



FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Depart to Serve

JULY 22, 2018

THE NEW SOCIAL GOSPEL 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!

July 29: *The Prophet of the Social Gospel* The Rev. Dr. Timothy Ahrens
 August 5: *Forward to Freedom* The Rev. John Aeschbury
 August 12: *What Does God Require?...Really* The Rev. Dr. Renee P. Womack-Keels
 August 19: The Rev. Emily Krause Corzine
 August 26: *Fulfilled in Your Hearing* The Rev. Dr. J. Bennett Guess
 September 2: *A New Social Gospel* The Rev. Dr. Timothy Ahrens

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.



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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HELP RESTOCK THE GOOD SAMARITAN CUPBOARDS

Good Samaritan Fund is an ongoing mission of First Church. Utility needs are great as people try to catch up with utility payments so they are eligible for assistance going forward into the heating season. A big thank you to the congregation for the contribution of personal hygiene items. They are really appreciated. Our supply is running low again. We find the most desired items are:

- Men's and women's shampoo and body wash.
- Men's and women's deodorant is very much in demand.
- We have had members ask their dentists for donations of toothpaste and toothbrushes. The response has been positive, so if you are going to your dentist in the near future you might ask for such a donation. We are happy to write a letter acknowledging the donation.
- Disposable razors and shaving cream.
- Feminine hygiene products
- Bars of soap

A good source for these items in full sizes are the various dollar stores. Please leave your donations in the brown bin outside the church office in the main hallway.

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

MEMBERS Jude Gelfius; Martha Loy; Jane Weddle; Mary Kay Beall Carter; John Carter; Wayne Redenbarger; Andrew MacGregor; Wally Giffen; Lindy Miller; and Carl Miller; and those who mourn the loss of loved ones, including Mary Anne Jacobson, on the death of her mother, Mary Kreider.

FRIENDS AND FAMILY Ben Wiant; Brian Rideout, son of Marti and Rob Rideout; Caleb Secor, grandson of Dennis Secor; 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 in the United Kingdom.

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

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 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 Burundi, Democratic Republic of Congo, Rwanda.

MISSIONARIES This week we pray for Michael Joseph serving in Colombia.

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 22

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

11 a.m. – Worship – Sanctuary

Noon – Fellowship Hour – Parish Hall

Tuesday, July 24

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

Wednesday, July 25

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

11:30 a.m. – Stewardship Meeting – Children’s Library

Friday, July 27

1 p.m. – Faith Mission Meal Preparation – Kitchen

Sunday, July 29

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 –Janice Cook, Marilyn Lewis, Eric Chambers; 23 – Jim Kyle; 24 – Linda Gieseke, Hector Gonzalez; 25 – Nancy Braverman, Earl Fritz, Frederick Hunker, Sarah Welsh-Huggins; 26 – Joanne Morse; 27 – Courtenay Gregory; 28 – Steve Sterrett

MEMBER ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK 23 – Nicole Moss and Shari Unxapher, Lissa and Drew Wade; 26 – Catherine and Todd Cunningham; 27 – Stella and Fubara Braide

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

July 15 – \$531 – NAMI

NEXT WEEK’S MISSION OFFERING – YWCA Family Center

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.

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

