
Good Samaritan Cupboard ...

The cupboard of personal care items for Good Samaritan clients is bare. Please consider donating items as our next Good Samaritan day is Monday, February 10. We recommend any of the Dollar Stores, especially ones where everything in the store is \$1.00.

Items needed: Men's 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.

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.

Amy Lecture Series ...

The Church of the Master United Methodist (24 N. Grove St., Westerville) is proud to present "Diversity is not Just the Differences You Like: Interfaith Leadership in the Time of Identity Politics" on Thursday, March 12 at 7 p.m. Presenter Eboo Patel is the founder of the Interfaith Youth Core, was a member of President Barack Obama's inaugural Advisory Council on Faith-Based Neighborhoods Partnerships, and has authored several books, including *Acts of Faith*, *Sacred Ground*, *Interfaith Leadership: A Primer*, and *Out of Many Faiths: Religious Diversity and the American Promise*. He holds a doctorate in the sociology of religion from Oxford University, where he studied on a Rhodes scholarship.

This event is co-sponsored by Otterbein University, Church of the Master United Methodist, and the Otterbein Department of Religion and Philosophy's Robert F. Berkey '52 Endowed Lectureship. It is free and open to the public.

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

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Enter to Worship ...

February 2, 2020

Depart to Serve

Coming Events ...

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)

Thursday, February 6

Tech Team Mtg., 6 p.m. (Parish Family Rm)
First Church Ringers Rehearsal, 6 p.m. (Classroom J)
First Church Choir Rehearsal, 7:15 p.m. (Parish Hall)

Saturday, February 8

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

Sunday, February 9

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 10

Good Samaritan, 9 a.m. (Sanctuary, Fanning Rm & Parlor)
Christian Education Mtg., 6:30 p.m. (Mark William's Office)

Tuesday, February 11

Executive Committee, 7 p.m. (Parish Family Rm)

Thursday, February 13

First Church Choir Rehearsal, 7:15 p.m. (Parish Hall)
Security Team Mtg., 7 p.m. (Parish Family Rm)

Formative Discussions for Adults ...

Rev. Emily Corzine leads a four week study titled "Engage: Mission" during the 10 am hour. It is out of growing disciples that we engage in God's mission by preparing people in the church to be missionaries in their neighborhoods and local communities. The sessions will be in Room D.

Valentine's Day Youth Fudge Sale ...

The Youth will be selling their famous fudge this Sunday and next Sunday in the Parish Hall for Valentine's Day. Check out all the wonderful flavors being offered. This helps support the Youth Mission Trip and the UCC National Youth Event in July.

First Tuesdays ...

First Tuesdays returns on February 4 with a performance of Brahms's Liebeslieder Waltzes, Op. 52, for vocal quartet and piano duet. Singers Lynn Eustis, Jamie Blair, Dustin Jarred, and Christopher Humbert collaborate with pianists Ed Bak and Kevin Jones in this marvelous lyrical celebration of romantic love told through the poetry of Georg Friedrich Daumer's Polydora, a collection of folk songs and love poems. Lunch is available after the 30-minute concert.

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

Paul Zimmerman, father of Doug Zimmerman; Taco, service dog for Mariner Taft; Kathy Erskine, sister of Melanie Brown; Brenda Childs, friend of Susan Sitler and Tim Ahrens; Pavan Peter; Marti and Rob Rideout; Strick Strickland, nephew of Pat Patterson; 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.

Eleventh Annual Pancake Dinner Tickets On Sale ...

Making pancakes was a good way to use up all the fat, cream and eggs in the house before Lent fasting began. This old tradition inspired the term "Fat Tuesday" or in French, "Mardi Gras." It also inspired the pancake dinner that many congregations hold today.

First Church Youth will host a Pancake Dinner Tuesday, February 25 from 5:30-7:00 p.m. in Parish Hall. You may purchase tickets in advance after each service or at the door. Tickets are \$7.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children 12 and under.

We will have "Pancake Races" in the sanctuary at 6:30 p.m. This is from a long tradition going back to the mid-15th century. A woman was busy cooking pancakes in her kitchen on Shrove Tuesday and lost track of time. When she heard the ringing of the church bell calling people to church, she bolted out of her house and ran all the way to church with her frying pan still in her hand. This will be a fun event.

The 2020 Book Club ...

The First Church Book Club will meet on Monday, February 3 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!

Business Office Transition Update ...

With the resignation of Sharon Leidheiser, effective, January 31, 2020, the Personnel Committee, Administration Commissioners and Associate Minister are forming a small task force to evaluate the Business Administrator's job description and ongoing operational needs. This small task force will make a recommendation to Personnel, Budget and Finance, and Council for the next steps for this position. We wanted to inform you that work has already begun and we will keep you updated on our progress.

We welcome our Temporary Financial Assistant, Pam Mantor, who comes to us from Robert Half Associates. Pam will be in the office Monday-Friday and be responsible for reconciliations, accounts receivable, accounts payable among other small operation tasks in the time being. She will work closely with Bev Cook, Financial Volunteer; Tom Worley, Financial Volunteer; Budget and Finance Committee; Dennis Secor and Matt Myers, Treasurers; and Rev. Emily Corzine. Tom Worley has come alongside Budget and Finance and Pam Mantor in this transition to provide continuity and we are grateful for his time and efforts.

If you have questions about your pledge or giving to the church, please direct them to Pam at PMantor@first-church.org. We appreciate your patience and understanding as we go through this important transition. Further questions can be addressed to Rev. Emily Corzine, ecorzine@first-church.org or Administration Commissioner, Andy Bensing, 3abensing@gmail.com.

A note from the Budget and Finance Committee ...

Appreciate everyone's active participation in last week's congregational meeting! We are a passionate Church who cares deeply about our staff and we are seeing a response!

Church Council is working on a communication plan to provide some structure on how the congregation can respond to our budgetary needs. You can expect to see a note from Lynn, our Moderator, soon.

We will be holding discussion forums as well. We need your participation and feedback, hopefully before Church Council meets on February 18. If you missed last week's Congregational meeting, please reference / read the report from the Treasurer on page 20 in our 2019 Annual Report. A link to the Annual Report is available at www.first-church.org/.

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 **Star House**, a welcoming drop-in center for transitional youth, ages 14-24, experiencing homelessness. Star House serves as a safe and accepting place where they can connect with a concerned community. Please give generously.



The mission offering to **The Knight-Perry Fund through the Board of Trustees** on January 26 was **\$1,244.64**. Thank you for your generosity.
