



Endings and Beginnings

By Rev. Emily Krause Corzine

When I was in my previous profession of Athletic Training and worked with College Athletics, August meant both ending and beginning. It was the end of summer for me. When so many others are “taking time away” for rest and vacation, I was preparing for the beginning of a busy fall athletic season. August was the beginning of our intensive work as we prepared for new students, returning athletes, sports physicals and the infamous “two-a-day” or “three-a-day” practice sessions in the dog days of summer. Ending of one rhythm of life....beginning a new.

It seems that August has come around again and the theme of ending and beginning reintroduces itself. Maybe to you, too? Although there is time to still enjoy the long summer nights, they are fewer and fewer in number. School seems to be starting earlier and earlier. Teachers, counselors, parents and students alike begin to think of the “New School Year.” Parents reach to launch their recent High School graduates into the world feel the tug of this ending and beginning. Our own young toddler is transitioning to a new classroom at daycare. Different rhythms. Endings and beginnings

The church has its own unique rhythm. While the worshiping community continues in the summer, the calendar is a little more open, there are fewer meetings and commissions. The church experiences a different rhythm of life. August is a month set on that edge of endings and beginnings. August seems to be a month for a mix of things. In August, the church staff and ministry commissions continue our prayerful and faithful work to organize the fall church year which will kick-off on September 13 with our Block Party. We are in the mix of continuing to rest and be renewed and also “gear up!”



August is a month when we see fewer of you in worship and weekly monetary contributions to the church diminish. I have been excited to see so many of you in the worship and involved in the ministry of First Congregational Church this summer. We have many familiar and new voices in worship this summer, a variety of music and opportunities to serve. Please look at August to be a month where the rhythm of your spiritual life continues or begins again. Try at daily devotional from the UCC website: http://www.ucc.org/daily_devotional. Or from www.d365.org. Or try a free video from a site that has caught our attention on the church staff: www.theworkofthepeople.com. Give a moment or two of your day to establish a rhythm that is focused on God and the abundant blessings that God has given us.

We commissioned the Gloucester Pilgrims for their journey and send them off with our blessing. Please follow their blog <http://gloucesterchoirtrip2015.wordpress.com> and pray for them each day. Please pray for the Long Range Planning Committee as they continue their work. Please pray for the ways that God calls you into a deeper understanding of your faith and connection to each other and the ministry and mission of First Congregational Church.

Endings and Beginnings are always held and embraced by the God who loves us and cares for us.

Grace and Peace,

Emily

Congregational Care Ministry and Home Communion Training on August 23 or August 24

As an extension of the Christ’s table that we share on Communion Sundays, the Congregational Care Ministry is forming its home communion team to reach homebound members of our church. This is an extension of communion that we will share together on Sundays and will support the ongoing care for members, family and friends. Our hope is to bless and launch the Home Communion Team on Sunday, September 6. We have individuals who are interested in caring for others in this way.

There will be two opportunities for the same training: Sunday, August 23 at 10 a.m. or Monday, August 24 at 6 p.m. Servers will be asked to attend one of the training sessions. If you are interested in being on the Home Communion Team as a server, please let the church office know. If you have questions, please direct them to Associate Minister, Emily Corzine at this time.

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Education

By Mark S. Williams, Christian Education Director (mwilliams@first-church.org)

Confirmation Meeting Planned

An informational meeting will be held August 23 for those invited youth and their parents interested in Confirmation. We will meet in the church parlor at 10 a.m. prior to the 11 a.m. service. In Confirmation, eighth and ninth grade teens explore their faith, learn the church's history, meet people of other faiths, and spend time growing in relationship to God and one another. They each have an adult mentor who walks through the process with them. They learn the Bible, church history, how our denomination works, how God, and Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit interact with each of them and as our Triune God. Confirmation is a wonderful exploration of life with God!



We have as many as 15 young men and women who are eligible for Confirmation! We hope they all join with us for this fun journey!



Blessing of the Backpacks August 23

During both services on Sunday, August 23, we will have the "Blessing of the Backpacks" for all of our children and youth. We encourage our students heading back to school to bring their own backpack to church for the blessing. We will also have a special prayer for all those connected to educating our children and youth.

Celebration Sunday is September 13

The Christian Education year begins on Celebration Sunday, September 13, with the education hour starting for all ages at 10 a.m. This year's theme is "Do Justice, Love Kindness, Walk Humbly with God." More information will be in the September newsletter, on the Web site and on our Facebook page.

Block Party – September 13

Save the date for First Church Block Party! The West Lawn will be filled with fun activities and food for First Church and our Discovery District neighbors. The event will be from 12:30- 3 P. M. First Church will provide pulled pork sandwiches, vegetarian option, water and lemonade.



Last name beginning with A-H: **bring a side dish**

Last name beginning with I-P: **bring sweets**

Last name beginning with Q-Z : **bring a salad**

The Ohio Capital Winds will perform a concert during the event!

Remember to bring large portions to feed our neighbors!

Two Year Study of the Bible Taking on an Interfaith Approach

Beginning in mid-October, 2015, Rev. Ahrens will begin a two-year study of the Bible. In Year One (October 2015-May 2016), we will study the Old Testament or Hebrew Scriptures. In Year Two, October 2016-May 2017, we will study the New Testament or Christian Scriptures. Please contact Amy Wagner (awagner@first-church.org) if you would like to be in the class. The class will most likely be on Monday nights. Details will follow.

Education

Trinity Days: September 24 at Trinity Lutheran Seminary

“Christian Identity and Mission Tomorrow”

Brian McLaren Author, Speaker, Activist



About the Presentation and Speaker

Brian McLaren is an author, speaker, pastor and networker among innovative Christian leaders, thinkers, and activists. His groundbreaking books include *A New Kind of Christian*, *A Generous Orthodoxy*, *The Secret Message of Jesus*, and *Everything Must Change*. Named by Time magazine as one of America's top 25 evangelicals, McLaren has appeared on Nightline and Larry King Live, and has been covered by The Washington Post and the New York Times. During his time at Trinity, McLaren will be presented with the Joseph A. Sittler Award for Theological Leadership.

McLaren's overarching theme for Trinity Days is “Christian Identity and Mission Tomorrow.” He will explore this theme through the following presentations:

- Christian identity in a multi-faith world
- Christian mission in an unsustainable economy

Immediately following his presentations, McLaren will board a plane and fly to Washington, D.C., where he will lead an event at the National Cathedral with environmentally-oriented interdenominational and multi-faith partners. This event has been scheduled as a way to respond to Pope Francis' *Laudato Si* encyclical on climate change, which calls attention to “the cry of the earth” and “the cry of the poor,” as well as the Pope's speech to a joint session of Congress on the afternoon of September 24.

In his response to Trinity's invitation to be the keynote speaker for Trinity Days, McLaren wrote: “I hope that in some way the link between Trinity Days and the National Cathedral event can enrich my time with you.” Given Trinity's commitment to ecological stewardship and the growing gap between the rich and the poor, we welcome McLaren's insights about the connection between Christian mission and care of the planet.

McLaren graduated with a master's degree in English from the University of Maryland, and holds two honorary Doctor of Divinity degrees from Carey Theological Seminary and Virginia Theological Seminary. In 1982, after eight years teaching college English, McLaren helped form Cedar Ridge Community Church, a missional emerging church in Spencerville, Maryland. He served as their pastor from 1986-2006, when he left to become a full-time author and speaker.

Schedule Thursday, September 24

7:30-9:00 a.m.	Registration and coffee (Koinonia)
9:00 a.m.	Opening worship and presentation of awards (Gloria Dei)
10:30 a.m.	First Presentation, Brian McLaren (Gloria Dei)
12:00-1:00 p.m.	Lunch and book signing (Koinonia)
1:00 p.m.	Second Presentation, Brian McLaren (Gloria Dei)
2:00-4:00 p.m.	Free time; visit bookstore
4:00-5:00 p.m.	Alumni Reception (Koinonia)

Registration (Lectures and Lunch): <http://www.tlsohio.edu/news-events/upcoming-events/trinity-days-2015>

Trinity Days Program

\$40 Individual Registration (through September 2)

\$50 Individual Registration (after September 2)

\$30 Alumni Association Member

\$20 Spouse

From the Minister of Music

By Kevin Jones, Minister of Music

(kjones@first-church.org)



In Thanks

While I am away with the Choir Pilgrimage to Gloucester, and then later for a bit of vacation, I want to thank Dene Barnard, organist/choirmaster emeritus, for playing the 11 a.m. services in my absence. In addition, the OSU Men's Glee Club Alumni chorus will provide music at 11 a.m. on August 2. Thanks, also, to Cindy Deliman and Tom Stewart for leading the music for Morning Prayer and Holy Communion at 9 a.m.

Choirs Start in September!

All four choirs will commence rehearsals early in September: First Church Ringers begin on Thursday, September 7, at 6:15 p.m.; First Church Choir begins on Thursday, September 7, at 7:30 p.m. Teen Choir and Treble Choir both begin on Sunday, September 13, at 9:00 a.m. All choirs have room for additional singers and ringers. If you are interested in becoming a member of any of the choirs, please contact Kevin Jones, Minister of Music, at kjones@first-church.org, or 614-228-1741, x12.

Children in grades two through six are encouraged to join the Treble Choir. Please contact Sandra Mathias, Treble Choir Director, for more information. The Treble Choir rehearses Sundays at 9 in the Music Activities Room. Dr. Mathias may be reached at sjmath5659@gmail.com.

Youth in grades seven through twelve are invited to join the Teen Choir. They rehearse Sundays at 9 a.m. in the Choir Room. Kevin Jones is the director of this choir.

First Church Ringers is actively recruiting experienced ringers that would be willing to be on a substitute list. A substitute would be called upon, as needed and as available, to fill in for a missing regular ringer either for a Thursday evening rehearsal or a Sunday appearance. Experience in ringing and sightreading is necessary. Please contact Kevin Jones if you are interested.

All choir schedules (rehearsals and liturgical appearances) for the year are posted on the individual choir pages on the First Church website. Simply navigate to <http://www.first-church.org/Choirs.aspx> and follow the links on the left to find your choir. There are embedded Google calendars for each choir on each of their pages, as well as links to subscribe to the calendars if you so wish. I invite you to make use of these pages of information often. Anthem lists are also posted on these pages.

Happy Summer. See you in September.

Pilgrimage to Gloucester – Happening as We Speak!

The Choir's Pilgrimage to Gloucester is currently underway. Our 51 travelers departed mostly on July 31, traveling to Manchester Airport, where they met their coach and tour guide for the journey to London, stopping by Stratford-Upon-Avon for a "spot" of lunch. The Choir will sing Choral Evensong at Gloucester Cathedral on Monday, August 3; Tuesday, August 4; Choral Eucharist on Wednesday, August 5, Evensong Friday, August 7; Evensong Saturday, August 8; Morning service and Evensong on Sunday, August 9. The group will then be heading home on Monday, August 10. The Rev. Dr. Nancy Livingston is live blogging the trip. If you would like to read her daily posts, beginning August 2, please navigate to our blog site: <http://gloucesterchoirtrip2015.wordpress.com>

There you can follow our progress and our daily activities. Thank you, Nancy, for undertaking this great piece of communication. And thank you, First Church Community, for making the trip possible.

During Fellowship Hour on Sunday, September 20, members of the Pilgrimage will make a brief slideshow presentation of the trip. Please make plans now to attend this fun recap of our adventures.

Music News

Concerts at First Church

Please save the date for the first Congregational Concert on Sunday, September 27, at 4 p.m. as Minister of Music Kevin Jones presents his annual solo organ recital since becoming Minister of Music at First Church. Kevin will play music by Nikolaus Bruhns, J.S. Bach, Anton Heiller and Joseph Jongen on the magnificent von Beckerath organ. Please make plans to join us for the kick-off of the 2015-2016 season.

The Concerts at First Church website, <http://www.concertsatfirstchurch.org> contains complete information on all 2015-2016 concerts. Please visit the website to see the entire season. The yearly brochure is available and the annual appeal for donations is in full swing. If you are not on the mailing list, but would like to be, please contact Marty Worth, Program Manager, at mworth@first-church.org, or 614-228-1741, x14. Thank you to volunteers Jim Fewlass, Carol Gallagher, Martha Huey, Sarah Garbe and many others who helped stuff envelopes, address and send the large mailing of the brochures.



**CONCERTS
AT FIRST CHURCH**
2015 2016

First Congregational Church
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www.concertsatfirstchurch.org

Congregational Concerts – Sundays at 4pm

- 27 Sep - Kevin Jones, *organist*
- 25 Oct - Chatham Baroque - "Bach and Before"
- 1 Nov - Rutter *Requiem*
- 20 Dec - Lessons and Carols
- 13 Mar - Columbus Wind Quintet with Kevin Jones, *pianist*
- 10 Apr - Jason Roberts, *organist*
- 1 May - Bernstein *Chichester Psalms*

First Tuesdays – Tuesdays at 12.15pm

- 6 Oct - Nicholas Quardokus, *organist*
- 3 Nov - G. Dene Barnard, *organist*
- 2 Feb - David Crean, *organist*
- 1 Mar - Kevin Jones, *harpsichordist*

Choral Evensong – Sundays at 4pm
(Responses; Canticles)

- 4 Oct - Sumsion; Howells *Collegium Regale*
- 1 Nov - Tomkins; Stanford in G
- 6 Mar - Byrd; Byrd Second Service
- 1 May - Jones "Gladden"; Lee Hoiby

Music in Liturgy

- 24 Dec - Britten *A Ceremony of Carols* - 10.30pm
- 25 Mar - Schütz *Johannespassion* - 7.30pm



Music News

OSU Men's Glee Club Alumni Society Concert

On Sunday, August 2, the OSU Men's Glee Club Alumni Society will present the music for the 11 a.m. service. In the afternoon at 2 p.m., the Chorus will also present a concert of fine music in the Nave. All members of the community and congregation are heartily invited to attend. The concert is free. The Chorus will have been rehearsing all weekend for this Reunion Concert. Dr. Tim Sarsany will conduct a wide variety of music, including some of the Glee Club's favorites: "Carmen Ohio" and "Hang on Sloopy." Please plan to attend and support this amazing group.

Church News

Special Thanks For A Special Offering



Members of 1st Church are known for working on social justice issues..... add to that being generous. Sacred Earth and Justice and Mercy thank all who contributed to the Memorial Bench for Dorothy Cromartie, a woman who devoted many years to helping her community and this church. The offering totaled \$1800.52, more than enough for the Bench. The remaining balance will be used here at the church in Dorothy's memory. As soon as the remembrances are chosen, it will be reported in the newsletter. The Dedication of the Bench will be in Weinland Park on Saturday, Oct. 24, three days before Dorothy's birthday. Watch the newsletter for details. Thanks again.

Sacred Earth and Justice and Mercy

Request for Volunteers from Building Manager

First Congregational Church Staff and members,

I want to take time to say thank you to our super supportive staff and all members of First Congregational Church for having me as your maintenance manager. I am very honored to be a part of this historical church and the community. My overall goal is to maintain the building and bring it up-to-date structurally, maximize energy efficiency, and maintain the architectural integrity for the next generation to come and worship. Another goal is to maintain a sense of good foundation. In order to achieve these goals, we will have to follow the old quote, "It takes a village to raise a child," and turns out "it takes a village to raise a church." We need volunteers for exterior and interior cleaning, mowing, and architects and engineers to come up with ideas for easier access to our attic – we need a better solution.

Please take a few hours from your busy schedule to serve your church. For more information, please email me at tsantiago@first-church.org. Thank you supporting First Congregational Church.

Thomas Santiago, Building Manager

First Church Joys and Concerns

MEMBERS: Janice White and family, on the death of her husband Amos White; The First Church Choir and Pilgrimage Travelers, as they travel to Gloucester, England; Ann McIsaac; Will Fernald; Larry Walquist; Jane Carter; Grace Glaros; Keene Lebold; Bernie Martin; Van Barndt; Ray Pendell; Wib Smith; Tim Ahrens, while he is on sabbatical; and for families and friends who continue to mourn the loss of loved ones.

FRIENDS AND FAMILY: Jeff Corzine; Justin Dunn; Elsa Santiago; Lynn Kinder, friend of Amy Wagner; Shirley Graf, sister of Lynn Wallich; and Jill Ford, friend of Mark Williams.

If you have any prayer requests or joys to share, please contact the church office (awagner@first-church.org or 228-1741, ext. 10) or one of the ministers (tahrens@first-church.org or 228-1741, ext. 13 or ecorzine@first-church.org or 228-1741, ext. 21).

Justice and Mercy

Good Samaritan Mission Offering August 2

The Good Samaritan Fund can say yes when others are unable to help. When someone comes to us in need, we ask what the need is and fill it if we have the funds. Most agencies, local, state and federal have very specific guidelines to follow before you qualify for or receive help. Case managers call and say their client cannot get help because they are a single adult and the Good Samaritan Fund does not have restrictions on who qualifies as a family.

This summer, as in the past, we are helping people get their utility accounts current so they qualify for the heating assistance programs during the winter months.

- We give out \$750 in Kroger cards a month for food
- We give out \$400 to \$600 in daily bus passes a month depending on the requests.

Utility help, Kroger cards, bus passes and other requests come every month. The dollars add up quickly. We count on your support of the Good Samaritan Fund to help us help as many as possible. We are grateful. Please be as generous as you are able.

Donations can be placed in the offering plate on Sunday August 2, designated for Good Samaritan Fund, mailed to the church marked Good Samaritan Fund, or paid online by using the QR code.



Toiletries For Good Samaritan Day

The next Good Samaritan Day is Monday, August 10. Last month, due to the generosity of the congregation, we were able to help more people. Thank you for the contribution of personal hygiene items. They are really appreciated, but our supply is sorely depleted.

We are in need of the following items:

- Men's shampoo and/or body wash
- Women's shampoo and/or body wash
- Men's deoderant
- Women's deodorant
- Disposable razors and shaving cream

A good source for these items in full sizes are Dollar Stores where everything in the store is \$1.00. Please leave your donations in the bin outside the church office.

Thank you for your continued support of this vital outreach to the community.



Trinity Lutheran Seminary and a Mission Plunge at First Church

First Congregational Church has been asked to be a site for incoming Trinity Lutheran Seminary students and faculty to experience mission in the heart of Columbus. On August 26, about 10 incoming students and faculty members will join a small group of First Church staff and members to learn about our ministry and mission. We are coordinating with the Good Samaritan Program, The Spirituality Network, BREAD, the music ministry and others for a theological conversation about mission and justice in the heart of the city. We trust it will prove a great introduction to new students engaging in ministry in a particular context. We are excited about this shared ministry opportunity.

August Calendar of Church Events

Sunday, August 2

9 a.m. – Worship – Parish Hall
 11 a.m. – Worship – Sanctuary
 Noon – Fellowship Hour – Parish Hall

Tuesday, August 4

2 p.m. – Worship Planning – Parish Family Room
 6:30 p.m. – Christian Education Meeting – Education Wing Room D
 7 p.m. – Justice and Mercy – Large Conference Room

Wednesday, August 5

9:30 a.m. – Staff Meeting – Large Conference Room
 11 a.m. – Book Study: *“Teaching a Stone to Talk”* – Parlor

Saturday, August 8

10 a.m. – First Church Quilters – Large Conference Room
 10 a.m. – BOBS Planning Meeting – Education Wing Room D

Sunday, August 9

9 a.m. – Worship – Parish Hall
 11 a.m. – Worship – Sanctuary
 Noon – Fellowship Hour – Parish Hall

Monday, August 10

9 a.m. – Good Samaritan – Parlor and Large Conference Room

Tuesday, August 11

7 p.m. – Executive Committee – Parish Family Room

Saturday, August 15

8:30 a.m. – House and Grounds – Parish Family Room

Sunday, August 16

9 a.m. – Worship – Parish Hall
 11 a.m. – Worship – Sanctuary
 Noon – Fellowship Hour – Parish Hall

Monday, August 17

6:30 p.m. – Long-Range Planning Committee – Parish Family Room
 7 p.m. – Personnel Committee – Large Conference Room

Tuesday, August 18

2 p.m. – Worship Planning – Parish Family Room
 7 p.m. – Church Council – Parish Hall

Wednesday, August 19

9:30 a.m. – Staff Meeting – Large Conference Room
 11 a.m. – Book Study: *“Teaching a Stone to Talk”* – Parlor

Thursday, August 20

1 p.m. – Deadline for Newsletter submissions

Sunday, August 23

9 a.m. – Worship – Parish Hall
 11 a.m. – Worship – Sanctuary
 Noon – Fellowship Hour – Parish Hall

Monday, August 24

7 p.m. – Budget and Finance – Large Conference Room
 7 p.m. – Deacons Meeting – Education Wing Room D

Tuesday, August 25

2 p.m. – Worship Planning – Parish Family Room

Sunday, August 30

9 a.m. – Worship – Parish Hall
 11 a.m. – Worship – Sanctuary
 Noon – Fellowship Hour – Parish Hall

August Fellowship Hour Schedule

August 2	Kings
August 9	Leviticus
August 16	Micah
August 23	Numbers
August 30	Proverbs

August Acolyte Schedule

August 2	Erin Murray	Cassidy Hopcraft
August 9	Matty Provenzano	Mia Provenzano
August 16	Finnegan Miller	Cassidy Hopcraft
August 23	Nick Boriin	Alex Palmer
August 30	Peter Spofforth	Eddie Anderson

August Offering Schedule

August 2	Good Samaritan Fund
August 9	Gladden Community House
August 16	Faith Mission
August 23	Catalyst
August 30	UCC – Neighbors in Need

Remaining Summer Preaching Schedule

August 2	The Rev. Sarah Reed
August 9	The Rev. Deana Armstrong
August 16	The Rev. Emily Krause Corzine
August 23	The Rev. Dan Clark
August 30	Heather Giffen, Candidate for Ministry in the United Church of Christ
September 6	The Rev. Dr. Nancy Livingston



Member Birthdays in August

8/1 Isabella Kirker
8/2 Wib Smith
Helen Spears
8/3 Lourdes Henderson
Melody Leidheiser
Nancy Livingston
Jensan Allred
8/4 Dayna McCrary
Bill Rhoads
8/5 Deb Anderson
Ellen Boriin
8/6 Meg Rhoads
Denise Vogt
8/8 Donna Vogt
8/9 Dan Harkins
8/10 Betty Cameron
Bill Faith
Fraylee Williams
8/11 Greg Buzzell
8/12 Rob Loevy
Lesley Schaab
Mary Weaver
8/13 Bobby Carrington
Valerie Conlin-Losinski
8/14 Caleb Thomas
8/15 Chuck Atkinson
8/16 Will Fernald
Mary Kay Beall Carter
8/17 Jacques Washington
8/19 Emma Henderson
Melissa Kulwicki
Karen Sterrett
Henry Unkovic
Charlotte White
8/20 Amy Trace
8/21 Chris Glaros
Keene Lebold
Janice White
8/22 Chutney Anderson
Duan Cannon
Alaina Thompson
Roland Weller
8/23 Lissa Wade
8/24 Charles Drummond
Tom Stewart
8/25 Dan Axt
Christy Carlson
Steve Kennedy

8/26 Jean Wetmore
8/27 Sue Cook
8/28 Holly Heer
Russ Kelm
Anna Rhoads
Jim Velo
8/29 Andrew Batchelor
Grace Johnson
Finnegan Miller
8/30 Emma Bhatt
Mia Provenzano



Member Anniversaries in August

8/4 Mary Kay Beall Carter and John Carter
Chris and Tom Farquhar
8/7 Duan and Reggie Cannon
Catherine and Steven Kennedy II
8/8 Holly and Bill Heer III
8/11 Amy and Chris Brooks
8/14 Barbara Mason and Rhonda Poirier
8/16 Lisa Morris and Kent Shimeall
8/17 Diane and Larry Dixon
Lee Ann and Tom Hadley II
8/18 Nicki and Kemper Campbell
Betty Sparhawk and Nazmi Anik
8/20 Karen and Steve Sterrett
8/21 Dana and Hugh Schultz
8/23 Cindy Conn and Betty Johnson
8/24 Joyce and Dan Ward
8/25 Jessica Underwood and Mars Robinson
8/27 Melanie and Mark Brown
8/31 Tammy and Dave Wharton

Please let us know...

if you have a new address, telephone number or email address, or if we've missed your birthday or anniversary. We strive to keep our database as accurate as possible, but we need your input to keep us up-to-date.

Thank you!

Amy Wagner, Office Manager (awagner@first-church.org)

FIRST CHURCH LEADERSHIP

Senior Minister	Timothy C. Ahrens, D. Min. <i>(on Sabbatical)</i>
Associate Minister	Emily Krause Corzine, M. Div.
Acting Assistant Minister	Marti Baumer, D. Min.
Acting Assistant Minister	Nancy Livingston, D. Min.
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
Nursery Staff	Rosemary Pawandiwa-Priore, Evin Wimberly, Simone Ellerson
Organist/Choirmaster Emeritus	G. Dene Barnard

DIACONATE

Senior Deacon	Tom Kiesel
Deacons	Kathryn Bamberger, Sandy Bennett, Kris Brant, Valerie Conlin-Losinski, Sue Cook, Jacquelyn Dean, Alec Dietz, Dean Hafey, Anne Hudson, Paul Leidheiser, Mary Lightbody, Jonathan Miller, Hugh Schultz, Lynn Wallich

CHURCH STAFF

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Assistant Secretary	Nancy Braverman

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Justice & Mercy-Elect	Tracy Ross
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Church Vitality-Elect	Denise Vogt
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Youth-at-large	Merry Roach
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Worship at 11 a.m. ~ Sanctuary