



Healthy Spiritual Habits

By Rev. Emily Krause Corzine

September is getting back in the swing mode. One fall, I made a commitment to begin running again. It took a while to get back into the routine. It took 4 weeks to get into the routine. Each day, I went a little further or my “walk-jog”, but the preparation was the same. The same shoes. The same route. The same time. The same fresh air. For me, this habit began a time of constant conversation with God. It became my routine. Routine offers us structure. Routine isn’t easy. In fact, it can be down-right complicated.



A habit is a routine behavior that is repeated regularly and tends to occur unconsciously. I listened to a web meeting once where we heard that habit formation can take from 18 days to 254 days. That can be a long time! It’s worth it. Getting into a routine or habit formation matters for our health and for our family life.

September is also a great time to continue to nurture a healthy habit in our spiritual lives. Many events, fellowship and learning opportunities begin September 13. Come and be a part of growing in faith. Come and be a part of serving God and our neighbor. Come and learn how we can be good stewards of all that God has entrusted to us.

The stewardship of our lives begins with thanksgiving to God who has given us so much. The healthy habits form and are nurtured here at First Church come when people take God’s story seriously and take the stories of Jesus seriously. Healthy habits form when together we work for justice in our community and in our world. We respond each and every week with our spiritual habits out of thanksgiving to God and God’s faithfulness to us.

Stewardship of our lives is a healthy spiritual habit.

We embrace stewardship when we vision and engage in the mission and ministry of this church. We live out stewardship in all that we do each and every day. Why? Because God does care what we do with our time and our talents and our money. We make decisions based on our life of faith and what God has entrusted to our care. This building. The ministry and mission that emanates from these walls. The children who find recreation on our playground and learn the stories of God’s love. The community who knows First Church to be a people called by God who do justice, who love kindness and who walk humbly with our God. For all these reasons and more, we live out our gratitude to God by what we do every day. Stewardship of our whole lives begins with thanksgiving to God.



Stewardship happens every day. Stewardship happens each Sunday when we “Enter to Worship and Depart to Serve.” Come and renew, or form for the first time, the Healthy Spiritual Habit of Stewardship.

Stewardship of our lives is a healthy spiritual habit.

Come and Do Justice. Come and Love Kindness. Come and Walk Humbly with God.

Come and Live a Life of Grateful Praise to God who offers us so much.

Grace and Peace,

Emily

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Home Communion Ministry

The Congregational Care Committee is very pleased to announce the formation of a team of Lay Home Communion Servers here at First Church. This group of trained people, serving as extensions of the sanctuary Communion servers, will, on a regular basis, take Communion to our members who are unable to come to worship. This is a very concrete way for us to live out our conviction that the Table extends far and wide and that ministry is not limited to what happens inside the church building.



Eight men and women will be recognized in the 11 a.m. worship service on September 6. They will receive their Communion kits and will be taking communion to their people sometime during the week. The liturgy they will use recognizes that, in keeping with our UCC tradition, the bread and juice offered have been consecrated by the pastors in the Sunday worship service, that the embrace of the church is wide, and that the servers come as representatives of the congregation.

If you would like to be a part of this important ministry, please speak to Rev. Corzine or Rev. Livingston. As additional people are interested, and we hope others will be, more training will be scheduled.

Playdate on September 26

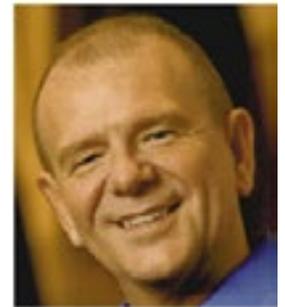
Young Families of First Church will gather at the Church Playground on Saturday, September 26 anytime between 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. for a play date. We'll provide coffee and treats. You just bring yourselves. Come and get to know one another and let the kids enjoy the playground. Email Emily Corzine at ecorzine@first-church.org with questions or to help plan.

Education

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

Education Hour Kicks Off on September 13

The Education Hour on Sunday mornings begins on September 13. As an adult, maybe you've wondered what Sunday school means for you. We have the answer for you, and it includes two classes on Sunday morning at 10 a.m. These tracks offer you two different ways of growing and shaping your life and faith in ways that draw you closer to God and into community with others.



The first track offers you both information and a chance to share your concerns and perhaps work out some answers to perplexing issues of faith, life and culture. The Faith and Life Class meets each week to discuss the tough issues confronting us as we grow in grace that relate to this year's theme, "Do Justice, Love Kindness, Walk Humbly with God." Such topics will include, View of World Religions, Called To Community, Human Trafficking, Immigration, Debating in Good Faith, UCC and the Israeli/ Palestine Conflict, Health Gives Hope and Porch Sessions. It is designed with two or four weeks on a single topic, but you can come anytime. New this year is discussion sessions that begin with wonderful video clips from "The Work of the People" organization. Some of the video presenters are some well known names, Walter Brueggemann, Richard Rohr, Brene Brown, NT Wright, Jean Vanier, Paul Young, Stanley Hauerwas, Barbra Brown Taylor, Miroslav Volf, Shane Claiborne and Brian McLaren to name a few. The classes are led by members, guest speakers and friends of the congregation who have some expertise in the area. They will invite you to explore the issue and relate it to your personal faith. In addition they'll give you some tools and guidelines to help you grow in your faith and life.

Our second track, the Opening the Word Class, does exactly that. Several ministers of the congregation will help you discover or rediscover what the Bible says, and invite you on a journey to grow and shape your faith and life in ways that take that book seriously as God's rich and changing word to you.

Our theme this year comes from the Book of Micah. Topics in this track include; What are the Liturgical Year and Colors About, The Worship Banners of First Church, The Economy of Love, UCC StillSpeaking Bible Study, The Good Samaritan and Understanding the Different Versions of the Bible.

Faith and life are formed in response to God's still speaking message, and these classes invite you to listen and answer. We hope you'll join us Sundays as we form our faith and life together.

Education

Church School for Children and Youth

By Mark S. Williams, Christian Education Director

The Education Hour for young people also begins on September 13 at 10 a.m. The children and youth will use the curriculum “Seasons of the Spirit,” which is a wonderful resource for our teachers and leaders.

Classes are available for all ages. The Nursery is staffed for children ages 0-3 for Godly Play activities and safe nurturing environment. The Pre-School Class, ages 3-5PreK will meet on the first floor of the Education Wing. This is a new room for this class. The Kindergarten-1st Grade class will meet on the second floor along with the 2nd-3rd Grade Class and the 4th-5th Grade Class. Signs will be posted for locations of all the classes.

Aqua, the blue green colour of the planet Earth when viewed from outer space, invites us into the Season of Creation, and the pulsing of God’s spirit that moves in and through all creation. During this four-week season, we experience the deep impulse of God’s word that calls forth creation and stirs life. We affirm our kinship with everything God has created and is creating, are made conscious of the crisis of human domination, and encouraged to live in and toward a vision of new heavens and new earth.

Returning to the green growing long Season after Pentecost, we will learn from the author and the community of the gospel of Mark. In stories of healing and of Jesus’ conversation with opponents – sometimes patient, sometimes frustrating – we ponder what it means to live as followers of Jesus. What are the stumbling blocks? What are the blessings, and in what ways are we blessings within a web of interrelationship? How is power used and or abused? We are encouraged to take heart, and hear the call to love, to give, to care, and to look toward and live toward the reign of God.

On Reign of Christ Sunday, the last Sunday in the church year, we turn to the gospel of John where we are called to think about truth, about Jesus who is identified as the Truth, and the response we are invited to make to the One who speaks truth to us.

“Do Justice, Love Kindness, Walk Humbly with God” is Theme

As our congregation moves forward into our 163th anniversary, and as we watch the development of the west lot, the construction boom of new homes around our church, the injustice that is occurring in our country and around the world and the continual development in each of our faith journeys, the Education Committee developed the theme “Do Justice, Love Kindness, Walk Humbly with God” for this education year.

As we look at the logo for this theme, we are reminded of several things. First, we are a people connected through the Almighty (the tree trunk). We are called by God to reach out and share the love of God to everyone we meet. The colorful and different shaped hands that form the leaves of the tree is a reminder that we are all on our own faith journey and we must acknowledge and embrace each other’s individual relationship to God.

Second, it reminds us that we must take time to connect to one another, embrace our differences and grow in our faith. Third, the different colors and shapes express our diversity and commitment to being an Open and Affirming church.

Youth Meetings Begin September 20

Both the high school and middle school youth groups will kick-off this fall with a potluck dinner for the youth and their families on September 20 at 6 p.m. The dinner and fun time will be held on the West Lawn of the church. If there is bad weather, the event will be held in the Parish Hall. Everyone is asked to bring a meat, salad, or side dish to share. The youth will discuss plans for the year (including how our youth will be involved), and they will have fun times playing games, including sand volleyball.

Fourth Grade/New Youth Bible Presentation

Each year, our church presents a New Revised Standard Version gift Bible to children in the fourth grade, or those older who have joined in the past year. It is our way of encouraging our children in their faith journey. This year, the presentation will be Sunday, September 20, during both the 9 and 11 a.m. services.

BLOCK PARTY – SEPTEMBER 13

12:30 – 3 p.m. on the West Lawn

First Church will provide pulled pork sandwiches, vegetarian option, water and lemonade

Last name beginning with A-H: **bring a side dish**

Last name beginning with I-P: **bring sweets**

Last name beginning with Q-Z : **bring a salad**

Remember to bring large portions to feed our neighbors!

Block Party Games *Capital Winds Concert***SuperGames**



From the Minister of Music

By Kevin Jones, Minister of Music

(kjones@first-church.org)



“Sing Lustily and with a Good Courage”

John Wesley (1703-1791)



I came across this excerpt last month and thought about how much a part of our worship life together centers on Congregational Singing. This focus on community song is so inspiring to me. I find your singing invigorating each and every Sunday morning at 9 AND 11. One of Christianity’s leading theologians and hymnwriters, and, with his brother Charles Wesley, the founder of Methodism, John Wesley, published his own Directions for Singing in Sacred Melody, 1761. I reprint it here for us all to learn together that the search for engaging, thoughtful and full congregational participation in the song of the community is an old and ongoing search.

- * Learn these tunes before you learn any others; afterwards learn as many as you please.
- * Sing them exactly as they are printed here, without altering or mending them at all; and if you have learned to sing them otherwise, unlearn it as soon as you can.
- * Sing all. See that you join with the congregation as frequently as you can. Let not a slight degree of weakness or weariness hinder you. If it is a cross to you, take it up, and you will find it a blessing
- * Sing lustily and with a good courage. Beware of singing as if you were half-dead, or half-asleep, but lift up your voice with strength. Be no more afraid of your voice now, nor more ashamed of its being heard, than when you sung the songs of Satan.
- * Sing modestly. Do not bawl, so as to be heard above or distinct from the rest of the congregation, that you may not destroy the harmony; but strive to untie your voices together, so as to make one clear melodious sound.
- * Sing in time. Whatever time is sung be sure to keep with it. Do not run before it nor stay behind it; but attend close to the leading voices, and move therewith as exactly as you can; and take care not to sing too slow. This drawing way naturally steals on all who are lazy; and it is high time to drive it out from us, and sing all our tunes just as quick as we did at first.
- * Above all sing spiritually. Have an eye to God in every word you sing. Aim at pleasing him more than yourself or any creature. In order to do this attend strictly to the sense of what you sing, and see that your heart is not carried away with the sound, but offered to God continually; so shall your singing be such as the Lord will approve here, and reward you when he cometh in the clouds of heaven.

Choirs Begin 2015-2016 Program Year

All four choirs will commence rehearsals early in September: First Church Ringers begin on Thursday, September 10, at 6:15 p.m.; First Church Choir begins on Thursday, September 10, at 7:30 p.m. Teen Choir and Treble Choir both begin on Sunday, September 13, at 9:00 a.m. All choirs have room for additional singers and ringers. If you are interested in becoming a member of any of the choirs, please contact Kevin Jones, Minister of Music, at kjones@first-church.org, or 614-228-1741, x12.

Children in grades two through six are encouraged to join the Treble Choir. Please contact Sandra Mathias, Treble Choir Director, for more information. The Treble Choir rehearses Sundays at 9 a.m. in the Music Activities Room. Dr. Mathias may be reached at sjmath5659@gmail.com.

Youth in grades seven through twelve are invited to join the Teen Choir. They rehearse Sundays at 9 in the Choir Room. Kevin Jones is the director of this choir.

First Church Ringers is actively recruiting experienced ringers that would be willing to be on a substitute list. A substitute would be called upon, as needed and as available, to fill in for a missing regular ringer either for a Thursday evening rehearsal or a Sunday appearance. Experience in ringing and sightreading is necessary. Please contact Kevin Jones if you are interested. This year, the Ringers will be rehearsing in the Education Wing, Room J, on the second floor.

All choir schedules (rehearsals and liturgical appearances) for the year are posted on the individual choir pages on the First Church website. Simply navigate to <http://www.first-church.org/Choirs.aspx> and follow the links on the left to find your choir. There are embedded Google calendars for each choir on each of their pages, as well as links to subscribe to the calendars if you so wish. I invite you to make use of these pages of information often. Anthem lists are also posted on these pages.

Music News

Concerts at First Church

Please save the date for the first Congregational Concert on Sunday, September 27, at 4 p.m. as Minister of Music Kevin Jones presents his annual solo organ recital since becoming Minister of Music at First Church. Kevin will play music by Nikolaus Bruhns, J.S. Bach, Anton Heiller and Joseph Jongen on the magnificent von Beckerath organ. Please make plans to join us for the kick-off of the 2015-2016 season.

The Concerts at First Church website, <http://www.concertsatfirstchurch.org> contains complete information on all 2015-2016 concerts, and has been completely redesigned for the new year. Please visit the website to see the entire season. The yearly brochure is available and the annual appeal for donations is in full swing. If you are not on the mailing list, but would like to be, please contact Marty Worth, Program Manager, at mworth@first-church.org, or 614-228-1741, x14.

**CONCERTS
AT FIRST CHURCH**
2015 2016
First Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
444 East Broad Street
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**Kevin Jones
Organist**

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First Congregational Church's Minister of Music performs
Praeludium in G Major by Nikolaus Bruhns
Passacaglia, BWV 582 by J.S. Bach
In Festo Corporis Christi by Anton Heiller
Sonata Eroica, Op. 94 by Joseph Jongen



Pilgrimage to Gloucester – A Grand Success!

With great travel adventure, the 51 members of the pilgrimage to Gloucester sang and played together to great acclaim. Thank you to all of our friends who helped us make this trip. During Fellowship Hour on Sunday, September 20, members of the Pilgrimage will make a brief slideshow presentation of the trip. Please make plans now to attend this fun recap of our adventures, and see what the trip was all about.



Choral Evensong will be sung on Sunday, October 4, at 4 p.m. as part of the Legacy Sunday celebrations. Also, First Tuesdays commences on Tuesday, October 6, at 12:15 p.m. with young virtuoso organist Nicholas Quardokus. Watch for more information in next month's newsletter, or go to the concerts website, www.concertsatfirstchurch.org, for complete information on both events.

Church News

Legacy Sunday

Mark your calendars for Legacy Sunday, October 4, and plan to stay after the 11 a.m. service for a free celebration lunch. The theme this year is “Caring for my Church”. We celebrate not just the financial endowment of this church but the generosity of our members who have supported this church in a variety of ways. Also, watch the bulletin for a list of members who have made a commitment to First Church for decades, many of whom have been members for over 50 years.

Many of us may be unaware that the church has several endowment funds of various amounts that support many of our activities, supplement our annual operating budget, support mission commitment, and help defray the cost of building maintenance. One of our oldest endowments was established in 1874, another in 1917, and others were established through the decades of this last century and into the 21st century. These Funds are managed by the Board of Trustees who have carefully invested and managed so that Fund interest is expended prudently within guidelines, allowing our endowment funds to grow. However, our needs exceed our available funds!!

The church now faces critical and expensive maintenance to protect this beautiful 1931 Gothic Revival building designed by John Russell Pope (famous for his design of the National Gallery of Art, the Jefferson Memorial and the National Archives, all in Washington D.C.) Thus, the “Caring for my Church” theme highlights these needs. During the church service on October 4, we will invite a special mission offering to support the Building Endowment Fund so that, as we prioritize restoration and maintenance needs, we can address them. For example, if you have used the Broad Street entrance you no doubt have noticed the disrepair of the front entrance, steps and gathering area on Broad Street. We have restored the beautiful Jeffrey Window, but the Rose Window on the South-facing front of the church is in dire need of restoration, as are the other museum-quality stained glass windows throughout the sanctuary. The beautiful masonry work on the exterior of the church is in critical need of repair to address and prevent structural damage. The education wing windows are very energy inefficient, make it quite a challenge to heat or cool that wing. As you can see, the challenges are many!

Each year this congregation celebrates the generosity of its members over the decades and centuries. It is through their legacy that we continue to worship in this beautiful place and do God’s work in this world. We invite you to think about how you can contribute to the ongoing legacy. Your contributions to an existing endowment fund can help grow our support for this church and ensure our presence for generations to come.

For any members who are interested in learning more about endowment opportunities or planned giving, please contact a member of the Board of Trustees for additional information.

Church Budgets for 2016 – Due Sat, October 17

By Sharon Leidheiser, Business Administrator



Calling all staff, commissioners, chairs and anyone else who helps compile our church budget. It’s that time again, time to start figuring out what the church will need to budget for 2016. Many of the church committees need to meet and talk about their budgeting needs for the year 2016, so this is why we are informing everyone now of the deadline.

Many of you will want to know what you’ve spent in 2015 and where your budget is at this time. If you need reports for your current budget, please contact Sharon Leidheiser at 614-228-1741 ext. 11 or Sleidheiser@first-church.org. If you have questions or concerns, please call and I can help. It’s very important that we get your budget so we can determine what is needed to balance the budget for 2016. When submitting your budget, explanations as to why you have made increases are very helpful to the Budget & Finance Committee.

Budgets should be submitted to Sharon Leidheiser by email no later than Saturday, October 17.

All commissioners and staff are welcome to attend Budget & Finance Committee meetings generally held on the fourth Monday of the month at 7 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 28 at 7 p.m.



First Church Joys and Concerns



Members: Tami Alexander and Julie Roth Alexander, on the death of Tammy's father; Gary and Dale Ann Gray, on the death of Gary's mother; Nancy Burba, on the death of her friend Nick Carney; Karl and Sallie Danneberger, on the death of Karl's mother, Evelyn Danneberger; Arlene Williams; Brittanie Stafford Logel; Ann McIsaac; Will Fernald; Nathan Rodriguez, Larry Walquist; Jane Carter; Grace Glaros; Keene Lebold; Bernie Martin; Van Barndt; Ray Pendell; Wib Smith; Tim Ahrens, while he is on sabbatical; and for families and friends who continue to mourn the loss of loved ones.

Friends and Family: Jim Williams, brother of Mark Williams; Mildred Fairchild, mother of Joyce Ward; Rebekah Hamber, granddaughter of Arlene Reynolds; Shirley Graf, sister of Lynn Wallich; and Jill Ford, friend of Mark Williams.

Throughout the World: We pray for all who face violence in their daily lives. Today – the world is full of glory; full of violence; ever-changing and forever our world.

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 August 30:* Czech Republic, Poland and Slovakia
- *Week of September 6:* Albania, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia, Slovenia, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Kosovo, Montenegro and Serbia
- *Week of September 13:* Bulgaria, Hungary and Romania
- *Week of September 20:* Belarus, Moldova, Russia and Ukraine
- *Week of September 27:* Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia

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 Remembrance Fund in celebration of Will Fernald's 92nd birthday by:

Rev. and Mrs. Joel Huntington

Given to the Good Samaritan Fund in honor of Joanne Morse by:

Jamie Marr Werum and David Korn

Given to the Concert Fund in celebration of the life of Amos White by:

Janice White

Douglas Barrett

Support your favorite ministry by making a gift in honor or remembrance of a loved one by completing the gold Celebration Gift form found in the church pews. And like many who have gone before us, please consider giving a specific amount, a percentage of your estate, or the remainder of your estate to a First Church endowment. For more information, contact Rev. Ahrens, your financial advisor, and the Church website at www.first-church.org/EndowmentFunds.aspx

September Calendar of Church Events

Tuesday, September 1

Noon – Amos White Memorial Service – Sanctuary
2 p.m. – White Reception – Parish Hall
5:30 p.m. – Sacred Earth – Large Conference Room
6:30 p.m. – Christian Education – Education Wing Room D
7 p.m. – Justice and Mercy – Large Conference Room

Wednesday, September 2

9:30 a.m. – Worship Planning – Parish Family Room
11 a.m. – Book Study: *“A God That Could Be Real”* – Parlor
6:30 p.m. – Long-Range Planning Committee – Large Conference Room

Sunday, September 6

9 a.m. – Worship – Parish Hall
11 a.m. – Worship – Sanctuary
Noon – Fellowship Hour – Parish Hall

Monday, September 7

Labor Day – Church Building and Office Closed

Tuesday, September 8

7 p.m. – Executive Committee – Parish Family Room

Wednesday, September 9

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

Thursday, September 10

6:15 p.m. – First Church Ringers Rehearsal – Gallery
7:30 p.m. – First Church Choir Rehearsal – Parish Hall

Saturday, September 12

10 a.m. – First Church Quilters – Large Conference Room

Sunday, September 13 – Celebration Sunday

9 a.m. – Worship – Parish Hall
9 a.m. – Teen and Treble Choirs Rehearsal – Choir Room
10 a.m. – First Church Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room
10 a.m. – Christian Education – Ed Wing, Rooms C / D
11 a.m. – Worship – Sanctuary
Noon – 3 p.m. – Block Party

Monday, September 14

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

Tuesday, September 15

2 p.m. – Worship Planning – Parish Family Room
7 p.m. – Church Council – Parish Hall

Wednesday, September 16

11 a.m. – Book Study: *“A God That Could Be Real”* – Parlor

Thursday, September 17

6:15 p.m. – First Church Ringers Rehearsal – Gallery
7:30 p.m. – First Church Choir Rehearsal – Parish Hall

Saturday, September 19

8:30 a.m. – House and Grounds – Parish Family Room

Sunday, September 20

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

Monday, September 21

1 p.m. – Deadline for Newsletter submissions
7 p.m. – Personnel – Parish Family Room

Tuesday, September 22

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

Wednesday, September 23

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

Thursday, September 24

6:15 p.m. – First Church Ringers Rehearsal – Gallery
7:30 p.m. – First Church Choir Rehearsal – Parish Hall

Saturday, September 26

9 a.m. – Young Families Play Date – Church Playground
10 a.m. – BOBS Planning Meeting – Large Conference Room

Sunday, September 27

9 a.m. – Worship – Parish Hall
9 a.m. – Teen and Treble Choirs Rehearsal – Choir Room
10 a.m. – First Church Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room
10 a.m. – Christian Education – Ed Wing, Rooms C / D
11 a.m. – Worship – Sanctuary
Noon – Fellowship Hour – Parish Hall
4 p.m. – Congregational Concert – Sanctuary
6 p.m. – Youth Group – Parish Hall

Monday, September 28

7 p.m. – Deacons – Education Wing Room D
7 p.m. – Budget and Finance – Large Conference Room

Tuesday, September 29

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



Member Birthdays in September

- 9/2 Diane Cole
Miguel Gonzalez
Brady McCabe Grunkemeyer
Julian Nunez
- 9/3 Emily Corzine
- 9/4 Kinsley Schmitt
- 9/5 Elisa Batchelor
- 9/6 Alice Panek
- 9/8 Sallie Danneberger
- 9/9 Steven Ferris
- 9/10 Amy Nicholson
- 9/12 Marti Baumer
Bob Fowler
Linda Reiger
Aarn Cunningham
- 9/13 Lucille Kropp
- 9/14 Meredith Sugar
Doug Zimmerman
- 9/15 Kai Rozmiarek
- 9/16 Carly Kutschbach
- 9/18 Christopher Washington
- 9/19 John Bachman
Ava Leidheiser
- 9/20 Jim Gallagher
- 9/21 Shannon Washington
- 9/23 Victor John
Stan Lange
- 9/25 Jordan Gies
- 9/26 Gerry Hudson
Daniel Ahrens
- 9/27 Ron Reiger
Pavan Peter
- 9/28 Tom Kuhn
- 9/29 Betsy Zahn
Pauline Fritz
Cassie Zalipski
- 9/30 Cami Curren
Scott Hamman
Melissa Prendergast

Member Anniversaries in September

- 9/5 Carrie Wise and Jonathan Craft
- 9/6 Elisa and Andrew Batchelor
- 9/9 Diane and Kent Rambo
- 9/10 Elizabeth Drotleff and Eric Chambers
- 9/12 Lisa and Scott Warrick
- 9/16 Bev and Bert Cook
Lisa and Andy Thomas
- 9/20 Aubrie and Brian Hasselbusch
- 9/21 Susan and Bill Rhoads
- 9/25 James Gaugh and Roland Weller

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)

September Fellowship Hour Schedule

September 6	Psalms
September 13	Romans
September 20	Ruth

September Acolyte Schedule

September 6	Nina Zimmerman	Allysia Palmer
September 13	Matty Provenzano	Mia Provenzano
September 20	Eddie Anderson	Chutney Anderson
September 27	Nina Zimmerman	Maddie Helmer

September Offering Schedule

September 6	Mid Ohio Workers
September 13	Children and Youth Enrichment
September 20	Good Samaritan Fund
September 27	CROP

September Preaching Schedule

September 6	The Rev. Dr. Nancy Livingston
September 13	The Rev. Emily Corzine
September 20	Alex Throckmorton
September 27	The Rev. Phil Hart



FIRST CHURCH LEADERSHIP

Senior Minister	Timothy C. Ahrens, D. Min. <i>(on Sabbatical)</i>
Associate Minister	Emily Krause Corzine, M. Div.
Acting Assistant Minister	Marti Baumer, D. Min.
Acting Assistant Minister	Nancy Livingston, D. Min.
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

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Building Manager	Thomas Santiago
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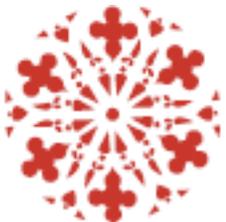
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