



FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Depart to Serve

AUGUST 12, 2018

THE NEW SOCIAL GOSPEL SERMON SERIES Our special summer sermon series is entitled, “The New Social Gospel.” Guest preachers 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. Wormack-Keels

August 19: *Burning Daylight* 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

REFUGEE SUPPORT TEAM NEEDS YOUR HELP The Team is moving ahead with the collection of a Welcome Kit of household items like kitchen, bath and bedroom supplies in order to welcome a refugee family. Visit the Justice and Mercy table in Parish Hall after services TODAY for specific details and to sign up to donate new or gently used items. **Collection Dates are SUNDAYS ONLY, August 12, 19 and 26 in Parish Hall.** Contact Team Lead, Antoinette Beynen at akoolemansbeynen@netscape.com or Teresa Polo at tpolo@insight.rr.com for more information.

BOOK STUDY MEETING – WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15 AT 11 A.M. IN THE NURSERY We will discuss *The Cost of Discipleship* by Dietrich Bonhoeffer. Books can be purchased in the church office for \$15.



AUGUST 26 AT BOTH SERVICE

We encourage our students to bring their own backpack to church for the blessing. We will also have a special prayer for all those connected to educating our children and youth.

COMMUNITY REFUGEE AND IMMIGRATION SERVICES (CRIS) 5K WALK/RUN: SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 AT 10 A.M. at Alum Creek Park North-Westerville, 221 W. Main Street. Cost: \$35 participant, Children 8 and under free.

Register: <https://runsignup.com/Race/OH/Westerville/CRIS5K>

SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS SEPTEMBER 9

The Christian Education year begins on September 9, with the Faith Formation hour starting for all ages at 10 a.m. This year’s theme is “BUILD” based on I Corinthians 3:9 – “For we are God’s servants, working together; you are God’s field, God’s building.” More information will be in the September newsletter, on the Website and on our Facebook page.



INTERGENERATIONAL MISSION EVENT ON SEPTEMBER 9 IN PARISH HALL Join in making Hygiene Kits for Church World Service after 9 and 11am services. Join hearts and hands in the work of God’s kingdom to support those who need assistance. All supplies will be provided. We need people power to make this event a success. Our goal is 200 kits. Monetary donations will be taken in the Church office until August 31. Contact Emily Corzine at ecorzine@first-church.org for more information.

CONCERTS AT FIRST CHURCH Please save the date for the first Choral Evensong on Sunday, September 16, at 4 p.m. as the First Church Choir will present music of Kenneth Leighton, Stephen Caracciolo, and William Mathias in this first of monthly evensongs. In September, young virtuoso Monica Czausz plays an organ recital on Sunday, September 30, at 4 p.m. offering music of Praetorius, Bach, Guy Bovet, Parry, Seth Bingham, and Paul Creston on both Beckerath and Kimball organs.

RESTROOM RENOVATION AND ADDITION The long-awaited renovation of the lower level Women’s Restroom has begun! Work is also underway for the addition of a Family Restroom which will occupy the former Custodial Office space. Throughout this past week, demolition and mechanical work has been underway. Work will continue for several more weeks. You will find alternate restroom facilities in the Lower Narthex, the east hallway near the Sanctuary, the second floor across from the elevator, and on both levels of the Education Wing.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

CONGRATULATIONS to Jamie Weber and Kyle Lopes who were married here yesterday.

MEMBERS Celeste Feather; Melissa Kulwicki; 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 Malini Gnanatheeban, on the death of her mother Dorothy Sushlia.

FRIENDS AND FAMILY Chris Roberts, brother of Missy Zimmerman; Ben Wiant; Joyce Marcum, sister of Betty Conn; and Brooke Chute, cousin of Amy Wagner; and those who mourn the loss of loved ones.

We offer prayers for Mark Williams, Director of Christian Education, who is on sabbatical through August 21 and Kevin Jones, Minister of Music, who is on sabbatical from August 6 through November 5.

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

THROUGHOUT THE WORLD We pray for those who battle the wildfires across California and for the victims who have lost homes and lives. We pray for the victims of the earthquake in Indonesia. We pray for an end to the unrest in Gaza, Afghanistan and Iraq. We pray for families still separated in detention facilities or in foster care around this country. We pray for immigrants and refugees who flee violence and abuse around the world. We pray for action to be taken to slow the effects of climate change.

IN GOD’S HANDS: THE ECUMENICAL PRAYER CYCLE This week we pray with and for the people and churches of Burkina Faso, Chad, Mali, Mauritania, Niger.

MISSIONARIES This week we pray for Loren McGrail serving in Israel/Palestine.

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, August 12

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

11 a.m. – Worship – Sanctuary

Noon – Fellowship Hour – Parish Hall

Monday, August 13

9 a.m. – Good Samaritan Day – Ralph Fanning Room

6:30 p.m. – Christian Education Meeting – Mark Williams' Office

7 p.m. – Trustees – Ralph Fanning Room

Tuesday, August 14

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

7 p.m. – Executive Committee – Nursery

Wednesday, August 15

11 a.m. – Book Study – Nursery

Sunday, August 19

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 – Madellyn Collins, Lesley Schaab, Mary Weaver; 13 – Bobby Carrington, Valerie Conlin-Losinski; 14 – Caleb Frank; 15 – Chuck Atkinson, Laura Erickson; 16 – Mary Kay Beall Carter, Will Fernald; 17 – Jacques Washington; 18 – Dennis Secor

MEMBER ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK 14 – Barbara Mason and Rhonda Poirier; 15 – Lauren Muscott and Josh Carter; 16 – Lisa Morris and Kent Shimeall; 17 – Diane and Larry Dixon; 18 – Betty Sparhawk and Nazmi Anik

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.
- easyTithe**  **PayPal** 
- **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

August 5 – \$536.00 – Church World Service
Hygiene Kits

NEXT WEEK'S MISSION OFFERING – Sanctuary,
support for Columbus Mennonite and First English
Lutheran

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. (on sabbatical August 6-November 6)
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	Jaquelyn 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	Jimmy Sibrían
Wedding Coordinators	Janet Axt, Margaret Cipriani, Diana Chandler, Amy Wagner, Katie Wagner
Nursery Staff	Simone Ellerson, Natalie Barker, Taylre 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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