

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

DEPART TO SERVE

SEPTEMBER 3, 2017



FELLOWSHIP TIME TODAY

Please join us in Parish Hall after 11 a.m. Worship

“THREE GREAT LOVES” – LOVE OF CHILDREN Prayer buttons for our children and youth will be distributed at the doors at the end of the service. We ask you to prayerfully consider taking a prayer button and praying for the child listed throughout the year.

RESOURCES FOR PARENTS There are wonderful books in the Alma Keeler Library concerning Social Justice and Race Consciousness. Also, many parent resources will continue to be posted on the First Church Facebook page.

COMMUNITY RESOURCE FROM THE SOUTHERN POVERTY LAW CENTER on “Ten Ways to Fight Hate” is available at the entrance to the worship space.

“EXTRAVAGANT LOVE AND WELCOME: UNITING ALL IN ONE COMMUNITY” BY REV. DR. TIM AHRENS Today’s sermon is the final of this five-part sermon series. Today’s sermon is “Good Samaritans in Boats.” Question cards are available in each pew pad for you to ask questions concerning the ONA Sermon Series. The questions will be used by the Christian Education Commission to identify resources and discussion sessions this fall. Please place cards in the offering plate or baskets at the entrance of the worship space.

YOUTH KICK-OFF DINNER is *Sunday, September 10 at 6 p.m.* for Middle and High School Youth. Featuring Sand Volleyball – Youth vs. Parents. This is going to be a great year! Meat and drinks will be provided; Bring a salad, side or dessert to share.

WOMEN’S RETREAT The labyrinth, a circular pattern found in many religious traditions, has become a metaphor for our Christian life which is often described as a “pilgrimage or journey with God”. In walking the labyrinth, we trust that when we arrive in the center, we will meet God. Join us on *Saturday, September 9, 2017, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon* as we strive to build community while exploring the historical significance of the labyrinth, learn a new spiritual discipline and listen to each other’s stories. Jacquelyn Dean, our Commissioned Minister in Spiritual Formation and Direction, will lead us. Meet in the rooms C and D in the Education Wing. Bring a brunch item to share. Coffee, tea, and juice will be provided. A sign-up sheet is in the church office. If you have any questions, please call Jackie Dean at 614-868-0485.

FAITH FORMATION TIME KICKS OFF SEPTEMBER 10 The Faith Formation Time (Education Hour) on Sunday mornings begins on September 10. The Faith Formation Time (Education Hour) for young people also begins on September 10 at 10 a.m. The children and youth will use the curriculum “Seasons of the Spirit,” which is a wonderful resource for our teachers and leaders. Classes are available for all ages. The Nursery is staffed for children ages 0-3 for Godly Play activities and safe nurturing environment. The Pre-School Class, ages 3-5PreK will meet on the first floor of the Education Wing. This is a new room for this class. The Kindergarten-1st Grade class will meet on the second floor along with the 2nd-3rd Grade Class and the 4th-5th Grade Class. The Middle School class will meet across from the Adult Library and the High School class will meet in the youth room. Signs will be posted for locations of all the classes. As an adult, maybe you’ve wondered what Sunday school means for you. We have the answer for you, and it includes two classes on Sunday morning at 10 a.m. These two tracks offer you two different ways of growing and shaping your life and faith in ways that draw you closer to God and into community with others. We also offer a place of meditation in the Family Parish Room and Gladden Chapel.



FELLOWSHIP HOUR UPDATE We are doing well in our mission to provide an **extravagant welcome** to each other following the 11 a.m. service. We only have two remaining dates to fill in 2017 – November 26 and December 10! If you feel that this is a ministry you could help with, sign up on the list outside the main office or contact Mary Anne Jacobson ([612-718-9834](tel:612-718-9834)/marytoddj@gmail.com) for more information. It’s a chance to channel your inner “Martha” and have some fun (your inner “Mary”) while you are at it!

CHORAL EVENSONG On *Sunday, September 17, at 4 p.m.*, the First Church Choir with organist Tyler Robertson will present music of Bryan Kelly, James Turl, William H. Harris and Kevin Jones in this first of monthly evensongs.

ORGAN RECITAL Minister of Music Kevin Jones presents his annual organ recital on *Friday, September 22, at 7:30 p.m.* playing music of Jehan Alain, J.S. Bach, Dieterich Buxtehude, César Franck and Johann Pachelbel on both Beckerath and Kimball organs.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

MEMBERS Rev. Dr. Tim Ahrens; Mary Alice Kuhn; Don Erickson; Ray Pendell; and families and friends who mourn the loss of loved ones, especially Mark Williams, on the death of his friend, Jill Ford; Jim Griffin, on the death of his uncle, Tim Griffin.

FRIENDS AND FAMILY Jana Padilla, friend of Jenny Provenzano; Don and Jane Mead, parents of Cindy Deliman; Abbé Allen, daughter of Anita Allen; Ruth Cunningham, mother of Todd Cunningham; Maggie Brooks, mother of Anne Bennett; Dwayne Nelson; Marjorie Kufel, mother of Sharon Leidheiser; Rev. Roger Miller; and families and friends who continue to mourn the loss of loved ones, including Kent Beittel, on the death of his wife, Mary.

THROUGHOUT THE WORLD We pray for the victims of Hurricane Harvey, for those displaced by storms and devastating rain. We pray for the people of Venezuela.

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 Scott Nicholson, serving in Mexico.

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 one of 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 3

9 a.m. – Worship: Morning Prayer and Holy Communion – Parish Hall

11 a.m. – Worship – Sanctuary

12:15 p.m. – Fellowship Hour – Parish Hall

Monday, September 4 – Labor Day

Building Closed All Day

Tuesday, September 5

11:30 a.m. – Worship Planning – Parish Family Room

5:30 p.m. – Sacred Earth – Ralph Fanning Room

7 p.m. – Justice and Mercy – Ralph Fanning Room

Wednesday, September 6

11 a.m. – Book Study – Parlor

Thursday, September 7

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

Saturday, September 9

8:30 a.m. – House and Grounds – Ralph Fanning Room

9 a.m. – Women’s Retreat – Education Wing, Rooms C and D

10 a.m. – Jubilate Choir Retreat – Music Activities Room

10 a.m. – First Church Quilters – Parish Family Room

Sunday, September 10

9 a.m. – Worship: Morning Prayer and Holy Communion – Parish Hall

9 a.m. – Exultate Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room

9 a.m. – Jubilate Choir Rehearsal – Music Activities Room

10 a.m. – First Church Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room

10 a.m. – Faith Formation Time – Education Wing

10 a.m. – New Members Class – Parlor

11 a.m. – Worship – Sanctuary

Noon – Fellowship Hour – Parish Hall

6 p.m. – Middle and High School Youth – Parish Hall

MEMBER BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK Today – Emily Corzine; 9/4 – Kinsley Schmitt; 9/5 – Elisa Batchelor, Eden McKissick-Hawley, Grant McCrary; 9/6 – Alice Panek; 9/8 – Sallie Danneberger, Torrie Lute; 9/9 – Kosby Carrico, Steven Ferris

MEMBER ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK 9/5 – Becky and Brad West; 9/6 – Elisa and Andrew Batchelor; 9/9 – Diane and Kent Rambo

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 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=Firs44421>

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

August 27 – \$1,028.28 – Gladden Community House

NEXT WEEK’S MISSION OFFERING

Celebrate One

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

NURSERY WORKER POSITION Due to a nursery staff member moving, a nursery position is available. Please see Mark Williams, mwilliams@first-church.org about the job description and requirements for the position.

Parent/ Children Worship Resources

A Worship Activity Pak for Parents and Children, crayons and Children’s Bulletins are available at each entrance. Included in the pak is a wonderful coloring book “Be The Church” that teaches wonderful lessons about who we are as a faith community. Ask an Usher/Greeter or Deacon for your very own copy!

CHURCH STAFF

Senior Minister	Timothy C. Ahrens, D. Min.
Associate Minister	Emily Krause Corzine, M. Div.
Minister of Music	Kevin Jones, M. M.
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
Treble Choir Director	Sandra Mathias, Ph.D.
Business Manager	Sharon Leidheiser
Program Manager	Martha Worth
Office Manager	Amy Wagner
Building & Grounds Superintendent	Mark Dahnke
Custodians	William Lee, Jimmy Sibrian
Wedding Coordinators	Janet Axt, Margaret Cipriani, Diana Chandler, Amy Wagner, Katie Wagner
Nursery Staff	Evin Wimberly, Simone Ellerson, Natalie Barker, Taylre Arnold

DIACONATE

Senior Deacon	Alec Deitz
Deacons	Kris Brant, Anthony Brown, Valerie Conlin-Losinski, Bert Cook, Martha Fullemann, Dean Hafey, Todd Jacobson, Karen Mozingo, David Nassau, Janet Newcity, Jorge Polo, Alejandro Rodriguez, Hugh Schultz

CHURCH COUNCIL

Moderator	Kent Shimeall
Moderator-Elect	Joe Baszynski
Treasurer	David Holt
Assistant Treasurer	Joe Hoffman
Secretary	Pat Patterson
Assistant Secretary	Nancy Loy

COMMISSIONERS

Administration	Sue Cook, Elect - Chris Glaros
Church Growth/Vitality	Kent Rambo and Mary Anne Jacobson, co-chairs; Elect - Tom Kiesel and Mary Anne Jacobson
Education	Helen Ninos, Elect - Chris Gelpi
House & Grounds	Eric Klintworth, Elect - Gary Leidheiser
Justice & Mercy	Al Glover, Elect - Dawn George
Music, Arts, & Heritage	Sharon Ferguson, Elect - Joel Mathias
Nominating Chair	Brian Cave
Member-at-large	Neal Brower
Youth-at-large	Joe Spofforth
Deacon Council Representative	Janet Newcity

TRUSTEES

Chairperson	Lisa Morris
Treasurer	Bill Johannes
Trustees	Chris Farquhar, Francille Firebaugh, Tom Hadley, Bill Heer, Lisa Morris, Sheldon Taft, Keith White, Gerry Worth

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