



FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

## Depart to Serve

AUGUST 19, 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: *What Would Jesus Do?* 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. **Remaining Collection Dates are SUNDAYS ONLY, August 19 and 26 in Parish Hall.** Contact Team Lead Antoinette Beynen at [akoolmansbeynen@netscape.com](mailto:akoolmansbeynen@netscape.com) or Teresa Polo at [tpolo@insight.rr.com](mailto:tpolo@insight.rr.com) for more information.



### AUGUST 26 AT BOTH SERVICES

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 11 a.m. 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](mailto: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 Natalie Arthur and Johnny Hiles who were married here yesterday.

**MEMBERS** Arlene Reynolds; 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 Anne Bennett and family, on the death of her mother, Maggie Brooks.

**FRIENDS AND FAMILY** Cindy Catlett, sister of Bill Lange; Conrad Dalliet, friend of Arlene Reynolds; Clara Weyland and Mildred Livingston, sister and mother of Nancy Livingston; 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 through November 5.

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

**THROUGHOUT THE WORLD** We pray for the victims of sexual abuse in the Catholic churches in Pennsylvania. We pray for the victims and survivors of the bridge collapse near Genoa, Italy. 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 Yemen, Gaza, Afghanistan and Iraq. We pray for immigrant 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.

**IN GOD'S HANDS: THE ECUMENICAL PRAYER CYCLE** This week we pray with and for the people and churches of Liberia and Serra Leone.

**MISSIONARIES** This week we pray for Carmelo Alvarez serving in Venezuela.

**Need Prayer?** If you have any prayer requests or joys to share, please contact Amy Wagner, Office Manager, at [awagner@first-church.org](mailto:awagner@first-church.org) or 614-228-1741, ext. 10 or the ministers: [ecorzine@first-church.org](mailto:ecorzine@first-church.org) or 614-228-1741, ext. 21, or [tahrens@first-church.org](mailto:tahrens@first-church.org) or 614-228-1741, ext. 13.

## THIS WEEK AT FIRST CHURCH

### Sunday, August 19

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

11 a.m. – Worship – Sanctuary

Noon – Fellowship Hour – Parish Hall

### Monday, August 20

1 p.m. – Deadline for Newsletter

7 p.m. – Budget and Finance – Nursery

### Tuesday, August 21

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

7 p.m. – Council – Nursery

### Wednesday, August 22

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

### Thursday, August 23

10 a.m. – CCAD Move In Welcome – North Parking Lot

### Sunday, August 26

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

11 a.m. – Worship – Sanctuary

Noon – Fellowship Hour – Parish Hall – Welcome Back Reception for Mark Williams

**MEMBER BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK** Today – Melissa Kulwicki, Karen Sterrett, Henry Unkovic; 20 – Amy Trace; 21 – Chris Glaros, Janice White; 22 – Chutney Anderson, Duan Cannon, Isabella Collins, Mark Sholl, Alaina Thompson; 23 – Peter Spofforth, Lissa Wade; 24 – Charles Drummond, Susan Henry, Tom Stewart; 25 – Dan Axt, Christy Carlson

**MEMBER ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK** Today – Karen and Steve Sterrett; 21 – Dana and Hugh Schultz; 24 – Joyce and Dan Ward; 25 – Chris and Tom Farquhar

**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](http://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

August 12 – \$1,633.40 – Gladden Community House

#### NEXT WEEK’S MISSION OFFERING – ACLU Ohio

Foundation – Voting Rights

**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 Mazingo, 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 Sibrian
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 Mazingo, 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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