray Pendell; and families and friends who continue to mourn the loss of loved ones.

FRIENDS AND FAMILY Jason Wood, grandson of Melva Fisher; Billy Crawford, friend of Amy Wagner; Bill Taylor; Joe and Marjorie Kufel, parents of Sharon Leidheiser; Frankie Williams, mother of Mark Williams; Jill Ford, friend of Mark Williams; and families and friends who continue to mourn the loss of loved ones, including Pam and Natalie Hyatt, on the death of husband and father Lee, cousin of Jeff Corzine.

THROUGHOUT THE WORLD We pray for victims and survivors of the Courthouse shooting in St. Joseph, Michigan. We pray for the victims and survivors of acts of gun violence all across our country. We pray for the victims of the wildfires in the Colorado and the western United States. We pray for the country of South Sudan and the developing tensions there. We pray for refugees around the world and those who provide their care.

IN GOD'S HANDS: THE ECUMENICAL PRAYER CYCLE This week in the Ecumenical Prayer Cycle, we pray with and for the people and churches of Costa Rica, El Salvador, Nicaragua, and Panama.

MISSIONARIES: This week, we pray for Magyolene Rodriguez, serving in Nicaragua.

If you have any prayer requests or joys to share, please contact the church office (avagner@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 tabrens@first-church.org or 614-228-1741, ext. 13.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST CHURCH

Sunday, July 17

9 a.m. – Worship: Morning Prayer and Holy Communion
 10 a.m. – NYE Parents Meeting – Ralph Fanning Room
 11 a.m. – Worship – Sanctuary
 Noon – Fellowship Hour – Parish Hall
 1 p.m. – NAMI Educational Program – Education Wing Room C

Monday, July 18

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

Tuesday, July 19

2 p.m. – Worship Planning – Parish Family Room

Wednesday, July 20

11 a.m. – Book Study: “How My Mind Has Changed” – Parlor
 1 p.m. – August Newsletter Deadline

Thursday, July 21

7 p.m. – Voice for Life Class – Choir Room

Friday, July 22

1 p.m. – Faith Mission Meal Preparation

Sunday, July 24

9 a.m. – Worship: Morning Prayer and Holy Communion
 11 a.m. – Worship – Sanctuary
 Noon – Fellowship Hour – Parish Hall
 1 p.m. – NAMI Educational Program – Education Wing Room C

JULY FELLOWSHIP HOUR SCHEDULE

July 17 Acts
 July 24 Amos
 July 31 Colossians

JULY ACOLYTE SCHEDULE

July 17 Chutney Anderson Erin Murray
 July 24 Cassidy Hopcraft Finnegan Miller
 July 31 Alex Palmer Alyssia Palmer

JULY MISSION OFFERING SCHEDULE

July 17 Church World Services – Disaster Relief
 July 24 CRIS
 July 31 Children’s Defense Fund

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** and then click on **Online Giving**. Set up an account and pay with your credit card or through your checking or savings account. You may use the QR link or:



<https://www.faithstreet.com/church/first-congregational-church-of-columbus-columbus-oh/giving>

Other Gifts: Please designate your intention: *Memorials, flowers, fund raising projects, music, education, etc.*

OUR OFFERING TODAY is for Church World Services (CWS). A recent example is the relief given to the victims of flooding in West Virginia. Thursday, June 23 brought torrential downpours with as much as 10 inches of rain, which wiped out entire areas of the countryside, swept away homes, flooded structures, washed away roads and cut off power to homes. Thousands have been left homeless and 23 people have died in the disaster.

United Church of Christ Disaster Ministries is involved with providing assistance to help the people in West Virginia recover from these historic floods as residents are facing a prolonged cleanup effort following the devastating storms. As a member of First Congregational Church, you are already involved in the recovery effort through Sunday offering collections designated to UCC Disaster Ministries. Collections for this ministry are done at least once per year. The UCC Ohio Conference is already delivering 600 cleanup kits and 300 hygiene kits to the area, and has requested additional kits from Church World Service.

The Justice and Mercy Ministry will be monitoring communications from UCC Disaster Ministries and the Ohio Conference and will pass on any calls for volunteers and additional financial assistance.

CHURCH LEADERSHIP

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<i>Senior Minister</i>	Timothy C. Ahrens, D. Min.
<i>Associate Minister</i>	Emily Krause Corzine, M. Div.
<i>Minister of Music</i>	Kevin Jones, M.M.
<i>Director of Christian Education</i>	Mark S. Williams, M. Ed.
<i>Commissioned Minister for Social Justice</i>	Tom Brownfield
<i>Commissioned Minister for Spiritual Formation and Direction</i>	Jacquelyn Dean
<i>Organist/Choirmaster Emeritus</i>	G. Dene Barnard, S.M.M.
<i>Treble Choir Director</i>	Sandra Mathias, Ph.D.

DIACONATE

<i>Senior Deacon</i>	Lynn Wallich
<i>Deacons</i>	Sandy Bennett, Kris Brant, Valerie Conlin-Losinski, Sue Cook, Alec Deitz, Dean Hafey, Anne Hudson, Paul Leidheiser, Mary Lightbody, Dayna McCrary, Janet Newcity, Jorge Polo, Alex Rodriguez, Hugh Schultz

TRUSTEES

<i>Chairperson</i>	Francille Firebaugh
<i>Trustees</i>	Patricia Groseck, Bill Heer, Lisa Morris, Sheldon Taft, Charlie Weaver, Keith White, Gerry Worth
<i>Moderator</i>	Brian Cave
<i>Treasurer</i>	Bill Johannes

CHURCH STAFF

<i>Business Manager</i>	Sharon Leidheiser
<i>Program Manager</i>	Martha Worth
<i>Office Manager</i>	Amy Wagner
<i>Interim Building and Grounds Superintendent</i>	Milt Allen
<i>Custodians</i>	William Lee, Jimmy Sibrian, Ross McNary
<i>Wedding Coordinators</i>	Janet Axt, Margaret Cipriani, Amy Wagner, Katie Wagner
<i>Nursery Staff</i>	Evin Wimberly, Simone Ellerson, Natalie Barker, Taylre Arnold

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