



## FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

DEPART TO SERVE - SEPTEMBER 24, 2017

**NEXT SUNDAY - FORMATIVE DISCUSSIONS FOR ADULTS- SUNDAY AT 10 A.M.**

**Room C - "A Study for the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation"** Join us for a five-week series on the Reformation. The Protestant Reformation began 500 years ago. Some of the life-threatening, flabbergasting ideas that exploded out of those years are now a part of the air we breathe. 500 years ago, people died for them. But time turns the revolutionary into the everyday. We take key Reformation claims for granted. We can't even see them; they're just a part of who we are. This study celebrates the United Church of Christ's Reformation heritage by lifting up some of the Reformation's central claims. There is beauty here. And ugliness too. Inasmuch as ideas can thrill, these ideas are thrilling. Brace yourself. Rev. Emily Corzine and Rev. Nancy Livingston will lead the sessions.

**Room D - "Radical Hospitality"** Join us for a five-week series on the Radical Hospitality. Christian hospitality is the active desire to invite, welcome, receive, and care for those who are strangers so that they find a spiritual home and discover for themselves the unending richness of life in Christ. Radical describes that which is drastically different from ordinary practice, outside the norm, that which exceeds expectations and goes the second mile. Practicing Radical Hospitality means we present the absolute utmost of ourselves, our creativity, and our abilities to offer the gracious invitation and welcome of Christ to others. Rev. Mary Kay Beale Carter will lead the sessions.

### FIRST CHURCH JOYS AND CONCERNS

**BLESSINGS TO NEWLY MARRIED COUPLES** We extend our blessings and congratulate Blaizie Goveas and George Mathew, married here yesterday.

**MEMBERS** Elaine Warren; Shirley Calhoun; Cathy Calhoun; Bernie Martin; Don Erickson; Ray Pendell; and families and friends who mourn the loss of loved ones, including Valerie Conlin-Losinski, on the death of her aunt, Lois Ann Shearer.

**FRIENDS AND FAMILY** Rachael Holt; Dick Kevan, husband of Jan Kevan; Patricia Lightbody, mother of Mary Lightbody; Jana Padilla, friend of Jenny Provenzano; Marjorie Kufel, mother of Sharon Leidheiser; Rev. Roger Miller; and families and friends who continue to mourn the loss of loved ones.

**THROUGHOUT THE WORLD** We pray for the victims of the earthquake in central Mexico. We pray for the people in the Northwestern United States who have endured 200 wildfires. We pray for the victims of Hurricanes Maria, Harvey and Irma, for those displaced by storms and devastating rain.

**IN GOD'S HANDS: THE ECUMENICAL PRAYER CYCLE** This week we pray with and for the people and churches of Bolivia, Brazile, Chile, and Peru.

**MISSIONARIES** This week we pray for Susan Valiquette, serving in South Africa.

**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 one of 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 17 – \$627.98 – CROP Walk

**NEXT WEEK'S MISSION OFFERING**  
Church World Service – Hurricane Relief

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

**MEMBER BIRTHDAYS** 9/25 – Jordan Gies; 9/26 – Gerry Hudson, Daniel Ahrens; 9/27 – Bernie Bouman, Pavan Peter, Ron Reiger, Dawn Sayre; 9/28 – Tom Kuhn; 9/29 – Pauline Fritz, Betsy Zahn; 9/30 – Cami Curren, Scott Hamman, Melissa Prendergast

## **BREAD HOUSE MEETINGS COMING SOON!**

Each fall, BREAD organizes house meetings to listen to the concerns and passion for justice within the membership of our 20 congregations. Here is a list of house meetings that First Congregational Church members are hosting in the next six weeks.

We would love for you to participate in these two-hour 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.

**September 26, 7 p.m. @ church**, hosted by Tim Ahrens and Sarah Dryer (614-632-6392, [sarahdryer33@gmail.com](mailto:sarahdryer33@gmail.com))

**October 4, 12:15 p.m. @ church**, hosted by Sarah Dryer (614-632-6392, [sarahdryer33@gmail.com](mailto:sarahdryer33@gmail.com)) and Tim Ahrens

**October 9, 7 p.m. @ Glovers**, 202 Saint Jacques St., Worthington, hosted by Barbara Glover (614-396-6243, [barbglover@yahoo.com](mailto:barbglover@yahoo.com)) and Antoinette Beynen (614-451-9947, [akoolemansbeynen@netscape.com](mailto:akoolemansbeynen@netscape.com))

**October 12, 7 p.m. @ Krisanna Deppen's**, 44 Wilson Ave., hosted by Krisanna Deppen (614-330-0240, [kldeppe@me.com](mailto:kldeppe@me.com))

**October 16, 7 p.m. @ Antoinette Beynen's**, 4294 Chaucer Lane, hosted by Antoinette Beynen (614-451-9947, [akoolemansbeynen@netscape.com](mailto:akoolemansbeynen@netscape.com)) and Barbara Glover (614-396-6243, [barbglover@yahoo.com](mailto:barbglover@yahoo.com))

**October 18, 7 p.m. @ Goodale Landing:** Westminster Thurber, 171 Neil Avenue, hosted by Robert Reber (614-353-8371, [robert.reber1@gmail.com](mailto:robert.reber1@gmail.com)) and Dennis Secor (614-309-2267, [leo\\_dennis1948@yahoo.com](mailto:leo_dennis1948@yahoo.com))

**October 18, 7 p.m. @ Amy Brown's**, 7652 Liddesdale Blvd., Blacklick, hosted by Amy Brown (614-203-6468, [a.e.brown10@gmail.com](mailto:a.e.brown10@gmail.com))