

DEPART TO SERVE

SEPTEMBER 10, 2017

YOUTH KICK-OFF DINNER is *Sunday, September 10 at 6 p.m.* for Middle and High School Youth. Featuring Sand Volleyball – Youth vs. Parents. This is going to be a great year! Meat and drinks will be provided; Bring a salad, side or dessert to share.

FAITH FORMATION TIME KICKS OFF SEPTEMBER 10 The Faith Formation Time (Education Hour) on Sunday mornings begins on September 10. The Faith Formation Time (Education Hour) for young people also begins on September 10 at 10 a.m. The children and youth will use the curriculum “Seasons of the Spirit,” which is a wonderful resource for our teachers and leaders. Classes are available for all ages. The Nursery is staffed for children ages 0-3 for Godly Play activities and safe nurturing environment. The Pre-School Class, ages 3-5PreK will meet on the second floor of the Education Wing. This is a new room for this class. The Kindergarten-1st Grade class will meet on the second floor along with the 2nd-3rd Grade Class. The 4th-5th Grade Class will meet on the first floor. The Middle School class will meet across from the Adult Library and the High School class will meet in the youth room. Signs will be posted for locations of all the classes. As an adult, maybe you’ve wondered what Sunday school means for you. We have the answer for you, and it includes two classes on Sunday morning at 10 a.m. These two tracks offer you two different ways of growing and shaping your life and faith in ways that draw you closer to God and into community with others. We also offer a place of meditation in the Family Parish Room and Gladden Chapel.

“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.



CHORAL EVENSONG On *Sunday, September 17, at 4 p.m.*, the First Church Choir with organist Tyler Robertson will present music of Bryan Kelly, James Turle, William H. Harris and Kevin Jones in this first of monthly evensongs.

ORGAN RECITAL Minister of Music Kevin Jones presents his annual organ recital on *Friday, September 22, at 7:30 p.m.* playing music of Jehan Alain, J.S. Bach, Dieterich Buxtehude, César Franck and Johann Pachelbel on both Beckerath and Kimball organs.



GLOBAL CLIMATE CHANGE: THE EVIDENCE, CHALLENGES AND OUR OPTIONS On *Sunday, October 1 at 1 p.m.*, First Congregational Church welcomes **Dr. Ellen Mosley-Thompson**, Director of the Byrd Polar and Climate Research Center and Distinguished University Professor in the Department of Geography at The Ohio State University for a critical discussion on climate change when she presents *Global Climate Change: The Evidence, Challenges and Our Options*. Dr. Mosley-Thompson is a paleoclimatologist who uses the chemical and physical properties of ice cores collected from ice sheets and mountain ice fields to reconstruct the Earth’s climate history. Come hear about these core indicators of climate change and how we as citizens and people of faith can respond and advocate on this critical issue. Join us for Fellowship Hour immediately following 11 a.m. worship for a buffet of delicious snacks in Parish Hall. Sacred Earth is sponsoring this lunch, learn and advocate opportunity for all who care for our Earth.

OF NOTE...

With many of the brown original remaining pew pads (and a few black fill-ins) having deteriorated, we are updating and renewing our materials for both services. For the 9 a.m. service, interim friendship information pads with pens are at tables and on the chairs at the end of each row to be passed and signed. For the 11 a.m. service, interim friendship information pads with pens are located on the center aisle end of each pew to be passed and signed. We encourage you to please sign and pass the pads to your pew mates so you can greet one another by name. Additionally, please include any updated information or requests for visits on the pads so we can update our records or arrange for a visit.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

MEMBERS Don Erickson; Ray Pendell; and families and friends who mourn the loss of loved ones.

FRIENDS AND FAMILY Dick Kevan, husband of Jan Kevan; Patricia Lightbody, mother of Mary Lightbody; Jana Padilla, friend of Jenny Provenzano; Don and Jane Mead, parents of Cindy Deliman; Cindy Henderson and family; 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 Hurricanes Harvey and Irma, for those displaced by storms and devastating rain. We pray for the victims of the earthquake in Mexico City. We pray for the people of Venezuela.

IN GOD’S HANDS: THE ECUMENICAL PRAYER CYCLE This week we pray with and for the people and churches of Ghana, and Nigeria.

MISSIONARIES This week we pray for Nancy Lott Henry, serving in India.

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.

MEMBER BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK Today – Amy Nicholson; 9/12 – Aarn Cunningham, Bob Fowler, Linda Reiger; 9/13 – Angela Trautman; 9/14 – Doug Zimmerman; 9/15 – Kai Rozmiarek; 9/16 – Charles Hire, Carly Kutschbach

MEMBER ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK Today – Elizabeth Drotleff and Eric Chambers; 9/16 – Bev and Bert Cook, Lisa and Andy Thomas

NURSERY WORKER POSITION AVAILABLE 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.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST CHURCH

Sunday, September 10

9 a.m. – Worship: Morning Prayer and Holy Communion – Parish Hall
9 a.m. – Exultate Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room
10 a.m. – First Church Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room
10 a.m. – Faith Formation Time – Education Wing
10 a.m. – New Members Class – Parlor
11 a.m. – Worship – Sanctuary
Noon – Fellowship Hour – Parish Hall
6 p.m. – Middle and High School Youth – Parish Hall

Monday, September 11

9 a.m. – Good Samaritan Day – Ralph Fanning Room –
6:30 p.m. – Christian Education Meeting – Mark Williams' office
7 p.m. – Trustees – Ralph Fanning Room

Tuesday, September 12

11:30 a.m. – Worship Planning – Parish Family Room
12:30 p.m. – Congregational Care Task Force – Ralph Fanning Room
7 p.m. – Executive Committee – Ralph Fanning Room

Wednesday, September 13

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

Thursday, September 14

7:15 p.m. – First Church Choir Rehearsal – Parish Hall

Saturday, September 16

5:30 p.m. – Confirmation Retreat – Education Wing

Sunday, September 17

9 a.m. – Worship: Morning Prayer and Holy Communion – Parish Hall
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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
September 3 – \$3,663.71 – Church World Service:
Hurricane Relief

NEXT WEEK'S MISSION OFFERING
CROP

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

Parent/ Children Worship Resources

A Worship Activity Pak for Parents and Children, crayons and Children's Bulletins are available at each entrance. Included in the pak is a wonderful coloring book "Be The Church" that teaches wonderful lessons about who we are as a faith community. Ask an Usher/Greeter or Deacon for your very own copy!

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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
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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

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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
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Justice & Mercy	Al Glover, Elect - Dawn George
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Nominating Chair	Brian Cave
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Youth-at-large	Joe Spofforth
Deacon Council Representative	Janet Newcity

TRUSTEES

Chairperson	Lisa Morris
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