



FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

## Depart to Serve

SEPTEMBER 9, 2018



**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."

### INTERGENERATIONAL MISSION EVENT TODAY IN PARISH HALL

Join in making Hygiene Kits for Church World Service after 9 and 11 a.m. services. Our goal is to compile 300 kits today!

**YOUTH KICK-OFF DINNER SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9** Middle and High School Youth and Parents will meet 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 *Les* by Andrew Sean Greer. There will be light refreshments. Join us for a lively discussion and bring with you any recommendations for future selections. The book for October is *The Sympathizer* by Viet Thanh Nguyen

**CHORAL EVENSONG: SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 AT 4 P.M.** The First Church Choir, with organist Tyler Robertson, will present music of Kenneth Leighton, Stephen Caracciolo, and William Mathias in this first of monthly evensongs.

**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.

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR LAUNDRY

#### LOVE ON 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.



Join First Congregational Church UCC children and youth in our mission project of Laundry Love to help those in need. Our youth will be distributing M&Ms after each service. Enjoy the candy and fill it with quarters, dollar bills or checks to help clean the clothes of those in need. ***Our funds are very low. There is only one month of funding left for this mission.*** The demand is great and has doubled in the past year. ***We are averaging between \$400 to \$480 each month.***

**MEMBER BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK** Today – Kosby Carrico, Steven Ferris; 10 – Amy Nicholson; 12 – Linda Reiger, Aarn Cunningham; 13 – Angela Trautman; 14 – Doug Zimmerman; 15 – Kai Rozmiarek

**MEMBER ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK** 5 – Diane and Kent Rambo

### JOYS AND CONCERNS

**MEMBERS** Celeste Feather; Martha Loy; Jane Weddle; 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 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** Chris Collaros; 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 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 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 Ghana and Nigeria.

**MISSIONARIES** This week we pray for Jeffrey Mensendiek serving in Japan.

**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.

## THIS WEEK AT FIRST CHURCH

### 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 D and  
Fanning Room

11 a.m. – Worship – Sanctuary

Noon – Intergenerational Mission Event/Fellowship Hour – Parish Hall

Noon – Stewardship Orientation and Lunch –  
Ralph Fanning Room

Noon – BREAD Meeting – Adult Library

12:30 p.m. – Hymnal Supplement Committee –  
Choir Room

12:30 p.m. – ONA Meeting – Parish Family Room

6 p.m. – Youth Kick-Off Dinner – Parish Hall

### Monday, September 10

9 a.m. – Good Samaritan Day – Ralph Fanning Room

11 a.m. – Thomas Funeral and Reception – Sanctuary/Parish Hall

6:30 p.m. – Christian Education Meeting – Mark Williams’ Office

7 p.m. – Trustees – Ralph Fanning Room

7 p.m. – Book Club – Nursery

### Tuesday, September 11

1 p.m. – Remembrance Committee – Nursery

2 p.m. – Worship Planning – Children’s Library

7 p.m. – Executive Committee – Nursery

### Wednesday, September 12

9:30 a.m. – Staff Meeting – Children’s Library

### Thursday, September 13

7 p.m. – Security Team – Ralph Fanning Room

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

### Saturday, September 15

1 p.m. – Giffen Memorial Service and Reception – Sanctuary/Parish Hall

6 p.m. – Confirmation Retreat – Children’s Library

### Sunday, September 16

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

6 p.m. – High School Youth Group – 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](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.



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- **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

September 2 – \$722.25 – Immokalee Workers

**NEXT WEEK’S MISSION OFFERING** – Horizon Prison  
Ministry

**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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