



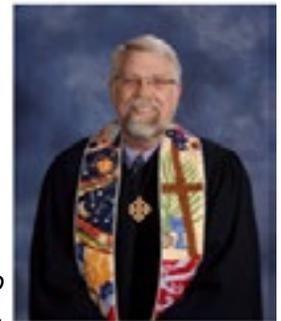
**“We are God’s Resurrection People!”**  
**Let Us Prayerfully Gather to Celebrate God Rising Among Us!**

**By The Rev. Dr. Tim Ahrens**

Following the Easter resurrection of Jesus Christ, the church was born.

No one could have made-up this new beginning. Filled with joy, ecstatic faith, speaking in tongues and “service beyond self” that had been unmatched in human history, the church stepped into First Century and became a light for the nations.

Bruderhof Community founder and author Arnold Eberhard wrote at the turn of the 20th Century, *“No one person or group could have made the first church. No heights of oratory, no flaming enthusiasm, could have awakened for Christ the thousands who were moved at the time or produced the life-unity of the early church. ...The deepest mystery of the early church lies in the very presence of the risen Christ himself who makes his dwelling in each person’s heart and reveals the power of his presence in the midst of his church.”*



Allow me to be a witness to the Risen Christ as well.

I believe in the power of God’s resurrection in Jesus Christ. I know Christ is raised because I see resurrection all around me all the time. I see resurrection in the faces, words, and lives of our children at church when they sing, dance, smile and share their lives with me and others. I see resurrection when the seemingly impossible odds we face when battling illnesses are overcome and we walk in the light of God’s love once again. I see resurrection in the faces of those who battle through suffering and find their strength to stand and walk again. All of these resurrections are “physical” and all of them are spiritual as well. If Christ is not raised, then how do his people continue to rise and walk in the light of his faith, hope, and love?

I have been a witness of the Risen Christ alive and well at First Church! I have seen God’s love and spirit bursting in our church! I see young leaders stepping up in wonderful new ways. I see older members growing in delight as we grow and flourish in the heart of the city. A church that all ages love in a city they love – being and becoming a Resurrection Community! It has been a beautiful sight to behold. Thanks be to God!

Paraphrasing Arnold Eberhard let me add that no one person or group can make the church happen. No one preacher with words that reach great heights of oratory, no flaming enthusiasm from any one member can awaken and serve the church today. The deepest mystery of First Church today lies in the very presence of the risen Christ himself who makes his dwelling in each one of your hearts and reveals the power of his presence in the midst of His church.”

So breathe in the Holy Spirit! Breathe deep, smile, laugh, discover the joy and the spirit alive at First Church and come join us on the exciting journey ahead.

Come and finish this amazing month of Lent and Easter. The whole month of March covers the holiest season of our church year. So, together, let us make this journey to the cross and the empty tomb our most glorious year ever. Let’s attend the small group meetings in homes throughout the month of March (see accompanying articles). Let’s keep praying through this season. Let’s open our ears, eyes, hands, hearts and minds to the power of prayer. We are being called to this prayer power through emails, small groups, pastoral epistles, preaching, music, worship and more. In addition, we have the All Church Retreat April 15-17 that calls everyone of all ages to Camp Pilgrim Hills to “Play and Pray!”

Beginning March 20, Holy Week is here. On March 20, Palm Sunday calls us to a deeper walk through Palms and Passion at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. in worship. Maundy Thursday is March 24. Be sure to sign-up for our dinner at 6 p.m., “The Last Supper” at 7 p.m. and the service of Tenebrae at 7:30 p.m. On Good Friday, March 25, we worship in a powerful service of Word and Music at 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, March 27 is Easter 2016. I hope to see a huge crowd of people at 7 a.m. Sunrise Service on the steps of the Art Museum. I hope to see the 8:45 a.m. service dancing with joy in the Sanctuary that day. I hope to see a room full of food, families, and fellowship at 10 a.m. in Parish Hall. I hope to see standing room only in our service on Sunday, March 31 at 11 a.m.

The Risen Christ is alive and well at First Church - thanks be to God! May he dwell in your heart as you step into these early days of Spring and Easter 2016.

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## What is Your Personality Type? – an MBTI Workshop

By Rev. Dr. Tim Ahrens

For nearly 25 years I have worked with couples and individuals on Personality through the Myers Briggs Type Inventory (MBTI). We have had tons of fun as we have discovered each other's personality types. This spring, I will offer an MBTI workshop at First Church. If you would like to discover why you do what you do, or how you are wired in your brain, this workshop is for you. For example, are you an Introvert or Extravert? A Sensor or an Intuitive? A Thinker or a Feeler? A Perceiver or a Judger? If you find yourself sitting alone in a corner at a party or family gathering, there is a reason for that. If you find that you are the "life of the party" everywhere you go, there is also a reason for that. Sign-up in the office or email me at [tahrens@first-church.org](mailto:tahrens@first-church.org). When we have done this workshop in the past, couples and individuals have loved coming away with new insights into the dynamics of who they are and what they do. Did I mention we will have a lot of fun? ***The date of the MBTI Workshop will be posted on the church website, on Facebook, and in the weekly Depart to Serve leaflet.***

## Co-Ed Softball Team Nearly Formed! We Need Women Players!

By Rev. Dr. Tim Ahrens

If you are interested in a softball team for the summer of 2016, please contact Rev. Ahrens ASAP. We have had a great response from 12 people – 9 men and 3 women. But we need more players – especially women. You don't have to be a member to play! If you have a "friend of First" (read – your friend as you are a member of First Church), let us know. The deadline for getting in the league is March. We start playing in late April. Contact me at [tahrens@first-church.org](mailto:tahrens@first-church.org) or call, 228-1741, ext.13.

## Remaining Sermon Titles for Lent

### ***March 6 – Lent IV***

Preacher: Rev. Dr. Ahrens

Communion Sermon: "Compassionate Prayers"

Texts: Joshua 5:9-12; Psalm 32; II Corinthians 5:16-21; Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

### ***March 13 – Lent V***

Preacher: Rev. Corzine

Sermon: "Communing Prayer"

Texts: Isaiah 43:16-21; Psalm 126; Phillipians 3:4b-14; John 12:1-8

### ***March 20 – Palm / Passion Sunday***

Preacher: Rev. Dr. Ahrens

Sermon: "Crying and Courageous Prayers"

Texts: Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29; Luke 19:28-40; Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16; Phillipians 2:5-11; Luke 22:14-23:56 or Luke 23:1-49

### ***March 27 – Easter Sunday***

Preacher: Rev. Dr. Ahrens

Sermon: "Joy-Filled Prayers"

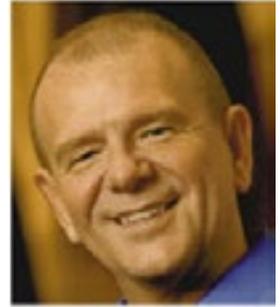
Texts: Acts 10:34-43 or Isaiah 65:17-25; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; I Corintihans 15:19-26 or Acts 10:34-43; John 20:1-18 or Luke 24:1-12



# Education

## Butterflies Teach About Resurrection

by Mark S. Williams, Christian Education Director ([mwilliams@first-church.org](mailto:mwilliams@first-church.org))



The Christian Education Ministry uses the life cycle of the Painted Lady butterfly to illustrate the concept of resurrection. This lesson has been used for many years with great enjoyment. A new approach will be used due to Easter being early this year.

Instead of releasing the butterflies on Easter, each child (family) will receive one butterfly to take home. Instructions will be given to each child on how to care for this beautiful insect. Start planning now by getting a shoe box and decorating it for your butterfly. We encourage everyone to take pictures of the process and share with us on the church website and Face Book page. We

hope to see many pictures of butterflies being released. This will continue the learning of Easter and be environmentally friendly to the butterflies. Here is the story to share with your child.

The “baby butterflies” arrive as larvae. They must quickly be put into individual cups with food to last them through this part of their life cycle. We watch them grow until the worms look too big for their cups.

Within two weeks, the worm attaches itself to the lid of the cup and forms a chrysalis. They hang there for another week looking dead. There is no movement or visible change. The children have compared the chrysalis to a cave. If we’re really lucky, we will be able to observe the butterflies emerging from their chrysalis. It takes about two hours for the butterflies to pump fluid to their wings and for them to dry and harden. At this point they can fly, and go looking for something to eat. At this point you may release the butterfly outside.

The release of Painted Lady butterflies is environmentally friendly because they will pollinate our flowers.

## Shoe Boxes Needed

Have an empty shoe box at home? We could use them to decorate for our butterflies. Bring them to Mark Williams or the church office.



## Interactive Prayer Activities for Families: A Lenten Practice

Families come and join us for “Second Saturday” during Lent. We’ll host interactive prayer activities for families with children from newborn to teen. Families will engage and embrace new prayer practices in a fun, loving and safe environment.

Prayer stations and self-guided activities will make this hands-on morning activity one to talk about at home. Instructions will be given for each activity.

Go at your own pace.

Pray.

    Create.

        Engage.

Come when you can for as long as you can between 10 a.m.-12 noon on March 12; we will meet in the Toddler Room in the Education Building.

Questions? Ask Rev. Emily Corzine at [ecorzine@first-church.org](mailto:ecorzine@first-church.org).

## Children’s Resources for Holy Week

This year we are providing resources for parents/grandparents with children to help understand the importance of Holy Week and Easter. Purple folders are placed at all worship entrances on March 20 and March 27. The folders will contain information explaining Palm/Passion Sunday, walking the Labyrinth, Maundy Thursday Service, Good Friday Service and Easter Service.

## Walking the Labyrinth Holy Week – March 20- March 26

A Labyrinth is not a maze that gets you lost. It is a way to find yourself, your soul, the Spirit and God.



A Labyrinth has one pathway.....

Beginning after both Palm/Passion Sunday services and the rest of Holy Week, a Labyrinth will be available in Room D for our community of faith to walk and meditate. A brochure will be provided at the entrance of each worship space starting March 20th on the church website, and in the church office. The Labyrinth will be open for all to walk during regular church office hours during the week and on Holy Saturday. Due to the location of the Labyrinth in Room D, we ask those walking through the first floor education wing to observe the area as a “quiet zone.”

### Walking With Children

Since this may be a new experience for many of our children and youth, we have put together a detailed colorful section about Labyrinths in our “Children’s Resources for Holy Week” folder. The “Children’s Resources for Holy Week” folders are available at each entrance to worship, Children’s Library and in the church office.

Please read this resource with your child/children ahead of time so that they will understand the process before walking the Labyrinth. Explanation should not take place once you enter the room to walk.

Please stress the importance of silence to your young ones that when walking the Labyrinth.

Remind your child that this is not a race and to take their time during the walk. Give them plenty of time in the center to think. Also plan an undistracted time to discuss what it was like for your child to walk the Labyrinth. Once you have had your discussion, return to the “Children’s Resource Folder” to help review Holy Week activities.

## Lenten Coloring Posters

Coloring has always been a big hit with the young but now it has regained popularity with adults as a form of meditation and prayer. During the season of Lent a series of Lenten Coloring Posters will be located in the Parish Hall for “Children of ALL Ages” to come together and color. The Lenten themed posters are large enough for many to gather and color.

- Poster 5: March 6 (Mark 12:28-44): Love.
- Poster 6: March 13 (Mark 13:1-8, 24-37): Watch!
- Poster 7: March 20 (Palm Sunday - Mark 14:3-9): Risk.
- Poster 8: March 24 (Maundy Thursday - Mark 14:22-42): Take. Eat. and March 25 (Good Friday - Mark 15:16-39): Forsaken.
- Poster 9: March 25 (Easter - Mark 16:1-8 ): Go! Tell!



## Youth Mission Trips Agreements

Agreement to Participate forms for the West Franklinton Youth Mission Trip and the UCC National Youth Event at Disney are now available outside the Director of Christian Education office and after each service in the Parish Hall. Brochures are also available with details about the trip. Make plans now and get your name on the list. There is a separate form for youth and one for adults for each event. We are asking a \$50 deposit for each participant. This West Franklinton trip will be June 5-10, 2016 and the UCC National Youth Event will be July 26-30. Please contact Mark S. Williams at [mwilliams@first-church.org](mailto:mwilliams@first-church.org) or 614-228-1741, ext. 15 for more details.

## Pray and Play

By Mark Williams

Join the First Church family as they head toward the hills – Pilgrim Hills that is. Our Spring Retreat, “Pray & Play,” is Friday evening, April 15, through Sunday morning, April 17. Please mark your calendars and plan to bring your whole family or just yourself.

Our weekend will include hiking, nature talks and activities, devotions, basketball, fishing, a folk dance for all ages, a campfire with s’mores, crafts, singing and worship at camp Sunday morning. All First Church children and youth are able to attend at no cost thanks to an Alma Keeler grant requested by the Parish Life Committee. Adults are \$95 each, which includes food, lodging and all program costs. All confirmands will be attending and their mentors are encouraged to attend as well.

So, what can we do on a retreat that we can’t do in a meeting room at church? Given the costs of time and money involved in staging a retreat, is it really worth it? Jesus thought so. The Bible offers numerous stories of Jesus walking away from the constant crowds to carve out a time and space to be alone.

Taking ourselves out of our daily routine – opening our hearts and minds to the people and places around us – is at the heart of a successful retreat. It is important to carve out time and space to give ourselves over to something deeper, something that will last far longer than the retreat itself.

Pilgrim Hills is one of the United Church of Christ camp and retreat centers. It is an hour northeast of Columbus off Route 62 at Brinkhaven.

Brochure and registration forms are in the church office and on the Web site. Deadline for registration is April 10. We have space for 70 people– let’s fill it!

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## “And the Children will lead them....”

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 will be collecting 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 7 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. We always welcome everyone to

come and volunteer. This mission is solely dependent on your generous giving. Please continue to save your quarters, which is our biggest need at this time.

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 continue saving your quarters and donate to this worthy cause. **The next Laundry Love day will be March 29.** Come join us in serving those in need.

## Flower/Vegetable Sale for Youth Ongoing!

The youth groups of First Church will be taking orders for their spring flower sale now through April 15. You may place your order with any youth member or after worship during the Fellowship Hour. You may view the order form online on the church Web site. There are many varieties of flowers and hanging baskets to choose from. The groups also are selling several varieties of tomatoes, vegetables and peppers. They come in small plants for your garden or in planters for your patio or deck. The flowers and vegetables are supplied by Strader's Greenhouse of Columbus. Payment is due at the time of ordering. The flowers will be available for pick up on May 14-15.

First Congregational Youth Flower Sale			
Customer's Name:		Salesperson:	
Address Line 1:		Order Date:	
Address Line 2:		Amount Collected:	
Phone Number:		Orders Available for pick up <b>Saturday May 14th</b>	
All Orders must be turned in by April 15th			
Email Address:			
Flats are 3-12=36 plants		All Flats on this page \$15.00	
FLOWERS			
QTY	ITEM	QTY	ITEM
_____	<b>AGERATUM</b>	_____	<b>IMPATIENS</b>
_____	Hawaii Blue	_____	Accent Bright Eye
_____	<b>ALYSSUM</b>	_____	Accent Burgandy
_____	Clear Crystal White	_____	Accent Carmine
_____	Clear Crystal Purple	_____	Accent Coral
_____	Clear Crystal Mix	_____	Accent Cranberry
_____	<b>BEGONIA BRNZ LF</b>	_____	Accent Lavender Blu
_____	Bada Boom Mix	_____	Accent Mix
_____	Bada Boom Pink	_____	Accent Orange
_____	Bada Boom Rose	_____	Accent Pink
_____	Bada Boom Scarlet	_____	Accent Red
_____	Bada Boom White	_____	Accent Red Star
_____	<b>BEGONIA GRN LF</b>	_____	Accent Rose
_____	Bada Bing Pink	_____	Accent Salmon
_____	Bada Bing Rose	_____	Accent Violet
_____	Bada Bing Scarlet	_____	Accent White
_____	Bada Bing White	_____	Accent Pastel Mix
_____	Bada Bing Mix	_____	Accent Lilac
_____	Maestro Mix	_____	Accent Salmon Picotee
_____	<b>COLEUS</b>	_____	<b>LOBELIA</b>
_____	Care Free Mix	_____	Blue Moon
_____	Sunvelvet Red	_____	<b>MARIGOLD</b>
_____	Wizard Jade	_____	Bonanza Orange
_____	Wizard Mix	_____	Bonanza Mix
_____	<b>DAHLIA</b>	_____	Bonanza Harmony
_____	Figaro Mix	_____	Bonanza Yellow
_____	<b>DIANTHUS</b>	_____	Bonanza Bee
_____	Raspberry Parfait	_____	Bonanza Flame
_____	Strawberry Parfait	_____	Janie Orange
_____	<b>DUSTY MILLER</b>	_____	Janie Yellow
_____	Silver Dust	_____	Safari Yellow
_____	<b>GAZANIA</b>	_____	Safari Scarlet
_____	Daybreak Mix	_____	Taishan Orange
_____	<b>HYPOESTES</b>	_____	Taishan Yellow
_____	Assorted Colors	_____	
_____		_____	<b>PETUNIA</b>
_____		_____	Rose Madness
_____		_____	Rose Morning Madness
_____		_____	Royal Madness
_____		_____	Salmon Morning Madness
_____		_____	White Madness
_____		_____	Total Madness
_____		_____	Patriot Mix
_____		_____	Merlot Mix
_____		_____	<b>PETUNIA DOUBLES</b>
_____		_____	Blue Dbl. Madness
_____		_____	Salmon Dbl. Madness
_____		_____	Red. Dbl. Madness
_____		_____	Red & White Dbl. Madness
_____		_____	Madness Mix Dbl.
_____		_____	<b>PORTULACA</b>
_____		_____	Margarita Mix
_____		_____	<b>SALVIA</b>
_____		_____	Blue Rhea
_____		_____	Early Bonfire Tail
_____		_____	Summer Jewel Red
_____		_____	Sizzler White
_____		_____	Sizzler Purple
_____		_____	Vista Red
_____		_____	<b>SNAPDRAGON</b>
_____		_____	Rocket Mix
_____		_____	Montego Mix
_____		_____	<b>VINCA</b>
_____		_____	Peppermint Cooler
_____		_____	Grape Cooler
_____		_____	Red Cooler
_____		_____	Mix Cooler
_____		_____	<b>PETUNIA</b>
_____		_____	Dreams Apple Blossom
_____		_____	Dreams Burgandy
_____		_____	Dreams Midnight
_____		_____	Dreams Neon Rose
_____		_____	Dreams Pink
_____		_____	Dreams Red
_____		_____	Dreams Red Picotee
_____		_____	Dreams Rose
_____		_____	Dreams Salmon
_____		_____	Dreams White
_____		_____	Dreams Mix
_____		_____	Ultra Blue Star
_____		_____	Ultra Plum
_____		_____	Ultra Blue Sky
_____		_____	Yellow Madness
_____		_____	Midnight Madness
_____		_____	Carmine Madness
_____		_____	Pink Madness
_____		_____	Sheer Madness
_____		_____	Plum Madness
_____		_____	Red Madness

See back for Vegetables and Potted Plants

## VEGETABLES

QTY ITEM  
Single Plant(3 plants) - \$3 (S)  
Flat - 36 plants \$15(F)  
(please circle S or F)

### CATALOUPE

\_\_\_ S /F Burpee Hybrid  
\_\_\_ S /F Earlidew

### CUCUMBER

\_\_\_ S /F Burpee Hybrid  
\_\_\_ S /F Bush Pickle  
\_\_\_ S /F Bush Crop

### EGGPLANT

\_\_\_ S /F Black Beauty

### PEPPERS

\_\_\_ S /F Bell Boy  
\_\_\_ S /F Gypsy  
\_\_\_ S /F Hungarian Wax  
\_\_\_ S /F Habanero  
\_\_\_ S /F Jalapeno  
\_\_\_ S /F Red Cayenne  
\_\_\_ S /F Pimento  
\_\_\_ S /F Red Chill  
\_\_\_ S /F Sweet Banana  
\_\_\_ S /F Sweet Cherry

### PUMPKINS

\_\_\_ S /F Spirit  
\_\_\_ S /F Big Max

### SQUASH

\_\_\_ S /F Zucchini  
\_\_\_ S /F Butternut  
\_\_\_ S /F Table Ace Acorn

### TOMATOES

\_\_\_ S /F Beef Steak  
\_\_\_ S /F Better Boy  
\_\_\_ S /F Big Boy  
\_\_\_ S /F Big Beet  
\_\_\_ S /F Celebrity  
\_\_\_ S /F Mr. Striptye  
\_\_\_ S /F Bush Champion  
\_\_\_ S /F Lemon Boy  
\_\_\_ S /F Early Girl  
\_\_\_ S /F Health Kick  
\_\_\_ S /F Roma  
\_\_\_ S /F Sweet 100  
\_\_\_ S /F Brandywine Red

### TOMATOES 4 1/2"

\$2.00 each (S) or  
Flat of 12 plants \$18 (F)  
(please circle S or F)

\_\_\_ S /F Early Girl  
\_\_\_ S /F Big Beef  
\_\_\_ S /F Better Boy  
\_\_\_ S /F Big Boy  
\_\_\_ S /F Grape Cherry

### QTY ITEM TOMATOES 1 GAL.

\$10.00  
\_\_\_ Early Girl  
\_\_\_ Big Boy  
\_\_\_ Better Boy  
\_\_\_ Big Beef  
\_\_\_ Lemon Boy  
\_\_\_ Grape  
\_\_\_ Roma

### WATERMELON

\_\_\_ Crimson Sweet

## FLOWERS

### ZONAL GERANIUMS

4 1/2' Pots \$3.00each(S)  
Flat of 12 \$36(F) (please  
circle S or F)

\_\_\_ S /F Red  
\_\_\_ S /F White  
\_\_\_ S /F Pink  
\_\_\_ S /F Salmon  
\_\_\_ S /F Violet  
\_\_\_ Bicolor

### BEDDING GERAMIUMS

1 pak of 3 - \$2.00 (S)  
Flat of 36- \$24.00(F)  
(please circle S or F)

\_\_\_ S /F Red -pak/ flat  
\_\_\_ S /F White-pak/flat  
\_\_\_ S /F Pink-pak/flat  
\_\_\_ S /F Salmon-pak/flat

### 10" STOCK GERANIUMS \$14.00

\_\_\_ Red  
\_\_\_ Salmon  
\_\_\_ Pink  
\_\_\_ White

### 10"HANGING BASKETS

\$15.00 each

QTY ITEM  
Bacopia

\_\_\_ White  
\_\_\_ Blue

### Begonia Non-stop

\_\_\_ red  
\_\_\_ salmon  
\_\_\_ yellow  
\_\_\_ pink  
\_\_\_ white  
\_\_\_ orange

### Ferns

### Fuchsia

\_\_\_ red on white  
\_\_\_ red on purple

### Geraniums Ivy

\_\_\_ pink  
\_\_\_ dark red  
\_\_\_ white w/red eye  
\_\_\_ lavender blue  
\_\_\_ salmon  
\_\_\_ red/white bicolor

### Geraniums Zonial

\_\_\_ red  
\_\_\_ white  
\_\_\_ pink  
\_\_\_ salmon  
\_\_\_ violet

### Impatiens

\_\_\_ mix  
\_\_\_ salmon  
\_\_\_ white  
\_\_\_ pink  
\_\_\_ red  
\_\_\_ orange  
\_\_\_ violet

### Impatiens New Guinea

\_\_\_ red  
\_\_\_ white  
\_\_\_ purple  
\_\_\_ salmon  
\_\_\_ orange  
\_\_\_ bicolor

### Lobella

\_\_\_ blue  
\_\_\_ purple

### Million Bells

\_\_\_ pink  
\_\_\_ blue

\_\_\_ yellow  
QTY ITEM  
Petunia Cascades  
\_\_\_ yellow  
\_\_\_ blue

### Petunia Waves

\_\_\_ pink  
\_\_\_ purple  
\_\_\_ rose

### Purslane

\_\_\_ yellow  
\_\_\_ orange  
\_\_\_ rose  
\_\_\_ scarlet  
\_\_\_ apricot

### Torenia

\_\_\_ blue  
\_\_\_ rose

### 4 1/2" POTTED PLANTS

\$2.50 Each(S)  
or \$25.00 for flat of 12(F)  
(please circle S or F)

\_\_\_ S /F Vinca Vine  
\_\_\_ S /F Sprengeri  
\_\_\_ S /F Spikes

### New Guinea Impatiens

\_\_\_ S /F white  
\_\_\_ S /F pink  
\_\_\_ S /F purple  
\_\_\_ S /F red  
\_\_\_ S /F salmon  
\_\_\_ S /F bicolor

### 4 1/2" WAVE PETUNIAS

\$2.00 each(S) or flat of 12 for  
\$24.00(F) (please circle S or F)

\_\_\_ S /F red  
\_\_\_ S /F white  
\_\_\_ S /F pink  
\_\_\_ S /F rose  
\_\_\_ S /F purple  
\_\_\_ S /F lavender  
\_\_\_ S /F blue

***Thank you for  
supporting our  
youth on their  
summer  
mission trip!***

***Please circle (S) for single  
plant or (F) for flat of plants***

## **It's Time for Camp Registration!**

The Outdoor Ministries summer camp schedule has been posted, so can spring be far behind? Everyone is ready to plan some fun in the sun and that's just what camp is about. There are camps for kindergarten children and first graders with a grandparent. Weeklong camps are for children who have completed second grade and older. There are camps for teens and camps with themes. There are camps for adults and even one for families. All summer camp programs are happening at Pilgrim Hills. Many of the "staple" Temple Hills events have moved over, including Grandparents/Grandchild camps, MMADD, Outpost camps and the Pool camps (Love the Pool and Still Loving the Pool). Forms will be available in the church office March 1. *Registration will begin soon!! Camp weeks fill up fast!!! Don't wait too long!!!*

Camp schedule and descriptions are available online at: <http://www.journeythehills.org>. Once you've decided on a camp, just click one of the "Register Online" buttons to complete your registration and make your payment.

First Congregational Church has always been a strong supporter of the Outdoor Ministries Summer Camp Program by encouraging participation and by offering scholarships for campers. Thanks to the generosity of longtime member Alma Keeler, we are able to offer a 50% camp scholarship on the registration fee (after the \$75 deposit) to any First Church child or youth who wants to go to camp. A request for these funds must be made by the parent /guardian. This is not automatic as in the past.

To take advantage of this scholarship you must do several things:

1. Decide which camp you want to attend.
2. Send in your \$75 deposit as soon as possible with the 2016 camp registration form.
3. Send the remaining amount owed to the Ohio Conference at least two weeks prior to your camp;
4. Have a wonderful time!

First Church also will offer additional scholarships for those families who need extra help. Any child who wants to go to camp should not be stopped due to financial concerns of the family. For more information about camp, please contact Mark S. Williams. **Deadline for early registration and First Church campership request is March 31.**

### ***2016 Summer Camp Schedule!***

Here's the basic schedule for our 2016 summer camp program at Pilgrim Hills so that you can start planning. There may be some small changes to come, but most events are in final form. More details will be added as they are available, and we will let you know when everything is final.

#### ***Week 1: June 5-11***

- Faith Adventures (grades 3-12) Director: Jennifer Claudy
- Floating with the Spirit (adult women) (June 9-12) Directors: Lisa La Du and Lori Wick

#### ***Week 2: June 12-18***

- Circle of Friends (grades 2 -12) Director: Robin Stanley
- Grandparent/Grandchild 1 (Adults & children ages 4-12) (Sun.-Wed., June 12-15) Director: Brian Burke
- Grandparent/Grandchild 2 (Adults & children ages 4-12) (Wed.-Sat., June 15-18) Director: Brian Burke
- Camp OFLA (Foreign Language Camp at Temple Hills) (Visit <http://www.campofla.org/> for information)
- Senior Outpost (grades 9-12)

#### ***Week 3: June 19-25***

- Bright Beginnings (grades 1-3) (Sun.-Wed., June 19-22) Directors: Betsy King and Tara Mitchell
- MMADD (grades 2-12) Directors: Sarah Ambrose-Sypolt and Bobby Burt

#### ***Week 4: June 26 – July 2***

- Sports (grades 1-12) Directors: Renee Neron and Tom Hart
- Junior Outpost (male and female, grades 6-8) Director: TBD

#### ***Week 5: July 3 – 9***

- Hand in Hand (grade 7 – Adult) (Sun.-Thurs., July 3-7) Directors: Randy Gehres and Lisa Studenmund
- Love the Pool (grades 3-8) Directors: Elli Kalas, Jacqui Keressi, Brent Westover
- Confirmation (grades 7-9); all youth of Confirmation age) Director: Katie Jackson

#### ***Week 6: July 10-16***

- Grandparent/Grandchild 3 (Adults & children ages 4-12) (Sun. – Wed., July 10-13) Director: Mark Frey
- Grandparent/Grandchild 4 (Adults & children ages 4-12) (Wed.-Sat., July 13-16) Director: Terry Williams
- Choir (grades 1-12) Directors: Lori Betz and Aaron Miner

#### ***Labor Day Weekend: September 3-5***

- Labor Day Family Camp Director: Brent Westover



# From the Minister of Music

By Kevin Jones, Minister of Music

(kjones@first-church.org)



## Notes on Upcoming Music at 11 a.m. Worship

On March 6, the First Church Choir sings Eugene Hancock's setting of Psalm 34, verse 8, "O taste and see how gracious the Lord is..." Mr. Hancock was born in 1929 and died in 1993 after serving churches in New York City for decades. He is regarded as an important African American voice in church music. They will also offer William Byrd's "Bow thine ear, O Lord," (Isaiah 64:10) actually the second part of a much longer Latin motet, *Ne iriscaris, Domine*.

Byrd was composing during a time of great political and religious upheaval in England, working largely as Organist and Choirmaster at the great Lincoln Cathedral. He was a Roman Catholic – a very dangerous thing to be in Tudor England. His choral compositional output is therefore in Latin and English. *Ne iriscaris* is arguably one of Byrd's finest compositions showing restraint, word painting, and great sobbing – all in a five-voice palette of integrity and beauty. Also that morning, the Teen Choir will sing Gabriel Fauré's perennial favorite anthem, *Cantique de Jean Racine*. The text of this anthem, sung in French, is a translation of the 4th century Latin prayer *Consors paterni luminis* ("O Light of light").

March 13 brings the great Lenten motet by Francis Poulenc (1899-1963), *Vinea mea electa*. Perhaps one of the most harmonically calm of the four motets, its text is a text of betrayal. "Vine that I have loved, that I planted, that I chose; why is my sweetness turned into bitterness...?" This motet was penned in 1939. One cannot help but think world events at the time influenced the great composer in his setting of this particular text. The Choir will also offer the *Agnus Dei* ("Lamb of God") from John Rutter's *Requiem*. This *Agnus Dei* differs slightly from the standard fare insofar as Mr. Rutter has woven into the traditional text the English text from the Burial rite – "I am the resurrection and life, saith the Lord. He who believeth in me shall never die."

Palm/Passion Sunday, March 20, brings music from the Treble Choir, Teen Choir, First Church Choir and First Church Ringers. Music by Fred Gramman, Ron Nelson, Natalie Sleeth, John Stainer and Henry Ley form the envelope for the reading of the Passion According to Luke.

Music on Easter Day will feature creative anthems from Craig Phillips, Patrick Hadley, Handel, and Jane Marshall, as well as festive music for brass quintet, timpani and organ. In addition to the 7 a.m. sunrise service on the Museum front steps, identical services at 8:45 and 11 a.m. will be held in the Sanctuary.

For monthly listings of all music at 11 a.m. worship, please see the main music page on the church website: [www.first-church.org/Music.aspx](http://www.first-church.org/Music.aspx)

## First Tuesdays

Minister of Music Kevin Jones plays his annual Johann Sebastian Bach harpsichord concert on Tuesday, March 1, at 12:15 p.m. This year, Kevin will perform the Suite in g minor, BWV 808. This is one of the set of so-called "English" Suites. The month of March is the elder Bach's birth month. Lunch is available immediately following the concert in the Parish Hall for a donation of \$5.

### First Tuesdays

Tuesday, February 2, 2016  
12:15 p.m.

Harpichordist

**Kevin Jones**



J.S. Bach's English Suite in g minor

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More information can be found at:

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# Music News

## Choir News

### Liturgical Appearance Schedules

**Treble Choir** – Rehearsals March 6, 13 and 20 at 9 a.m.

Sing in Worship March 20 at 11 a.m. (Palm Sunday)

**Teen Choir** – Rehearsals March 6, 13 and 20 at 9 a.m.

Sing in Worship March 20 at 11 a.m. (Palm Sunday)

**First Church Ringers** – Rehearsals March 3, 10, 17 at 6 p.m.

Ring in Worship March 20 at 11 a.m.

**First Church Choir** – Rehearsals March 3, 10, 17 and 23 at 7:15 p.m.;

Sing in Worship March 6, 13, 20 at 11 a.m.

Sing in Worship March 24 (Maundy Thursday) at 7:30 p.m.

Sing in Worship March 27 (Easter Day) at 8:45 and 11 a.m.

Choral Evensong, Sunday, March 6 at 4 p.m.

### Appeal for Choir Vestments

As the First Church Choir's vestments wear and increasingly show their age, it has become apparent to the Music Committee and Choir members that they have served their design life and need to be replaced. Over the years, they have seen weekly usage in worship and special services, concerts, tours to Nashville, Washington D.C., New England and the United Kingdom. The Music Committee forwarded the proposal for new vestments to Council for approval to fundraise. As part of the fundraising for new vestments for the First Church Choir, we will also undertake a campaign to replace the very-long-in-the-tooth Treble Choir vestments – most of which are more than 40 years old!

New vestments in the same color/style (purple cassocks/cottas) will be purchased from C.M. Almy, located in Armonk, New York. Vestments are constructed in their USA shop. The cost for an adult cassock and cotta is \$203. The cost for a child's cassock and cotta is \$186. We will need to purchase 60 adult robes and 20 children's robes so that we have the variety of sizes that are required. (The Teen Choir will not get new robes as theirs are only two years old.) The vestments will be ordered as the money is raised. It is hoped that they will be dedicated and worn next Fall for the first time.

If you would like to contribute toward the purchase of these vestments, or if you would like to sponsor a complete vestment (or two), perhaps as a memorial or in honor of a current chorister, please send a check to Marty Worth, Program Manager, c/o First Church (444 East Broad, Columbus, OH 43215), and note "choir vestments" in the memo line. If you would like to dedicate or memorialize a vestment, please include a note indicating such. Forms will also be available in the Main Office.

Thank you for your generosity and support of the choral program and music in general at First Church. Our choirs enliven our community worship life and contribute so much to the overall experience of First Church. Thank you!

## Choral Evensong

Please join us for the beautifully meditative service of Choral Evensong on Sunday, March 6, at 4 p.m. Set for the Fourth Sunday in Lent, the First Church Choir will offer music of William Byrd (c. 1540-1623). Organist G. Dene Barnard will accompany the choir and play voluntaries by John Stanley and Henry Purcell. Step back into the music of the Renaissance and early Baroque as it informs and complements the prayerful liturgy of Evening Prayer. Following the 40 minute service, the Worthington Kilbourne Singers will present their 2016 tour concert, "Let Our Love Be Heard." The Kilbourne Singers have been heard before at First Church and to great acclaim. Always a joy to hear, the Kilbourne Singers are a choir of multi-talented high schoolers led by Matthew Zabiegala.

## Congregational Concert March 13

On Sunday, March 13, at 4 p.m., the Columbus Wind Quintet and pianist Kevin Jones will present a concert of chamber music featuring the Sextet of Ludwig Thuille and the Quintet in E-flat, KV 452 of W.A. Mozart. The Columbus Wind Quintet is made up of Randall Hester, flute; Stephen Secan, oboe; David Thomas, clarinet; Gene Standley, horn; and Betsy Sturdevant, bassoon. Ludwig Thuille (1861-1907) was of Austrian descent, and largely a composer of chamber music. Most of his music is unknown, but his Sextet for Winds and Piano is regarded as his largest contribution to the repertoire. It is a work reminiscent of Brahms in scope and harmonic language. The Mozart work celebrates the 260th anniversary of the composer's birth (1756-1791) and was completed in 1784. In typical Mozart fashion, it was premiered two days later in Vienna! A sonata in three movements, Mozart wrote to his father after the premiere of the work that "I myself consider it to be the best thing I have written in my life." This quintet broke new ground for wind instruments in which they were not merely doubling string parts, but had concerto-like parts of their own. It really is much more a concerto for five instruments rather than a chamber work. A reception will be held following the concert.

## Save the Date!

Associate Director of Music at St. Bartholomew's, NYC, Jason Roberts will play an organ recital on Sunday, April 10, at 4 p.m. as part of the Congregational Concerts series. Dr. Roberts is a virtuoso concert organist and competition-winning improviser. Please make plans now to attend this exciting event.

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## Choral Evensong & Concert



4pm



The First Church Choir sings Choral Evensong on  
March 6 at 4 pm  
Music of William Byrd (c. 1540-1623)

Following the Evensong, the Kilbourne Singers present their  
annual tour concert, "Let Our Love Be Heard"



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## Columbus Wind Quintet with Pianist Kevin Jones



4pm



The musicians will perform  
Mozart's Quintet in E-flat, KV  
452,  
and Ludwig Thuille's Sextet

## First Church Joys and Concerns

**Members:** Rev. Tim Ahrens and Susan Sittler and their family, on the death of Tim's father, Dr. Herman C. Ahrens, who died on Wednesday; the family of Gerhard Wolff, who died on Tuesday; Kathy and Tom Brownfield and family, on the death of Kathy's brother, Van Barndt; Nancy Jeffrey and family, on the death of Nancy's husband Tad; Sophie Baird; Lucille Kropp; Bernie Martin; Ray Pendell; Wib Smith; and for families and friends who continue to mourn the loss of loved ones.

**Friends and Family:** Barb Clapham; Mary Johnston, daughter of John Carter; Ellie Turck, niece of Ellen Boriin; Wendell Smith, father of Sarah Lange; Janet Harris, aunt of Kevin Carrico; James Malloy, great uncle of Kevin Carrico; Joyce Wood, friend of Melva Fisher; the family and friends of Maribeth Quinn; Lois Ann Shearer, aunt of Valerie Conlin-Losinski; Marjorie Kufel, mother of Sharon Leidheiser; Thea Cesner, friend of Pat Patterson; Mark Williams' former student who is facing chemotherapy treatment; and Jill Ford, friend of Mark Williams.

**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 March 6:* Austria, Liechtenstein, Andorra, Monaco and San Marino
- *Week of March 13:* Myanmar and Thailand
- *Week of March 20:* Cambodia, Laos and Vietnam
- *Week of March 27:* China, Hong Kong and Macao

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

## Recent Celebration Gifts to First Church

By Bill Johannes and Jane Werum

Given to the **G. Dene Barnard Music Fund** in memory of **Carol Hussey** by Karen Hussey.

Given to the **Organ Preservation Fund** by John and Cindy Deliman

Given to the **Social Concerns Endowment Fund** by Tom Worley and Nancy Loy

Support your favorite ministry by making a gift in honor or remembrance of a loved one by completing the Celebration Gift form found in the church pews or the Endowment Fund Giving Form on the church website at [www.first-church.org/EndowmentFunds.aspx](http://www.first-church.org/EndowmentFunds.aspx)

## Wedding Ministry

### Wedding Coordinator Position Available

First Church is seeking a wedding coordinator to support our wedding ministry. The wedding coordinator is responsible for working with a wedding couple to review the details of the wedding ceremony and provide information on the church wedding policies (photography, videography, floral / decorations, etc.). The wedding coordinator oversees the wedding rehearsal and coordinates all parties to ensure that both the rehearsal and wedding ceremony go smoothly. We are looking for someone who: is people-oriented and friendly with a cheerful and warm demeanor; practices good organizational and communication skills; is detail-oriented; is willing to shoulder great responsibility; and takes pride in having things run smoothly and with excellence. Training will be provided. If you want more information or you are interested in applying for this position, please contact the church office for an application.

## Church News

### Book of Poems Published

Mary Kay Beall has just published her first collection of poems, *Blue Waltz*, a small collection of 52 varied poems available from [hopepublishing.com](http://hopepublishing.com) for \$10 plus shipping and handling, Catalog No. 8749. You can also purchase an autographed copy from MK directly for \$10. Email her at [mkbnjc@aol.com](mailto:mkbnjc@aol.com).

# Church News

## Two Opportunities for Easter Dedications

- **Flowers for the Sanctuary** on Easter Sunday, March 27. The flowers may be taken home after the 11 o'clock service.
- **Provide Instrumental Music** for Easter Sunday 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 folded inside. **The deadline for ordering is March 13.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Easter Flowers \_\_\_\_ at \$8.00 each =Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_ and/or Easter Music \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(Make checks payable to First Congregational Church, on Memo line, write "Easter Flowers or Easter Music")

In Celebration of \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

## March Fellowship Hour Schedule

March 6	Zechariah
March 13	Acts
March 20	Amos
March 27	Easter: Colossians, Corinthians, Daniel and Deuteronomy

## March Acolyte Schedule

March 6	Tori Lute	Nina Zimmerman
March 13	Nick Boriin	Peter Spofforth
March 20	Chutney Anderson	Cassidy Hopcraft
March 27:	<b>8:45 a.m.</b>	
	Erin Murray	Ethan Murray
	<b>11 a.m.</b>	
	Alyssa Batchelor	Chutney Anderson

## March Offering Schedule

March 6	Deep Griha Scholarships
March 13	UCC NIN
March 20	Good Samaritan
March 27	One Great Hour of Sharing

## March Crucifer Schedule

March 6	Cameron Wade
March 13	Adam Wade
March 20	Dylan Hopcraft
March 27:	<b>8:45 a.m.</b>
	Eddie Anderson IV
	<b>11 a.m.</b>
	Joe Spofforth

# Church Council News

Your 2016 First Church Council met for the first time on February 16. We are a energized and excited group, delighted to be led by Moderator Brian Cave. Members are enthused to be plunging into discussion and action regarding the five-year long-range plan.

Here are a few of the highlights from our meeting. If anyone would like to see the full minutes, I will be happy to email them to you. (negilson@gmail.com)

Commission (committee) chairs were charged to meet with their groups and determine several goals for the long-range plan and to deliver these goals by April 11 to Brian. At the April 20 council meeting, Brian will present a matrix of these goals and the council will discuss and ideally, prioritize them. We remember that the plan is five years, so our Rome will not be built in a day. As an aside: any church members interested in joining committees are welcome.

About 15 percent of pledges for 2016 are already in, while pledges for 2015 are still coming in. ALL are welcome.

The House & Grounds committee is working to prioritize how to spend the allocated \$200,000 this year on some much-needed building repairs.

The Choir is embarking on a fund-raising project (\$16,000 needed) for new robes for the adult and youth choirs.

The Justice & Mercy and Education committees are collaborating on the SOAP (Save Our Adolescents from Prostitution) project. About 1,000 mini bars of soap, labeled with emergency assistance numbers for victims of human trafficking, will be delivered to hotels during the annual Arnold Classic, March 3-6, 2016.

Coming up: The Council will discuss stewardship and fundraising at the March meeting.

Respectfully submitted, *Nancy Braverman, Council Secretary*

## Justice and Mercy News

### Just Us for Justice

Come join us for "Just Us for Justice" on March 7 at 7 p.m. at the church. We'll be going over BREAD's wins for the year, where they stand in their current research process, and getting ready for the Nehemiah Action. Also, pizza and pop will be provided. Come on out.

### Sacred Earth News

Fairly Traded dark, organic chocolate eggs are for sale in parish hall after services. Also, pick up a recipe from Catherine Cunningham for Black Bean Brownies, a delicious protein and fiber treat made from organic, unsweetened baking cocoa also on sale. Enjoy and Thanks. Sacred Earth

### The Nehemiah Action Assembly: Monday, May 9 – Celeste Center at the Ohio State Fairgrounds

by Rev. Dr. Tim Ahrens

On Monday Night, May 9, more than 3,500 people from 54 congregations of the BREAD Organization will gather at The Celeste Center on the Ohio State Fairgrounds to lift our voices for social justice. I hope you are there with us.

The First Congregational UCC Justice Ministry Network has commitments from 164 people to join in this exciting assembly – the number is representative of the number of years we have been a social justice congregation in Columbus. We need to bring our friends, co-workers, family and neighbors. Let's make this happen.

BREAD will unveil our action plan for our new issue – "Jobs." This is the issue we cut at our November 2015 meeting. We believe we can impact the need for good jobs coming into our community. Working with civic leaders and city leaders, we feel we can make a difference. I know you care about the problems facing our city and all of Central Ohio. I know you want to be a part of the solution. Come to the BREAD Nehemiah Assembly on May 9.

For those who are coming from east, west or south, we will meet at the church parking lot at 5:45 p.m. and carpool together to the state fairgrounds. We need parking passes to park free for the night. Pick-up a ticket in the office or see a member of the Justice Ministry Network! Come and make a difference on May 9.

# March Calendar

## Tuesday, March 1

12:15 p.m. – First Tuesdays Concert – Sanctuary  
12:45 p.m. – Lunch following Concert – Parish Hall  
2:30 p.m. – Worship Planning – Parish Family Room  
5:30 p.m. – Sacred Earth – Large Conference Room  
7p.m. – Justice and Mercy – Large Conference Room

## Wednesday, March 2

11 a.m. – Book Study: *Without Buddha I Could Not Be Christian* – Parlor

## Thursday, March 3

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

## Saturday, March 5

9 a.m. – Youth Fudge Making – Kitchen

## Sunday, March 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  
4 p.m. – Choral Evensong and Concert – Sanctuary  
6 p.m. – Youth Group Meeting – Parish Hall

## Monday, March 7

7 p.m. – Trustees Meeting – Parlor  
7 p.m. – Justice Ministry Network Meeting – Large  
Conference Room

## Tuesday, March 8

2 p.m. – Worship Planning – Parish Family Room  
6:30 p.m. – Christian Education Committee – Mark  
Williams' office  
7 p.m. – Executive Committee – Large Conference Room

## Thursday, March 10

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

## Friday, March 11

11 a.m. – Gerhard Wolf Memorial Service and Reception  
– Sanctuary and Parlor

## Saturday, March 12

10 a.m. – First Church Quilters – Parish Family Room

## Sunday, March 13

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. – Congregational Concert: Columbus Wind  
Quintet – Sanctuary  
6 p.m. – High School Youth Group Meeting – Parish Hall

## Monday, March 14

9 a.m. – Good Samaritan Day – Large Conference Room  
7 p.m. – Personnel Meeting – Parlor

## Tuesday, March 15

Noon – Care Ministry Luncheon – Large Conference  
Room  
2 p.m. – Worship Planning – Parish Family Room  
7 p.m. – Council Meeting – Large Conference Room

## Wednesday, March 16

11 a.m. – Book Study – Parlor

## Thursday, March 17

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

## Friday, March 18

Noon – Newsletter Deadline

## Saturday, March 19

11 a.m. – Van Barndt Memorial Service and Reception –  
Sanctuary and Parish Hall

## Sunday, March 20 – Palm Sunday

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. – Youth Group Meeting – Parish Hall

## Tuesday, March 22

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

## Wednesday, March 23

9:30 a.m. – Staff Meeting – Large Conference Room  
7:15 p.m. – First Church Choir Rehearsal – Parish Hall

## March Calendar continued

### Thursday, March 24

6 p.m. – Maundy Thursday Dinner – Parish Hall  
7:30 p.m. – Service of Tenebrae – Sanctuary

### Friday, March 25

7:30 p.m. – Good Friday Service – Sanctuary

### Sunday, March 27

7 a.m. – Sunrise Worship Service – Museum Steps  
8:45 a.m. – Worship – Sanctuary  
10 a.m. – Easter Brunch – Parish Hall  
11 a.m. – Worship – Sanctuary  
Noon – Fellowship Hour – Parish Hall

### Monday, March 28

6 p.m. – Budget and Finance Meeting – Large Conference Room  
7 p.m. – Deacons Meeting – Education Wing Room D  
7 p.m. – Hebrew / Christian Scripture Study – Parish Hall

### Tuesday, March 29

2 p.m. – Worship Planning – Parish Family Room  
6 p.m. – Laundry Love – WashLand Laundromat, 1469 West Broad Street

## Member Anniversaries in March

3/1 Ellen and Peter Borrin  
3/3 Debbie Yontz and Keith White  
3/14 Janet Stoneking and Eric Boyd  
Jon and Sarah Frank  
3/18 Tammy Alexander and Julie Roth-Alexander  
Andrea and Michael Gonzalez  
James Weygandt and Melissa Murdock-Weygandt  
3/20 Janice and Mariner Taft  
3/26 Anne and Rick Bennett  
3/28 Diane Cole and John Rau  
3/29 Sheila and Jeff Faryman

## Member Birthdays in March

3/1 Emily Kutschbach-Schmidt  
3/2 Sheldon Taft  
3/3 Bruce Panek  
Mitchell Gelpi  
3/4 Jonathan Kraft  
Julie Roth-Alexander  
Andrea Rower  
Alana Thompson  
3/5 Tyler Cave  
Philip Stichter  
Nicholas Warrick  
3/6 Shirley Calhoun  
3/7 Christina Kirker  
Bob Monahan  
Andrew Smith  
3/8 Gretchen Atkinson  
Madison Fulton  
3/9 Joel Bishop  
Heather Giffin  
3/11 Candace Cummings  
Allison Lange  
Sue Salak  
3/12 Lincoln Glaros  
Jenny Provenzano  
3/13 Ella Koscher  
3/15 Jennifer Mrozek  
3/16 Robert O'Leary  
Luke Zimmerman  
Will Zimmerman  
3/17 Amy Brooks  
3/18 Megan Daniels  
Marla Flewellen  
3/19 Austin Wharton  
3/20 David Mailer  
Tom Worley  
3/21 Eric Ewing  
James Gaugh  
Dorothy Horn  
3/22 Malik Dean  
Debbie Kelley  
James Powell  
3/24 Jessica Underwood  
Amy Wagner  
3/26 Morgan Bonito  
Cassidy Hopcraft  
Catherine Kennedy  
3/27 Julie DeVennish  
John Firebaugh  
3/28 Margene Whittenburg  
3/29 Herb Cook, Jr.  
Will Kennedy  
Thomas Mitchell  
3/30 Ruth Allred  
Mary Anne Jacobson  
3/31 Jeff Faryman  
Katie Gies  
Malini Gnanatheeban  
Jennifer Newhous

## **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.

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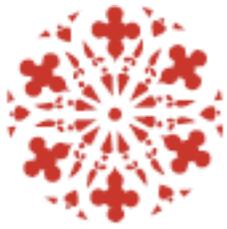
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