

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

DEPART TO SERVE

AUGUST 27, 2017



FELLOWSHIP TIME TODAY

Please join us in Parish Hall after 11 a.m. Worship
You will have an opportunity to view photos from the Youth Mission Trip
and receive information about the upcoming Faith Formation Time.

TODAY AT FIRST CHURCH

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS Today, we will have the “Blessings of the Backpacks” for our children and youth, as well as a special prayer for all those connected to educating our children and youth.

YOUTH PRESENTATION ON MISSION TRIP Today in Parish Hall at 10 a.m., the Youth of First Church have been extremely busy this summer. On *Sunday, August 27 at 10 a.m.* in the Parish 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.

“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.

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

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

“EXTRAVAGANT LOVE AND WELCOME: UNITING ALL IN ONE COMMUNITY” BY REV. DR. TIM AHRENS Over 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. Today’s Sermon is “Loving and Welcoming ALL with a Range of Mental and Physical Abilities”

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 cards in the offering plate or baskets at the entrance of the worship space.



LAUNDRY LOVE IS TUESDAY, AUGUST 28 Please contact Mark Williams at mwilliams@first-church.org if you are able to volunteer this Tuesday from 6 to 7 p.m. at WashLand Laundromat, 1469 West Broad Street in West Franklinton.

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. 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. Meet in the rooms C and D in the Education Wing. 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.

YOUTH KICK-OFF DINNER is Sunday, September 10 at 6 p.m. in Parish Hall. Meat and drinks will be provided; Bring a salad, side or dessert to share.

NURSERY WORKER POSITION Due to a nursery staff member moving, a nursery position is available. Please see Mark Williams, mwilliams@first-church.org about the job description and requirements for the position.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

MEMBERS Mary Alice Kuhn; Don Erickson; 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 Griffin, on the death of his uncle, Tim Griffin; Thom Smith and Cami Curren, on the death of Thom’s brother, James Smith; and the family of Sharon Leidheiser upon the death of her father, Joe Kufel.

FRIENDS AND FAMILY Don and Jane Mead, parents of Cindy Deliman; 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, including Kent Beittel, on the death of his wife, Mary.

THROUGHOUT THE WORLD We pray for the victims of the USS John S. McCain collision. We pray for healing for the victims and families of the Barcelona, Spain attack. We pray for the community of Kissimmee, Florida after the shooting of two police officers. We pray for Charlottesville, Virginia. We pray for peace in Afghanistan, Syria and Iraq. We pray for all students, teachers, and school administrators and staff as school years begin.

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 Leah Dewey, serving in Thailand.

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.

Please Note: On Monday and Tuesday, August 28 and 29, Spaulding Demolition and Excavation, Inc. will remove the remaining concrete in the courtyard area above the coal bunker. This work will result in some disruption in access to the elevator on those days.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST CHURCH

Sunday, August 27

9 a.m. – Worship: Morning Prayer and Holy Communion – Parish Hall
10 a.m. – Youth Mission Trip Presentation – Parish Hall
11 a.m. – Worship – Sanctuary
12:15 p.m. – Fellowship Hour – Parish Hall

Monday, August 28

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

Tuesday, August 29

11:30 a.m. – Worship Planning – Parish Family Room
6 p.m. – Laundry Love – WashLand Laundromat, 1469 West Broad Street

Wednesday, August 30

11:30 a.m. – CCAD Student Involvement Fair – CCAD Campus

Sunday, September 3

9 a.m. – Worship: Morning Prayer and Holy Communion – Parish Hall
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MEMBER BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Today – Sue Cook; 8/28 – Holly Heer, Russ Kelm, Anna Rhoads, Jim Velo; 8/29 – Rebecca Baird, Grace Johnson, Finnegan Miller; 8/30 – Andrew Batchelor, Emma Bhatt, Brian Holt, Melissa Mitchell, Mia Provenzano; 8/31 – Lynn Roseberry, Brad West; 9/2 – Diane Cole, Miguel Gonzalez



MEMBER ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

Today – Melanie and Mark Brown

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=Firs44421>



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 20 – \$957.67 – Health Gives Hope

NEXT WEEK'S MISSION OFFERING

Mid-Ohio Workers

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

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 Sibirian
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 Ninios, 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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Welcome reception during Fellowship Hour.

Or

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