

## Firstnews Takes New Direction



Michael Barber  
Editor

In the few short years that I've edited *firstnews Monthly* and *firstnews Sunday*, I've learned one vital lesson; as with any relationship, listening receives high marks.

My thoughts have recently turned toward communicating our church news more efficiently in a way that could be more meaningful. The original concept was to reduce *firstnews* to a quarterly publication featuring elaborately designed pages and stories that reached a little deeper.

I assembled an intergenerational focus group of church members. They, along with our designer Tabi McCleery and administrative assistant Emily Rogers, enjoyed open conversation about content and delivery.

By listening, I found our readership to be very dedicated. They are cover-to-cover companions to the one monthly mailing they simply will not live without. *Firstnews* provides news, insight and devotion while helping to create a

personal itinerary for the weeks ahead.

In the case of church news, less frequent is not more.

The result of these discussions is in-hand; a smaller monthly publication containing news items, upcoming events and pastoral care information. Daily readings and Sunday worship schedules remain along with messages from Dr. Richard Wing. New members and staff will be introduced here as well.

Our columns are moving to Firstnews-Extra.com with one featured every week in *firstnews Sunday*, *Monthly's* sister print publication.

Additionally, we will publish special editions of *firstnews* at Easter, the beginning of our Program year in September and on Christmas Eve. These issues will be distributed during worship and will feature a new format, colorful pages and inspirational stories from members, clergy and staff.

The ultimate goal was to create a balance of timely information and keepsake material. Thanks to those who gave their time and opinions. Listening has proved positive.

## Garage Sale Needs Donations

■ By Cathy Hanson

Volunteers will begin converging on North Campus Sunday, May 10 and will spend a week assembling the sale, which takes place Friday, May 15 from 6:30 pm - 9 pm and Saturday, May 16 from 8 am - 3 pm.

Since our first sale in 1996, we have netted \$576,941. It's gratifying to think of all of the help and comfort those earnings have brought to those in need.

We invite everyone to join in the fun, challenge and satisfaction of participating in this huge project. There is a way for everyone to contribute by volunteering, donating items or shopping.

We have a special need for volunteers:

- Unloading donated furniture from storage on Monday, May 11, 9 am - 5 pm (meet at North Campus at 8:30 am). We need 20 volunteers to assist *Two Men & a Truck* (who have donated their services) to help finish the job by 5 pm.
- Lifting large purchases into trucks on Friday night and Saturday during the sale. We also need two people to drive purchases to homes (another money maker).
- Clean-up on Saturday, May 16 from 3 - 8 pm. Help with clean-up (including taking racks back to storage, vacuuming, taking down signs, packing up left overs for the VOA).

A list of suggested donations and of things we do not accept is posted at FCchurch.com and available at the Garage Sale Table after worship.

For more information on the Garage Sale, see Page 2.

## Letters to the Editor

Any publication worth its weight not only publishes letters from its readers, it encourages them. Our efforts to enlighten, inspire and inform through *firstnews Monthly*, *firstnews Sunday*, Firstnews-Extra.com and FCchurch.TV are based on what we believe to be important to you. We want your feedback and look forward to providing you with an open and proper platform.

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## Shrimp Are Coming

■ By Karyl Hanhilammi

July 24 will be the date of the ever-popular Shrimp Boil. This dinner, featuring delicious shrimp and all the trimmings, will benefit the Back Bay Mission in Biloxi, Mississippi. You will also be treated to entertainment by not one but two excellent music groups; *What the Heck Four*, a fantastic barbershop quartet featuring our own Rev. Paul Baumer, and the *Choirboys*, who entertained us last year. This event is often sold out, so plan to buy your tickets starting June 28. More details about this special evening will be available soon.

## Granddaughter's Statement of Faith



**Dr. Richard Wing**  
Senior Minister

On April 12, our granddaughter, Kate Savoy Wing, was confirmed in the Christian faith in San Francisco, California.

Early in the week, I got a text from her that said, "Grampa, here is

my statement of faith. Thought you might like it. Kate." The message was punctuated with a little smiley face. Cute.

Yes Kate, I like it very much. Here is Kate's statement of faith:

*"FAITH is forgiveness, acceptance, inspiration, trust, and hope. I have faith that God will forgive me even if I am sinning in my everyday life. Oscar Wilde once said 'be yourself because everyone else is taken'. I know God will accept me for who I am, not someone I wish I was. He can inspire me to be an innovative thinker, to solve problems, and to have compassion for others. God trusts me to believe in myself and to experience the difference between right and wrong. God gives me hope, even when times seem like they can't get any worse. Hope, the little thing that I can hang on to when everything's falling apart, the small light in a world of darkness, or a single smile in a crowd of frowns. Being a child of God doesn't mean you have super powers to make world peace or to solve life threatening problems, it means you are loved. No matter what you've done in the past, or what you plan to do in the future, you are always loved by God because you are one of his children."*

I will remember every morning to read the words of my 13 year old granddaughter who reminds all of us, at any age, of what we must never forget.

Peace to you,

Dr. Richard A. Wing, Senior Minister  
Known to Kate as Grampa

## Garage Sale

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Here are some other ways to contribute to the Mission Council Garage Sale:

Donate supplies e.g. masking tape, packing tape, zip lock bags, shopping bags with handles, paper grocery bags, and Sharpies.

Donate potted plants from the overgrowth in your garden (Please mark each one indicating what kind of plant it is).

Donate refreshments for our refreshment stand (pop, water, homemade baked goods, donuts, cookies) or snacks for volunteers during the week.

Tell everyone you know about this shopping opportunity.

Make a cash donation to help defray some of our expenses.

We will begin accepting donations in the North Campus lobby from Sunday, May 10 at 2 pm through Wednesday, May 13 at 12 noon. More information at FCchurch.com under "Missions" and also the Garage Sale. To volunteer, contact Beth Hanson at 614 488.6526 or bethhanson@wowway.com

## Looking Ahead

Dr. Wing is preparing the following sermons:

### May 3: 5th Sunday of Easter

LIFE ON THE VINE

John 15:1-8

### May 10: 6th Sunday of Easter/ National Celebration of Mother's Day

REJOICE IN YOUR CHOICE

John 15: 9-17

### May 17: 7th Sunday of Easter

Block of Wood Sunday

GOD HAS NO HANDS BUT OURS

Acts 1: 15-17; 21-26

### May 24: The Day of Pentecost

JUST ONE THING BEFORE YOU GO

Ezekiel 37: 1-14

## Heart to Heart Food Pantry Totals

Heart to Heart offers a helping hand and caring heart in times of need.

**Donation Needs for May:** Diapers

**For March 2015:**

Food Collected at South = 50 lbs.

Food Collected at North = 0 lbs.

Food Collected at Annex = 20 lbs.

Food from MOFB\* = 10,171 lbs.

Food from Giant Eagle = 2,550 lbs.

Unique Volunteers = 52

Served	Month	YTD
Households	315	553
Individuals	973	1684
Children	311	532
Adults	531	908
Seniors	131	244
Total Meals	3,757	18,526

\*Mid-Ohio Foodbank

## firstnews Articles

Include the date, contact person's name, phone number and/or e-mail address with all submissions. Submit to:

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We reserve the right to edit all submissions.

**The deadline for all submissions is 12 pm on the 15th of each month.**

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## Imam To Be First Muslim Spiritual Searcher

The Spiritual Searcher Committee is pleased to have **Imam Feisal Abdul Rauf** from New York City as our fall presenter the weekend of **October 2-4**. On Friday and Saturday, Imam Feisal will offer teachings about Islam and lead us in spiritual practices from the Muslim mystical tradition.

He will be the guest preacher at our 9:45 am North and 11 am South worship services Sunday, October 4.

Church members Pete and Pidge Diehl experienced Imam Feisal's teachings and engaged in the spiritual practices he led at Chautauqua last summer. "What moved us was his own personhood," Pidge said. "He struck us as wise, open, and deeply human, and presented what we felt was a real face of both Islam and America."

Imam Feisal is author of *Moving the Mountain: A New Vision of Islam in America* and *What's Right with Islam is What's Right with America*. He is founder of the Cordoba Initiative, a multi-national, multi-faith organization dedicated to improving Muslim-West relations.

"Barbara and I experienced Imam Feisal at Chautauqua also," said Sandy Wood, "and we found Imam Feisal to be spiritual, articulate and thoughtful. He is smart, but engaging, and he offers a bridge between Christianity, other religions and Islam."

"Everybody should read this book," writes noted religion scholar Karen Armstrong of Imam Feisal Abdul Rauf's book, *Moving the Mountain*. "It shows us the dangers of our past course and where we should be aiming."

Details will be coming this summer. Sponsorships are available at several levels. Your generous support insures the future of events like this one. Please contact Rose Konrath, *Center for Spiritual Search* Executive Committee, for more information at rkonrath@columbus.rr.com or 614 620.7406

## Volunteer Spotlight JD Biros

■ By Helen Vivian

*First Community programs, events and outreach opportunities are only successful because of the enthusiastic work of our dedicated volunteers. Thank you to all of our volunteers who, each week, give their time and energy to make the mission and vision of First Community a reality.*



JD Biros

Our Volunteer of the Month for May is JD Biros, a volunteer with the Akita ministry. He has served as both a member and Chair of Akita Council, is a consistent volunteer for

Akita Council summer camp check-ins and returns, after-worship tables for Akita Council, Akita 5K, Pumpkin Palooza, and any other event or activity sponsored for Camp Akita. Additionally, he has assisted with obtaining sponsorships for Akita fundraisers, which benefited camper scholarships for Friends of Akita. He also uses his skills as Partner/Creative Director with Sudden Impact Marketing to create marketing materials for Akita. JD is married to Deanna and has 2 boys (Bryan and Cameron), both of whom are regular campers at Camp Akita, as well as participants in the youth programs at FCC.

**Why JD volunteers:** "I am very fortunate to have the time and opportunities to give back to my community. Volunteer service is a big part of my life. In fact, it's how I met my wife, and together we've continued to assist whenever we can, while also introducing our boys to the idea of giving back. When I first joined First Community, I was able to get involved in Friends of the Homeless and later the Akita Council. Both have been very rewarding, affording me the chance to help others, meet many new people, and make friends along the way."

**What Scot Nicoll, Executive Director of Camp Akita, has to say about JD:** "JD is a perfect example of a church member utilizing their professional

skill set to positively enhance a program at the church. JD brings years of experience and expertise to Akita and we are so thankful for his involvement. Our program has benefited tremendously from his time as a volunteer."

*Do you know an outstanding volunteer that should be featured in firstnews Monthly? Please contact Helen Vivian, Coordinator of Member and Volunteer Development, at hvivian@FCchurch.com*

## This Month in First Community Church History

■ Compiled by Jackie Cherry

May 19, 1922: First issue of area newspaper, The Community News, published in church basement. Subscription rate - \$1.00 per year. Sold in 1928 and became Tri-Village News.

May 18, 1924: Cornerstone laid for 1320 Cambridge. Rev. McIlyar Lichliter described First Community Church as "the church of the infinite quest."

May 1946: National Council of Community Churches founded with Dr. Roy Burkhart elected as first president.

May 22, 1949: Camp Akita dedicated

May 14, 1951: Cornerstone laid for education wing of 1320

May 19, 1958: Dr. Otis Maxfield installed as Senior Minister

May 17, 1992: Dedication of North Campus Center for Extended Ministry

May 23, 1999: Celebration of Camp Akita's 50th anniversary

May 2, 2009: Congregational Dinner at Hyatt Regency Hotel where 1,028 attendees celebrated our Centennial

May 3, 2009: Three celebrative worship services with specially commissioned music and all four living former senior ministers present to commemorate the 100th anniversary of First Community Church.

## Parish Register

*We share the joys and sorrows of our church family in our prayers.*

As of April 15, 2015:

### BIRTHS

Joseph Blake Espada 3/31/15  
*Son of Vincent Espada &  
 Jessica Rafeld Espada  
 Grandson of Blake & Chris Rafeld  
 Nephew of Jason (Michelle) Rafeld*

### HOSPITALIZATIONS

Dottie Cowles  
 Jeanne Morrow  
 Rick Studer

### DEATHS

Lois Strombotne 11/4/14  
 John Hartwell 1/22/15  
*Husband of Gloria Hartwell*  
 Danielle Wilson Allen 3/7/15  
*Sister of Hank (Martha) Wilson*  
 Janet Doty 3/15/15  
 Shirley Mason 3/16/15  
*Wife of Jim Mason  
 Grandmother of Jackie, Lauren  
 & Will Mason*  
 Isabel (Betts) Hamwi 3/18/15  
*Mother of Alan (Connie) Hamwi*  
 Robert (Bob) Dodge 3/20/15  
*Brother-in-law of Linda Dorff*  
 Frank Marlor 3/22/15  
 Anne Mason 3/23/15  
*Mother of Taryl Mason*  
 Janice Jones 3/31/15  
*Sister of Chris (Blake) Rafeld  
 Sister of JT Jones  
 Aunt of Jessica (Vincent)  
 Rafeld Espada  
 Aunt of Jason (Michelle) Rafeld*  
 Diane Zane 4/3/15  
 Kay Bradford 4/4/15  
 John "Jack" Lyons 4/4/15  
*Father of Mary Ann (Dick) Porter  
 Grandfather of Michelle  
 (John) Evans*  
 Ronald Moore 4/8/15  
*Brother-in-law of Lois (Glenn) Zook  
 Uncle of Amanda (Keith) Levell  
 Uncle of Mike (Mollie) Zook*  
 Laura Lee Hickfang 4/11/15  
 Don Eliot 4/14/15  
*Husband of Jill Eliot  
 Father of Ann Eliot-Naille  
 Grandfather of Amelia &  
 Audra Naille*

## Women's Guild

■ By Jill Eliot

**The Spring Event** is upon us; a special time, made special with new friends - mothers, daughters and others.

The annual spring luncheon will be held on Saturday, May 9 from 11:30 am – 2 pm at Brookside Country Club, 2770 W. Dublin Granville Road, Columbus, 43235. There will be free valet parking. All women and guests of First Community Church are invited to attend.

Continuing the tradition of giving, attendees are requested to bring two toiletry items as donations to Heart to Heart. Guild Groups will be asked to contribute \$25 each to support the Spring Event.

Helpers will be needed the day of the event as greeters, showing people to their tables and assisting at the table for Heart to Heart hygiene items.

The program will be the dynamic Kathy Cleveland Bull speaking about "Choice and Change - Making the Most of Uninvited and Unwanted Changes in Life." Tickets are \$28 and will be sold at both campus locations on May 3.

In addition, tickets may be purchased at the reception desk at either church location. The deadline for sales is May 5. Contact Kie Seiple at [kieseiple@gmail.com](mailto:kieseiple@gmail.com)

**A new Guild group** has been formed. The letter "G" describes the ladies of goodness, graciousness and gatherings. They will meet the 3rd Thursday of the month at 12:30 pm in the Guild Room.

### "Close As Pages in A Book" Guild C is a Gathering of Girlfriends

They first gathered as a diverse group of guild sisters 17 years ago, their members are authors, photographers, editors, librarians, businesswomen, artists, teachers, coaches, lobbyists and activists.

The group meets monthly in the evenings in member's homes. In addition, they have toured exhibitions at Ohio State's Historic Costume and

Textiles collection, painted ceramic ware at the Clay Café and learned healing arts at The Reiki Center. The ladies have been informed about church history and the role of women in the church, the role of hospice in medical care, and micro financing of small businesses in foreign countries.

Group C ladies participated in the annual Guild Spring Event by making flowers for the table centerpieces and modeling in the Trading Post Fashion Show. Their members have shared experiences at Rafiki and in other world travels.

Dedicated to community service, ladies of C have fed the homeless. They also support Heart to Heart pantry clients by growing produce in the Seeds of Hope gardens. One of the members tutors beginning readers who relax in the company of her therapy dog in the "Doggone Good Readers" program.

The ladies have been represented at our church by serving on the Spiritual Searcher Committee, the Governing Board, Service Board and the Women's Guild Board. Group C ladies sing in the choir, have served as deacons, and have volunteered at the Trading Post, Furber Books, the wreath sale and the Garage Sale.

Each year, they provide Christmas gifts for a family, and for several years, they have supported a young man or woman through Deep Griha.

Many church guest speakers have joined with the group to share their journeys: Barb and Terry Davis, David Hett, Dick Wing, Deb Lindsay and Missy Obergefell.

Group C ladies are truly "close as pages in a book." from the musical, *Up In Central Park*, by Sigmund Romberg.

## Capital Projects Updates Online

Recent news and a complete list of frequently asked questions regarding *Our 20/20 Vision* as it relates to upcoming capital projects can be found at [FCchurch.com/vision](http://FCchurch.com/vision)



## Kairos Ministry

■ By Tom White and Bob Dana

Kairos is currently active in over 20 Ohio correctional institutions. Because of its impact on the prisons served, Kairos of Ohio has been asked to implement the program in all 32 of the State's facilities. The funding, materials, and logistics are the easy part to work out. What's needed most is volunteers, men and women.

A Kairos weekend takes place inside the prison. It begins with a 3-day spiritual renewal retreat modeled after Cursillo and Emmaus. There are 5-8 weekly planning meetings, plus a Thursday-Sunday weekend to attend. It is as much of a spiritual renewal for the volunteers as it is for the participants.

We are planning two informational meetings this summer for any who want to learn more. Please save the dates of Tuesday evening, July 7 and Saturday morning, July 11. We will have some short videos, information sharing, and plenty of time for questions.

Please contact Tom White at [twhite57@yahoo.com](mailto:twhite57@yahoo.com) or Bob Dana at [rhdana@columbus.rr.com](mailto:rhdana@columbus.rr.com)

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## Quest Singles

**Thursday, May 7, 6:30 pm**  
Dinner at Natalie's Coal-Fired Pizza  
5601 North High Street

**Thursday, May 21, 6:30 pm**  
Dinner at Spagio's  
1295 Grandview Avenue

**Thursday, June 4, 6:30 pm**  
Dinner at Cameron's American Bistro  
2185 West Dublin-Granville Road

**Thursday, June 18, 6:30 pm**  
Dinner at Café Istanbul  
6125 Riverside Drive, Dublin

**Sunday, June 21, 5:30 pm**  
Book Discussion *Stoner* by John Williams  
MCL Cafeteria, Upper Arlington

Contact Nancy Dunn at [ndunn1975@gmail.com](mailto:ndunn1975@gmail.com) or 614 771.4869 to verify the plans.

## Habitat for Humanity

■ By Phil Washburn

A tiny two-bedroom, two-story apartment full of black mold brought Kirsten Spriggs and her ten year-old son Correy to Habitat MidOhio. Kirsten is a single mom and first learned about the Habitat for Humanity Homeowner program from a contact at the YWCA in Columbus where she works as a Family Support Supervisor.

Living in the Linden area of Columbus, Kirsten was excited to learn that she wouldn't have to move out of the neighborhood she and her son enjoy. Thanks to Habitat and our community partners, Kirsten sees the Linden community as developing in a positive way.

Kirsten's house was the 23<sup>rd</sup> home First Community Church helped build in partnership with the Northwest Adopt-a-House Partnership. Members of FCC provided more than 160 hours of volunteer labor in addition to lunch for the volunteer work crews.

The home was dedicated before Christmas with Kirsten and her son celebrating the New Year by moving into their new home.

The Northwest Adopt-a-House Partnership along with FCC will begin their 24<sup>th</sup> Habitat home this summer. Work days will be every Thursday and Saturday starting at 8:30 am and running to about 4 pm. Contact Phil Washburn at 614 568.5288

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## Trading Post

Spring is not a date on the calendar now, it's a reality in the weather we feel and in our store. Mother's Day, Graduations, Memorial Day, the end of school for the summer, golf outings. These are all reasons to stop in our shop and check out our wonderful merchandise. Thanks to donations from near and far, we have great offerings at our usual bargain prices. We're open six days a week, 50 weeks of the year for your shopping needs.

## May Daily Readings

*These Bible readings are from the Revised Common Lectionary Daily Readings.*

*In general, readings on Thursday, Friday and Saturday are selected to prepare for the Sunday reading; readings on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday are selected to reflect the Sunday lectionary.*

1	Amos 8:11-13	Acts 8:9-25
2	Amos 9:7-15	Mark 4:30-32
3	Acts 8:26-40	1 John 4:7-21
	Psalm 22:25-31	John 15:1-8
4	Isaiah 5:1-7	Gal. 5:16-26
5	Isaiah 32:9-20	James 3:17-18
6	Isaiah 65:17-25	John 14:18-31
7	Isaiah 49:5-6	Acts 10:1-34
8	Isaiah 42:5-9	Acts 10:34-43
9	Deut. 32:44-47	Mark 10:42-45
10	Acts 10:44-48	1 John 5:1-6
	Psalm 98	John 15:9-17
11	Deut. 7:1-11	1 Tim. 6:11-12
12	Deut. 11:1-17	1 Tim. 6:13-16
13	Deut. 11:18-21	Mark 16:19-20
14	Acts 1:1-11	Eph. 1:15-23
	Psalm 47	Luke 24:44-53
15	Exodus 24:15-18	Rev. 1:9-18
16	Deut. 34:1-7	John 16:4-11
17	Acts 1:15-17, 21-26	
	1 John 5:9-13	
	Psalm 1	John 17:6-19
18	Exo. 28:29-38	Phil. 1:3-11
19	Numbers 8:5-22	Titus 1:1-9
20	Ezra 9:5-15	John 16:16-24
21	Genesis 2:4b-7	1 Cor. 15:42b-49
22	Job 37:1-13	1 Cor. 15:50-57
23	Exodus 15:6-11	John 7:37-39
24	Acts 2:1-21	Romans 8:22-27
	Psalm 104:24-34, 35b	
	John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15	
25	Joel 2:18-29	1 Cor. 12:4-11
26	Genesis 11:1-9	1 Cor. 12:12-27
27	Ezekiel 37:1-14	John 20:19-23
28	Isaiah 1:1-4, 16-20	Romans 8:1-8
29	Isaiah 2:1-5	Romans 8:9-11
30	Isaiah 5:15-24	
	John 15:18-20, 26-27	
31	Isaiah 6:1-8	Romans 8:12-17
	Psalm 29	John 3:1-17



## Handbell Ring

■ By Carol Neff

First Community Church ringers Biddie Clark, Betty Drobny, Kim Harris, Rachel Kauderer, Deborah Linville, Director - Carol Neff, Janet Shearron and Meg Wagner will participate in the Greater Columbus Handbell Ring to be held Sunday, May 3, 7 pm at New Albany High School, 7600 Fodor Road, New Albany.

Twelve hand bell choirs will ring six handbell pieces and five of those choirs will perform solos. The Whitechapel Ringers' solo will be a rousing *Get On Board*, *Little Children* arranged by Martha Lynn Thompson.

Jason W. Krug, a native of Indianapolis, IN, will conduct the event. He is a freelance composer, arranger and clinician whose bell pieces have been featured at numerous bell workshops and festivals.

## Film Discussion

**Friday, May 8, 2015**  
**6 pm gathering and pizza**  
**6:30 pm film begins**

Adult Learning Council member Laura Elliott facilitates this month's discussion following the showing of the film, *Life Is Beautiful*.

*Life Is Beautiful* won the 1999 Academy Award for Best Foreign Language Film. Roberto Benigni won the Best Actor honor.

Please let us know by Thursday, May 7 if you plan to attend. You may RSVP to Jennie Nickel at 614 529.9930 or jnickel@columbus.rr.com

## June Spiritual Salon Features Sikh Religion

One of the leading voices in interfaith dialogue, Dr. Tarunjit Singh Butalia, will discuss his own Sikh faith Wednesday, June 3, 7 – 8:30 pm in Brownlee Hall, South Campus.

*The Sikh Faith: A Practitioner's Perspective* will be a comprehensive overview of one of the youngest major religions of the world. The Sikh Faith, an independent world religion, was established in the South Asian region of Punjab and has spread across the world. More than 0.5 million Sikhs live in the US with about 1,500 Sikh families in the Buckeye state.



**Tarunjit Butalia**

Dr. Tarunjit S. Butalia is a member of Board of Trustees of the Council for a Parliament of the World's Religions and its Executive Committee. He also serves as a Special Advisor with Religions

for Peace - USA and is its former Moderator. He is also a Board member of the North American Interfaith Network. He has served on the board of the National Religious Coalition Against Torture as well as the World Sikh Council - America Region. Locally, he is the Moderator of the Engagement Committee of the Interfaith Association of Central Ohio.

This event of the Adult Learning Council is open to the public. A free-will offering is taken at the door. Register at the door or online at [FCchurch.com/sikh](http://FCchurch.com/sikh)

## Finance Report

The financial support you provide, keeps us alive and provides programming to help us grow as a community. Thank you for your pledge.

This year our pledge budget is \$2,118,000. To date we have received \$2,021,410 in pledges.

## Join our Church Family: New Member Seminar

New Members of First Community Church join a congregation that has fostered community and spiritual growth for 105 years through worship, mission, pastoral care and small groups.

Membership Seminars are an opportunity to hear about the history, programs and inclusiveness of the church and become acquainted with clergy and staff through a relaxed atmosphere of conversation and fellowship.

We invite you to join us for our Summer Membership Seminar.

**Sunday, June 14, following worship 11:30 am - 2:30 pm** (lunch included)  
*Brownlee Hall, South Campus*  
 Childcare is provided.

For more information about membership or to RSVP, contact Helen Vivian at [hvivian@FCchurch.com](mailto:hvivian@FCchurch.com) or 614 488.0681 ext. 161

## Ministry of Presence

■ By Vickie Murphy

Do you play chess...or want to learn? An inmate at Franklin Medical Center (FMC) is looking for challenging opponents.

On Monday, May 11 at 5:30 pm in the Wicker Room at South Campus, the Ministry of Presence will meet to organize the next training session at FMC. You can help out with a reading group, join a sing-along, create arts & crafts or bring your own ideas. We're making a difference, not only for the inmates & staff at FMC, but for ourselves. Please join us in jail!

For more information, contact Tracy Hoag [the4hoags@gmail.com](mailto:the4hoags@gmail.com), Vickie Murphy [vickiejeanm@hotmail.com](mailto:vickiejeanm@hotmail.com) or Tom White [twhite57@yahoo.com](mailto:twhite57@yahoo.com)

# A MONTH OF SUNDAYS

<b>3 FOUNDATION SUNDAY</b> (A)
8:30 am • Burkhart Chapel, SC - Dr. Lindsay preaching 8:30 am • Grace Hall, NC - Dr. Wing preaching 9:45 am • Grace Hall, NC - Dr. Wing preaching Chancel Chamber Choir, Youth Bell Choir 1 10:55 am • Grace Hall, NC - Rev. Shaner preaching 11 am • Sanctuary, SC - Dr. Wing preaching Chancel Choir
<b>10 BAPTISMS/MOTHER'S DAY</b> (B)
8:30 am • Burkhart Chapel, SC - Rev. Shaner preaching 8:30 am • Grace Hall, NC - Dr. Wing preaching 9:45 am • Grace Hall, NC - Dr. Wing preaching Chancel Chamber Choir, Junior Choir, MS/HS Ensembles 10:55 am • Grace Hall, NC - Rev. Shaner preaching 11 am • Sanctuary, SC - Dr. Wing preaching Chancel Choir
<b>17 BLOCK OF WOOD SUNDAY</b> (C)
11 am • Sanctuary, SC - Dr. Wing preaching Chancel Choir
<b>24 PENTECOST</b> (A)
8:30 am • Burkhart Chapel, SC - Rev. Baumer preaching 8:30 am • Grace Hall, NC - Dr. Wing preaching 9:45 am • Grace Hall, NC - Dr. Wing preaching Chancel Chamber Choir 10:55 am • Grace Hall, NC - Rev. Shaner preaching 11 am • Sanctuary, SC - Dr. Wing preaching Chancel Choir
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<b>7 MORNINGSONG</b> (C)
9:15 am • Grace Hall, NC - Dr. Wing preaching Choir & Orchestra 11 am • Grace Hall, NC - Dr. Wing preaching Choir & Orchestra
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# Weekly Adult Learning Groups

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<b>Sunday Morning Seminar</b> - May 10, we will finish exploring Marcus Borg's last book <i>Convictions</i> to honor one of our favorite <i>Spiritual Searchers</i> .	<b>Sundays 9:30-10:45 am</b> Wicker Room, South Campus
<b>Tuesday at Ten</b> - Finishing the study of <i>Sacred Spaces</i> on Tuesday, May 12. Over the summer, there will be several brunches for participants. Class resumes September 8. The fall study will focus on Imam Feisal's book <i>Moving the Mountain: Beyond Ground Zero to a New Vision of Islam in America</i> . Walter Watkins, Pete and Pidge Diehl facilitate the series.	<b>Tuesdays 10-11:30 am</b> Wicker Room, South Campus  <b>Last class: 5/12</b>
<b>Men's Study Group</b> - Discussion on John Shelby Spong's <i>The Fourth Gospel: Tales of a Jewish Mystic</i> . Contact Price Finley at 614 488.7978 or price.finley@gmail.com or Craig Sturtz at 614 481.9060 or craig.sturtz01@gmail.com	<b>Wednesdays 7-8 am</b> Wicker Room, South Campus
<b>Wednesday Morning Fellowship</b> - Presentations and discussion of leading-edge topics. Ends promptly at 8 am.	<b>Wednesdays 7-8 am</b> Brownlee Hall, South Campus
<b>Women Living the Questions</b> - In May we will explore videos and books by Sr. Joan Chittister. The group will continue to meet through the summer. Contact Linda Baldeck, lbaldeck927@gmail.com or 614 459.0722	<b>Wednesdays 9:30-11:30 am</b> Wicker Room, South Campus
<b>Wednesday Evening Bible Study</b> - A time to study scripture and pray. In May the class continues study of <i>the Letters to the Ephesians and Colossians</i> in the New Testament. Led by Rev. Jim Long.	<b>Wednesdays 7-8:15 pm</b> Conference Rm, North Campus <b>Last class: 6/10</b>
<b>Contemplative Way Group 1</b> - A time of sacred reading--Teresa of Avila's <i>Interior Castle</i> ; 30-minute meditation time; and reflection & discussion. Facilitated by Rev. David Hett and other spiritual directors. Free-will offering.	<b>Thursdays 11:45 am-1 pm</b> Wicker Room, South Campus
<b>Faith &amp; Reason</b> - The group will finish reading Marcus Borg's latest book <i>Convictions</i> . No advance reading is necessary. Facilitated by Walter Watkins.	<b>Thursdays 7-8:15 pm</b> North Campus, Room 111
<b>Saturday Morning Contemplative Way Group</b> - Sacred reading of Mirabai Starr's newest book, a translation of <i>The Showing of Julian of Norwich</i> ; 30-minute meditation and time for reflection & discussion. Rose Konrath and Vickie Murphy facilitate. Free-will offering.	<b>Saturdays 10-11:15 am</b> Spiritual Guidance Rm, South Annex  <b>No class 5/23</b>

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