

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

DEPART TO SERVE

AUGUST 20, 2017

“THREE GREAT LOVES” – LOVE OF CHILDREN Prayer buttons for our children and youth will be distributed at the doors at the end of the service. We ask you to prayerfully consider taking a prayer button and praying for the child listed throughout the year.

BACK-TO-SCHOOL BREAKFAST DEVOTIONS Several of our children and youth will start school this coming week. Start the new school year by adding God’s Word to your family’s breakfast menu. Like a good breakfast, incorporating this simple practice into your daily routine will help everyone start the day right! Back-to-school devotion worksheets are available at the entrance to worship.

“EXTRAVAGANT LOVE AND WELCOME: UNITING ALL IN ONE COMMUNITY” BY REV. DR. TIM AHRENS For five consecutive Sundays, I will reflect on what it means to be open and affirming. I will share some areas of growth we have experienced, some areas where we could improve and a future vision of becoming MORE extravagant in our love and welcome to our community of faith and beyond. I hope you join me on this journey.

Sermon Titles:

August 6 – “Micah 6:8: DO Justice, LOVE Kindness, WALK Humbly with God”

August 13 – “Loving and Welcoming ALL Ages and Races”

August 20 – “Loving and Welcoming ALL Sexual Orientations and Ethnic and National Backgrounds”

August 27 – “Loving and Welcoming ALL with a Range of Mental and Physical Abilities”

September 3 – “Loving and Welcoming ALL with Different Socioeconomic, Political and Theological Backgrounds”

OPEN AND AFFIRMING SERMON SERIES QUESTIONS – Question cards are available in each pew pad for you to ask questions concerning the ONA Sermon Series. The questions will be used by the Christian Education Commission to identify resources and discussion sessions this fall. Please place the cards in the offering plate or baskets at the entrance of the worship space.



CCAD WELCOME LUNCHEON On *Thursday, August 24 from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.*, we will welcome new college students and their families at CCAD on First Year Student Move In Day. Come and grill hot dogs with us. Fellowship with First Church folk and welcome new students to the neighborhood. We will need 6-8 people for a part of or all of that time. Contact Emily Corzine at ecorzine@first-church.org for more information or to sign up.

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS During both services on *Sunday, August 27*, we will have the “Blessings of the Backpacks” for all of our children and youth. We encourage our students heading back to school 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.

YOUTH PRESENTATION The Youth of First Church have been extremely busy this summer. On *Sunday, August 27 at 10 a.m.* in the Parish Hall, our youth will share briefly about their experiences during the Youth Mission Trip to Washington DC. Be sure to attend to hear how our youth are living into their faith.

WOMEN'S RETREAT The labyrinth, a circular pattern found in many religious traditions, has become a metaphor for our Christian life which is often described as a “pilgrimage or journey with God”. In walking the labyrinth, we trust that when we arrive in the center, we will meet God. Come join us on *Saturday, September 9, 2017, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon* as we strive to build community while exploring the historical significance of the labyrinth, learn a new spiritual discipline and listen to each other’s stories. Jacquelyn Dean, our Commissioned Minister in Spiritual Formation and Direction, will lead us through the morning. We will meet in the rooms C and D in the Education Wing of the church. Bring a brunch item to share. Coffee, tea, and juice will be provided. A sign-up sheet is in the church office. If you have any questions, please call Jackie Dean at 614-868-0485.

FAITH FORMATION for all ages begins Sunday, September 10 at 10 a.m. Classes are held in the Education Wing.

COPIES OF TODAY’S SERMON can be found in the office or at the Broad Street entrance to the Sanctuary.

RESOURCES FOR PARENTS There are wonderful books in the Alma Keeler Library concerning Social Justice and Race Consciousness. Also, be aware that many parent resources will continue to be posted on the First Church Facebook page.

COMMUNITY RESOURCE FROM SOUTHERN POVERTY LAW on “Ten Ways to Fight Hate” is available at the entrance to the worship space.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

MEMBERS Mary Alice Kuhn; Don Erickson; Lindy Miller; Bernie Martin; Ray Pendell; and families and friends who mourn the loss of loved ones, especially Mark Williams, on the death of his friend, Jill Ford; Jim Griffen, on the death of his uncle, Tim Griffen; Thom Smith and Cami Curren, on the death of Thom’s brother, James Smith; the family of Frank Hussey; and the family of Sharon Leidheiser upon the death of her father, Joe Kufel.

FRIENDS AND FAMILY Abbé Allen, daughter of Anita Allen; Ruth Cunningham, mother of Todd Cunningham; Maggie Brooks, mother of Anne Bennett; Rev. Gretchen Sterrett, sister-in-law of Steve Sterrett; Dwayne Nelson; Thomas Justice, friend of Robert Reber; Marjorie Kufel, mother of Sharon Leidheiser; Rev. Roger Miller; and families and friends who continue to mourn the loss of loved ones.

THROUGHOUT THE WORLD We pray for all students who are beginning a new school year. We pray for the unemployed and the underemployed. We pray for the people and civic and faith leaders in Charlottesville, Virginia. We pray for peace along the Korean peninsula. We pray for those injured and killed in the terror attack in Barcelona.

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 Ricardo Mayol, serving in Guatemala.

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 one of 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 20

9 a.m. – Worship: Morning Prayer and Holy Communion – Parish Hall
10 a.m. – Confirmation Meeting – Parlor
11 a.m. – Worship – Sanctuary
12:15 p.m. – Fellowship Hour – Parish Hall

Monday, August 21

Deadline for Newsletter Articles
7 p.m. – Personnel Meeting – Parish Family Room

Tuesday, August 22

11:30 a.m. – Worship Planning – Parish Family Room
6:30 p.m. – First Church Supper Club – Parish Hall

Wednesday, August 23

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

Thursday, August 24

11 a.m. – CCAD Move-In Welcome – North Parking Lot

Saturday, August 26

10 a.m. – Hussey Memorial Service – Sanctuary

Sunday, August 27

9 a.m. – Worship: Morning Prayer and Holy Communion – Parish Hall
10 a.m. – Youth Mission Trip Presentation – Parish Hall
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MEMBER BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK Today –

Amy Trace; 8/21 – Chris Glaros, Janice White;
8/22 – Chutney Anderson, Duan Cannon,
Mark Sholl, Alaina Thompson, Roland
Weller; 8/23 – Peter Spofforth; Lissa Wade;
8/24 – Charles Drummond, Tom Stewart;
8/25 – Dan Axt, Christy Carlson, Steve
Kennedy; 8/26 – Jean Wetmore



MEMBER ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

8/20 – Karen and Steve Sterrett; 8/21 – Dana and Hugh Schultz; 8/23 – Cindy and Betty Conn; 8/24 – Joyce and Dan Ward; 8/25 – Chris and Tom Farquhar, Jessica Underwood and Mars Robinson



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** 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

<http://www.easytithe.com/dl/?uid=Firs444421>

PayPal

<https://www.paypal.com/signup/accountCreate>



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



OFFERING TOTAL FOR LAST WEEK'S MISSION

August 6 – \$703.29 – YWCA Family Shelter

NEXT WEEK'S MISSION OFFERING

Gladden Community House

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
Building & Grounds Superintendent	Mark Dahnke
Custodians	William Lee, Jimmy Sibrian
Wedding Coordinators	Janet Axt, Margaret Cipriani, Diana Chandler, Amy Wagner, Katie Wagner
Nursery Staff	Evin Wimberly, Simone Ellerson, Natalie Barker, Taylre Arnold

DIACONATE

Senior Deacon	Alec Deitz
Deacons	Kris Brant, Anthony Brown, Valerie Conlin-Losinski, Bert Cook, Martha Fullemann, Dean Hafey, Todd Jacobson, Karen Mozingo, David Nassau, Janet Newcity, Jorge Polo, Alejandro Rodriguez, Hugh Schultz

CHURCH COUNCIL

Moderator	Kent Shimeall
Moderator-Elect	Joe Baszynski
Treasurer	David Holt
Assistant Treasurer	Joe Hoffman
Secretary	Pat Patterson
Assistant Secretary	Nancy Loy

COMMISSIONERS

Administration	Sue Cook, Elect - Chris Glaros
Church Growth/Vitality	Kent Rambo and Mary Anne Jacobson, co-chairs; Elect - Tom Kiesel and Mary Anne Jacobson
Education	Helen Ninos, Elect - Chris Gelpi
House & Grounds	Eric Klintworth, Elect - Gary Leidheiser
Justice & Mercy	Al Glover, Elect - Dawn George
Music, Arts, & Heritage	Sharon Ferguson, Elect - Joel Mathias
Nominating Chair	Brian Cave
Member-at-large	Neal Brower
Youth-at-large	Joe Spofforth
Deacon Council Representative	Janet Newcity

TRUSTEES

Chairperson	Lisa Morris
Treasurer	Bill Johannes
Trustees	Chris Farquhar, Francille Firebaugh, Tom Hadley, Bill Heer, Lisa Morris, Sheldon Taft, Keith White, Gerry Worth

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