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## Women and Easter Faith



By The Rev. Timothy C. Ahrens, Senior  
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*"They (the women) said nothing to anyone  
because they were afraid." Mark 16:8*

The Gospel of Mark ends with these words.  
Can this possibly be the end of the story? Can this even  
be true?

On the day of resurrection that we now call Easter, the  
women appear at the tomb and find it empty. The angel  
of the Lord tells them that Jesus is risen and gone ahead  
of them to Galilee. They are to tell Peter and the  
disciples about this. But the text says that they are  
silent, "saying nothing to anyone because they were  
afraid."

Clearly the women said something to someone. If they  
were that quiet, we would have never had a faith  
community called "Christian." Moreover, as disciples of  
Christ themselves, they were compelled to share the  
GOOD NEWS.

On Easter Sunday, I will explore what the women said  
after fleeing the tomb. I will lift up and celebrate the  
amazing voices of women in our faith whose prayers  
carry us! The Easter season runs from Sunday, April 8,  
through Sunday, May 20. We will be blessed with a  
number of powerful voices of women in our faith  
community joining together at the communion table on  
Easter and speaking from the pulpit of First Church in  
April. We welcome our student seminary intern Abby  
Salak to the pulpit April 15 and the Rev. Lori Buehler on  
April 22. Along with our ordained women of faith -  
Janine Wilson, Sarah Reed, Deanna Armstrong, Dale  
Ann Gray, Linda Meredith, Mary Ann Goetz and Barbara  
Cunningham - and several of our ordained men, I will be  
at Christ's table on Easter at 7, 9 and 11 a.m.

I celebrate the women of faith of First Church! You are  
amazing in every imaginable way. Like the women on  
the first Easter morning, you show up to glorify God, you  
serve God with gladness and you are not afraid to let  
your light shine for God. Thanks be to God for all of you!

Thanks be to God for *all* God's men, women and  
children at First Church!



### HOLY WEEK

SCHEDULE 2012  
APRIL 1 ~ 8

**Palm Sunday Services**  
9 and 11 a.m.

**Maundy Thursday**  
6 p.m. - Dinner and Communion (Parish Hall)  
7:30 p.m. - Tenebrae Service (Sanctuary)  
(Sign up for the dinner on the green insert or in  
the office)

**Good Friday**  
Noon - Trinity Episcopal Church, 3<sup>rd</sup> and  
Broad Sts. (Rev. Ahrens Preaching)  
7:30 p.m. - Broad Street Presbyterian Church  
"The Seven Last Words of Christ"  
(First Church Choir & Choral Society  
participating)

**Easter**  
7 a.m. - Sunrise Service (Art Museum  
Front Steps)  
9 and 11 a.m. Worship - Sanctuary  
10 a.m. - Congregation Brunch - Parish Hall

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### What's in a Fellowship Hour?

By the Rev. Dr. Janine Wilson, Associate Minister  
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It may surprise you to think about it this way, but coffee fellowship is connected to the core of Christianity. The roots of hospitality intertwine with the foundation of our faith. "Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it." (Hebrews 13:2) In essence, welcoming one another, aka, the practice of hospitality, invites transformation – from the outside in.



But here is the challenge: if you walk into the fellowship space on Sunday morning, chances are pretty good that after you check out the placement of your coffee mug and fresh fruit and cookies on the tables, you begin to scan the room to find your friends. Don't get me wrong; building up friendships is an important part of fellowship time. It's just that I would suggest that it is not the only, or even the most significant part. Oftentimes you and I are often able to learn some exciting things about God in our mutual growing.

But consider, if you will for just a few minutes, the outsider. If you are here for your first visit you are a "stranger" to the gathering in Parish Hall. It may have taken a great deal of courage to walk into the room. You can locate the coffee as you weave your way through a pair in conversation here and a triangle of laughter there. But what is it like if no one acknowledges you are present? Maybe you are a little relieved for a few minutes, depending upon your nature. But after awhile, what happens?

Something, someone, maybe an ad in the newspaper, maybe a drive past the church followed by checking out our Web site, or maybe a less identifiable nudge from the Holy Spirit helped you find your way to First Congregational Church. The worship, the music, the brief smiles and hellos from those in the pews will confirm you are in a friendly place and hopefully bring you back next week.

But what will bring you back to fellowship time in Parish Hall? I believe it is intentional hospitality. For relationships to build with the stranger, we are required to step out of our comfort zone, break away for a few minutes from our familiar and favored in order to invite the sojourner into the blessings of both God and the community. Hospitality is an attitude and a practice. It is an extension of our thanksgiving to God passed forward

to one another – those we know and those wonderful surprising people God sends into our life.

This Easter season, I challenge you to see if you can make space in your life to talk with at least 10 people you do not know – newcomers and regular attenders. I promise you will be a blessing; and you will also be blessed.

Come Lord Jesus our guest to be – and Happy Easter,

Rev. Janine

### Upcoming Sermons

#### April 8 - Easter Sunday

Sermon: "The Best Answer to Prayer" -  
Rev. Ahrens at 7, 9 and 11 a.m. services  
Acts 10:34-43; Psalm 118:1-2,14-24; I  
Cor.15:1-11; Mark16:1-8



#### April 15 - Second Sunday of Easter - Abby Salak Preaching

Sermon: TBA  
Acts 4:32-35; Psalm 133; I John 1:1-2:2; John 20:19-31

#### April 22 - Third Sunday of Easter - Rev. Lori Buehler Preaching

Sermon: "The Making of a Witness"  
Acts 3:12-19; Psalm 4, I John 3:1-7; Luke 24:36-48

#### April 29 - Fourth Sunday of Easter - Rev. Tim Ahrens Sermon: "After Thinking it Over"

## Easter Brunch Potluck

Easter Sunday - April 8  
Following the 9 a.m. service  
In Parish Hall

What should I bring?  
Fruits or Veggies (A-L)  
Casserole or Salad (M-R)  
Dessert (S-Z)

Parish Life will provide ham and  
beverages

## April Music Notes

By James E. Bobb, Minister of Music  
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## Congregational Concert Sunday, April 29, 4 p.m.

## Organ Duo Recital with Nicole Keller and Timothy Olsen



Keller, of Cleveland, and Olsen, Professor of Organ, University of North Carolina School of the Arts and Salem



College, Winston-Salem, North Carolina, perform a delightful program for four hands and four feet!

## First Tuesday

Tuesday, April 3, 12:15 p.m.

Organist Matthew Nadalin will perform. *Because it is Holy Week, there will be no luncheon this day. This is the last First Tuesday concert until fall.*

## March 21 Council Meeting Summary

Rev. Ahrens discussed the resignation of Jamie Bobb as minister of music. Council moved to accept Jamie's resignation with a mixture of sadness at his departure and joy at his new position with St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minn. Marti Rideout will serve as interim director while a committee is formed to search for a replacement.

**FINANCIAL REPORTS** - Cindy Conn, treasurer, reported that pledge income is still running ahead of schedule due to prepayments of pledges. Randy Hoffman, trustees chair, distributed a hand-out prepared by Christopher Washington showing the funds of the church being grouped under five new headings: *Social Concern Funds, Education Funds, Church Support/Pastor's Funds, Building Support Funds, and Art and Music Funds*. Council has been requested to review the document and submit questions or comments to the trustees by their April meeting. Neal Brower, administration commissioner, discussed the final results of the "challenge budget" campaign. All staff members below median range will see an increase that will bring them within 4.75% of median for their respective positions.

**PERSONNEL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES** – Neal Brower presented changes to the policies and procedures that were revised by the Personnel Committee in 2011. Council members should address questions or comments to Neal or Janette Hoffman, chair of personnel, before the April council meeting.

Moderator Gerry Worth requested the formation of a new Capital Campaign Financial Review Subcommittee. This sub-committee of the Executive Committee, under the chair of David Holt, would include the moderator, treasurer, trustees chair, senior deacon and council secretary. The committee would work with the ministry of space, chaired by the commissioner of the House and Grounds Committee, to discuss and formulate recommendations and financial policy for the campaign funds and to ensure that capital campaign proposals and expenditures are appropriate and consistent with the Long Range Plan. The PPG committee and capital campaign projects would report to the House and Grounds commissioner. This also would serve to coordinate the various campaign committees and simplify the approval process and remove redundancy. Council approved moving ahead with the new structure.



Council also approved Francille and John Firebaugh as co-leaders of a constitution revision committee that will be formed.

Several fund-raising projects were presented to council for approval. They included: youth flower sale, cabaret baskets and a Sacred Earth Committee rummage sale. These projects will raise funds for the youth mission trip and for environmental objectives determined by House and Grounds.

Sarah Reed discussed the Transition Work Group that met on Sunday, March 18, to talk about the role of the church and its relationship with the Central South East Ohio Association.

Council approved a Dorinda White grant proposal to fund a dinner for confirmands and their parents and sponsors. This dinner will be held May 19, the Saturday evening before confirmation.

Jim Gallagher, commissioner of Music, Arts and Heritage, announced that plans for the Walter Brueggemann weekend, May 12-13, are well underway. Included will be a potluck on Saturday night, May 12, and a choral Evensong service on Sunday. More details will be available soon. – **Submitted by Bev Cook, secretary**

## First Church to Present Annual Cabaret on April 15

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

It's cabaret time again at First Church!

The First Church adults and youth will take the stage on Sunday, April 15, at 6 p.m. in the Parish Hall. There will be amazing acts to entertain every age, and lots of food and fun. Proceeds from the night will benefit the Youth Ministries' 2012 summer mission trip.

We are seeking more acts for this great event. If you are interested in showing off your talent, contact Mark Williams at 228/1741, ext. 15, or [mwilliams@first-church.org](mailto:mwilliams@first-church.org). This is your time to perform!

Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. They can be purchased in the office, during Fellowship Hour, with your offering or at the door. Come celebrate the talent of First Church – and have a great time, too!

## Youth Begin Flower Sale



The Youth Groups of First Church will be taking orders for their spring flower sale from March 25 through April 19. 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, [www.first-church.org/flowers](http://www.first-church.org/flowers). There are many varieties of flowers and hanging baskets to choose from. The groups also are selling several varieties of tomatoes 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 the same local company the church receives its Christmas and Easter flowers. Payment is due at the time of ordering. The flowers will be available for pick up on May 19.



## Rev. Dr. Walter Brueggemann to Deliver Gladden Lecture

The Rev. Dr. Walter Brueggemann, William Marcellus McPheeters professor emeritus of Old Testament at Columbia Theological Seminary, will deliver the 2012 Gladden Lecture at First Church on Sunday, May 13, at 4 p.m. The lecture, "Creation and Justice," is open to the public.

Rev. Brueggemann is a past president of the Society of Biblical Literature and an ordained minister in the United Church of Christ. He is the author of numerous books in Hebrew Bible interpretation, biblical theology and the task of preaching in the contemporary world.



The Gladden Lecture honors Dr. Washington Gladden. Dr. Gladden was the distinguished pastor of First Congregational Church from 1882 to 1914 during a complex time in the post-Civil War history and was known for his social Gospel views. He was engaged in a lifelong pursuit of religious truth that could be directly applied to human needs. The Gladden Lecture extends his influence to the present day.

On Saturday, May 12, at 9 a.m., Rev. Brueggemann will conduct a workshop titled "Prophetic Imagination: Social Justice Preaching, Teaching and Living." Registration details can be found on the First Church Web site [www.first-church.org](http://www.first-church.org). First Church members may attend the workshop free but need to register in advance. Saturday evening, the congregation will host a potluck dinner for the entire membership. Please watch for details on what to bring and sign up. Rev. Brueggemann will be speaking that night on the subject "My Teacher and Students That Taught Me."

Rev. Dr. Brueggemann also will preach at both the 9 and 11 a.m. services on Sunday. Questions may be addressed to Mark S. Williams, director of Christian education, at [mwilliams@first-church.org](mailto:mwilliams@first-church.org).

## Teacher Appreciation Breakfast is May 6

The Christian Education Department will host a teacher and Worship Connections appreciation breakfast on Sunday, May 6, in the Children's Library. All teachers and Worship Connection leaders will be recognized in both services that day.

## Youth Getting Ready for Summer Mission Trip to Chicago

By Mark Williams, Christian Education Director

The First Church Youth Group will be going to Chicago Ill., June 10 – 15 to work with DOOR – Discovering Opportunities for Outreach and Reflection. ([www.doornetwork.org](http://www.doornetwork.org)) The week will be filled with times of worship, team building and work experiences at local soup kitchens, senior centers, children's homes, women's shelters and urban gardens!

The entire trip this year costs more than \$7,000. Experiences like this would not be possible for our young people without financial support from our entire church family and friends. "Buy-a-Mile" starts the mission trip on its way. The youth are asking for donations of \$5 a mile to make the trip to Chicago. There is a giant map in the Parish Hall that will track our donations on our route to Chicago.

We have collected enough thus far to get us to Dayton. Thank you for a great start to our mission trip. Each week we will give you a report on how far we are on our trip.

## Rest and Relaxation in God's Poetry

By Mark Williams, Christian Education Director

Join the First Church family as they head toward the hills – Templed Hills that is. Our Spring Retreat, "God's Poetry," is Friday evening, April 20, through Sunday morning, April 22. 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.

Templed Hills is one of the United Church of Christ camp and retreat centers. It is an hour north of Columbus, east off I-71 at Bellville. (There is a map on the brochure.)

Our accommodations vary, and will be assigned according to each individual or families needs. The camp buildings are clean and comfortable. The food is good!

There are acres of woods, meadows, streams, a pond and a pine forest to hike in or just to sit in and watch the birds. Relaxation and enjoying the colors of nature will be the major emphasis for the weekend.

Brochure and registration forms are in the church office and on the Web site. **Deadline for registration is April 8.** We have space for 70 people – let's fill it! See Mark S. Williams for more details.

## Butterflies Teach about Resurrection

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.



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 and grow and 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. We feed them with sugar water placed on flowers inside their net pavilion. They can live for 2-4 weeks.

Easter Sunday, if everything has gone as it should, all of the butterflies will have hatched and are ready for release. The release of Painted Lady butterflies is environmentally friendly because they will pollinate our flowers. We release the butterflies after the 11 a.m. service. The children and the entire congregation are invited to the front steps of the church to release the butterflies. Upon release, the children often find the butterflies will land on them.

## It's Time for Camp Registration!

If the Outdoor Ministries summer camp information has arrived, can spring be far behind? Everyone is ready to plan some fun in the sun and that's just what camp is. 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.



**Registration has begun!!  
Camp weeks fill up fast!!!  
Don't wait too long!!!**

### Online

Camp schedule and descriptions are available online at <http://www.ocucc.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 2012 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!

Due to the increase in camp registration this year, 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 at [mwilliams@first-church.org](mailto:mwilliams@first-church.org) or 228-1741, ext. 15.

## Time to Renew First Church Kroger Rewards Card

- **First Congregational Church #84966**
- **First Church Choir #81813**

### Re-Enrollment step by step instructions:

1. Enter **customer.kroger.com** into your Web browser.
2. Enter your email address and password in the appropriate boxes.
3. Select **Community Rewards**.
4. Find your organization by entering your organization's name or NPO number (**#84966-First Congregational Church or #81813-First Church Choir**), then click "**Search**."
5. Be sure to click on the circle to the left of your organization so that it becomes highlighted. Click "**Select Your Organization**."
6. Click "**Save Changes**."



Please re-enroll beginning April 1. Thank you for supporting First Church through the Kroger Community Rewards program! – **Sharon Leidheiser**

## Upcoming Events

- April 1 – Palm Sunday
- April 5 – Maundy Thursday Dinner and Service
- April 6 – Good Friday Service
- April 8 – Easter
- April 15 – Cabaret, 6-8 p.m.
- April 20-22 – Spring Retreat
- May 6 – Teacher Appreciation Sunday
- May 12-13 – Walter Brueggemann Weekend
- May 20 – Confirmation Sunday
- May 27 – Pentecost Sunday
- June 10 – Graduation Sunday/ Youth Mission Sunday



## Jamie Bobb Taking Talents to Northfield, Minn., College

By the Rev. Timothy C. Ahrens, Senior Minister

On March 19, James E. Bobb, our music minister, offered his resignation to me as he accepted a tenure track position on the faculty of St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minn. He begins at St. Olaf in late July. Jamie will lead worship until June 24.

I wrote a few weeks ago:

*We will miss Jamie upon his departure. Jamie has been a treasured colleague and a valued member of our church staff over the last three years. His musical range and knowledge is vast. He brings joy, humor, focus and faith to work every day. We have all grown in faith, wisdom and musical ability because of Jamie. He has blessed us in our time together. Life without Jamie in leadership of worship will create a hole in the heart of our community of faith.*

*We celebrate Jamie's call to a position of teaching and worship leadership. He is so gifted and St. Olaf is a place where the complete range of Jamie's gifts will be engaged. St. Olaf College is an ELCA Lutheran liberal arts college located 35 miles south of the Twin Cities in Northfield, which is also home to our Congregational college, Carleton College. St. Olaf is internationally recognized as one of the top small schools for choral music. I encourage you to go to the school's Web site and find out more at [www.stolaf.edu](http://www.stolaf.edu).*

Marti Rideout will serve as our interim music minister. Marti did a magnificent job as interim in 2008-2009. We are forming a search committee and expect that the committee will be accepted by the Council and will set to work as soon as possible. Through the newsletter and the Web site, we will keep you apprised of the work being done by the committee.

## First Church to Join in Annual BREAD Nehemiah Assembly May 7

On Monday Night, May 7, 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 150 people to join in this exciting assembly. I believe we can top 200 people from our congregation, along with friends and family, if we put our minds and hearts into this effort.

BREAD will unveil its action plan for our new issue - "Jobs." It is clear that central Ohio needs jobs. We are creating low-wage jobs in the phone marketing industry, but we are not up to the national average for job creation in small businesses. We have the apparatus in place to create new jobs in small business. But these growth industry prospects are not given enough money to succeed and encourage other small businesses to grow.

I know you care about the problems facing our city and all of central Ohio. I know you want to reverse the trend of lost jobs. Come and be a part of the solution. Come to the BREAD Nehemiah Assembly on May 7.

We want to arrive early to hear our children, teens and other youth in the BREAD congregations singing to the glory of God at 6:15 p.m. Rehearsal for the youth choir will be April 30, 7 p.m., at Christ the King Catholic Church on Livingston Avenue.

On May 7, we will meet in the church parking lot at 5:45 p.m. and carpool to the 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 7.

## Special Congregational Meeting!

Sunday, May 6, After  
11 a.m. Worship  
There will be an update on the  
Capital Campaign and plans for  
the West Side lot.



### Missions Offering Schedule

In April, the undesignated loose offerings will benefit the following missions that First Church supports:

April 1 -	Good Samaritan
April 8 -	One Great Hour of Sharing
April 15 -	TBA
April 22 -	Arbor Day Foundation
April 29 -	Deep Griha Student Support

## Some Tips on Securing Your Mobile Device Applications

By Sharon Leidheiser, Business Administrator  
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Mobile devices are one of the primary tools we use in both our personal and professional lives. One of the things that make mobile devices so powerful is that there are thousands of apps we can select from and use. However, with the tremendous power and flexibility of apps, come a number of risks.



### Applications for your Device (Android, I-Phones, E-Readers, Tablets, Smart Phones)

The first step in using apps you always download them from a secure, trusted source. By downloading apps from only well-known trusted sources you reduce the chance of installing an infected app. However, even in well-known online app markets, some malicious apps can be lurking around the corner. This is especially true for devices like the Android, where the app markets are not controlled. To reduce your risk, avoid apps that are brand new, that few people have downloaded, or that have very few comments. The longer an app has been available or the more positive comments it has, the more likely that app can be trusted. Only install apps you need and use. **If you stop using an app, delete it!**

### Configuring & Using Apps

Once you have installed an app from a trusted source, the next step is making sure it is safely configured and protecting your privacy. Installing and/or configuring certain applications require you to grant certain privileges and permissions. Depending on the device, these applications will prompt you before authorizing. Always think before authorizing any access. Does your app really need those permissions? In addition, any public postings you make may include your location, allowing anyone to know where you are or prove where you have been.

If you do not like the permissions an app is requesting, simply find another app that better fits your requirements. Be careful when using apps that request or store sensitive information. Even if the app is legitimate, there is no guarantee that the developer used good coding practices to protect your information while stored on the device or while transmitted over the Internet. Applications that consolidate sensitive information can be very convenient, but they are also targets for cyber criminals. Read the detailed description

about the app and reviews from other users to see if there have been any security issues.

### Updating Apps

Apps, just like your computer and mobile device operating system, must be updated in order to remain current. Bad guys are constantly searching for and finding weaknesses in apps. They then develop attacks to exploit these weaknesses. The app developers that created your app also create and release updates to fix these weaknesses and protect your devices. The more often you check for and install updates, the better. It's recommend that you monitor your app stores and update your apps at least once a month. In addition, some apps can be set to update. **The key to maintaining secure mobile device app is installing apps only from trusted, secure sources and make sure they are updated just like you do Windows updates for your computer.**

### App Additional Features (just say no)

Many applications today allow you to purchase additional features, new content, or the removal of advertising. A common mistake some people make is to store their app store credentials locally on their device, allowing them to easily make future



purchases within an application. It's highly recommend you do not allow your mobile device to save your app store credentials, log-in information, or payment information. An alternative is to use gift cards or one-time use virtual credit card numbers instead.

### Conclusion

Be careful when downloading apps to your mobile devices!

### Resources:

Sophos Webcast on Android Security:

<http://preview.tinyurl.com/73q5u76>

5 Ways to Protect Your Mobile Apps:

<http://preview.tinyurl.com/5wpghmp>

iPhone Security Overview:

<http://preview.tinyurl.com/783hg2v>

iPhone App Insecurity:

<http://preview.tinyurl.com/3w5a5cc>

Common Security Terms:

<http://preview.tinyurl.com/6wkpa5>

SANS Tip of the Day:

<http://preview.tinyurl.com/6s2wrkp>



## Golf League Begins April 26

By Frank Cook

The First Church Golf League will swing into action starting Thursday, April 26, at 5 p.m. at the Gahanna Municipal Golf Course, 220 Ridenour Rd., Gahanna. This league is open to everyone from beginners to seasoned players. The course is relatively flat with sand traps, water hazards and trees to make it interesting. We play a relaxed game of golf and have fun.



The league will play for 10 weeks on Thursdays at 5 p.m. The cost is \$10 per week (\$8 for seniors) with the total due on the first Thursday we play. Players must have their own clubs. Pull carts are used and are available for rent at the course's pro shop for \$2. To sign up or to have questions answered, please contact Frank Cook at [fhc2@aol.com](mailto:fhc2@aol.com) or call 614-933-0012 and leave a message. A sign-up sheet also is available in the office.

## Fellowship Hour Beverage Sales



Coffee and tea sales will be available on April 1 and 15 during Fellowship Hour. This is a UCC coffee project initiative and your participation is greatly appreciated.

## Thursday Fellowships Meet April 5, 12

The First Thursday Fellowship will meet April 5 at the home of Essie Cannon, 5910 Whitman Rd., Columbus, at 10 a.m. Anne Morganstern will discuss her recently published book. The Second Thursday Fellowship will meet at 10 a.m. for refreshments on April 12 in the Parlor, followed by a presentation by Sam Spofforth on cleaner alternatives for transportation.

## Budget Update

Pledges Budgeted	\$592,220.00
February Actual Pledges	48,615.15
Pledges Needed Monthly	49,351.67



## February Mission Offerings

Youth Missions	\$572.11
Deep Griha	723.85
Back Bay Missions	696.60

## Member Happy April Birthdays

1: Bill Catus	15: Leo Welsh
2: Bill Lange	16: Virginia O'Neill
2: Pete Boriin	17: Bryan Brown
4: Tom O'Reilly	17: Julie Light-Gregory
4: Al Waddell	18: Beth Buchholtz
4: Megan McCabe	19: Susan Walton
6: Eric Messick	20: Alex Rodriguez
7: Dana Schultz	20: Chandler Wilson
7: Stefanie Weaver	21: Gretchen Fleurant
8: Nancy Loy	21: Kim Kutschbach
8: Liz Cook	22: Roger Sankey
8: Amy Mailer	22: Emma Welsh-Huggins
8: Mitchell Dean	22: Thomas Welsh-Huggins
8: Allison Peacock	23: Malcolm Giffen
8: Amanda Mason	24: Wally Giffen
9: Becky Taft	24: Kathryn Bamberger
9: Lisa Morris	25: Lori Buehler
10: Jane Werum	26: Ben Horne
11: Dave Knox	27: Chris Farquhar
11: Jan Kevan	28: Neal Brower
11: Andrea Hlre	28: Frank Cook
11: Janice Taft	29: John Martin
12: Marcy Essig	30: Susan Sittler
12: Roberta Lucas	
12: Rick Pfeiffer	
12: Diane Dixon	
12: Ben Faith	
13: Jennifer Weaver	
13: Sarah Frank	
14: Jacquelyn Lowery	
15: David Holt	
15: Tammy Anderson	

## Member Happy April Anniversaries

2: Barbara Ritter and Aboubacar Agne
4: Abby and Brian Cave
4: Amy and David Mailer
5: Brooke and Jon Wilson
9: Ellie and Matt Zeiger
17: Martha and David Loy
18: Christina and David Kirker
18: Sharon and Gary Leidheiser
18: Joyce and Craig Oyler

**OOPS!** If we miss your birthday or anniversary, contact Denny Mahoney at 228-1741, ext. 17, or [dmahoney@first-church.org](mailto:dmahoney@first-church.org).

## Next Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for submitting articles for the May *First Church News* is April 20 at noon. It will be published Tuesday, May 1.

# Calendar

## **Sunday, April 1 (Palm Sunday)**

9 am – Treble/Teen Choir – Choir Room  
9 am – Worship – PH  
10 am – Education Hour – Rooms C and D  
10 am – Choir – San  
11 am – Worship – Sanctuary  
12 pm – Fellowship Hour – Sanctuary  
12:30 pm – Confirmation Class – Room D  
6 pm – Sonreir – Youth Room

## **Monday, April 2**

7 pm – Mission Committee – PFR

## **Tuesday, April 3**

12:15 pm - First Tuesday Concert - San

## **Wednesday, April 4**

11 am – Book Study – Parlor

## **Thursday, April 5 (Maundy Thursday)**

10 am – First Thursday Fellowship – Cannon Home  
6 pm – Parish Dinner and Communion – PH  
7:30 pm – Worship – San

## **Friday, April 6 (Good Friday)**

12:30 pm – Office Closes  
7:30 pm – Worship – Broad Street Presbyterian Church

## **Sunday, April 8 (Easter)**

7 am – Worship – Art Museum Steps  
9 am – Treble/Teen Choir – Choir Room  
9 am – Worship – PH  
10 am – Choir – Sanctuary  
10 am – Brunch – PH  
11 am – Worship – San  
12 pm – Fellowship Hour – PH

## **Monday, April 9**

7 pm – Trustees – LC

## **Tuesday, April 10**

12 pm – Care Ministry – LC  
5:30 pm – Sacred Earth – LC  
6 pm – Music Committee – Parlor  
7 pm – Education Committees – Rooms D  
7 pm – Executive Committee – PFR

## **Thursday, April 12**

10 am – Second Thursday Fellowship – Parlor  
6:15 pm – First Church Ringers – Gallery  
7:30 pm – First Church Choir – Choir Room

## **Saturday, April 14**

10 am – First Church Quilters – LC

## **Sunday, April 15**

9 am – Treble/Teen Choir – Choir Room  
9 am – Worship – PH  
10 am – Choir – Sanctuary  
10 am – Education Hour – Rooms C and D  
11 am – Worship – San  
12 pm – Fellowship Hour – PH  
7 pm – Youth Cabaret – PH

## **Tuesday, April 17**

12 pm – Care Ministry – LC  
7 pm – Council – LC

## **Wednesday, April 18**

11 am – Book Study – Parlor  
6 pm – Book Study – Parlor

## **Thursday, April 19**

6:15 pm – First Church Ringers – Gallery  
7:30 pm – First Church Choir – Choir Room

## **Friday, April 20**

Spring Retreat – Tempeld Hills

## **Saturday, April 21**

Spring Retreat – Tempeld Hills  
9 am – House and Grounds – PFR

## **Sunday, April 22**

Spring Retreat – Tempeld Hills  
9 am – Treble/Teen Choir – Choir Room  
9 am – Worship – PH  
10 am – Education Hour – Rooms C and D  
10 am – Choir – San  
11 am – Worship – Sanctuary  
12 pm – Fellowship Hour – Sanctuary

## **Monday, April 23**

7 pm – Budget and Finance - LC  
7 pm – Rev. Ahrens MMRAG

## **Tuesday, April 24**

12 pm – Care Ministry- LC  
1:30 pm – Remembrance Committee – LC  
7 pm – Personnel – PFR  
7 pm – Deacons – LC

## **Thursday, April 26**

6:15 pm – First Church Ringers – Gallery  
7:30 pm – First Church Choir – Choir Room

## **Sunday, April 29**

9 am – Treble/Teen Choir – Choir Room  
9 am – Worship – PH  
10 am – Education Hour – Rooms C and D  
10 am – Choir – San  
11 am – Worship – Sanctuary  
12 pm – Fellowship Hour – Sanctuary  
12:30 pm – Confirmation Field Trip – Hindu Temple  
4 pm – Congregational Concert – San  
6 pm – Sonreir – Youth Room  
6 pm – Middle School Youth Group – Middle School Room

## **Sacred Earth Rummage Sale is May 5, 9 a.m.- 1 p.m.**

The May 5 First Church rummage sale is an opportunity to donate your boxed-up, high-on-a-shelf, hidden-in-a-cupboard treasures! We're happy to accept collectibles, antiques, artwork, knick-knacks, small working appliances, small furniture, lamps and children's toys. (No clothing or books, please!)

Donations can be brought to the church on the two Sundays prior to the sale, April 22 and April 29, as well as the evening of Friday, May 4. Please place the items behind the stage in Parish Hall.

We also will have a bake sale. If you are interested in donating baked goods, you can drop them off on Friday, May 4, or bring them the morning of the sale. If you would like to volunteer to help set up on Friday or to work the day of the sale, please sign up in the church office.

The profits from the sale will help to make First Church more energy efficient!

# Prayers

## April Fellowship Hour

April 1: Samuel  
April 8 : Zechariah  
April 15: Acts  
April 22: Amos  
April 29: Colossians

## April Acolyte Schedule

April 1: Jansen Allred and Nina Zimmerman  
April 8: 9 a.m. – Annie-Rose Cooke and Jack Koscher  
11 a.m. – Anna Rambo and Ben Allen  
April 15: Erin Murray and Dylan Hopcraft  
April 22: Luke Zimmerman and Will Zimmerman  
April 29: Emma Rau and Erin Murray  
(Schedules online at [www.first-church.org](http://www.first-church.org))

**Worship CDs Available:** We provide copies of worship services on CDs. The CDs are available in the literature rack outside the church office after worship. A \$1 donation for the CD can be left in a container on the church office counter.

**Prayer Request:** Please let us know of a prayer concern for yourself, a family member or other church member by calling the Rev. Timothy Ahrens at 614.228.1741, ext. 13, by using prayer request cards found in each pew or by emailing [tahrens@first-church.org](mailto:tahrens@first-church.org).

*Please pray for those who continue to walk through grief and loss, for those battling illness and addictions in their families, for all serving in Iraq and elsewhere and for others in need. Please offer prayers for those who are lonely, lost and hurting. Pray for our nation as we face all too much anxiety, fear and uncertainty with faith, hope and love. May God bless you in your giving and in your living in Christ's love and grace. Amen.*

### Baptism

Bianca Diane Catenacci – March 18

### Weddings

Amanda Coogan and Jason Majoros – March 10

Rachel Lithgo and Josh Hollar – March 17

### Deaths

Elizabeth Asp – March 12

Ardis Holt – March 14

~ Remember Your Loved Ones ~

With a Dedication of Flowers

Contact Marty Worth at 614.228.1741, ext. 14,  
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### Church Staff

Timothy C. Ahrens.....Senior Minister  
Janine Wilson.....Associate Minister  
James E. Bobb.....Minister of Music  
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Sharon Leidheiser.....Business Administrator  
Martha Worth.....Program Manager  
Denny Mahoney.....Office Manager  
Thomas Luff.....Building Manager  
Kelvin Murphy.....Custodian  
William Lee.....Custodian  
Nikki Boop, Rosemary Pawandiwa-Priore.....Nursery  
Summer Petras, Chinyere Nuesom.....Nursery  
Linda Mumford.....Wedding Coordinator  
Jane Chavers.....Wedding Coordinator  
Fran Panek.....Wedding Coordinator  
Lisa Dean.....Wedding Coordinator

### Church Council

Gerry Worth.....Moderator  
Sarah Reed.....Vice-Moderator  
Bev Cook/Jim Griffin.....Secretary/Assistant  
Cindy Conn.....Treasurer  
Neal Brower/Jim Fewlass.....Administration/Assistant  
Melissa Prendergast/Deb Thompson.....Church Growth/Asst.  
Tanya Miller/Deana Armstrong.....Education/Asst  
Charlie Weaver/Rick Sayre.....House & Grounds/Assistant  
Bruce Panek/Matt Allen.....Mission/Assistant  
Cori Rowley/Catherine Kennedy.....Parish Life/Assistant  
Elaine Warren.....Senior Deacon  
Betty Johnson.....Deacon  
Jim Gallagher/Greg Halbe.....Music, Arts, Heritage/Asst.  
David Holt.....Nominating Chair  
Randy Hoffman.....Trustees  
James Knerr.....Member-at-large  
Lisa Morris.....Member-at-large

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**SUNDAY WORSHIP HOURS**

Worship at 9 a.m. ~ Parish Hall  
Worship at 11 a.m. ~ Sanctuary