



FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Depart to Serve

SEPTEMBER 30, 2018

CONCERTS AT FIRST CHURCH TODAY 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" TODAY The Columbus Crossing Borders Project's documentary film featuring stories of refugees will be shown from 1 - 5 p.m. at The Point at Otterbein University, 60 Collegeview Road, Westerville, Ohio 43081. There will be discussions, ethnic dancing, art displays, crafts, music, food and games.

NEXT BOOK CLUB MEETS TOMORROW AT 7 P.M. Join us in Room A in the Education Wing to discuss *The Sympathizer* by Viet Thanh Nguyen. There will be light refreshments. Join us for a lively discussion and bring with you any recommendations for future selections.

FIRST TUESDAYS SERIES OPENS ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2 AT 12:15 P.M. with organist Robert Delcamp, who is the interim sabbatical organist and choirmaster performing one of the masterpieces of the 19th century organ repertoire, the Grande Piece Symphonique by César Franck. Lunch is available in the Parish Hall at approximately 12:45 p.m. for a donation of \$5.

CHORAL EVENSONG: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21 AT 4 P.M. The First Church Choir will sing the Responses by Richard Ayleward, and music by Herbert Howells including the Collegium Regale Magnificat and Nunc dimittis and his anthem Behold, O God, our defender. The Rev. Dr. Nancy Livingston will be the officiant, and the choir will be accompanied by evensong organist Tyler Robertson.

BOO-AT-THE-ZOO: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21 The children, middle and high school youth groups and parents will be attending the Boo-at-the Zoo event at the Columbus Zoo. This is a church-wide event for all families! Details of the time of departure and tickets will be posted throughout the church and on the Youth and First Church Facebook pages. For more details, see Mark S. Williams (mwilliams@first-church.org)



DONATE A BASKET FOR THE CHURCH-WIDE CABARET/SPAGHETTI DINNER November 4 at 6 p.m. The youth will be auctioning themed baskets during the evening event. Please consider donating a themed basket from your committee or family. Here are some ideas; an Italian Dinner Basket, OSU Basket, Gardening Basket, Blue Jacket Basket, Chocolate Lover's Basket, Kitchen

Tools Basket, Children's Summer Fun Basket, Music Lovers Basket, Family Emergency Weather Basket, Crew Basket, Children's Books Basket, Snack-Attack Basket and Cookout Basket. We know there are many more great ideas out there for a gift basket. Be creative and join the fun! We hope that all baskets will have a value around \$50 or more. We would like to display all the baskets during Fellowship Hour on November 4. Please contact Mark Williams (mwilliams@first-church.org) if you choose a theme and are willing to donate.

FIRST CHURCH IS HIRING! First Church seeks a church Custodian/Sexton, especially weekend morning coverage. This person is responsible for building openings, welcoming and directing guests to appropriate spaces, room set up and redesign, and Hospitality Ministry support. This position is part-time/hourly. For more information please contact Rev. Emily Corzine at ecorzine@first-church.org or 614-228-1741 ext. 21.

REDEDICATION OF REV. WASHINGTON GLADDEN FAMILY LOT AT GREEN LAWN ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6 AT 11 A.M. Join the Rev. Dr. Tim Ahrens in the Huntington Chapel at Green Lawn Cemetery, 1000 Greenlawn Avenue, Columbus, OH 43223, for a short program on Rev. Washington Gladden, followed by a rededication of Gladden's family lot and the unveiling of a new interpretive sign. This event is free and open to the public.

COLLEGE CONNECTION Do you have a college or graduate student in your family? We are compiling current addresses through Friday, November 2. Please send up-to-date information to Rev. Emily Corzine at ecorzine@first-church.org.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

MEMBERS Barbara Knox; 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 Gene Dahnke, father of Mark Dahnke; Mike Hamlin, father of Amy Brooks; Marjorie Kufel, mother of Sharon Leidheiser; June Claire Gahris, mother of Pattie Amy and grandmother of Sarah Amy Kruk; Don Mead, father of Cindy Deliman; Cindy Catlett, sister of Bill Lange; 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 Battle, 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 Columbia, Ecuador, and Venezuela.

MISSIONARIES This week we pray for Robert Breckenridge serving in Zambia.

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 30

- 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,
Rooms C and D
- 11 a.m. – Worship – Sanctuary
- Noon – Fellowship Hour – Parish Hall
- 12:15 p.m. – BREAD House Meeting – Ralph Fanning Room
- 12:30 p.m. – ONA Meeting – Parish Family Room
- 4 p.m. – Organ Recital: Monica Czausz – Sanctuary
- 6 p.m. – Middle and High School Youth Groups – Parish Hall

Monday, October 1

- 7 p.m. – Book Club – Nursery

Tuesday, October 2

- 12:15 p.m. – First Tuesdays Concert and Luncheon –
Sanctuary and Parish Hall
- 1:30 p.m. – Care Ministry – Nursery
- 2:30 p.m. – Worship Planning – Children’s Library
- 5:30 p.m. – Sacred Earth – Nursery
- 7 p.m. – Justice and Mercy – Nursery

Wednesday, October 3

- 11 a.m. – Book Study – Education Wing Room A
- 12:15 p.m. – BREAD House Meeting – Nursery

Thursday, October 4

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

Sunday, October 7

- 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 D and Fanning Room
- 11 a.m. – Worship – Sanctuary
- Noon – Fellowship Hour – Parish Hall
- 12:30 p.m. – Confirmation – Education Wing Room D
- 12:30 p.m. – ONA Meeting – Parish Family Room
- 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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OFFERING TOTAL FOR LAST WEEK’S MISSION

September 23 – \$2,640.50 – Building Endowment Fund



NEXT WEEK’S MISSION OFFERING – Neighbors In Need

MEMBER BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK Today – Cami Curren, Scott Hamman, Melissa Prendergast; 1 – Nicole Moss; 2 – Lauren Glaros, Peter Murray, Craig Oyler; 3 – Charlie Brown, Rachael Gardner; 4 – Cathy Maupin, Brittanie Logel, Charlie Weaver; 5 – Jessica Catenacci, Ed Koetz, Aarav Peter, Keith White; 6 – Andrew Welsh-Huggins, Tammy Wharton

MEMBER ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK 10/2 – Barbara and Al Glover, Julie Light-Gregory and Courtney Gregory, Victoria and Jared Shields; 5 – Barb Poppe and Bill Faith

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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NEW MEMBERS CLASS – MONDAY, OCTOBER 22 7-9 P.M.



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