



FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Depart to Serve

SEPTEMBER 2, 2018

THE NEW SOCIAL GOSPEL SERMON SERIES Our special summer sermon series is entitled, *The New Social Gospel*.
 July 29: *The Prophet of the Social Gospel* The Rev. Dr. Timothy Ahrens
 August 5: *Forward to Freedom* The Rev. John Aeschbury
 August 12: *What Does God Require?...Really* The Rev. Dr. Renee P. Wormack-Keels
 August 19: *What Would Jesus Do?* The Rev. Emily Krause Corzine
 August 26: *Fulfilled in Your Hearing* The Rev. Dr. J. Bennett Guess
September 2: *A New Social Gospel* The Rev. Dr. Timothy Ahrens

CONCERT FOR A CAUSE: WOMEN IN SANCTUARY on Sunday, September 2 at 7:30 p.m. at North Congregational Church UCC, 2040 Henderson Road, Columbus, Ohio. The concert will feature Tony Arata, Eric Gnezda, and Keith Lawsen. Price: \$20 adults/\$40 family/ under 16 free. Come early for the Barbecue Picnic @ 5:30 p.m.

SUNDAY CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS TOUR: SEPTEMBER 2 Join the Rev. Dr. Tim Ahrens for a 30-minute tour to get an overview of the progress of the construction projects occurring both inside and outside of First Church. After the 9 a.m. service, meet Rev. Tim at the entrance of the Ralph Fanning Room, located on the first floor immediately across from the original church office. After the 11 a.m. service, the tour will begin at the chancel steps.

JOYFUL, JUBILANT, JUBILATE CHOIR RETREAT ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 Calling all boys and girls in Grade 2-5! Please join us for games, singing, lunch, games, robe fitting, singing, talent show (bring a talent to share) composing a song for the Social Justice Garden, and snacks. Plan to arrive at 9:45 a.m. to register. The retreat will run from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.; we ask for parents to please arrive at 2:45 p.m. so the choir can share what they have learned. Please bring a packed lunch.

COMMUNITY REFUGEE AND IMMIGRATION SERVICES (CRIS) 5K WALK/RUN: SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 AT 10 A.M. at Alum Creek Park North-Westerville, 221 W. Main Street. \$35 participant, Children 8 and under free. <https://runsignup.com/Race/OH/Westerville/CRIS5K>.

INTERGENERATIONAL MISSION EVENT ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9 IN PARISH HALL Join in making Hygiene Kits for Church World Service after 9 and 11 a.m. services. Contact Emily Corzine at ecorzine@first-church.org for more information.

SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS SEPTEMBER 9

The Christian Education year begins on September 9, with the Faith Formation hour starting for all ages at 10 a.m. This year's theme is "BUILD" based on I Corinthians 3:9 – "For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building."



YOUTH KICK-OFF DINNER SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9 for Middle and High School Youth and Parents from 6-7 p.m. in Parish Hall. Meat and drink provided – please bring a side dish or dessert to share.

BOOK CLUB MEETING – MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 AT 7 P.M. IN THE NURSERY We will discuss *Less* by Andrew Sean Greer. There will be light refreshments. Join us for a lively discussion and bring with you any recommendations for future selections.

CONCERTS AT FIRST CHURCH

- Sunday, September 16 at 4 p.m. First Choral Evensong
- Sunday, September 30, at 4 p.m. Organ Recital featuring Monica Czausz

MEMBER MAILBOXES Everyone's mailboxes (for both new and long-time members have been incorporated and are now all arranged in alphabetical order again. If you need to have a mailbox on a lower level, please contact Amy Wagner at awagner@first-church and we will accommodate your needs.

MEMBER BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK Today – Diane Cole, Miguel Gonzalez; 3 – Emily Corzine; 4 – Kinsley Schmitt; 5 – Elisa Batchelor, Eden McKissick-Hawley, Grant McCrary; 6 – Alice Panek; 8 – Sallie Danneberger, Torrie Lute

MEMBER ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK 5 – Becky and Brad West; 6 – Elisa and Andrew Batchelor

JOYS AND CONCERNS

MEMBERS Celeste Feather; Martha Loy; Jane Weddle; Mary Kay Beall Carter; John Carter; Wayne Redenbarger; Andrew MacGregor; Wally Giffen; Lindy Miller; and Carl Miller; and those who mourn the loss of loved ones, including Arlene Reynolds, on the death of her friend Conrad Dalliet; and Anne Bennett and family, on the death of her mother, Maggie Brooks.

FRIENDS AND FAMILY Kristine Utterback, sister of Marge Whittenburg; Cindy Catlett, sister of Bill Lange; Clara Weyland and Mildred Livingston, sister and mother of Nancy Livingston; Ben Wiant; Joyce Marcum, sister of Betty Conn; and Brooke Chute, cousin of Amy Wagner; and those who mourn the loss of loved ones. We offer prayers for Kevin Jones, Minister of Music, who is on sabbatical through November 6.

THROUGHOUT THE WORLD We pray for students, parents, teachers, and administrators as they begin the school year, including our neighboring CCAD students. We pray for all who are affected by extreme weather conditions throughout the world. We pray for the victims of sexual abuse in the Catholic churches in Pennsylvania. We pray for those who battle the wildfires across California and for the victims who have lost homes and lives. We pray for the victims of the earthquake in Indonesia. We pray for an end to the unrest in Yemen, Gaza, Afghanistan and Iraq. We pray for immigrant families still separated in detention facilities or in foster care around this country. We pray for immigrants and refugees who flee violence and abuse around the world.

IN GOD'S HANDS: THE ECUMENICAL PRAYER CYCLE This week we pray with and for the people and churches of Benin, Côte d'Ivoire, and Togo.

MISSIONARIES This week we pray for Jeanette Salley serving in Nicaragua.

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 2

- 9 a.m. – Worship: Morning Prayer and Holy Communion – Parish Hall
10 a.m. – First Church Choir Warm Up – Choir Room
10:10 a.m. – Tim’s Construction Progress Tour
11 a.m. – Worship – Sanctuary
12:15 p.m. – Tim’s Construction Progress Tour

Monday, September 3: Labor Day – Building Closed

Tuesday, September 4

- 2 p.m. – Worship Planning – Children’s Library
5 p.m. – Congregational Conversation about Homeless – Sanctuary and Fanning Room
5:30 p.m. – Sacred Earth – Children’s Library
7 p.m. – Justice and Mercy – Children’s Library

Wednesday, September 5

- 11 a.m. – Book Study – Education Wing Room A

Thursday, September 6

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



Saturday, September 8

- 8:30 a.m. – House and Grounds – Ralph Fanning Room
10 a.m. – Jubilate Choir Retreat – Music Activities Rooms
10 a.m. – First Church Quilters – Parish Family Room

Sunday, September 9

- 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, Room C
11 a.m. – Worship – Sanctuary
Noon – Fellowship Hour – Parish Hall
Noon – Stewardship Orientation and Lunch – Ralph Fanning Room
12:30 p.m. – Hymnal Supplement Committee – Choir Room
6 p.m. – Youth Kick-Off Dinner – 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.
- easyTithe**  **PayPal** 
- **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
August 26 – \$1,227.25 – ACLU Ohio

NEXT WEEK’S MISSION OFFERING – First Church
Refugee Resettlement 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 6-November 6)
Director of Christian Education	Mark S. Williams, M. Ed. (on sabbatical June 21-August 21)
Sabbatical Replacement Director of Christian Education	Karen Mozingo, Ph.D.
Commissioned Minister for Social Justice	Tom Brownfield
Commissioned Minister for Spiritual Formation and Direction	Jacquelyn Dean
Organist/Choirmaster Emeritus	G. Dene Barnard
Jubilate and Exultate Choir Director	Sandra Mathias, Ph.D.
Business Manager	Sharon Leidheiser
Program Manager	Martha Worth
Office Manager	Amy Wagner
Building & Grounds Superintendent	Mark Dahnke
Custodians	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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