

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

DEPART TO SERVE

SEPTEMBER 11, 2016

FAITH FORMATION TIME BEGINS! Join us for Faith Formation Time at 10 a.m. There will be opportunities for expanding faith for all ages.

CONGREGATIONAL CONCERT: MOZART'S REQUIEM At 4 p.m. this afternoon, the First Church Choir, soloists and orchestra will present Mozart's powerful Requiem in commemoration of the 15th Anniversary of September 11, 2001. Also on the program will be J.S. Bach's Concerto in d minor for harpsichord and strings. Please make plans to be present for this important commemoration.

YOUTH MEETINGS BEGIN TONIGHT AT 6 P.M. Both the high school and middle school youth groups will kick-off this fall with a potluck dinner for the youth and their families this evening at 6 p.m. The dinner and fun time will be at the West Lawn of the church. If there is bad weather the event will be held in the Parish Hall. Everyone is asked to bring a salad, side dish or dessert to share. The youth will discuss plans for the year (including how our youth will be involved), and they will have fun times playing games, including sand volleyball.

NAMI PROGRAMS FOR COPING WITH MENTAL ILLNESS The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) of Franklin County is offering free educational programs for families to cope with brain diseases. The first program will run from September 18-October 23, 2016 from 1-5:30 p.m. at NAMI Ohio, 1225 Dublin Road, Suite 125, Columbus, Ohio 43215. Another program will be held here at First Church on Sunday afternoons from 1-5:30 p.m. for five weeks from January 15-February 19, 2017 in Room D of the Education Wing. For more information, please contact: Karen Cousins at 614-501-6264.

BLOCK PARTY SEPTEMBER 25 – 12:30-2 P.M. ON THE WEST LAWN

First Church will provide chicken, a vegetarian option, water and lemonade.

Last Names- A-H: bring sweets

Last Names- I-P: bring a salad

Last Names – Q-Z: bring a side dish

Remember to bring large portions to feed our neighbors!

Block Party Games * Super Games

NEXT SUNDAY IN FORMATIVE DISCUSSIONS FOR ADULTS – 10 A.M.

First Church member Chris Gelpi will lead us on the topic “Debating in Good Faith.” As people of faith, we need the tools to be able to discuss topics with others with whom we may disagree. Chris will guide us on how to be faithful in our discussions with others in a manner of compassion and grace.

MARCHING FOR MORE ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2016

You are invited to join The Ohio State University Marching Band, the world's largest all-brass and percussion band, and Gladden Community House, a local non-profit organization dedicated to preserving and strengthening the well being of the Franklinton community, as they come together for an unforgettable evening – striking a chord together through tradition, music, and meaning. Enjoy a premier performance from the OSU band as they triumphantly support Gladden Community House and March for More at the ‘Shoe’. For more information, please visit www.MarchingForMore.com.

SEPTEMBER MISSION OFFERING SCHEDULE

September 11	Good Samaritan
September 18	Laundry Love
September 25	Trustees: Building Legacy Fund

SEPTEMBER FELLOWSHIP HOUR SCHEDULE

September 11	Haggai
September 18	Hosea
September 25	Celebration/Legacy Sunday Meal: Jeremiah, Kings, Micah, Numbers

SEPTEMBER ACOLYTE SCHEDULE

September 11	Nick Boriin	Peter Spofforth
September 18	Alyssa Batchelor	Alania Thompson
September 25	Erin Murray	Nina Zimmerman

NEED PRAYER? If you are in need of prayer and wish someone to prayer with you or for you, a minister will be available in the Gladden Chapel following worship this morning. The Chapel is located through the Education Wing Door on the Pulpit side and down the hall on the left, immediately at the top of the stairs from the Education Wing.

If you have any prayer requests or joys to share, please contact the church office (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.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

MEMBERS Jane Weddle, Madeline Helmer; Heather Biggers, as she continues her work with FEMA; Sharon Walquist; Grace Glaros; Arlene Reynolds; Rick Henderson; Janice White; Abby Salak and Melissa Prendergast and their daughter, Ruth Eloise; Bernie Martin; Ray Pendell; and families and friends who continue to mourn the loss of loved ones, including: Jean Wetmore, on the death of her grandmother; Allison Lowery Palmer and her husband Gary, on the death of Gary's son, Matt; Laurie Maynell, on the death of her father; and Dayna McCrary, on the death of her father, Moses Murray.

FRIENDS AND FAMILY Nevaeh Summers and family; Bob Childs, brother-in-law of Martha Huey; Ruth Klinger, aunt of Tim Ahrens; Paul Zimmerman, father of Doug Zimmerman; Beverly, mother of Kent Rambo; Michael Cromartie, friend of Tim Ahrens; Shandi and Charles; Father Jim Ragnoni and his family and the St. Anthony Parish in Akron; Connor and Grant Orendorf and their parents, Katie and Harrison; Gidget, family member of Bill Johannes and Barb Clapham; Mark Plescia; Joe and Marjorie Kufel, parents of Sharon Leidheiser; Frankie Williams, mother of Mark Williams; Jill Ford, friend of Mark Williams; and families and friends who continue to mourn the loss of loved ones, including Ed and Ruth Shoener and family, on the death of Katie Shoener; and the family of Tim Jones.

THROUGHOUT THE WORLD On this 15th anniversary of September 11, 2001, we are deeply aware of the tragic cycle of continuing violence around the world. As we each find our own way through the complex maze of inner feelings, it is useful to know that we are not alone in our struggles or in our hopes. We pray for peace and healing. We pray for all those impacted by natural disasters throughout the world. We pray for all those affected by brain disease.

IN GOD'S HANDS: THE ECUMENICAL PRAYER CYCLE This week in the Ecumenical Prayer Cycle, we pray with and for the people and churches of the Albania, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia, Slovenia, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Kosovo, Montenegro and Serbia.

MISSIONARIES: This week, we pray for Teresa Henry, serving in India.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST CHURCH

Sunday, September 11

- 9 a.m. – Worship: Morning Prayer and Holy Communion
- 9 a.m. – Treble Choir Rehearsal – Music Activities Room
- 10 a.m. – First Church Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room
- 10 a.m. – Faith Formation Time – Education Wing
- 11 a.m. – Worship – Sanctuary
- Noon – Fellowship Hour – Parish Hall
- 4 p.m. – Congregational Concert – Mozart’s Requiem – Sanctuary
- 6 p.m. – Youth Group Kickoff Dinner – West Lot

Monday, September 12

- 9 a.m. – Good Samaritan Day – Sanctuary and Parlor
- Noon – Care Ministry Meeting – Ralph Fanning Room
- 7 p.m. – Trustees – Ralph Fanning Room

Tuesday, September 13

- 2 p.m. – Worship Planning – Parish Family Room
- 5:30 p.m. – Sacred Earth – Ralph Fanning Room
- 7 p.m. – Executive Committee – Ralph Fanning Room

Wednesday, September 14

- 9:30 a.m. – Staff Meeting – Ralph Fanning Room
- 7 p.m. – Lincoln/Norwich Planning Committee – Parlor

Thursday, September 15

- 6 p.m. – First Church Ringers Rehearsal – Education Wing Room J
- 7:15 p.m. – First Church Choir Rehearsal – Parish Hall

Saturday, September 17

- 8:30 a.m. – House and Grounds – Parish Family Room
- 6 p.m. – Confirmation Retreat – Education Wing

Sunday, September 18

- 9 a.m. – Worship: Morning Prayer and Holy Communion
- 9 a.m. – Teen Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room
- 9 a.m. – Treble Choir Rehearsal – Music Activities Room
- 10 a.m. – First Church Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room
- 10 a.m. – Faith Formation Time – Education Wing
- 11 a.m. – Worship – Sanctuary
- Noon – Fellowship Hour – Parish Hall
- 6 p.m. – High School Youth Group – Parish Hall

WEEKLY SERMONS ARE AVAILABLE:

- Online on our website: <http://www.first-church.org/Sermons.aspx>
- In the information racks located outside the church office and at the Ninth Street entrance
- Podcasts of the sermons are posted online at <http://www.first-church.org/Worship.aspx>.

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** and then click on **Online Giving**. Set up an account and pay with your credit card or through your checking or savings account. You may use the QR link or:



<https://www.faithstreet.com/church/first-congregational-church-of-columbus-columbus-oh/giving>

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

We encourage you to carefully review the many opportunities of programs, meetings and ministries this week and in coming weeks here at First Church through today’s *Depart to Serve* Leaflet, Facebook page, Twitter, Website or Newsletter.

MEMBER ANNIVERSARIES 16-Bev and Bert Cook, Lisa and Andy Thomas

MEMBER BIRTHDAYS 12-Marti Baumer, Bob Fowler, Linda Reiger, Aarn Cunningham; 14-Meredith Sugar, Doug Zimmerman; 15-Kai Rozmiarek; 16-Carly Kutschbach

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
Interim Building and Grounds Superintendent	Milt Allen
Custodians	William Lee, Jimmy Sibrian
Wedding Coordinators	Janet Axt, Margaret Cipriani, Amy Wagner, Katie Wagner
Nursery Staff	Evin Wimberly, Simone Ellerson, Natalie Barker, Taylre Arnold

DIACONATE

Senior Deacon	Lynn Wallich
Deacons	Sandy Bennett, Kris Brant, Valerie Conlin-Losinski, Sue Cook, Alec Deitz, Dean Hafey, Anne Hudson, Paul Leidheiser, Mary Lightbody, Dayna McCrary, Janet Newcity, Jorge Polo, Alex Rodriguez, Hugh Schultz

CHURCH COUNCIL

Moderator	Brian Cave
Moderator-Elect	Kent Shimeall
Treasurer	Cindy Conn
Assistant Treasurer	Joe Baszynski
Secretary	Nancy Braverman
Assistant Secretary	Pat Patterson

COMMISSIONERS

Administration	Allison Palmer, Elect - Sue Cook
Church Growth	Matt Myers, Elect - Kent Rambo
Education	Jennifer Okezie-Watts, Elect - Helen Ninos
House & Grounds	Charlie Weaver, Elect - Eric Klintworth
Justice & Mercy	Tracy Ross, Elect - Al Glover
Music, Arts, & Heritage	Al Waddell, Elect - Sharon Ferguson
Church Vitality	<i>Chair and Elect Currently Vacant</i>
Nominating Chair	Elaine Warren
Member-at-large	Mary Kay Beall Carter
Youth-at-large	Eddie Anderson IV
Deacon Council Representative	Alec Deitz

TRUSTEES

Chairperson	Francille Firebaugh
Treasurer	Bill Johannes
Trustees	Patricia Groseck, Bill Heer, Lisa Morris, Sheldon Taft, Charlie Weaver, Keith White, Gerry Worth

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