
Good Samaritan Cupboard ...

The cupboard of personal care items for Good Samaritan clients is bare. Please consider donating items over the next few weeks to restock our shelves. We recommend any of the Dollar Stores, especially ones where everything in the store is \$1.00.

Please consider bringing 1 or more of the following: Men or women's body wash, men or women's deodorant, toothpaste – full size tubes (we do not need toothbrushes at this time), shaving cream, feminine hygiene products, and bars of soap. These items can be placed in the bin outside the church office. Thank you for your support of this mission.

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 today. 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 **The Knight-Perry Fund through the Board of Trustees**, which provides support for persons in the church in financial need. The Senior Minister, in strict confidence, approves all loan requests. Please give generously.



The mission offering to **King Arts Complex - Youth Programs** on January 19 was **\$918.81** Thank you for your generosity.

Clothes Donations ... A reminder that a collection bin is located in our parking lot!

As you clean out your closets and drawers this winter, please remember we have a bin to collect used clothes, shoes, books and other household items located on the west side of the Carriage House in the alley. These items are distributed to refugee families and other underserved people of our community. This bin is sponsored by MY PROJECT USA. Headquartered in the Hilltop area, MY PROJECT USA is the largest Muslim social service organization in Ohio.

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.

Directory Updates ...

If you moved, changed phone numbers or changed your email address during the past year please contact the church office with your new contact information. 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

Register for this and or other oportunties.

Program _____
Name _____
Email _____
Phone _____
Notes _____

Enter to Worship ...

January 26, 2019

Depart to Serve

Coming Events ...

Sunday, January 26

Worship, 10 a.m. (Sanctuary)
Annual Meeting, 11 a.m. (Sanctuary)
Luncheon and Celebration of Sharon Leidheiser, 12 noon (Parish Hall)
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., 6 p.m. (Classroom D)

Wednesday, January 29

Book Study, 10:30 a.m. (Parlor)

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 Mtg., 10:30 a.m. (Classroom D)

Sunday, February 2

Worship, 9 a.m. (Parish Hall), 11 a.m. (Sanctuary)
Faith Formation, 10 a.m. (Classroom D)
Coffee Hour, 12 noon (Parish Hall)
Confirmation, 12:30 p.m. (Classroom D)

Monday, February 3

Care Ministry, 12 noon (Fanning Rm)
Book Club, 7 p.m. (Parlor)
Trustees Mtg., 7 p.m. (Fanning Rm)

Tuesday, February 4

First Tuesdays, 12:15 p.m. (Sanctuary and Parish Hall)
Justice and Mercy Committee Mtg., 7 p.m. (Fanning Rm)

Saturday, February 8

House and Grounds Committee Mtg., 8:30 a.m. (Fanning Rm)

Formative Discussions for Sunday ...

Due to today's combined worship service at 10 a.m., Faith Formation for all ages will resume on February 2.

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!

Valentine's Day Youth Fudge Sale ...

The youth of First Church are selling homemade fudge after each worship service in the Parish Hall and through the week during office hours from February 2-12. We will have a variety of flavors in our regular half-pound boxes. You also can place orders for additional amounts. Sales benefit the youth summer mission trip.

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 phones and perform light office work. 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.

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.

Keep in Prayer

Taco, service dog for Mariner Taft; Kathy Erskine, sister of Melanie Brown; Kami Colbert and family; Brenda Childs, friend of Susan Sittler and Tim Ahrens; Pavan Peter; Wendy Reber; Chase Wagner; Marti and Rob Rideout; Zac Neff, friend of Melissa Kulwicki; Sara Smith Harris; Charlie Buechler, friend of the Vogt family; Lauren Ward, friend and co-worker of Denise Vogt; Strick Strickland, nephew of Pat Patterson; Dirk Orr; Brooke Chute, cousin of Amy Wagner; Chris Wright; Rev. Earl Fritz and Pauline Fritz; Amy Smith, sister of Sarah Lange; Arlene Reynolds; Andrew MacGregor; and those who mourn the loss of loved ones, including Peggy Furrow, friend of Margaret Cipriani, on the death of her son; the family of Rev. Dr. Bill Casto on his death; Janet Kevan on the death of her husband, Richard Kevan; and Russ Kelm, on the death of his brother Roger.

Creative Ways to Pay Your Pledge!

Stocks, Bonds, Mutual Funds and CD Transfer - We accept these towards a pledge. If you have stocks, bonds, CD's or an IRA you can transfer your security to our account at Charles Schwab to apply to your pledge.

IRA Distribution Over Age 70½? Consider making a direct transfer from your IRA to First Congregational Church to fund your pledge.

Direct Deposit-Payroll Deduction at Work - Many companies will allow you to make a payroll deduction from your paycheck.

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.

Bill Pay with your bank - Online banking is another way to pay your pledge. You can set up the First Church as a payee or vendor in your list.

Money Order or Cashiers Check- Please do not send cash 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 write PLEDGE.

Online Credit Card Giving - You can pay online through easyTithe or PayPal. Simply go to our web site www.first-church.org click on Give and then click on either easyTithe or PayPal.

Contact the church office at 614-228-1741 to speak with Rev. Dr. Tim Ahrens or Rev. Emily Corzine for more information.

The Legacy Connection... linking generosity to vital spiritual and material needs

First Congregational Church Endowments are funds and gifts administered by the FCC Board of Trustees.

Gifts to the endowment funds of First Church over the last 100 years have made important contributions to the vitality and growth of First Church, our programs and missions. You can support a particular interest or passion. Your gift will help ensure that the church has sufficient staffing, equipment, and facilities to minister to the congregation, the local community, and the world, bringing to life the adage: "Enter to worship, depart to serve."

Building Preservation

The Legacy Fund. Addresses major current and future church needs including emergency repairs, property insurance, church operations, West Lot mortgage and capital improvements.

Building Endowment Fund. Provides support for improvements, maintenance and care for the church's structure, grounds and equipment.

Stained Glass Preservation Fund. Preserves and restores the magnificent, inspiring stained glass windows.

Starr-Wingfield Furnishings Fund. Maintains and improves furnishings and design within church facilities.

Samuel B. Gordon Playground Fund. Maintains the children's playground.

Johannes Landscape Maintenance Endowment Fund. Helps maintain the church grounds, landscaping and equipment.

Church Acquisition, Expansion, Development and Maintenance Fund. Funds acquisition, expansion, development, and maintenance of the church.

The Repair, Restore, Enhance, Reserve Fund. Used by the House and Grounds Commission to address major preventative maintenance repairs or necessary improvements that are not provided for by the church's operating budget.

Arts and Music

Music, Arts and Heritage Endowment Fund. Supports worship through the beauty of music, visual arts and artistic expression.

Jackie Owen Memorial Music Fund. Supports special musical initiatives that enhance worship.

Barnard Music Fund. Supports the church's traditional and classical sacred music program.

Martin-MacNevin Organ Maintenance Fund. Helps fund maintenance and preservation, particularly for the historic Kimball organ.

Organ Preservation Fund. Supports maintenance and preservation, particularly for the von Beckerath organ.

Flower Fund. Provides flower arrangements for worship services and special church events.

Education

Education Endowment Fund. Supports projects to increase our knowledge and understanding of the Christian faith.

Alma Keeler Youth Fund. Supports Christian education programs for children and youth, and the children's library.

Alma Keeler Adult Library Fund. Supports the church's adult library.

Dorinda White Education Fund. Supports the church's education programs for children, youth, young adults, parents and families.