
Calling All Current 4th-7th Graders ...

The First Church Acolyte Team will be hosting an orientation and training session for new members today following the 11 a.m. worship service. Please meet us in the narthex if you would like to become a part of this ministry to our worship community.

For questions or more information, contact Celeste Feather at 614-789-0516 or celeste@pandc.org.

Good Samaritan Volunteers ...

A new committee has been formed and is looking for volunteers. This committee will help with the future structure of the Good Samaritan Fund and participate in the new plan. If you are interested please attend on Friday, January 24 at 10 a.m. in the Fanning Room. Co-chairs are Kris Brant (kbrant2408@gmail.com) and Melody Leidheiser (mleidheiser@yahoo.com).

Laundry Love ...

The next Laundry Love is Tuesday, January 28 and your participation would be greatly appreciated. Your time and donations to Laundry Love helps to bring dignity to others.

Gladden Food Pantry Collection ...

First Church will be collecting spaghetti sauce, preferably in plastic jars or cans. Soup is also a requested item in January. Collections continue through Sunday, January 26. Please put your donation in the designated bins for the pantry. Kris Brant will deliver the collected food to the Gladden Food Pantry on Monday, January 27.

Give ...

At First Church, our financial resources enable us to “Enter to worship, depart to serve.” Give now by scanning the QR Code or by placing a check or cash into the offering basket. Sunday’s loose offerings and designated checks go to the mission of the day. Today, cash and designated checks go to to **King Arts Complex - Youth Programs**. This program provides multi-disciplined art and cultural programs for youth ages 5-18. Summer arts camps, afterschool programs and spring academies provide exposure to local visual and performing arts. The King Arts Complex - Youth Programs provides a safe, creative and fun environment for youth in our community. Please give generously.



The mission offering to **Church World Service Water Systems** on January 12 was **\$967.71**. Thank you for your generosity.

Stirring Action by Sacred Earth ...

Sacred Earth works to make First Church responsible in our actions towards the environment. As part of our commitment, we have removed the plastic stirrs from the church. During Coffee Hour we will now have a cup holding teaspoons for stirring and a saucer to hold used teaspoons. For Fellowship teams, the cup and saucer will be kept in the coffee cupboard. They will need washed by hand and returned to the cupboard following Coffee Hour. We hope this little extra work will serve in our caring for the environment.

Enter to Worship ...

January 19, 2019

Depart to Serve

Coming Events ...

Sunday, January 19

Worship, 9 a.m. (Parish Hall), 11 a.m. (Sanctuary)
Faith Formation, 10 a.m. (Classroom C)
Budget Forum, 10 a.m. (Fanning Rm)
Coffee Hour, 12 noon (Parish Hall)
Budget Forum, 12:30 p.m. (Fanning Rm)
Confirmation, 12:30 p.m. (Classroom D)
Choral Evensong, 4 p.m. (Sanctuary)
Just Mercy Book Study, 6 p.m. (Parlor)
Youth Groups, 6 p.m. (Parish Hall)

Monday, January 20

Martin Luther King Jr. Day (Church Office closed)

Tuesday, January 21

Holy Lands Trip Mtg., 7 p.m. (Fanning Rm)

Wednesday, January 22

Gladden Park Mtg., 2 p.m. (Parish Family Rm)

Thursday, January 23

First Church Ringers Rehearsal, 6 p.m. (Classroom J)
First Church Choir Rehearsal, 7:15 p.m. (Parish Hall)

Friday, January 24

Good Samaritan Fund Volunteer Mtg., 10 a.m. (Fanning Rm)

Sunday, January 26

Worship, 10 a.m. (Sanctuary)
Annual Meeting, 11 a.m. (Sanctuary)
Luncheon & Celebration of Sharon Leidheiser, 12 noon (Parish Hall)

Just Mercy Book Study, 6 p.m. (Parlor)

Youth Groups, 6 p.m. (Parish Hall)

Monday, January 27

Grief Support Group, 12 p.m. (Fanning Rm)

Tuesday, January 28

Laundry Love, 6 p.m. (Wash Land Laundromat)
Deacon Mtg., 7 p.m. (Classroom D)

Thursday, January 30

First Church Ringers Rehearsal, 6 p.m. (Classroom J)
First Church Choir Rehearsal, 7:15 p.m. (Parish Hall)

Saturday, February 1

Youth Rehearsal, 10 a.m. (Sanctuary)
Sacred Earth, 10:30 a.m. (Classroom D)

Budget Forums Today ...

You are invited and encouraged to attend one of the two budget forums today at either 10 a.m. or 12:30 p.m. in the Ralph Fanning Room. The 2020 church budget will be reviewed and Council members will be available to answer your questions.

Formative Discussions for Sunday ...

Today our Formative Discussions for Adults welcomes guest speaker Jillian Olinger, Chief Mission Officer for YWCA Columbus. The topic will be on Women’s Rights and its place in Social Justice. Don’t miss this important presentation. The session will be held in Room C during at 10 a.m.

“Just Mercy” ...

First Congregational Church’s Sunday evening book study on the best seller *Just Mercy* is today at 6 p.m. A light dinner will be provided. Books are still available in the church office for \$10.

The 2020 Book Club ...

The First Church Book Club meets on the first Monday of the month at 7 p.m. Members meet in the Parlor and provide refreshments. The selection for February 3 is *Love Poems for Married People* and *Love Poems for People with Children* by John Kenny. All are welcome to join in the discussion!

Mental Health First Aid Training ...

Please consider coming to the Mental Health First Aid training in February. It is wonderful training on various aspects of identifying Mental Health and Care. This training teaches how to identify, understand and respond to signs of mental illnesses and substance use disorders. It is an 8-hour training that will give you the skills you need to reach out and provide initial support to someone and help connect them to the appropriate care. Mental Health First Aid training is sponsored by NAMI-Franklin County, Justice and Mercy and Education Commissions.



This is an all-day training session on February 29 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. in Parish Hall. Please register by February 10 by submitting the registration form to the Church Office (forms are available in the Church Office). There is a \$10 suggested donation, to be made out to First Congregational Church: MEMO: Mental Health First Aid. Please contact Rev. Emily Corzine at ecorzine@first-church.org for more information. Lunch will be provided.

Fill a Void and Volunteer ...

If you are looking for ways to connect with other members of our First Church family, please consider volunteering. We have openings in the office during the work week to greet visitors, answer the telephone and perform light office work; and after worship help reset the sanctuary by replenishing materials and straightening up in the pews. Please contact Amy Wagner, Administrative Manager, at awagner@first-church.org or 614-228-1741, ext. 10, to learn more about our volunteer opportunities.

Keep in Prayer

Roger Kelm, brother of Russ Kelm; Kami Colbert and family; Brenda Childs, friend of Susan Sitler and Tim Ahrens; Pavan Peter; Wendy Reber; Chase Wagner; Marti Rideout; Greg Kellison; Zac Neff, friend of Melissa Kulwicki; Sara Smith Harris; Cynthia Coe, friend of Victor John; Charlie Buechler, friend of the Vogt family; Lauren Ward, friend and co-worker of Denise Vogt; Strick Strickland, nephew of Pat Patterson; Dirk Orr; Anne Morganstern; Brooke Chute, cousin of Amy Wagner; Chris Wright; Ron Cook; Rev. Earl Fritz and Pauline Fritz; Amy Smith, sister of Sarah Lange; Arlene Reynolds; Andrew MacGregor; Jeanette MacGregor, mother of Andrew MacGregor; and those who mourn the loss of loved ones, including the family of Rev. Dr. Bill Casto on his death; and Janet Kevan on the death of her husband, Richard Kevan.

We pray for the congregation of the Evangelical United Church of Christ in Portsmouth, Ohio following wind damage that brought down their church's steeple.

Directory Changes ...

This is an excellent time to update personal information. If you have moved, changed phone numbers or changed your email address during the past year please contact the church office with your new contact information. Please call the church office at 614-228-1741 or email Pat Patterson at ppatterson@first-church.org with your new information. Thank you for keeping us up-to-date.

Get Involved ...

First Church has two Nursery positions open and we are ready to hire. If you are interested or have a referral please contact Mark Williams for more info at mwilliams@first-church.org

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Name _____
Email _____
Phone _____
Notes _____

2020 Nominations Slate

Officers

Moderator: Lynn Wallich
Moderator Elect: Alec Deitz
Treasurer: Dennis Secor
Treasurer Elect: Matt Myers
Secretary: Nicole Moss
Secretary Elect: Peter Murray

Commissioners

Administration Commissioner: Andy Bensing
Administration Commissioner Elect: Brad West
Church Growth Commissioner: Cheryl Hoskinson
Church Growth Commissioner Elect: Elisha Hardekopf
Church Vitality Commissioner: Fran Panek
Church Vitality Commissioner Elect: Lee Kiesel
Education Commissioner: Stacie Sholl
Education Commissioner Elect: Margaret Graham
House and Grounds Commissioner: Victor John
House and Grounds Commissioner Elect: Eric Klintworth
Justice and Mercy Commissioner: Kaye Martin
Justice and Mercy Commissioner Elect: Lauren Muscott
Music, Arts and Heritage Commissioner: David Mailer
Music, Arts and Heritage Commissioner Elect: Scott Jones

At-Large Members

Youth at Large: Mia Provenzano
Member at Large: Melissa Prendergast

Nominating Chair: Joe Baszynski

Deacons: Greg Halbe, Marty Worth, James Lowe, Scott Graham, Antoinette Koolemans-Beynen

Trustees: Sue Cook, Jim Kyle, Elaine Warren

Church Council ...

The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held at 11 a.m. on January 26 in the Church Sanctuary following a 10 a.m. service. A forum with Council members will be held today at 10 a.m. or 12:30 p.m. to discuss our 2020 church budget.

Activities will be available for children during the Annual Meeting. Candace "The Theatre Lady" will lead a fun-filled activity for children age 3 to the 5th grade during the meeting. A luncheon will also be provided following the meeting in Parish Hall.

The last day of work here at First Church for our Business Administrator, Sharon Leidheiser will be January 31. We will celebrate Sharon at the 2020 Annual Congregational Meeting and luncheon next Sunday, January 26. The Church Council has approved receiving a "purse" for Sharon with gifts given to thank her for her tireless work at First Church. If you would like to contribute to this financial gift for Sharon, please send or give your checks or cash to Amy Wagner, First Congregational Church, UCC, 444 East Broad St., Columbus, Ohio 43215 by 3 p.m., Thursday, January 23.