



FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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AUGUST 26, 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 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 household items like kitchen, bath and bedroom supplies to welcome a refugee family. Contact Team Lead Antoinette Beynen at akoolmansbeynen@netscape.com or Teresa Polo at tpolo@insight.rr.com for more information.

VOLUNTEERS AND DONATIONS FOR LAUNDRY LOVE NEEDED The next Laundry Love day is this **Tuesday, August 28**. We would love for members and friends to join us from 6 to 7 p.m. at WashLand Laundromat, 1469 West Broad Street in West Franklinton. "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.

CONCERT FOR A CAUSE: WOMEN IN SANCTUARY on Sunday, September 2 at 7:30 p.m. at North Congregational Church UCC, 2040 Henderson Road, Columbus, Ohio. The concert will feature Tony Arata, Eric Gnezda, and Keith Lawsen. Price: \$20 adults/\$40 family/ under 16 free. Come early for the Barbecue Picnic @ 5:30 p.m.

SUNDAY CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS TOUR: SEPTEMBER 2 Join the Rev. Dr. Tim Ahrens for a 30-minute tour to get an overview of the progress of the construction projects occurring both inside and outside of First Church. After the 9 a.m. service, meet Rev. Tim at the entrance of the Ralph Fanning Room, located on the first floor immediately across from the original church office. After the 11 a.m. service, the tour will begin at the chancel steps.

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. \$35 participant, Children 8 and under free. <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."

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. Monetary donations will be taken in the Church office until August 31. Contact Emily Corzine at ecorzine@first-church.org for more information.

YOUTH KICK-OFF DINNER SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9 for Middle and High School Youth and Parents from 6-7 p.m. in Parish Hall.

BOOK CLUB MEETING – MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 AT 7 P.M. IN THE NURSERY We will discuss *Less* by Andrew Sean Greer. There will be light refreshments. Join us for a lively discussion and bring with you any recommendations for future selections.

CONCERTS AT FIRST CHURCH

- Sunday, September 16 at 4 p.m. First Choral Evensong
- Sunday, September 30, at 4 p.m. Organ Recital featuring Monica Czausz

JOYS AND CONCERNS

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 Arlene Reynolds, on the death of her friend Conrad Dalliet; and Anne Bennett and family, on the death of her mother, Maggie Brooks.

FRIENDS AND FAMILY Cindy Catlett, sister of Bill Lange; 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 Kevin Jones, Minister of Music, who is on sabbatical through November 5. We offer prayers of thanksgiving for the ministry of the Rev. John Gantt as our Interim Conference Minister and for the Rev. David Long-Higgins who begins his ministry as the Conference's Transitional Conference Minister on September 1.

THROUGHOUT THE WORLD We pray for students, parents, teachers, and administrators as they begin the school year, including our neighboring CCAD students. We pray for all who are affected by extreme weather conditions throughout the world. We pray for the victims of sexual abuse in the Catholic churches in Pennsylvania.. 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 Cape Verde, The Gambia, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, and Senegal.

MISSIONARIES This week we pray for Mishan Bakalian serving in Lebanon.

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 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

Monday, August 27

11 a.m. – CCAD Freshman Convocation – Sanctuary

7 p.m. – Deacons Meeting – Education Wing Room D

7 p.m. – Personnel Committee – Parish Family Room

Tuesday, August 28

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

6 p.m. – Laundry Love – WashLand Laundromat,

1469 West Broad Street

Wednesday, August 29

10:30 a.m. – CCAD Student Involvement Fair – CCAD Campus

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

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Noon – Fellowship Hour – Parish Hall

MEMBER BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK Today – Michael Kasler, Jean Wetmore; 27 – Sue Cook; 28 – Russ Kelm, Anna Rhoads, Jim Velo; 29 – Rebecca Baird, Finnegan Miller; 30 – Andrew Batchelor, Emma Bhatt, Brian Holt, Grace Johnson, Melissa Mitchell, Mia Provenzano; 31 – Karen Mozingo, Brad West

MEMBER ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK 27 – Melanie and Mark Brown

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.

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.
- **Other Gifts:** Please designate your intention: *Memorials, flowers, fund raising projects, music, education, Building Endowment, House and Grounds Special Projects, etc.*



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OFFERING TOTAL FOR LAST WEEK’S MISSION

August 19 – \$863.05 – Sanctuary / Mennonite Church

NEXT WEEK’S MISSION OFFERING – Coalition for the Immokalee Workers

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.

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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 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 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

**“GET ME TO THE CHURCH ON TIME”:
UPDATES ON CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS**

Driving to and from the Church

From East, West and South, unchanged. Coming from the north we recommend exiting I-71 South at Broad Street. Take Broad Street to Ninth Street. Enter church parking from Ninth Street.

From I-670, take Cleveland Avenue to Long Street. Follow the Cleveland Avenue detour signs: Turn East on Long Street to Washington Avenue; south to Broad Street. Turn right at Broad Street west to Ninth Street. Enter church parking from Ninth Street.

Depart the North Lot using Ninth Street south to Broad Street (right turn only), or through the West Lot or alley. Depart the West Lot using Cleveland Avenue (right turn, northbound only).

Parking Access for All Projects

The West Lot can be accessed from Cleveland Avenue northbound from Broad Street only, the alley north of the Carriage House, and from the North Lot via the alley. Access to the North Lot will be from Ninth Street northbound from Broad Street.

Building Access for All Projects

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From the North Lot, enter through the North Education Wing Doors. Ninth Street doors will not be open or monitored during the week. Elevator access will be maintained throughout. Follow signs. From the West Lot, use the sidewalk at the center of the lot to avoid the Park construction fence. Continue to the West or Broad Street doors.

Building Exterior Restoration – Phase 1

This church project will be performed on the eastern ‘Parish House’ part of the building and will include removal and rebuilding of all windows, replacement of steel lintels, and pointing all mortar joints. Offices and meeting spaces will be relocated during this time. Scheduling for all meetings and use of the building is mandatory.

Current Activity:

Pointing, cleaning and other masonry work is nearly complete. Scaffolding and fencing will be coming down next week. All construction area equipment and materials will be removed by the end of next week and the southern entrance into the North Lot will reopen.

Window re-installation and other miscellaneous tasks will be happening starting in October.

Church Main Office and other staff offices will remain in the Ed Wing until all work is complete. Look for directional signs.

Anticipated Completion: November 12, 2018

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Current Activity:

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Anticipated Completion: October

Creative Campus Roadway Improvements

This City of Columbus project will upgrade the roadway, sidewalks, pedestrian safety, lighting and aesthetic elements of Cleveland Avenue, Gay Street, Ninth Street and Washington Avenue.

Anticipated Completion: October 22, 2018

Current Activity:

Current work on Cleveland Avenue is wrapping up and anticipated to be complete the week of Labor Day and traffic flow will return to 2-way.

Gay Street will be complete from Cleveland Avenue east to the first entrance into the Art Museum parking lot shortly after that. Light poles, benches, etc. are being installed now. Some planting may commence soon. Trees will probably not be installed until November.

Work on the East end of Gay Street and Washington Avenue will continue. Washington Avenue will continue be reduced to one lane southbound. It will switch sides the week after Labor Day but remain one way south.

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Ground Level Restroom Renovation and Addition

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