

## Words Dangerous And Life Changing



**Dr. Richard Wing**  
Senior Minister

I learned on a recent family trip to Ireland that words in one culture can be dangerous in another.

Our bus driver by the name of Tom Costello announced one morning that he

got together with fellow bus drivers the previous night and they "had a lot of crack." Good grief. What was I to do. On this small bus was my family and their safety was my responsibility. I looked closely in his eyes. Seemed to be alright.

Next morning, same thing. I asked how his evening was and again he said, "even better crack than the night before."

I had to take things into my own hands. "Tom," said I. "Do you think it would be better for me to drive this little bus today?" He said "no" and wondered why I asked.

"Well frankly Tom, I am afraid of anyone driving who is on crack."

It took me 5 minutes to get him to stop laughing. You see, in Ireland, Tom explained, "having crack" is the same as you and I saying, "last night I had a really great time with my friends." Crack, in Ireland is "having a great time." That might be helpful to you when you refuse to get on a bus in Ireland because the driver "had crack last night."

You just can't get good information like this, even from Rick Steves.

I am studying words with Richard Rohr in New Mexico as I write this. Life changing words. Richard invited us to look at the word faith once again. He said, "Faith is the opposite of resentment, cynicism, and negativity. *Faith actually begins to create what it desires.* Faith is a matter of having new eyes, seeing everything (and each other) through the eyes of God."

Never has our world needed agents of that kind of faith more than now. Our mission, should we decide to accept it, is to eliminate resentment, cynicism and negativity from our lives. That immediately leads to the "life in abundance" that Jesus dreamed of us having.



## Shrimp Boil is Fun, Food and Funding

■ By Joy Converse

Tickets are now on sale for the Shrimp Boil, Friday, July 24 at North Campus.

This festive, southern-style Shrimp Boil with shrimp, slaw, beans, rice and cobbler celebrates First Community Church's relationship with the Back Bay Mission of Biloxi, Mississippi and its ministry. Adult meals are \$20, youth under 12 are \$10.

There are also limited tables of 8 to reserve for your Circle, friends and family.

Dinner starts at 6 pm with family-style service. The fun continues until 8:30 pm with the close barbershop harmonies of *The Choirboys* and *What the Heck Four*.

Tickets may be purchased before or after worship on Sunday, the reception desks at North and South Campuses or online at [FCchurch.com/shrimp-boil](http://FCchurch.com/shrimp-boil)

Back Bay Mission is an outreach program of the United Church of Christ which started in 1922.

Dave and Loretta Heigle head up a team of volunteers that rebuild crumbling homes, serve over 2,000 hot meals, stock a food pantry and assist in a day center that provides much-needed services to the homeless population of Biloxi.

## Financial Update

■ By Cindy Harsany, Executive Director

Overall, the budget is looking good for 2015. We are grateful for the \$2,040,690 in pledges we have received towards our \$2,118,000 budget.

First Community Church Financial Statement	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	(under)/over Difference
January - May, 2015			
<b>Income</b>			
Pledge, Offerings, Contributions	\$ 1,033,806	\$ 1,009,327	\$ (24,479)
Fee Supported Ministries (Akita, Preschools, Trading Post)	\$ 948,944	\$ 984,209	\$ 35,265
Other Ministries	\$ 249,016	\$ 248,628	\$ (388)
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 2,231,766</b>	<b>\$ 2,242,164</b>	<b>\$ 10,398</b>
<b>Expense</b>			
Program Salaries and Benefits	\$ 655,184	\$ 640,476	\$ (over)/under 14,708
Facilities and Administration	\$ 358,937	\$ 373,007	\$ (14,070)
Fee Supported Ministries	\$ 597,735	\$ 589,771	\$ 7,964
Other Ministries	\$ 250,094	\$ 268,159	\$ (18,065)
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 1,861,950</b>	<b>\$ 1,871,413</b>	<b>\$ (9,463)</b>
<b>Net Revenue and Expenses</b>			\$ 935



Photo by Michael Barber

## His Honor

Trinity Lutheran Seminary in Bexley (OH) recognized Ronald J. Jenkins, First Community Church Minister of Music and Liturgy, with an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree during the seminary's 185th commencement on May 23.

"The depth, breadth, and impact of the faith-grounded musical leadership of Ron Jenkins over the years is staggering, said Trinity President Rick Barger. There would be no way to measure the number of lives he has touched personally or through the groups he has led."

The ceremony began with a traditional march through downtown Bexley, from Trinity to Mees Hall on the neighboring Capital University campus.

In addition to Jenkins' honorary degree, 25 students from Trinity and five students from Bexley Seabury (Episcopal) Seminary, located on the campus of Trinity, received degrees during the commencement ceremony.

## Write to Us

Any publication worth its weight not only publishes letters from its readers, it encourages them. We want your feedback and look forward to providing you with an open and proper platform.

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## Welcome New Members

Joined Sunday, June 28, 2015



Jacob Hinton



Jessica Hinton



Beth Ratajczak



Andrea Vescelius

**JACOB HINTON** and **JESSICA HINTON** and daughters, Avery (6), Cara (3) attend the 9:45 North Campus service. The Hintons appreciate the inclusive message at First Community and love coming to worship services together. Jacob is a systems engineer for Nationwide and enjoys computer programming and big data analysis. Jessica is originally from Ostrander and enjoys photography, gardening, and outdoor activities. The family lives in Hilliard.

**JP RATAJCZAK** (not pictured) and **BETH RATAJCZAK** live in Upper Arlington with their daughter, Blair (3) and son, Allan (1). They join their family, JD and Deanna Biros, in membership. As a family they love being outside, music, the Buckeyes, and Crew soccer. The Ratajczaks generally attend the 9:45 North Campus service and join because of the music and welcoming atmosphere at First Community.

**KIM STARR** (not pictured) is reinstating her membership after a few years of living away. Kim received her Block of Wood during her youth, a symbol she still wears to this day. Kim enjoys spending time with her grandchildren and generally attends worship services at South Campus.

**ANDREA VESCELIUS** learned about First Community from husband, Brook, and parents-in-law, Lee and Anna Vescelius. Andrea is an English teacher with Olentangy local schools and has two daughters, Brea (4) and Ella (2). The Vescelius family attends the 9:45 worship service at North Campus.

## Heart to Heart Food Pantry Totals

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

**Donation Needs for July:**  
Toilet Paper & Toiletries

**For May 2015:**

Food from MOFB\* = 10,968 lbs.

Food from Giant Eagle = 3,165 lbs.

Unique Volunteers = 44

Served	Month	YTD
Households	376	1,275
Individuals	1,197	3,984
Children	416	1,339
Adults	621	2,079
Seniors	160	566
Total Meals	10,773	39,253

\*Mid-Ohio Foodbank

## firstnews Articles

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email - news@FCchurch.com  
fax - 614 488.2763  
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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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## 4th Annual Farmer's Market

■ By Linda Larrimer

On Sunday, August 16, be sure to stop by Mission Council's Farmer's Market immediately after worship at North Campus. All proceeds will benefit our Heart to Heart food pantry.

Mission Council can't do this event without your help, especially gardeners. We need your donations of fresh vegetables and fruits, fresh herbs, plants and flowers, home-canned goods and home-baked goods.

Help stock our market by bringing your donations to church with you on August 16. Shop our market to fill your pantry and help support Heart to Heart's pantry, too.

Healing Arts Mission will again be at the Farmer's Market with unique pieces of Haitian art for sale. Don't pass up this opportunity to purchase a hammered metal wall sculpture or painted metal relief by Haitian artists. All proceeds from the art sale go directly to Healing Arts Mission as they work to improve the quality of life in Haiti by providing assistance with health, nutrition, education, housing and the resources for Haitians to help themselves.

Your support will help two important missions. For more information, contact Kie Seiple at 614 325.8633 or [kieseiple@gmail.com](mailto:kieseiple@gmail.com)

## Volunteer Spotlight

■ By Helen Vivian

*First Community programs, events, and outreach opportunities are only successful because of the enthusiastic work of our dedicated volunteers.*



**Beth Hanson**  
*Garage Sale Curator*

The July Volunteer of the Month is Beth Hanson, curator of the Gigantic Garage Sale – or as many would call her: the "Garage Sale Queen."

Beth has dedicated countless volunteer hours to the Garage Sale during the past 20 years in an effort to contribute to Mission Council and the support it provides to others, locally and globally.

### Why Beth volunteers:

"My reasons for volunteering in the beginning were idealistic and straightforward. As the sale evolved over time, however, the reasons became much more personal and compelling.

I discovered the benefits of this particular project were much more than the good works made possible by the funds we generated.

This event is a community builder and attracts all kinds of kind, bright, resourceful, hardworking, interesting and heartfelt people who are devoted to putting their faith into action.

The Garage Sale made church come to life for me as I got to know who we are authentically. Every year the sale is a hard and exhausting struggle, but it is also an adventure to see if we can pull it off, and the hard work and challenges re-bond us together time and time again and reaffirm our trust in one another.

### A few words from Beth's nominees:

"Beth Hanson is a kind and patient woman. She has to be in order to plan such a huge fundraising event every year for the past 20 years. She donates so much of her time, including a week's worth of vacation from her full-time job, and so much effort to coordinate the sale. It's an absolute pleasure to work with such an admirable woman."

– Amy Caskie, *North Campus Administrative Coordinator*

"What people may not realize is that the day the Garage Sale ends it begins for another year - it is a year-round commitment for Beth."

– Rebecca Wolfe,  
*Tri-Village Trading Post*

## Governing Board Updates

■ By Erik Clark, *Governing Board Chair*

As we enter summer, the Governing Board has plenty on its agenda. The Board, Program Staff and our Engagement Steering Committee will meet with Dr. Albert Winseman from Gallup, who developed the engagement survey that we recently administered. Dr. Winseman will help us interpret our survey results and refine our engagement plans. Engagement is the lens through which we view every program and decision, with the goal that church members are recognized and appreciated, receive, grow, belong and make a difference.

The Board is also working with Ginny Barney, Chair of the Senior Minister Search Committee, to establish a Committee charter and select Committee members. We will be in communication with church members about this selection process as it unfolds. Once the Committee membership is finalized, the Board and the Committee will work together to establish the process by which we identify our priorities and desired qualities for a new senior minister and conduct the search. The search process will take time, and we owe it to ourselves not to rush. I'm looking forward to the next steps on our journey.

## Parish Register

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

**As of June 15, 2015:**

### BIRTHS

Milo Joseph Tomlin 4/28/15  
*Son of Allison & Gabe Tomlin*  
*Grandson of Linda & David Fontana*  
 Bennett Charles Caskie 5/18/15  
*Son of Amy & Jared Caskie*

### BAPTISMS

Abigail Ann Daughters 5/30/15  
*Daughter of Megan & Doug Daughters*

### HOSPITALIZATIONS

Claire Gatsch  
 Don Jameson  
 Roger Lemmon  
 Buss Ransom  
 Lenny Smith  
 Ali Steelman

### DEATHS

Jim Harmon 12/22/14  
 Carolyn Freeman 3/7/15  
 Marion Schackne 4/21/15  
 Robert Plassman 5/24/15  
*Brother of Tom (Joy) Plassman*  
 Julian Caldwell 5/27/15  
*Brother of Dick (Greta)Caldwell*  
 John Sims 6/12/15  
 Bob Gutches 6/15/15  
*Father of Lynn (Hank) Gutches*  
*Snowden & Jennifer (Bill) Wyatt*  
 Mark Shutt 6/15/15  
*Husband of Debbie Shutt*  
*Father of Tom Shutt*  
 Tim Wickerham 6/15/15  
*Brother of Laura (Mike) Elliott*

*Please send notifications of Births, Hospitalizations or Deaths to prussell@FCchurch.com or 614 488.0681 ext 228.*

## Women's Retreat

*A Taste for the Women's Retreat*  
**July 25, 9 am – 1:30 pm**  
*North Campus*

Details available at:  
[FCchurch.com/womens-retreat-2015](http://FCchurch.com/womens-retreat-2015)

## Youth Choirs

Youth choir registration for all new and returning youth choir children is available beginning August 1 at [FCchurch.com/2013/03/youth-choirs/](http://FCchurch.com/2013/03/youth-choirs/)

Youth choirs, under the direction of Sally Beske, begin their 20<sup>th</sup> year this season. Children and young adults in the youth choirs participate in worship services and rehearse weekly throughout the school year. This season will also mark the 20<sup>th</sup> Christmas Musical, all written by Mrs. Beske.

*The Christmas Prayer*, initially performed in 2005, has been completely re-written for this season with exciting new songs and a message that is sure to tug at the heartstrings. All youth choirs will combine to present this musical at the North Campus, Sunday, December 6.

The 2015-16 season will begin on Sunday, September 13. The Middle School Vocal Ensemble will rehearse in Room 118 at the North Campus following their Crossroads from 10:45 to 11:30 am. The High School Vocal Ensemble will meet 11:30 am - 12 pm.

Vocal Ensembles will rehearse on Sundays through November with additional rehearsals with the K-5 choirs prior to the musical. As in the past, our Sunday rehearsals will begin with a

snack and social time to give us all an opportunity to re-connect and enjoy being together.

Kindergarten through fifth-grade choirs and bell choirs rehearse on Wednesday evenings beginning September 16. Children in K-5 choirs can participate in Mid-Week Missions, which runs concurrently. Mid-Week Missions gives children an opportunity to participate in a mission project and offers them dinner for a small fee. All vocal choirs will meet in Room 118 and Bell Choirs in Room 111 at North Campus.

- **Kindergarten Choir:** 5:30 - 6 pm
- **Cherub Choir** (Grades 1 & 2): 6 - 6:30 pm
- **Junior Choir** (Grades 3,4 & 5): 6:30 - 7:15 pm
- **Bell Choir 1** (Beginning ringers): 7:15 - 7:45 pm
- **Bell Choir 2** (Advanced ringers): 7:45 - 8:30 pm

Bell Choirs are currently full. Contact Sally Beske at [sbeske@FCchurch.com](mailto:sbeske@FCchurch.com) or 614 488.0681 ext. 107 for information about joining the wait list.

Detailed information about all youth choir rehearsals and performances are available at [FCchurch.com](http://FCchurch.com) and on the bulletin boards outside Room 118 at the North Campus.

## July is "Clean the Garage" Month

■ By Rebecca Wolfe

OK, I made that up, but seriously, isn't it time for you to part with some of that unused "stuff" that makes it hard to find a tool when you need it?

Tri-Village Trading Post is looking for all those little gadgety things that you swear you'll need some day but haven't in the last 10 years.

What about those three-prong adaptors that you have five of or the screw drivers that have multiplied in your toolbox? Did you know that nails, screws, bolts and nuts actually reproduce when you're not looking?

Bag 'em up and send them in – they are guaranteed to find a good home.

Now I don't mean for you to get crazy here. We can't take table saws and drill presses, but our customers are always looking for that little treasure to add to their pile of garage "stuff." Maybe that's why it's called the Trading Post, you can trade in some of your "junk" and another person can take home something new to them.

There's nothing like starting the summer off with a clean and neat garage. If you find someday you need another three-prong adaptor, come to the Trading Post and we'll find one.



## The Women's Guild

■ By Jill Eliot

"A good book has no ending" claims R.D. Cumming, and the Women's Guild book for 2014-2015 has not ended, just being retitled *Celebrate Life!*

Final chapters are the call for fruit cobblers for the Shrimp Broil on July 24 at North Campus from 6-8:30 pm. Bakers are to call their Group chairperson for further information. In addition, mark the date of September 1 from 6-8 pm at North Campus for the Women's Guild potluck, baby shower (for Church Women United) and installation of new Guild officers.

The event will be a grand celebration to kick off the new program year.

## Brownlee Gallery

■ By Missy Obergefell

Through the months of June and July, the Worship and Arts Council is featuring the creations of Jean Weissman. As a long-time student of surface design, Jean is equally at home with oils, acrylics and watercolors and brings an artist's approach to fabric manipulation.

Batik, silkscreen and embellishments are all tools she uses to enrich her creations. Her art features fiber, paint and multiple surface design techniques to create colorful fabric wall hangings. She is a member of the Columbus Art Quilt Alliance and has displayed her artwork in various venues throughout Ohio.

While you are taking in this exquisite menagerie of inspired work, keep in mind that Jean gives 100% of her sales dollars to local, national and international organizations helping to feed the needy.

If you'd like to purchase a piece of Jean's work, contact Lois Zook in the Worship and Arts office 614 488.0681 ext. 214

## Ministry of Presence Celebrates 2 Years

■ By Vickie Murphy

*Matthew 25:36 "I was in prison and you came to visit me..."*

Here are some highlights of FCC's involvement at Franklin Medical Center:

- Palliative Care end-of-life rooms painted by FCC young adults. Twin-sized bedding and wall quilts donated to these rooms
- Male inmates in a weekly crafts group created wall hangings for these rooms & donated crocheted/knitted hats for FCC's Mexico Trip and Community Shelter Board
- Volunteers sing weekly to about 30 men and women who are bedridden and play guitar and sing with other inmates
- Weekly book group finished "A Tree Grows in Brooklyn" followed by a showing of the movie
- Game/Cards/Reading night with FCC Volunteers continues
- Giant Eagle Gift Cards donated by Mission Council provide special requests for end-of-life inmates
- Memorial Services held to honor over 100 men and women who have died at FMC the past 2 years

Donations of twin-sized bedding, yarn, magazines, books, trial-sized toiletries and a functional typewriter are requested. Bins are located at both campuses. If interested in volunteering, please contact Vickie Murphy at [vickiejeanm@hotmail.com](mailto:vickiejeanm@hotmail.com), Tracy and David Hoag at [the4hoags@gmail.com](mailto:the4hoags@gmail.com) or Tom White at [twhite57@yahoo.com](mailto:twhite57@yahoo.com)

## Looking Ahead

*Upcoming Sermons by Dr. Wing:*

**July 5 - FALLING UPWARD** (Mark 6:1-13)

**July 12 - GRATEFUL NO MATTER WHAT** (Ephesians 1:3-14)

**July 19 - Guest Preacher**

**July 26 - AN EQUALLY WIDE EMBRACE** (Ephesians 3:14-21)

## July 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	1 Chron. 10:1-14	Mark 9:14-29
2	2 Sam. 2:1-11	1 Cor. 4:8-13
3	2 Sam. 3:1-12	2 Cor. 10:7-11
4	2 Sam. 3:31-38	Matt. 8:18-22
5	2 Sam. 5:1-5,9-10 Ps. 48	2 Cor. 12:2-10 Mark 6:1-13
6	2 Sam. 5:1-10	2 Cor. 11:16-33
7	2 Sam. 5:11-16	James 5:7-12
8	2 Sam. 5:17-25	John 7:1-9
9	Exod. 25:10-22	Col. 2:1-5
10	Exod. 37:1-16	Col. 4:2-18
11	Num. 10:11-36	Luke 1:57-80
12	2 Sam. 6:1-5,12b-19 Ps. 24	Eph. 1:3-14 Mark 16:14-29
13	2 Sam. 6:6-12a	Acts 21:27-39
14	2 Sam. 3:12-16	Acts 23:12-35
15	2 Sam. 6:16-23	Luke 7:31-35
16	1 Chron. 11:15-19	Col. 1:15-23
17	1 Chron. 14:1-2	Acts 17:16-31
18	1 Chron. 15:1-2,16:4-13 Luke 18:35-43	
19	2 Sam. 7:1-14a Ps. 89:20-37	Eph. 2:11-22 Mark 6:30-34,53-56
20	2 Sam. 7:18-29	Heb. 13:17-25
21	2 Sam. 8:1-18	Acts 20:17-38
22	2 Sam. 9:1-13	Luke 15:1-7
23	2 Sam. 10:1-5	Col. 1:9-14
24	2 Sam. 10:6-12	Col. 3:12-17
25	2 Sam. 10:13-19	John 4:31-38
26	Sam. 11:1-15 Ps. 14	Eph. 3:14-21 John 6:1-21
27	2 Sam. 11:14-21	Phil. 4:10-20
28	2 Sam. 11:22-27	Rom. 15:22-33
29	2 Chron. 9:29-31	Mark 6:35-44
30	Exod. 32:19-26a	1 Cor. 11:17-22
31	Josh. 23:1-16	1 Cor. 11:27-34

## Film Group

Thursday, July 9  
6 pm Gathering and Pizza  
6:30 pm Film Begins  
Wicker Room, South Campus



Join us for the Academy Award nominated film *Imitation of Life* (1934). Two single mothers, one black and one white, become dear friends and business partners who encounter sexism, racism and family strife as they grow wealthy beyond their dreams. This progressive film celebrates the disarming strength of women and their ability to endure together the joy and sorrow of life. Claudette Colbert and Louise Beavers star.

Gail Evans will facilitate the discussion. Please RSVP by Wednesday, July 8, to Laura and Mike Elliott at mae1021@att.net or 614 529.0315

## Garage Sale Results

■ By Linda Larrimer

Thanks to all the volunteers who made the 20th annual Mission Council Garage Sale a gigantic success.

From those who donated treasures and trifles from dining tables to teaspoons to the countless hours of volunteers hauling, sorting, arranging, selling, cashiering and cleaning up, the Garage Sale posted preliminary net earnings at \$53,098.50. Thanks to all who attended and purchased items.

Proceeds benefit the Missions of First Community Church and enable Mission Council to support worthwhile projects and organizations locally, nationally and internationally.

## Holotropic Breathwork

■ By Lisa Bueche, Connie Frecker & Rev. David Hett

August 28 – 30, 2015  
Lincoln Road Chapel, South Campus  
1320 Cambridge Blvd, Columbus 43221  
Fri. 7-9pm | Sat. 9am-6pm | Sun. 9am-12pm



Dr. Karen Castle  
Facilitator

As part of our training in New York to become certified teachers of the Enneagram Personality Typology, we all experienced a 3-day Holotropic Breathwork experience, and each one of us found it a very powerful, yet safe, way to experience a state of consciousness that influenced our respective spiritual journeys. Therefore, the Center for Spiritual Search and The Enneagram Institute of Central Ohio are making this August event available here.

Developed by psychologist Dr. Stan Grof, Holotropic Breathwork is a unique method of self-exploration using simple practices of accelerated breathing and evocative music to access inner guidance and open the energy flow in the body. Done in a group setting (we have a limit of 20 people for this workshop), Dr. Grof says "the unique feature of Holotropic Breathwork is that it utilizes the intrinsic healing potential of non-ordinary states of consciousness. Rightly, then, a very important component for the weekend is the setting of trust and safety. Our facilitator, Dr. Karen Castle, has led Holotropic Breathwork sessions for 10 years, and creates a safe, sacred "container" for your experience.

The weekend fee is \$250 per person or \$400 per couple. Saturday lunch included. \$100 deposit is required at the time of registration. The remainder can be paid 2 weeks prior to the event. Register at FCchurch.com/holotropic. Questions? Contact Natalia at njones@FCchurch.com or 614 488.0681 ext 151 (voicemail only), or contact David, Lisa or Connie directly.

## This Month in First Community Church History

■ Compiled by Jackie Cherry

7/27/10 - Founding of The Ladies Aid Society which became the Women's Guild

7/16/45 - Day Nursery School Opening

7/57 - Reed-McCoy property purchased

7/76 - Reed-McCoy property sold

7/78 - First Mountain TOP (Tennessee Outreach Program) to build, repair and paint homes in Appalachia

7/82 - First Akita Folk Festival

7/27/86 - Presentation of *Guidepost* Award for our Family Life Ministry

7/6/08 - Groundbreaking for North Campus education wing expansion

## Quest Singles

Thursday, July 2. 6:30 pm  
Dinner at Moretti's of Arlington  
2124 Tremont Center

Thursday, July 16, 6:30 pm  
Dinner at Louis's Grill  
4453 Cemetary Road, Hilliard

Sunday, July 19, 5:30 pm  
Book Discussion: *The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry* by Rachel Fry  
MCL Cafeteria, Upper Arlington

Thursday, July 30, 6:30 pm  
Dinner at Giuseppe's Ritrovo  
2268 East Main Street, Bexley

We singles enjoy meeting new people, so join us for one of the dinners and/or the book discussion above. Most of us are in our fifties, sixties, and up, but we are an equal opportunity group and welcome all ages.

We communicate primarily via email, so if you are not on our list, contact Nancy Dunn at ndunn1975@gmail.com or 614 771.4869 to verify current plans. If you have an idea for a fun activity, let Nancy know.

# A MONTH OF SUNDAYS

<b>5 BAPTISMS</b> (A)
10 am • Sanctuary, SC - Dr. Wing preaching Soloist
<b>12</b> (B)
10 am • Sanctuary, SC - Dr. Wing preaching Soloist
<b>19</b> (C)
10 am • Sanctuary, SC - Rev. Dr. R. Glen Miles preaching Soloist
<b>26</b> (A)
10 am • Sanctuary, SC - Dr. Wing preaching Soloist
<b>2 COMMUNION SUNDAY</b> (B)
10 am • Grace Hall, NC - Rev. Shaner preaching Soloist
<b>For additional information:</b> (A) <i>Usher assignments.</i>
<b>Click:</b> FCchurch.com <b>Email:</b> info@FCchurch.com <b>Call:</b> 614 488.0681 <b>Visit:</b> The Welcome Centers

*It is with gratitude that First Community Church accepts the following gifts.*

## Church Gifts

- Friends of Akita**  
*In Honor of:*  
**Camp Akita**  
Women's Guild Group Q
- Dominica School & Orphanage**  
Lauren & Andrew Norelli
- Garage Sale**  
*In Honor of:*  
**Beth Hanson**  
Barth J & Barbara A Falkenberg
- Heart to Heart**  
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*In memory of:*  
**William T. Morrow**  
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- Louise Kutz**  
David & Rose Kandel

# Weekly Adult Learning Groups

For more details, visit [FCchurch.com/adult-learning](http://FCchurch.com/adult-learning)

<b>Men's Study Group</b> The group continues discussing <i>Beyond Belief: The Secret Gospel of Thomas</i> by Elaine Pagels. Contact Price Finley at 614 488.7978/price.finley@gmail.com, or Craig Sturtz at 614 481.9060/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 July the group will read and discuss the book by Joan Chittister <i>Essential Writings</i> . Contact Linda Baldeck at lbaldeck927@gmail.com/614 459.0722	<b>Wednesdays 9:30-11:30 am</b> Wicker Room, South Campus
<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>Contemplative Way Group 2</b> Sacred reading of Mirabai Starr's <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 7/4</b>

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**Steven Sulainis**  
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