

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

DEPART TO SERVE

JULY 24, 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.

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).

THE 2016-2017 CONCERT SERIES BROCHURE IS AVAILABLE You can find the brochure on the music bulletin board and at the entrances of the Sanctuary. Please take one for yourself and one to share with a neighbor. This season promises to be another of excellence and you are invited to attend the Congregational Concerts, First Tuesdays 12:15 p.m. concerts followed by lunch and the Choral Evensongs presented by the First Church Choir. Bring a friend!



WOMEN'S RETREAT ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 27, 2016 9 A.M. TO 12 NOON

A "Scared Listening Circle" is a spiritual practice where individuals have an opportunity to connect more deeply with others in a non-judgmental and confidential setting. It is a way of becoming more aware of the leading of the spirit of God in our daily lives through faith sharing and listening. Margene Whittenburg and Jackie Dean, both Wellstreams graduates in Spiritual Formation and Directions, will be the facilitators. Bring a brunch item to share. Beverages will be provided. It is our hope that this introduction will lead to ongoing women's listening groups here at First Church. If you have any questions, please contact Jackie Dean at 614-868-0485.

MEMBER BIRTHDAYS 27-Courtenay Gregory; 28-Steve Sterrett; 29-Andrea Gonzalez, Jason Bryant; 30-Fran Panek, Kent Shimeall, David Temple

MEMBER ANNIVERSARIES 26-Catherine and Todd Cunningham; 31-Kelley and Mitchell Dean, Jenny and Lou Flocken

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.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

MEMBERS Mike Petras; 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, including the family and friends of Ann McIsaac.

FRIENDS AND FAMILY Christopher Smith, nephew of Sue Salak and cousin of Abby Salak; Jason Wood, grandson of Melva Fisher; Billy Crawford, friend of Amy Wagner; 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.

THROUGHOUT THE WORLD We pray for the country of South Sudan. We pray for the ongoing recovery in communities in West Virginia. We pray for those affected by the recent attacks in Nice, France and Istanbul, Turkey; and we pray for the survivors and those who lost loved ones.

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 The Caribbean: Antigua and Barbuda, the Bahamas, Barbados, Cuba, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Grenada, Guyana, Haiti, Jamaica, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago.

MISSIONARIES: This week, we pray for Tom Liddle, serving in East Timor.



If you have any prayer requests or joys to share, please contact the church office (awagner@first-church.org or 614-228-1741, ext. 10) or one of the ministers: ecorazine@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 24

9 a.m. – Worship: Morning Prayer and Holy Communion
11 a.m. – Worship – Sanctuary
Noon – Fellowship Hour – Parish Hall

Monday, July 25

6 p.m. – Budget and Finance Committee – Ralph Fanning Room

Tuesday, July 26

2 p.m. – Worship Planning – Parish Family Room
6 p.m. – Laundry Love – Wash Land Laundromat,
1469 West Broad Street, West Franklinton
7 p.m. – Senior Minister Member Advisory Group – Rev. Ahrens' office

Wednesday, July 27

9:30 a.m. – Staff Meeting – Ralph Fanning Room

Sunday, July 31

9 a.m. – Worship: Morning Prayer and Holy Communion
11 a.m. – Worship – Sanctuary
Noon – Fellowship Hour – Parish Hall
3 p.m. – Memorial Service for Ann McIsaac – Sanctuary
4 p.m. – Reception following Memorial Service – Parish Hall

JULY FELLOWSHIP HOUR SCHEDULE

July 24 Amos
July 31 Colossians

JULY ACOLYTE SCHEDULE

July 24 Cassidy Hopcraft Finnegan Miller
July 31 Alex Palmer Alyssia Palmer

JULY MISSION OFFERING SCHEDULE

July 24 CRIS
July 31 Children's Defense Fund

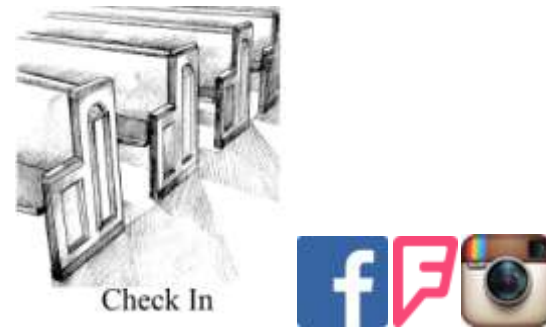
ABOUT YOUR OFFERING TODAY All our offerings support the Ministry of First Church through its programs, outreach, and related groups as, together, we witness to God's love. Thank you for your gifts.

- **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.*



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.

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.
Commissioned Minister for Social Justice	Tom Brownfield
Commissioned Minister for Spiritual Formation and Direction	Jacquelyn Dean
Organist/Choirmaster Emeritus	G. Dene Barnard
Treble Choir Director	Sandra Mathias, Ph.D.
Business Manager	Sharon Leidheiser
Program Manager	Martha Worth
Office Manager	Amy Wagner
Interim Building and Grounds Superintendent	Milt Allen
Custodians	William Lee, Jimmy Sibrian
Wedding Coordinators	Janet Axt, Margaret Cipriani, Amy Wagner, Katie Wagner
Nursery Staff	Evin Wimberly, Simone Ellerson, Natalie Barker, Taylre Arnold

DIACONATE

Senior Deacon	Lynn Wallich
Deacons	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

CHURCH COUNCIL

Moderator	Brian Cave
Moderator-Elect	Kent Shimeall
Treasurer	Cindy Conn
Assistant Treasurer	Joe Baszynski
Secretary	Nancy Braverman
Assistant Secretary	Pat Patterson

COMMISSIONERS

Administration	Allison Palmer, Elect - Sue Cook
Church Growth	Matt Myers, Elect - Kent Rambo
Education	Jennifer Okezie-Watts, Elect - Helen Ninos
House & Grounds	Charlie Weaver, Elect - Eric Klintworth
Justice & Mercy	Tracy Ross, Elect - Al Glover
Music, Arts, & Heritage	Al Waddell, Elect - Sharon Ferguson
Church Vitality	Chair and Elect Currently Vacant
Nominating Chair	Elaine Warren
Member-at-large	Mary Kay Beall Carter
Youth-at-large	Eddie Anderson IV
Deacon Council Representative	Alec Deitz

TRUSTEES

Chairperson	Francille Firebaugh
Treasurer	Bill Johannes
Trustees	Patricia Groseck, Bill Heer, Lisa Morris, Sheldon Taft, Charlie Weaver, Keith White, Gerry Worth

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