



FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Depart to Serve

SEPTEMBER 16, 2018

CHORAL EVENSONG: SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 AT 4 P.M. The First Church Choir, with organist Tyler Robertson, will present music of Kenneth Leighton, Stephen Caracciolo, and William Mathias in this first of monthly evensongs.

CONCERTS AT FIRST CHURCH: SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30 AT 4 P.M. Young virtuoso Monica Czausz will play an organ recital offering music of Praetorius, Bach, Guy Bovet, Parry, Seth Bingham, and Paul Creston on both Beckerath and Kimball organs.

FOURTH GRADE/NEW YOUTH BIBLE PRESENTATION TODAY Each year our church presents a New Revised Standard Version gift Bible to children in the fourth grade, or those older who have joined in the past year. It is our way of encouraging our children in their faith journey.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR LAUNDRY

LOVE ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25 Please

consider volunteering for this month's

Laundry Love from 6 to 7 p.m. this Tuesday

at WashLand Laundromat, 1469 West Broad

Street in West Franklinton. The children and youth of First

Congregational Church invite you to join them in a year-long mission

project called "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. We would love for members and friends to come and

volunteer. Donations of laundry detergent, trash bags, dryer sheets,

bottle water, and granola bars are needed. This mission is solely

dependent on your generous giving.



Our funds are very low. There is only one month of funding left for this mission. The demand is great and has doubled in the past year. *We are averaging between \$400 to \$480 each month.*

JAMIE BOBB IN CONCERT: FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21 AT 7:30 P.M.

Former First Church Organist and Capital University student and faculty member Jamie Bobb will perform an organ recital on the Paul W. and Ella D. Hugus Pipe Organ at Capital University on Friday, September 21 at 7:30 p.m. in Mees Hall Auditorium.

FREE SCREENING OF "BREATHE FREE": SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

The Columbus Crossing Borders Project's documentary film which spotlights the stories of refugees will be shown free of charge on Sunday, September 30 from 1 - 5 p.m. at The Point at Otterbein University, 60 Collegeview Road, Westerville, Ohio 43081. In addition, there will be discussions, ethnic dancing, art displays, crafts, music, food and games.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATES The North Parking Lot has been returned to normal operation and access. Weekday and Saturday access into the building continues to be through the North Education Wing doors until further notice. The Ninth Street door will be open on Sundays until shortly after the 11 a.m. service begins. Exterior masonry restoration has been completed. The windows that were removed from the Parish House for restoration will be returned and installed starting in October.

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! Last Sunday's Intergenerational Mission Event for Church World Service was a great success. With the help of children, youth and adults First Church will supply **310 Hygiene Kits**. (Our goal was 200 kits). They will go immediately to places that are in most need. We thank Mark Williams and the Education Commission, the Justice and Mercy Commission, and all other helpers whose caring ministry came forth for this event. First Church member Matt Stevens, with Church World Service, will pick up and deliver our kits to where they need to go. Watch for more information on upcoming intergenerational mission events! Contact Rev. Emily Corzine(ecorzine@first-church.org) if you are interested.

MEMBER BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Today – Charles Hire, Carly Kutschbach; 18 – Anthony Brown, Jim Monsul, Christopher Washington; 19 – John Bachman, Ava Leidheiser; 20 – Jim Gallagher, Randy Hoffman, Keith Kulwicki; 21 – Shannon Washington; 22 – Janette Hoffman

MEMBER ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK

Today – Bev and Bert Cook, Lisa and Andy Thomas; 19 – Kathryn and Shea Watts; 21 – Susan and Bill Rhoads

JOYS AND CONCERNS

CONGRATULATIONS to Lauren, Scott and Harper Hamman on the birth of daughter and sister Blakely Rose on September 7.

MEMBERS Mary Alice Kuhn; Melissa and Abby Prendergast; Celeste Feather; Mary Kay Beall Carter; John Carter; Wayne Redenbarger; Andrew MacGregor; Lindy Miller; and Carl Miller; and those who mourn the loss of loved ones, including Sarah, Heather and Malcom Giffen, on the death of Wally Giffen; and Allison Lowery Palmer and family, on the death of husband Gary Thomas.

FRIENDS AND FAMILY Patti Nussle and family; Chris Collaros; Ben Wiant; Joyce Marcum, sister of Betty Conn; and Brooke Chute, cousin of Amy Wagner; and those who mourn the loss of loved ones, including the family of John Weissrock. We offer prayers for Kevin Jones, Minister of Music, who is on sabbatical through November 6.

THROUGHOUT THE WORLD We pray for all who are affected by extreme weather conditions throughout the world, including those affected by Hurricane Florence. We pray for the continued unrest in Syria and in Israel/Palestine. We pray for those battling brain diseases. We pray for children and families around the world who don't have access to clean drinking water. We pray for peace in the places of conflict.

IN GOD'S HANDS: THE ECUMENICAL PRAYER CYCLE This week we pray with and for the people and churches of Argentina, Paraguay, and Uruguay.

MISSIONARIES This week we pray for Emmanuela Loccident serving in Morocco.

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, September 16

9 a.m. – Worship: Morning Prayer and Holy Communion – Parish Hall
9 a.m. – Exultate/Jubilate Choirs – Choir and Music Activities Rooms
10 a.m. – First Church Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room
10 a.m. – Faith Formation Time – Education Wing, Parlor and Fanning Room
11 a.m. – Worship – Sanctuary
Noon – Fellowship Hour – Parish Hall
12:15 – Good Samaritan Committee – Ralph Fanning Room
12:30 p.m. – Confirmation – Education Wing Room D
6 p.m. – High School Youth Group – Parish Hall

Monday, September 17

Noon – Care Ministry – Nursery
5:30 p.m. – Budget and Finance – Ralph Fanning Room
7 p.m. – Personnel – Parish Family Room

Tuesday, September 18

2 p.m. – Worship Planning – Children’s Library
7 p.m. – Church Council – Nursery

Wednesday, September 19

11 a.m. – Book Study – Nursery

Thursday, September 23

Deadline for Newsletter Articles

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

Sunday, September 24

9 a.m. – Worship: Morning Prayer and Holy Communion – Parish Hall
9 a.m. – Exultate/Jubilate Choirs – Choir and Music Activities Rooms
10 a.m. – First Church Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room
10 a.m. – Faith Formation Time – Education Wing, Parlor and Fanning Room
10 a.m. – Food Reception for Celebration Meal – Education Wing, Room D
11 a.m. – Worship – Sanctuary
Noon – Legacy Sunday Celebration and Meal – West Lot
6 p.m. – Middle and High School Youth Groups – Parish Hall

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.



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- **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

September 9 – \$898.07 – Refugee Resettlement

NEXT WEEK’S MISSION OFFERING – Legacy Fund

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 5-November 5)
Sabbatical Replacement Minister of Music	Robbe Delcamp, DMus.
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
Jubilate Choir Director	Sandra Mathias, Ph.D.
Business Manager	Sharon Leidheiser
Program Manager	Martha Worth
Office Manager	Amy Wagner
Building & Grounds Superintendent	Mark Dahnke
Custodians	Ross McNarry, 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

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