



FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Depart to Serve

AUGUST 5, 2018

THE NEW SOCIAL GOSPEL SERMON SERIES Beginning today and lasting through September 2, we will have a special summer sermon series entitled, "The New Social Gospel." Guest preachers will 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

SUNDAY CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS TOURS: AUGUST 5 AND

SEPTEMBER 2 Join the Rev. Dr. Tim Ahrens for a 30-minute tour highlighting the progress of the construction projects occurring both inside and outside of First Church. After the 9 a.m. service, meet 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.

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 commissioner Dawn George at dawngeorge16@gmail.com for more information.

BOOK CLUB MEETING – MONDAY, AUGUST 6 AT 7 P.M. IN THE NURSERY We will discuss *Fun Home* by Alison Bechdel. There will be light refreshments. Join us for a lively discussion and bring with you any recommendations for future selections.

RESTOCK THE GOOD SAMARITAN CUPBOARDS FOR AUGUST 13

Donations of the following items are greatly appreciated:

- Men's and women's shampoo and body wash
- Men's and women's deodorant
- Toothpaste and toothbrushes
- Disposable razors and shaving cream.
- Feminine hygiene products
- Bars of soap



Place donations in the brown bin in the main hallway near the office.

BOOK STUDY MEETING – WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15 AT 11 A.M. IN THE NURSERY We will discuss *The Cost of Discipleship* by Dietrich Bonhoeffer. Books will be available for purchase on April 12 in the church office for \$15.

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>

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.

We are delighted to celebrate the baptism of Charlotte Grace Trautman during our 9 a.m. service today. Please find the baptismal cards at each service and share a special message with her. Place them in the offering plate at the time of the offertory during the service. Please see a Deacon if you need help finding a card.

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 Malini Gnanatheeban, on the death of her mother Dorothy Sushlia.

FRIENDS AND FAMILY Chris Roberts, brother of Missy Zimmerman; Ben Wiant; Caleb Secor, grandson of Dennis Secor; Joyce Marcum, sister of Betty Conn; and Brooke Chute, cousin of Amy Wagner; and those who mourn the loss of loved ones, including Thalia Lewis, on the death of her brother, Josh Lewis; and the family and friends of Dr. Christopher Osborn.

We offer a special prayer for Mark Williams, Director of Christian Education, who is on sabbatical through August 21. We offer a special prayer for 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 feel the threat to democracy around the world. We pray for immigrants and refugees fleeing violence and abuse around the world. We pray for those affected by natural disasters around the world. We pray for those who suffer from brain diseases and their caregivers.

IN GOD'S HANDS: THE ECUMENICAL PRAYER CYCLE This week we pray with and for the people and churches of Cameroon, Central African Republic, and Equatorial Guinea.

MISSIONARIES This week we pray for Bosela and Brigitte Eale serving in Kenya.

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 5

9 a.m. – Worship: Morning Prayer and Holy Communion – Parish Hall
10:10 a.m. –Tim’s Construction Progress Tour
11 a.m. – Worship – Sanctuary
Noon – Fellowship Hour – Parish Hall
12:15 p.m. –Tim’s Construction Progress Tour

Monday, August 6

Noon – Care Ministry Meeting – Nursery
7 p.m. – Book Club – Nursery

Tuesday, August 7

11:45 a.m. – Stewardship Meeting – Children’s Library
2 p.m. – Worship Planning – Parish Family Room
5:30 p.m. – Sacred Earth – Ralph Fanning Room
7 p.m. – Justice and Mercy – Ralph Fanning Room

Wednesday, August 8

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

Thursday, August 9

7 p.m. – Security Team – Ralph Fanning Room

Saturday, August 11

8:30 a.m. – House and Grounds – Ralph Fanning Room
10 a.m. – First Church Quilters – Parish Family Room

Sunday, August 12

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



MEMBER BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Today – Deb Anderson, Ellen Boriin, Barb Clapham; 6 – Meg Rhoads, Denise Vogt; 7 – Patrick DeSabato, Miguel Gonzalez; 8 – Donna Vogt; 9 – Dan Harkins; 10 - Gabrielle Boykin, Bill Faith, Fraylee Williams; 11 – Greg Buzzell

MEMBER ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

7 – Loretta and Joe Hoffman, Catherine and Steven Kennedy II; 8 – Holly and Bill Heer III, Cynthia and Alex Throckmorton, Geoff and Andy Smith-Verhage; 11 – Amy and Chris Brooks

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

July 29 – \$619.46 – YMCA Family Center

NEXT WEEK’S MISSION OFFERING – Church World

Service Hygiene Kits

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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