



## FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

DEPART TO SERVE - SEPTEMBER 23, 2018

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR LAUNDRY LOVE THIS 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.

**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.

**FREE SCREENING OF "BREATHE FREE" ON 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.

### FIRST CHURCH JOYS AND CONCERNS

**MEMBERS** 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 the family of Mary Alice Kuhn; 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** June Claire Cahris, mother of Pattie Amy and grandmother of Sarah Amy Kruk; Don Mead, father of Cindy Deliman; Cindy Catlett, sister of Bill Lange; 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 Rev. Patricia Battles, on the death of her father, Morris Holland. 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 Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, and Peru.

**MISSIONARIES** This week we pray for Mishan Bakalian serving in East Timor.

Need Prayer? If you have any prayer requests or joys to share, please contact Amy Wagner, Office Manager, at [awagner@first-church.org](mailto:awagner@first-church.org) or 614-228-1741, ext. 10 or the ministers: [ecorzine@first-church.org](mailto:ecorzine@first-church.org) or 614-228-1741, ext. 21, or [tahrens@first-church.org](mailto:tahrens@first-church.org) or 614-228-1741, ext. 13.

**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](http://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 16 – \$784.00 – Horizon Prison Ministry

**NEXT WEEK'S MISSION OFFERING**

Church World Service Hurricane Relief

**MEMBER BIRTHDAYS** Today – Victor John, Stan Lange; 25 – Jordan Gies; 26 – Gerry Hudson, Daniel Ahrens; 27 – Bernie Bouman, Pavan Peter, Ron Reiger, Dawn Sayre; 28 – Tom Kuhn; 29 – Pauline Fritz, Betsy Zahn

**JUSTICE MINISTRY HOUSE MEETINGS COMING SOON!**

Each fall, BREAD organizes house meetings to listen to the concerns and passion for justice within the membership of our 40 congregations. Here is a list of house meetings that First Congregational Church members are hosting in the next five weeks. We would love for you to participate in these 90-minute sessions. Please take a look at the list, pick a date, time and location that works best for you, and contact the host to tell them you are coming! Your participation will strengthen First Church's justice ministry.

**Tuesday, September 25, 7p.m. @ church**, hosted by Tim Ahrens and Krisanna Deppen (614-330-0240, [kldeppe@me.com](mailto:kldeppe@me.com))

**Thursday, September 27, 7 p.m. @ Glovers', 202 Saint Jacques St., Worthington**, hosted by Al and Barbara Glover (614-396-6243, [bglover202@gmail.com](mailto:bglover202@gmail.com))

**Sunday, September 30, 12:15 p.m. @ church**, hosted by Tim Ahrens and Anthony Brown (215-694-7332, [anthony.brown419@gmail.com](mailto:anthony.brown419@gmail.com))

**Monday, October 1, 7 p.m. @ Antoinette Beynen's**, 4294 Chaucer Lane, hosted by Antoinette Beynen (614-451-9947, [akoolemansbeynen@netscape.com](mailto:akoolemansbeynen@netscape.com))

**Wednesday, October 3, 12:15 p.m. @ church**, hosted by Tim Ahrens and Pat Liebchen (614-338-0685)

**Wednesday, October 3, 7 p.m. @ Penny Casey's, 249 Overbrook**, hosted by Penny Casey (614-261-6825, [pgohio@aol.com](mailto:pgohio@aol.com)) and Barbara Glover (614-396-6243, [bglover202@gmail.com](mailto:bglover202@gmail.com))

**Friday, October 5, 7 p.m. @ Glovers', 202 Saint Jacques St., Worthington**, hosted by Al and Barbara Glover (614-396-6243, [bglover202@gmail.com](mailto:bglover202@gmail.com))

**Monday, October 8, 7 p.m. @ Grandview Heights Public Library**, 1685 W. 1st Ave., hosted by Dennis Secor (614-309-2267, [Leo\\_Dennis1948@yahoo.com](mailto:Leo_Dennis1948@yahoo.com)) and Antoinette Beynen (614-451-9947, [akoolemansbeynen@netscape.com](mailto:akoolemansbeynen@netscape.com))

**Monday, October 15, 7 p.m. @ Grandview Heights Public Library**, 1685 W. 1st Ave., hosted by Dennis Secor (614-309-2267, [Leo\\_Dennis1948@yahoo.com](mailto:Leo_Dennis1948@yahoo.com)) and Antoinette Beynen (614-451-9947, [akoolemansbeynen@netscape.com](mailto:akoolemansbeynen@netscape.com))

**Wednesday, October 16, 7 p.m. @ Anthony Brown's**, 2029 Millbrook Way, hosted by Anthony Brown (215-694-7332, [anthony.brown419@gmail.com](mailto:anthony.brown419@gmail.com))