



“Christmas Shopping as Advent Conspiracy”

By Rev. Dr. Tim Ahrens

We have arrived at Advent and Christmas! Advent begins on November 29 and Christmas comes (as it does every year) on December 24 and 25. How did we get to the end of the year? How did we pass through eleven months in record time? Now is the time to slow down and breathe deep in the days ahead. Now is the time to join the Advent Conspiracy.

Come and let all be together for this Advent Conspiracy. While Jedi Knights are calling you to a Star Wars revival, the staff of First Church is calling you join our God Force in the “Advent Conspiracy.” You will see signs of the Conspiracy everywhere in the hallways, on bulletin boards, on the website, in the bulletins, in *Depart to Serve*, in Pastoral Epistles and in worship this season. I hope you ALL join the “Advent Conspiracy.”

Here it is in a nutshell (preferably pistachios in this season of green).

The Advent Conspiracy calls us to eight words: **worship fully, spend less, give more and love all**. If you follow the Christmas Star all the way to manger at Bethlehem where our Savior is born again, this conspiracy doesn't seem so radical. You say to yourself, this is what Christmas is all about. After all “He is the reason for the season.” But, I think you could agree with me that Christians and others have lost track of Jesus as our footprints press forward in the snow of December. So, I invite you to join the First Church “Advent Conspiracy,” which It began in worship November 29. We have materials for you at church and online. Come and let us begin together to walk faithfully to Bethlehem.

In her poem “*Christmas Shopping*,” Ann Weems captures the true meaning of Christmas. Enjoy her take on the Advent Conspiracy written 35 years ago in her book of poems, *Kneeling in Bethlehem*.



“Christmas Shopping”

I had a dream that the Holy Family
Came down the escalators at Field's.
Angels in red raiment flew around
sprinkling us with stardust,
singing alleluias and playing their bugles,
and all the shoppers knelt in adoration and praise.
The Wise Men, working in gift wrap,
began receiving our hearts
and wrapped them in rainbow papers
and we presented them to the Christ Child.
Then they were gone
and returned to our shopping.
But I heard no more complaining about the long lines
and I saw more rushing about.
We all smiled and greeted one another with
PEACE AND GOODWILL.
We all remembered we had given away our hearts.
It was the best Christmas shopping I'd ever done!

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Keep reading through this December issue of “The First Church News.” Read and absorb; interact and respond to the Advent Conspiracy. Then come to worship. Come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

Love to you and your family in this holy season of Advent and Christmas!

SPEND ADVENT & CHRISTMAS AT FIRST CHURCH

*Advent/Christmas Sermon Series:
“The Advent and Christmas Conspiracy”*

November 29 – Advent I – sermon: “Worship Fully”
Texts: Jeremiah 33:14-16; Psalm 25:1-10; I Thess. 3:9-13; Luke 21:25-36

December 6 – Advent II – communion meditation: “Spend Less”
Texts: Malachi 3:1-4; Luke 1:68-79; Philippians 1:3-11; Luke 3:1-6

December 13 – Advent III – sermon: “Give More”
Texts: Zephaniah 3:14-20; Isaiah 12:2-6; Philippians 4:4-7; Luke 3:7-18

December 20 – Advent IV – sermon: “Love All”
Texts: Micah 5:2-5a; Psalm 80:1-7; Hebrews 10:5-10; Luke 1:39-55

December 24 – Christmas Eve

Texts: Isaiah 9:2-7; Psalm 96, Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-20

3:00 pm – Family Christmas Eve Service – Carols & the Telling of the Christmas Story

7:30pm – Pageant of the Nativity – Meditation: “A Christmas Conspiracy”

10:30pm – Nativity Concert featuring Britten’s “A Ceremony of Carols”

11:00pm – Candlelight Communion – “The World in Silence”

December 27 – Christmas I

9:00 am – A Service of Lessons and Carols with Holy Communion

11:00 am – A Community Service of Lessons and Carols

January 3 – Christmas II – communion meditation: “To Begin Again”
Texts: Jeremiah 31:7-14; Psalm 147:12-20; Ephesians 1:3-14; John 1:1-18

Senior Minister Reflects on our Upcoming Special Congregational Meeting to Vote on Refinancing the West Lot

By Rev. Dr. Tim Ahrens

On December 6, 2015, First Church will make history. We will hold a special Congregational Meeting immediately following the 11 a.m. service for the purpose of voting on a motion to refinance the West Lot of First Congregational Church, United Church of Christ. All members are invited to this historic special meeting.

In June 2010, we purchased the old Byers' Used Car Lot from the Platt family. At the cost of \$2.75 million dollars, we knew it was a stretch, but we stepped forward in faith. For five years we have faithfully paid down the mortgage on this land through the funds of our 2010 Capital Campaign.

With interest rates low and a June 2017 end to our current mortgage, David Holt and Tom Worley, working closely with our Business Manager, Sharon Leidheiser and team of supportive and creative lay leaders, set out to see if we could find better rates and a payment plan that makes sense with the remaining money we have saved from the campaign, our current rental rates from CCAD, and the remaining \$170,000 promised from the Trustees for the campaign five years ago.

After much research and many meetings with possible banks with whom to work, the West Lot Refinance Team has come up with a proposal that will allow us to pay off the West Lot without doing another capital campaign for that purpose.

“Thank You” from the Whole Staff

By Rev. Tim Ahrens

As the year comes to a close, I would like to say “thank you” on behalf of all the staff of First Church. You, the members and friends of First Church, make this a wonderful place to work and serve God in the heart of this great city. At Thanksgiving and on the edge of Advent and Christmas, we stop and give thanks to all of you!

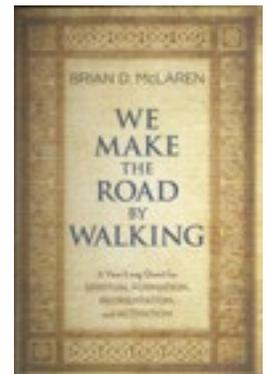
On December 14, the Personnel Committee, under the leadership of Erick Gale, will provide a special “thank you” luncheon for us. Again, we are grateful that at such a busy time of year, our church leadership pauses to say thanks. We are also mindful that the Church Council has called for a 3% raise across the board for staff in 2016. This would be a great gift for our hard working staff. To reach that goal and make it happen, we know the Stewardship Campaign must finish strong and deliver enough resources to make this goal a reality. Thanks to everyone for your “paying forward” in this campaign and for your generosity all the time.

On a personal note: Thank you for calling me to be your 15th Senior Minister on November 21, 1999. I have now spent 16 of my 30 ½ years in ministerial service here at First Church. Susan and I have been blessed to be part of such an amazing and beloved community of faith. Here, our children have grown and headed out into the world. We never dreamed 16 years ago that we would so richly blessed to raise our children in such a blessed community of joy and justice. We are so blessed by each and every one of you. Thank you for being who you are as we venture forward on this journey of life and faith.

We Make the Road by Walking

This Advent begin something new. Give 15 minutes for your spiritual life. Join a Facebook discussion group and explore growing in your faith with other friends at First Church. We'll follow a weekly study by Rev. Dr. Brian McLaren, called “We Make the Road by Walking”. This book will “Explore what a difference an honest, living, growing faith can make in our world today. Re-imagine what it means to live joyfully and responsibly in today's world as agents of God's justice, creativity and peace.”

Each week I will post a discussion question to start us off. We'll begin in Part 11: Alive in the Adventure of Jesus (pg. 63; Chapter 14). Chapters are short and discussion questions are intriguing for our world today. Participants will read and respond on our “We Make the Road by Walking-First Church” Facebook page (see the link below). Give 15 minutes a week to read, respond and engage in your faith in a different way.



Beginning Nov. 30th and each Monday in Advent through February 21, 2016, we'll engage with each other with media discussion. There are a few books in the church office. They can also be found on Amazon.com and Barnes & Noble both in paperback/hardcover (\$10.00-17.00) and for Kindle and Nook (\$13.00).

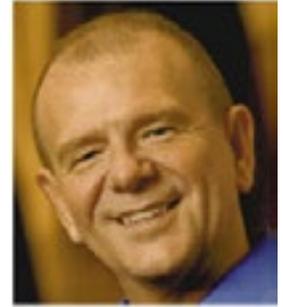
Here's the link: <https://www.facebook.com/We-Make-the-Road-by-Walking-at-First-Church-UCC-915051775208678/>

Grace and Peace,

Emily

Education

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



Adult Education in December

Opening the Word will focus on the Sermon Series “Advent Conspiracy.” This curriculum was written for who are ready to experience Christmas the way it was meant to be—a joyous celebration of Jesus’ birth that enriches our hearts and the world around us. The discussion is simply a tool to help lead you in that direction. We aren’t saying stop giving gifts, get rid of the tree, no decorations and forget those Christmas stockings. We’re saying Christmas is so much more. The First Sunday of Advent is “Worship Fully – because Christmas begins and ends with Jesus!” The Second Sunday of Advent is “Spend Less –and free your resources for the things that truly matter.” The Third Sunday of Advent is “Give More—of your presence: your hands, your words, your time your heart!” The Fourth Sunday of Advent is “Love All—the poor, the forgotten, the marginalized, the sick, in ways that make a difference.” Rev. Deana Armstrong will lead these sessions at 10 a.m. in Room D of the Education Wing.

Children’s Christmas Play

Crisp apples, cool nights, nervous turkeys—that’s right, it’s autumn yet again. And that can mean only one thing: the Christmas Play is right around the corner. Rehearsals for this year’s production, “A Christmas Castle Caper,” are underway. Rehearsals as always are the supremely family-friendly time of 10 a.m. on Sundays (Education Hour, if you’re counting) through the day of the play, Sunday, December 13. The only non-Sunday practice is the dress rehearsal the day before, from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, December 12, in Parish Hall. Pre-K-1st children will tackle the roles of Mistletoe Marchers; 2nd graders will introduce the spectacle with their very own spotlight-stealing rhymes; and 3rd-5th graders will charm and disarm us with speaking parts to rival Shakespeare or SpongeBob. All are welcome; there are no tryouts or cuts. Questions? Melissa Kulwicki-molissabee@hotmail.com; Karen Mozingo-karen_mozingo@hotmail.com; and Kopano Marumo-kmarumo@gmail.com. The play will be preceded by a potluck dinner.

Youth Selling Fudge for Holidays

The First Church Youth Groups will be selling a variety of fudge again this year as a fundraiser during the holiday season. The fudge, either ½ pound or pound boxes, will be on sale after each worship service and during office weekday hours beginning the end of November through December. This makes a perfect gift for the holiday season. Consider giving a box of fudge as gifts for your business/employees. Order forms will be available after each worship service in the Parish Hall. See Mark Williams mwilliams@first-church.org for more details regarding special orders.



A Huge Thank You to all who donated, performed, worked, purchased silent auction items and attended the Annual Cabaret. It truly was a great night of fun, laughter, wonderful performances and great food. This event generated over \$1,654.99 and will help towards the youth mission trip for 2016.



Middle and High School Youth Putting Tree Up in the Narthex



First Congregational Church Youth Fudge Order Form

Name _____

Phone _____ Date _____

Email _____

Date Needed by _____

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| 1 lbs Chocolate..... | @\$10ea. _____ |
| ½ lbs Chocolate..... | @\$5 ea. _____ |
| 1 lbs Peanut Butter | @\$10 ea. _____ |
| ½ lbs Peanut Butter | @\$5 ea. _____ |
| 1 lbs Chocolate w/Walnuts | @\$10 ea. _____ |
| ½ lbs Chocolate w/Walnuts..... | @\$5 ea. _____ |
| 1 lbs Chocolate Mint Swirl..... | @\$10ea. _____ |
| ½ lbs Chocolate Mint Swirl | @\$5 ea. _____ |
| 1 lbs Peppermint Bark..... | @\$10ea. _____ |
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| ½ lbs Salty Carmel Chocolate | @\$5 ea. _____ |
| 1 lbs Chocolate Carmel Swirl..... | @\$10ea. _____ |
| ½ lbs Chocolate Carmel Swirl | @\$5 ea. _____ |
| 1 lbs Buckeye..... | @\$10ea. _____ |
| ½ lbs Buckeye | @\$5 ea. _____ |
| 1 lbs Sugar Free Chocolate..... | @\$10ea. _____ |
| ½ lbs Sugar Free Chocolate..... | @\$5 ea. _____ |
| 1 lbs Sugar Free Vanilla..... | @\$10ea. _____ |
| ½ lbs Sugar Free Vanilla | @\$5 ea. _____ |
| 1 lbs Butterfinger Chocolate..... | @\$10ea. _____ |
| ½ lbs Butterfinger Chocolate..... | @\$5 ea. _____ |

Amount Paid _____

Make checks to First Congregational Church ~ Memo – Youth Mission Trip

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Planning for Advent

Advent resources for children, families and adults are now available at the entrance to the worship space and in classrooms. An Advent Resource Folder includes weekly devotions from “Advent Conspiracy,” Advent children’s activities calendar and teen’s/young adult calendar which are perfect to display on a refrigerator or a family bulletin board and an Advent paper chain. A variety of booklets for family prayers, scriptures and reflections for each day of Advent will be available. “Unto Us a Child is Born” by Henri J. M. Nouwen is an individual devotion booklet for the days of Advent. Please pick up a copy at either service.

Each Sunday of Advent, several activities sheets will be available for the children that relate to our children’s time in worship. The activities sheets will be available for the 9 and 11 a.m. services. Sunday afternoon, December 20 at 4 p.m., there will be several activities available at the door for the younger children during the service of Lessons and Carols because they remain in the Sanctuary for the entire time.

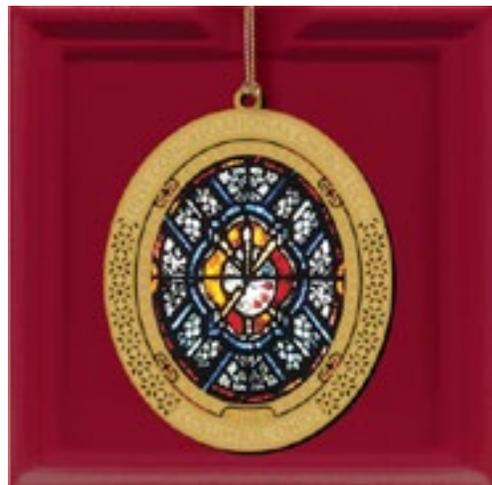
The Middle and High school youth will again be presenting an Art Exhibit that will be on display December 13–20 in the Parish Hall and then in the Education Wing December 21–January 3. This is a wonderful way for our Middle and High school youth to show their talents in original visual, musical, lyrical, and other forms of art that has been gifted to the congregation temporarily during the Advent season. This project is being led by Susan Rhoads. Be sure to visit the youth exhibit that is displayed throughout the building.

We are pleased again to offer a 45-minute Christmas Eve Service at 3 p.m. for our congregation. The Christmas story will be told by readers and by children and many Christmas carols are included in this service. It is early enough to celebrate Christmas, return home still in daylight, enjoy Christmas dinner with family and friends, and tuck the little ones in bed at a decent hour.

The Christmas Pageant will once again be presented by the youth on Christmas Eve at the 7:30 p.m. service. This long-standing traditional service is one of the highlights of the First Church Advent season. This is such a favorite of families who attend. There will also be a special Children’s activity gift for this service. Middle and High school youth wanting to participate should contact Mark S. Williams at mwilliams@first-church.org. And of course we will have the traditional candlelight service at 11 p.m. with our First Church Choir.

First Church’s 2015 Ornament Now Available For \$18

First Church is continuing our exciting program in celebrating the history of the church through an ongoing keepsake ornament project. Each year, one of our beautiful stained glass windows is featured as a keepsake ornament. The 2015 collectible features the Friendship Window “Celebrating the Arts-Painting” panel. This series started nine years ago. The first ornament (2007) was the “Shepherd Window”, located in the Gladden Chapel. The 2008 ornament was “The Light of the World” window, located in the sanctuary in the Parable Windows. The 2009 ornament was “Jesus Blessing the Children” panel from the Jeffrey Window, which is located above the Chancel. The fourth keepsake ornament (2010) was the “Evangelists” from the Jeffrey Window. The fifth keepsake ornament was the “Christ Sitting on the Rainbow” from the Jeffrey Window and the 2012 keepsake ornament was the “Chi Rho” panel from the Rose Window. The 2013 collectible featured the Music (Barnard) Window. The 2014 collectible featured the Gladden Window “Charity and Justice” panel. All the keepsake ornaments, except 2007, are still available in limited quantity at \$10 each or as a set for a discounted price of \$45 for all seven ornaments.



This year’s ornament is available for purchase at the conclusion of the 9 a.m. service and during the Fellowship Hour in the Parish Hall after the 11 a.m. service. It also will be available for purchase during the week in the church office. The 2015 ornament is \$18. Contact Mark S. Williams, (mwilliams@first-church.org) for more information.

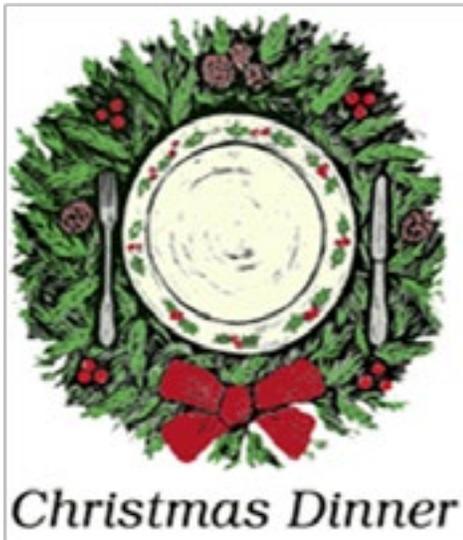
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Next Laundry Love Day December 29

The children and youth of First Congregational Church invite you to join them in a year-long mission project called "Laundry Love." "Laundry Love" is an initiative in partnership with individuals, groups and local Laundromats throughout the US. The initiative helps to wash the clothes and bedding of individuals and/or families living in poverty. From the infant to the aged, and across a broad spectrum of ethnicity, culture and personal story, Laundry Love seeks to nurture the well being of each person through intentional networking and friendship.



The Children and Youth continue to collect quarters and donations of laundry detergent and dryer sheets from the congregation. We would love for members and friends to join us the last Tuesday of each month from 6 to 8 p.m. at WashLand Laundromat, 1469 West Broad Street in West Franklinton to serve those in need. Justice and Mercy Commission, Good Samaritan Fund and The Gladden House are also partnering with this important mission. This is the first step in connecting with the West Franklinton community as the youth prepare to serve the area on the 2016 Mission Trip. So start saving your quarters and donate to this worthy cause. The next Laundry Love day will be December 29. Come join us in serving those in need.



Christmas Dinner

You are invited. . . December 13 ~ 6 p.m. Potluck Dinner

Please bring a dish to share according to last name:

A-H bring a side or salad

I-P bring a casserole or entrée

R-Z bring a dessert



Enjoy the play that follows the dinner!

From the Minister of Music

By Kevin Jones, Minister of Music

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The “O” Antiphons and Advent

Advent began on November 29 as does a new year in the three-year cycle of Lectionary readings. One of the most beloved Advent hymns of the church is surely “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel.” In its full English and Latin versions, the hymn contains seven different verses, each one beginning with the word, “O.” These seven verses are our 21st century connection to a very ancient text of the church called “The “O” Antiphons.” An ‘antiphon’ is merely a musical response in a religious service. In the monastic tradition, antiphons are sung before the *Magnificat* at Vespers. During the seven days that immediately precede Christmas, these antiphons are the “O” Antiphons.

Based on the book of the prophet Isaiah that tells of the coming Messiah, each Antiphon is a different title for the Christ:

O Sapientia (O Wisdom)

O Adonai (O Lord)

O Radix Jesse (O Root of Jesse)

O Clavis David (O Key of David)

O Oriens (O “East”, literally, probably meaning the coming Sun)

O Rex Gentium (O King of the Peoples/Nations)

and

O Emmanuel (O God with us).

As we sing the hymn throughout the season of Advent, may we all seek to encounter the Christ and his many titles as we await the coming of the Messiah.

“O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appear. *Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.*”

Festival of Lessons and Carols

The Annual Festival of Lessons and Carols will be held on Sunday, December 20, at 4 p.m. The prelude featuring the First Church Ringers, Teen Choir, Treble Choir and organist G. Dene Barnard will begin at 3:30 p.m. Come early to assure a good seat. WOSU 101 FM will not be carrying the live broadcast this year, but we will be podcasting the service in its entirety on our website in a delayed format. Please watch the website and weekly “Depart to Serve” newsletter for more detailed information.

The service will consist of the traditional nine lessons for Christmas interspersed with congregational carols, anthems and motets. “Once in royal David’s city,” “Unto Us a Son is Born,” “God Rest You Merry Gentlemen,” “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing” and “O come, all ye faithful” will be sung by choirs and congregation. Traditional carol arrangements by the late Sir David Willcocks will be featured this year to honor the long and impressive legacy of Sir Willcocks who died this past September. The First Church Choir will sing anthems by Alfred Burt, Herbert Howells, Philip Ledger, Kenneth Leighton, Carl Rütli, William Walton; as well as presenting the world premiere of a commissioned carol by our own Mary Kay Beall and John Carter, “Annunciation”. Readers representing the congregation and the wider Columbus community will aid in leading the service.



Music News

Christmas Eve Concert

On Christmas Eve at 10:30 p.m. immediately preceding the 11 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight service, the First Church Choir and harpist Jeanne Norton will present a Nativity Concert featuring Benjamin Britten's beloved "Ceremony of Carols." Originally scored for three part boys voices and harp, the work will be presented with full mixed choir and harp. Beginning with the beautiful chanted procession, *Hodie Christus Natus est*, and taking us through Britten's haunting settings of familiar middle English texts, The "Ceremony of Carols" is a sublime way to welcome the Christ Child. Please plan come a bit early to the 11 p.m. service on Christmas Eve to enjoy more of the beautiful music of Christmas.

Choir News

Rehearsal/Liturgical Appearance Schedules

Treble Choir – Rehearsals November 29, December 6, 13, 20 at 9 a.m.

Sing at Lessons and Carols December 20 at 4 p.m. (reh. at 2:45pm)

Sing in Worship December 24 at 7:30 p.m. (reh. at 6:45pm)

No rehearsals December 27, January 3

Teen Choir – Rehearsals November. 29, December 6, 13, 20 at 9 a.m.

Sing in Worship December 6 at 11 a.m.

Sing at Lessons and Carols December 20 at 4 p.m. (reh. at 3pm)

Sing in Worship December 24 at 7:30 p.m. (reh. at 7pm)

No rehearsals December 27, January 3

First Church Ringers – Rehearsals December 3, 10, 17

Ring at Lessons and Carols December 20 at 4 p.m. (reh. at 2:45pm)

No rehearsals December 24 or 31

First Church Choir – Rehearsals December 3, 10, 17

Sing in Worship November 29, December 6, 13, 20, 27

Sing at Lessons and Carols December 20 at 4 p.m. (reh. at 3pm)

Sing in Worship December 24 at 10:30 p.m. (reh. at 9:30pm)

No rehearsals December 31

We do not sing in Worship on January 3

Justice and Mercy

Celebrating Our 30th Birthday! Bethlehem On Broad Street (B.O.B.S.) Christmas Day Party

There are lots of different ways to mark the holiday season. But for many of those who have participated on our yearly ecumenical fellowship, there is no better way to celebrate the birth of Christ than through Bethlehem on Board Street. As we move into the coldest part of the year, there are many families and individuals with deep and immediate needs for food and clothing. This is particularly true in today's troubled economy.

On Christmas Day Friday, December 25, 2015 the Christmas Celebration of Jesus' birthday will be celebrated at the First Congregational Church. The doors will open at 8:30 a.m. At 9 a.m. we will have our traditional Christmas Service followed by dinner being served from 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. There will be hospitality, caroling, entertainment, gifts, toiletries, children activities and free phone calls. There will be no carry-out meals. Please visit our website at <http://bethlehemonbroadstreet.org>.

Gift Cards for Gladden Community House

Gladden Community House will again give food boxes at Christmas to shut-ins and families in need. \$20.00 gift cards from Walmart are requested for teens and elderly persons served by Gladden. Cards and checks may be left in the church office until December 23. Make checks payable to "First Congregational Church" and note "Gladden Community House" in the memo.

B.R.E.A.D. Update Following Annual Assembly

Hundreds gathered together at Christ the King Catholic Church on Monday, November 16 for the BREAD Annual Assembly. We heard an exciting update from the CEO of the ADAMH Board, David Royer, on our "Care, Not Crisis!" campaign that has won three new community treatment teams and an accredited clubhouse that will help people with mental illness find the care they need. The Director of Public Safety, George Speaks, heard our cries that "The Violence Must Stop!" and came to give an update on the implementation of the CIRV program. We also celebrated that we have raised over \$100,000 in the Investment Drive, saw two new groups become members of BREAD (St. Christopher Catholic Church and Capital University's SLICE), and installed new officers for 2016. After our congregation caucuses, we announced that the new community problem that we'll tackle in 2016 is Jobs and Economic Opportunity.



BREAD presented First Church with an award for its generous donations to BREAD's cause. Alec Deitz accepted the award on behalf of First Church.

Important Dates to put on your 2016 calendar:

Rally: Monday, April 11, 2016 at 7 p.m.

NEHEMIAH Action: Monday, May 9, 2016 at 6:15

Justice Ministry Celebration: Monday, June 20, 2016 at 6 p.m.



Thank you for the generous donation to the Mid-Ohio Food Bank and for the donations of food. First Church contributes to three pantries year round, Broad Street Presbyterian which serves our area, Gladden to which we are related, and Groceries-To-Go which provides for persons living with HIV-AIDS and/or active cancer. Please continue to fill our baskets for these pantries.

Gladden House News



Thank you for the candy for the Gladden Community House Halloween party. Eight First Church members had fun with the children who played games and were rewarded with treats. The accompanying adults had an opportunity to visit with one another too. The staff estimated over 300 children attended and 30 volunteers assisted.

Other Gladden news is Traci Ross Justice and Mercy Commissioner-Elect has volunteered to help coach a girls basketball team this season. Go Girl!



Church News

New Members November 2015

Allison (Ally) Crum and Daniel (Danny) Schleichert Ally is a 4th grade teacher in Pickerington Local School. When she moved back to Ohio, she searched for church with the best choir in town and found us here at First Church. Danny teaches French at Bishop Ready High School. He is an ice hockey referee and loves movies, baking, drawing and cooking. Ally loves reading, drawing, and baking. They are engaged and will be married here at First Congregational next summer.



Christina (Tina) Fry and Edward (Ted) McIntyre Tina and Ted live in Victorian Village and together were searching for a church home. They found us here at First Church and in addition to being married here in 2016, they found a church home. Tina is a nurse at The James Cancer Hospital. Ted is an accountant for Cardinal Health. They have a golden retriever named Ellie. They love traveling, cooking and sports.



Sandy and Joel Mathias Sandy is a retired professor and choral conductor from Capital University. She also led the Columbus Children's Choir for many years before retirement. Joel served as a music educator and retired in 2012 as the director of the Broadstreet Choir at Broad Street Presbyterian Church. Sandy and Joel have been active in their retirement, traveling, grandparenting and reading. Sandy serves First Church as the Director of the Treble Choir. We are delighted to have them join us here at First Church. They will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary in 2016.



Edward (Ed) and Nathan (Nate) Solis Ed and Nate have recently returned from living in San Diego, California. Ed is a retired Marine Officer and works as a regional sales manager for WD-40 Company. Nate is a retired law enforcement officer and now works in software development. Ed and Nate were married here in 2014.



Pamela (Pam) Welsh-Huggins Pam joins First Church after many years of participating in the many areas of church life. She sang in the choir, taught Sunday school and led the Treble Choir. She is a teacher at Bishop Ready High School and works with new member Danny Schleichert at Ready. Pam love signing, writing haiku, music, cooking, and time with family. She and her husband Andrew have three children, Sarah, Emma, and Thomas.



New Members Class December 7

If you are interested in becoming a member of First Church, please join us Monday, December 7 at 7 p.m. in the Parlor! You are invited to attend First Church's next New Member Class to explore a greater connection here. Those who wish to join First Congregational Church will be received in worship on Sunday, December 13.

Church News

First Church Joys and Concerns

MEMBERS: Martha Loy; Madeline Helmer; Gerhard Wolff; Lucille Kropp; Grace Glaros; Bernie Martin; Van Barndt; Ray Pendell; Wib Smith; and for families and friends who continue to mourn the loss of loved ones.

FRIENDS AND FAMILY: Martha Diechmann; Ben Brewer and family, friend of Melva Fisher; Rebekah Hamber, granddaughter of Arlene Reynolds; and Jill Ford, friend of Mark Williams.

THROUGHOUT THE WORLD: We pray for peace. We pray for the victims and families of the of violence throughout our city, country and world. We pray for refugees fleeing violence in Syria and North Africa. We pray for world leaders; for collective wisdom and leadership.

In God's Hands: The Ecumenical Prayer Cycle: This month in the Ecumenical Prayer Cycle, we pray with and for the following people and churches:

- *Week of December 6:* Cape Verde, the Gambia, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Senegal
- *Week of December 13:* Benin, Côte d'Ivoire, Togo
- *Week of December 20:* Ghana, Nigeria
- *Week of December 27:* Stateless people and migrants

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 (ecorzine@first-church.org or 228-1741, ext. 21 or minister@first-church.org or 228-1741, ext. 13).

Recent Celebration Gifts to First Church

By Bill Johannes and Jane Werum

Given to the Building Endowment Fund by Donald and Katherine Erickson, Dr. & Mrs. Wallace Giffen, David Holt, Laurie Maynell, Mr. & Mrs. George Hudson, Martha Huey, Russell Kelm and Pamela Kallner, Mr. & Mrs. Eric Klintworth, Mr. & Mrs. Michael Koscher, Jonathan Kraft and Carrie Wise, Mary Lightbody, Rev. Dr. Nancy Livingston, Dan Logel and Brittanie Stafford, Mr. & Mrs. Richard Pfeiffer, Mr. & Ms. Hugh Schultz, Dr. & Mrs. Andrew Wade, Mr. & Mrs. William Wagner, John and Francille Firebaugh, Patricia Patterson, David Nassau, Chestora Dellenbach, Gleva Stephens and Elaine Warren

Given to the Gordon Playground Fund and the Stained Glass Preservation Fund by John and Francille Firebaugh

Given to the Jackie Owen Memorial Music Fund in memory of Jackie Owen by Col. William Owen

Given to the Starr-Wingfield Furnishings Fund in memory of Allan Wingfield by Rupert "Twink" Starr

Gifts to the G. Dene Barnard Music Fund in memory of Carol Hussey will be listed in the next NEWS.

As the holiday approaches and you consider your year-end charitable giving, honor or remember a loved one or special occasion with a gift to a First Church Endowment Fund of your choice. A description of all the funds are shown on the church's website at www.first-church.org/EndowmentFunds.aspx

Second Thursday Christmas Fellowship December 10 at 10:30 a.m.

You are invited to celebrate Bethlehem on Broad Street, our ecumenical outreach mission during December which concludes with the Christmas Day celebration of Jesus' birthday. Arlene Reynolds will share her many years of experiences with videos of the history, traditions, memories and our guests and volunteer needs. We also will eat and sing carols together! Please bring an unwrapped gift of women's scarves, gloves, hats and socks or children's mittens, hats and socks. We welcome all who want to meet and greet one another in an informal warm gathering.

Church News

Cookie Mission on Sunday, December 13

Help those less fortunate and shut-in members of First Church enjoy some cheer by providing Christmas cookies and/or candies on Sunday, December 13. Christmas is a time for giving to others, and this is one way church members can give back to the community and shut-in members. You can bake, help prepare packages for delivery or deliver.

Please indicate below how you would like to participate:

_____ I can bake 4 dozen cookies/candies and deliver them by 10 a.m. to the Large Conference Room.

_____ I can package cookies for delivery (meet at 10 a.m. in Large Conference Room.)

_____ I would like to deliver cookies to a shut-in (after 11 a.m. service).

Name: _____

Phone or Email: _____

Two Opportunities for Christmas Dedications

POINSETTIAS for the Sanctuary on Christmas Eve. The flowers may be taken after the 11 o'clock service.

PROVIDE INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC for Christmas Eve worship.

Complete this order form (be sure to indicate the dedication) and return with payment to the church office or place in the offering plate with payment. The deadline for ordering is December 15.

Name: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Poinsettias ____ at \$10.00 each Total \$ _____

and / or Music \$ _____



Please make checks payable to First Congregational Church; on Memo line, write "Christmas Dedication".

In Celebration of _____

In Memory of _____

Church News

Creative Ways to Pay Your 2015 Pledge!

Now that we are in November it's time to make sure First Church reaches its pledge budget for 2015 of \$609,027. Many of you are on target to meet your pledge goal and First Church would like to thank everyone for their donations. For those of you that are behind you have until Thu, December 31st at 12 Noon to complete your pledge. Listed below are the many ways you can complete your pledge.

Stock, Bond, Mutual Funds and CD Transfers – We accept all of these forms of payment towards a pledge. If you have stocks, bonds, CD's that are not performing well and want to avoid possible capital gains you can instead transfer the security to our account at Charles Schwab to apply to your pledge.

Direct Deposit through Payroll Deduction at work – Many companies will allow you to make a payroll deduction from your paycheck. Church members find this way of paying their pledge easy because the company takes it out automatically every pay period. Each company has a different way of setting this deduction process up, contact your Human Resources representative or Payroll Specialist at your company to see if this is an option then have your company contact Sharon Leidheiser at the church for more information.

Personal Check – This form of payment is the most common at First Church. Write your check to First Church and indicate in the memo field PLEDGE so we know the money applies to your pledge. You can place the check in the Offering Plate at worship or mail it to the church.

Cash – We always accept cash! Please put the cash in an envelope and put your full name and amount on the line labeled PLEDGE. If you need envelopes because you pay with cash, please indicate this on your pledge card and we will put envelopes in your church mailbox. Please do not mail cash.

Bill Pay with your bank – Online banking is another alternative for you to pay your payment. You can set up the First Congregational Church as a payee or vendor in your list with payment to be automatically mailed to First Church as often as you'd like. Just indicate on the memo field: Pledge & Your Name so we can credit the check to the appropriate account. Contact your bank for more details since each bank is different.

Money Order or Cashiers Check – Please do not send money through the mail. If you do not have a checking account and the other payment options do not apply we recommend you send a money order or cashiers check with your full name written on the check and indication that it's to apply to your pledge.

Online Credit Card Giving – You can now pay online through our Faithstreet online. Simply go to our web site www.first-church.org click on Give and then click on Online Giving. You will need to set up an account. You can pay with your credit card or through your checking or savings account. The actual link is: <https://www.faithstreet.com/church/first-congregational-church-of-columbus-columbus-oh/giving>

Please contact Sharon Leidheiser for more information or for assistance 614-228-1741 ext. 11 or Sleidheiser@first-church.org.



Stewardship Update: Step Forward in Hope 2016

The Stewardship Team for 2016 would like to update the congregation on our progress toward our goal. As of November 29, we are 67% towards our goal of \$805,000. There is still time to submit your pledge. Pledging helps the church accurately plan for the next year's mission and ministry. We still have work to do to meet our goal.

The leadership of this church has made a strong commitment to achieving the 2016 stewardship goal. On average, they have increased their individual giving by 10%. This is encouraging, and shows their commitment to not only the long-range plan, but to the ministries of this church. Please join them in prayerfully considering your contribution.

Council News

Church Council Recommends Adoption of Long-Range Plan

Church Council voted unanimously November 17 to recommend adoption of a new long-range plan for First Church at the annual congregational meeting in January.

The 15-member Long-Range Planning Committee has been working since last February to prepare the “Long-Range Plan 2016-2020: The 20/20 Vision.”

The plan is organized around six action words:

- Provide **WORSHIP** opportunities centering on our tradition of excellent music, art and preaching.
- Extend a **WELCOME** that is genuinely inclusive of our rich diversity.
- Promote opportunity for members to **CONNECT** in ways that build relationship and ensure congregational care.
- Empower our membership to **ENGAGE** the wider community in seeking social justice.
- **BUILD** adequate staff and programming resources necessary to reach our goals.
- Update the ways we **COMMUNICATE** with contemporary technologies.

The full text of the plan can be viewed on the church’s website: <http://www.first-church.org/protected/ArticleView.aspx?iid=6Y2UUU0&dasi=4G3AI>. In addition, the committee prepared five addenda that provide background information on the committee’s work and recommendations. The addenda also are on the website.

The committee will communicate further about the long-range plan in preparation for the annual meeting.





Columbus Interfaith Trip and Dialogue in the Holy Land of Israel

June 18-28, 2017

Highlights of the trip include:

- Festive Welcome Dinner with central figures in the Haifa Interfaith Community
- Beit HaGefen Cultural Center, home of the Holiday of Holidays, a yearly celebration of the three monotheistic religions, with a special program and an introduction to relations between Jews and Christians in Israel
- Haifa and Bahai Gardens, exchange with representative of the Bahai community
- Nazareth
- Church of the Annunciation (childhood home of Jesus)
- Upper Galilee and Safed (one of the four holy cities of Israel; home to Jewish mysticism of the 16th century)
- Capernaum
- Tabaha
- The "Jesus Boat" (a 1st century fishing boat)
- Mount of Beatitudes
- Zippori- Sapphoris (1st century city; exemplar of Jewish-Christian-Roman coexistence)
- Inter-religious discussion on Jerusalem's role in Judaism and Christianity
- Mount of Olives, Garden of Gethsemane
- Visit the Western Wall and various quarters of Old City
- Via Delarosa
- Church of the Holy Sepulcher
- Garden Tomb
- Visit modern western Jerusalem, the old-new Jewish city
- Yad Vashem (Holocaust Memorial and Museum, with presentation by a Holocaust scholar)
- Machane Yehuda (pedestrian market stall shopping)
- Welcoming of the Sabbath, synagogue services, Festive Sabbath Dinner
- Israel Museum
- Orthodox Church in Jerusalem
- Rawabi, the new Palestinian city near Ramallah
- Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem
- St. Georges Monastery and Dir Hajle
- A visit to the settlement of Ofra for an open and frank discussion with Jewish settlers on why they want to live in Judea and Samaria
- An exploration of the geo-political Israel
- the mixed neighborhood of Ein Karem in Jerusalem
- Interfaith Study at the Tantur Center of Ecumenical Study

Columbus Interfaith Trip and Dialogue in the Holy Land of Israel (continued)

Land Costs per person in a double room*

Haifa Hotel: 1 night Dan Carmel

Galilee Hotel: 1 night HaGoshrim Kibbutz Guesthouse

Jerusalem Hotel: 6 nights Inbal Hotel

20 Participants	30 Participants	Single Supplement
\$3155	\$3010	\$1,425

(*with airfare, projections are that total cost of the trip will be approximately \$5000 per person)

Land Price Includes:

- Airport VIP Assistance at/to the Sleeve of the Plane at Ben Gurion Airport
- Group Transfers from and to Ben Gurion Airport
- All group Transportation in Israel on private luxury bus - 9 days
- Licensed Israeli Government Tour Educator – Trained by Makor throughout
- Hotel Accommodations per above
- All Site Admissions and programs per the itinerary, including presentations by scholars

Paul Liptz

Rachel Korazim

Beit Hagefen

Tantur Seminar

Hanna Bendkowsky in the Christian Quarter

- Meals

Breakfast daily

5 dinners

- Opening dinner at a restaurant in Haifa
- 1 Kibbutz dinner
- Shabbat dinner
- Dinner in Jerusalem
- Farewell dinner at a restaurant in Tel Aviv

- Source Materials, Hat, Bag, Map
- Water on bus daily – 3 bottles per person per day
- Porterage at hotels

Not Included

- Tips for Guide and Driver (conventional gratuity \$12/day)
- Meals on Own and out of pocket expenses
- Travel and medical insurance

December Calendar of Church Events

Tuesday, December 1

2 p.m. – Worship Planning – Parish Family Room
5:30 p.m. – Sacred Earth – Large Conference Room
6:30 p.m. – Christian Education Committee –
Education Wing Room D
7 p.m. – Justice and Mercy Committee –
Large Conference Room

Wednesday, December 2

11 a.m. – Book Study: “*Showdown*” – Parlor

Thursday, December 3

6:15 p.m. – First Church Ringers – Education Wing
Room J
7 p.m. – Budget and Finance – Large Conference Room
7:30 p.m. – First Church Choir – Parish Hall

Friday, December 4

5:30 p.m. – Confirmation Field Trip to Tifereth Israel

Saturday, December 5

9 a.m. – 3 p.m. – Youth Fudge Making – Kitchen

Sunday, December 6

9 a.m. – Worship – Parish Hall
9 a.m. – Teen/Treble Choirs – Choir Room
10 a.m. – Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room
10 a.m. – Christian Education – Education Wing,
Rooms C and D
11 a.m. – Worship – Sanctuary
Noon – Fellowship Hour – Parish Hall
6 p.m. – High School Youth – Education Wing

Monday, December 7

7 p.m. – New Members Class – Parlor

Tuesday, December 8

9 a.m. – 3 p.m. – Youth Fudge Making – Kitchen
6 p.m. – BOBS Planning Meeting – Large Conference
Room
7 p.m. – Executive Committee – Parish Family Room

Wednesday, December 9

9:30 a.m. – Staff Meeting – Large Conference Room
Noon – Volunteer Luncheon – Parish Hall

Thursday, December 10

10:30 a.m. – Thursday Fellowship – Parlor
6:15 p.m. – First Church Ringers – Education Wing
Room J
7:30 p.m. – First Church Choir – Parish Hall

Saturday, December 12

9 a.m. – Children’s Play Rehearsal – Parish Hall
10 a.m. – First Church Quilters

Sunday, December 13

9 a.m. – Worship – Parish Hall – New Members Join
9 a.m. – Teen/Treble Choirs – Choir Room
10 a.m. – Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room
10 a.m. – Christian Education – Education Wing,
Rooms C and D
10 a.m. – Cookie Mission – Large Conference Room
11 a.m. – Worship – Sanctuary – New Members Join
Noon – Special Congregational Meeting – Sanctuary
Noon – Fellowship Hour – Parish Hall
6 p.m. – Christmas Dinner /Children’s Play – Parish Hall
7:30 pm – Youth Pageant Rehearsal – Sanctuary

Monday, December 14

9 a.m. – Good Samaritan Day
7 p.m. – Trustees – Large Conference Room

Tuesday, December 15

9 a.m. – 3 p.m. – Youth Fudge Making – Kitchen
2 p.m. – Worship Planning – Parish Family Room
7 p.m. – Church Council – Large Conference Room

Wednesday, December 16

11 a.m. – Book Study: “*Showdown*” – Parlor

Thursday, December 17

6:15 p.m. – First Church Ringers – Education Wing
Room J
7:30 p.m. – First Church Choir – Parish Hall

Saturday, December 19

9:30 a.m. – House and Grounds – Parish Family Room

Sunday, December 20

9 a.m. – Worship – Parish Hall
9 a.m. – Teen/Treble Choirs – Choir Room
10 a.m. – Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room
10 a.m. – Christian Education – Education Wing,
Rooms C and D
11 a.m. – Worship – Sanctuary
Noon – Fellowship Hour – Parish Hall
4 p.m. – Lessons and Carols – Sanctuary
6 p.m. – Youth Pageant Rehearsal – Sanctuary

Monday, December 21

9 a.m. – Noon – Youth Gift Wrapping for BOBS
9 a.m. – 5 p.m. – BOBS – Parish Hall
7 p.m. – Deacons – Large Conference Room

December Calendar Continued

Tuesday, December 22

9am – 5 pm – BOBS – Parish Hall
2 p.m. – Worship Planning – Parish Family Room

Wednesday, December 23

9:30 a.m. – Staff Meeting – Large Conference Room

Thursday, December 24 – Christmas Eve

9:00 – 5:00 – BOBS – Parish Hall
Noon – Office Closes
3 p.m. – Christmas Eve Family Service – Sanctuary
7:30 p.m. – Christmas Pageant – Sanctuary
10:30 p.m. – Nativity Concert – Sanctuary
11 p.m. – Candlelight Christmas Eve Service – Sanctuary

Friday, December 25- Christmas Day

All Day – Bethlehem and Broad Street

Sunday, December 27

9 am – Worship – Parish Hall
11 am – Worship – Sanctuary
Noon – Fellowship Hour – Parish Hall

Thursday, December 31

Noon – Office Closes

Member Birthdays in December

12/1 John Rau
12/2 Aubrey Schmitt
12/3 Bernie Martin
Leslie Fulford
12/4 Elaine Warren
Frank Cook
Whitney Marker
12/6 Betty Cobb
Karl Danneberger
Diane Rambo
Alex Vore
12/7 Ben Allred
12/8 Janet Axt
Kent Rambo
12/10 Brian Thomas
Tiana Daines
Victoria Daines
12/11 Sam Spofforth
12/13 Joe Provenzano
Joe Baszynski
Anna Sugar
12/14 Dan Ward
Pamm Greene
Betty Johnson
Suzie Rhoads
Lori Horne
Gretchen Weller
12/15 Anne Bennett

Bianca Catenacci
12/17 Dale Leidheiser
Lucina Clark
12/18 Mary Alice Kuhn
12/19 Larry Dixon
Bob Davis Jr.
Barry Bastian
12/20 Margaret Browne
Christa Ewing
12/21 Joyce Canfield
Dorothy Leachman
Bonnie Sparhawk
12/22 Rick Henderson
Ellie Winberry
12/23 Marty Worth
12/24 Lee Hadley
12/25 Diana Kutschbach
Elisabeth Hire
Benjamin Brant
12/26 Trisha Bishop
12/27 David Fulford
Rachel Axt
Logan Kirker
12/28 Paul Leidheiser Jr.
McAshan Dean
Thalia Weygandt
12/29 Jim Organ
Benjamin Rowley
Amanda Dean
12/30 Jamie McWilliams
12/31 Nicki Campbell
Catherine Cunningham

Member Anniversaries in December

12/10 Diana and Bob Kutschbach
12/12 Linda and Ron Reiger
12/19 Gerry and Marty Worth
12/20 Teresa and Jorge Polo
12/22 Pauline and Earl Fritz
12/23 Jane and Mike Weddle
12/26 Becky and Sheldon Taft
12/27 Sarah and Tom Trace Jr.
Jane and Dick Ward
12/28 Rebecca and Ian Baird
Francille and John Firebaugh
12/29 Pam and Andrew Welsh-Huggins

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)

December Fellowship Hour Schedule

December 6 Galatians
December 13 Haggai
December 20 Hosea
December 27 Jeremiah

December Crucifer Schedule

December 6 Adam Wade
December 13 Joe Spofforth
December 20 Cameron Wade
December 27 Adam Wade

December Acolyte Schedule

December 6	Nina Zimmerman	Madeline Helmer
December 13	Mia Provenzano	Maddy Provenzano
December 20	Cassidy Hopcraft	Erin Murray
December 24	Chutney Anderson	Eddie Anderson
December 27	Miriam Myers	Samantha Myers

December 11 a.m. Liturgist Schedule

December 6 Tom Kiesel
December 13 Allison Lowery Palmer
December 20 Elaine Warren

December Offering Schedule

December 6 BOBS
December 13 BOBS
December 20 UCC Christmas Fund
December 20 Lessons and Carols:
Concert Fund and YWCA Family Shelter
December 24 UCC Christmas Fund
December 27 Faith Mission



**Service of Ordination for
Heather Giffen
Sunday January 17, 2016 at
3 p.m.
Reception to follow**

FIRST CHURCH LEADERSHIP

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.

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

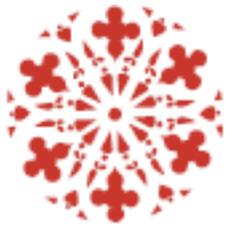
Business Manager	Sharon Leidheiser
Program Manager	Martha Worth
Office Manager	Amy Wagner
Building Manager	Thomas Santiago
Custodian	William Lee, Jimmy Sibrian, Onofre Franco-Chavez
Wedding Coordinators	Janet Axt, Tori Stucke, Margaret Cipriani
Nursery Staff	Evin Wimberly, Simone Ellerson, Natalie Barker, Taylre Arnold

CHURCH OFFICERS

Moderator	Elaine Warren
Moderator-Elect	Brian Cave
Treasurer	Joe Baszynski
Assistant Treasurer	Cindy Conn
Secretary	Deana Armstrong
Assistant Secretary	Nancy Braverman

COMMISSIONERS

Administration	Kent Shimeall
Administration-Elect	Allison Palmer
Church Growth	Scott Jones
Church Growth-Elect	Kim Hopcraft
Education	Todd Jacobson
Education-Elect	Jennifer Okezie-Watts
House & Grounds	Gary Leidheiser
House & Ground-Elect	Charlie Weaver
Justice & Mercy	Alex Rodriguez
Justice & Mercy-Elect	Tracy Ross
Music, Arts, Heritage	Marti Baumer
Music, Arts, Heritage-Elect	Al Waddell
Church Vitality	Melissa Kulwicki
Church Vitality-Elect	Denise Vogt
Nominating Chair	Frank Cook
Trustees	Francille Firebaugh
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Youth-at-large	Merry Roach
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SUNDAY WORSHIP HOURS

Worship at 9 a.m. ~ Parish Hall

Worship at 11 a.m. ~ Sanctuary

:01