

Are We Born Good or Bad?



Dr. Richard Wing
Senior Minister

Augustine lived in the Second and Third Century after Jesus and wrote very important and good things about the Christian faith.

One bad thing Augustine wrote (that I wish he hadn't), was that

"people are born bad and sinful" and need to work hard at keeping that terrible nature under control.

To this day, we have never found people being better by telling them how bad they are and still you would be surprised how many people think that because of Augustine.

Let me introduce another man by the name of Pelagius. Do you love that name? He lived at the same time as Augustine and they argued.

Augustine said, "You have to BELIEVE

the right things." Pelagius said, "You have to DO the right things."

In one of his letters, Pelagius wrote: "It is not what you believe that matters; it is how you respond with your heart and your actions. It is not believing in Christ that matters; it is becoming like him."

God and Jesus could NOT care less about what you believe. They care what you do in the name of love by serving all people.

We owe God an apology for messing this up so badly in human history. We are born with blessing and with goodness and that is what brings out the best in us and in others.

Let's hit the restart button and get on with the life God intended for us all along.

Peace to you,

This Month in Church History

■ Prepared by Jackie Cherry

8/11/24 - Board of Trustees authorized awarding of contracts to Knox and Phillips to begin excavation for the new church

Aug 1963 - Hillside House at First Community Village opens to residents

8/31/66 - Otis Maxfield ministry ends with his departure from Columbus

8/15/67 - Dr. Arthur Teikmanis assumes post of Senior Minister

Aug 1974 - Work began on constructing new second story over kitchen and Early Childhood classrooms, removing stage to create Garden Court and replacing staircase to second floor

Aug 1978 - Child Care Center opens

Aug 1982 - Work begins to renovate Early Childhood Playground

Aug 1991 - Child Care Center moved to North Campus and renamed the Mary Evans Child Development Center

Aug 1991 - A professionally conducted ecological study of Akita's lake revealed that it was the *least* polluted of all the central Ohio lakes tested over the past 10 years - a reassuring fact for all our camp swimmers!

8/19/11 - Akita Folk Festival revived after 25-year break

Kickoff Sunday

After a successful summer of worship in one location, we return to worshipping at both North and South campuses Sunday, September 13.

Join us as we kick-off our new Program year with services at 8:30 and 11 am, South Campus and 8:30, 9:45 and 11:30, North Campus.

The new 11:30 am service at North Campus offers a relaxed, Camp Akita-like worship experience.

Farmer's Market

■ By Kie Seiple

Despite a very rainy summer so far, we hope all of you gardeners are having a lot of success with your gardens and are planning to donate to our Mission Council Farmer's Market.

The market will be open Sunday, August 16 immediately after the 10 am worship service at North Campus. We will be accepting donations of fresh vegetables and fruits, fresh herbs, plants and flowers, home canned goods and home baked goods. Please bring your donations to church with you on the 16th.

After worship, take some time to stroll through the market and purchase the finest, freshest produce and the tastiest bakery items a person can buy in Columbus, all grown and made with much love. All proceeds will benefit Heart to Heart.

We are extremely pleased to announce that Healing Art Missions will once again join our market with unique pieces of Haitian art that will be for sale. The money raised from the sale goes directly to provide Haitians with the resources they need to help themselves.

For more information, contact Kie Seiple at 614 325.8833 or kieseiple@gmail.com

Women's Guild

■ By Jill Eliot

Plautus said, "Let us celebrate the occasion with sweet words."

And sweet words will indeed be heard on Tuesday, September 1 from 6 - 8 pm in Grace Hall at North Campus when the Women's Guild kicks off their 104th year.

The evening's events herald an all-Guild potluck, the ceremony of honor, plus a "baby shower" for Church Women United. All ladies are asked to bring a potluck dish and a newborn - 3-month layette item.

RSVP to your Group Chairs or contact Rose Kandel, kandel.rose30@gmail.com or 614 442.9020 by August 30.

The Ceremony of Honor will honor newly-elected officers: Karen Claussen, *President*; Janet McCutcheon, *Vice President*; Amy Wentz, *Treasurer*; Kathleen Lennon, *Corresponding Secretary*; Priscilla Ratliff, *Recording Secretary*. Other members of the Executive Committee are: Kie Seiple, Jill Eliot, Estelle Scott, Karyl Hanhilammi and Harriet Brown

Holotropic Breathwork

Co-sponsored by the Enneagram Institute of Ohio and Center for Spiritual Search. Facilitated by Karen Castle, Holistic Health Practitioner, KarenCastle.com

August 28 - 30:

Friday 7 pm – 9 pm

Saturday 9 am – 6 pm

Sunday 9 am – 12 pm

Lincoln Road Chapel, South Campus

\$250 per person / \$400 per couple (space is limited to accommodate a safe healing environment)
Visit FCchurch.com/holotropic

Recommended resources: Founder Stanislav Grof's book *Holotropic Breathwork* (stanislavgrof.com)

K-5 Programs

■ By Julie Richards

The K-5 Ministry works to develop lessons and experiences for children that teach important stories from the Bible, which exemplify God's unconditional love for all people and our responsibility to care for one another.

Sunday school classes are offered at both campuses. Lessons focus on God's love for all, Bible stories, Jesus' ministry to love one another and developing personal relationships among the children and adults.

Children in third grade at North Campus and in Kindergarten through third grade at South Campus participate in *Godly Play*, a program that enhances the child's authentic experience of God through storytelling and hands-on experiences with biblical materials.

Wednesday evening is a busy time for K-5 at North Campus when children can participate in choir and/or Midweek Missions. Each week the children participate in a service project that supports events in the church and community.

Some of the activities this year will include making Thanksgiving baskets for families at Gladden Community House, creating decorations for the Bollywood and Barbeque event, and writing letters to the Mexico mission trip participants.

Special events sponsored by the K-5 Ministry throughout the year include fourth-grade communion (October 4), Christmas Craft Shop (December 5), third-grade Bible presentations (January 31) and *1,2,3...Akita!* (Summer 2016).

Our programs could not run without the help of our wonderful volunteers. Parents are invited to interact with the children by teaching Sunday school, organizing and running events, and serving pizza each Wednesday evening.

Volunteering is a great way to support the programs, but it is also a wonderful way to make connections with other parents and their children.

To register for K-5 programs go to FCchurch.com/k-5

Heart to Heart Food Pantry Totals

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

Donation Needs for August:
Pudding & Gelatin Cups

For June 2015:

Food from MOFB* = 380 lbs.

Unique Volunteers = 44

Served	Month	YTD
Households	112	1,387
Individuals	343	4,327
Children	109	1,448
Adults	182	2,261
Seniors	52	618
Total Meals	3,087	42,340

*Mid-Ohio Foodbank

firstnews Articles

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

email - news@FCchurch.com

fax - 614 488.2763

phone - 614 488.0681

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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Spiritual Salon:
Multi-Religious America Series
**Buddhism and
the Practice
of Mindfulness**

Wednesday, September 2, 7 – 8:30 pm
Brownlee Hall, South Campus



Lama Kathy Wesley,
*Columbus Karma
Thegsum Choling
Meditation Center*

Join us as we learn
about contemporary
U.S. Buddhism with
Lama Kathy as our

“Religion in America” series continues. Open to the public, a free-will offering is taken at each Salon to support this program of the Adult Learning Council.

Kathy Wesley (Lama Gyurme Chötsö) has been a student of Khenpo Karthar Rinpoche since 1977. She participated in the first three-year retreat led by Khenpo Rinpoche at Karmé Ling Retreat Center in upstate New York and thus earned the title of ‘retreat lama.’

Now, as a lama, Kathy serves at the Columbus Karma Thegsum Chöling as its practice coordinator and travels to other Buddhist centers throughout the country to teach. Kathy is a graduate of The Ohio State University with a bachelor’s degree in journalism. She lives in Newark, OH with her husband, Michael Wesley.

Register at FCchurch.com/buddhism or at the door.

Capital Projects

Our Capital Projects Committee is hard at work to deliver a plan detailing steps necessary to construct a new sanctuary at North Campus while making improvements to South Campus and Camp Akita.

Stay informed by visiting FCchurch.com/vision. To see updated renderings, floor plans and overall planning documents, click on the The Capital Projects Document Library link.

Fall Searcher Focus on Islam, Sufi Spiritual Practice

■ By Connie Frecker

Spiritual Searcher is sponsoring an unprecedented weekend experience October 2-4, with Imam Feisal Abdul Rauf, author of *Moving the Mountain: A New Vision of Islam in America*.

Imam Feisal is a renowned teacher of Sufi practice and a leading voice for multi-faith and interspiritual cooperation, dedicated to improving Muslim-West relations.

Our weekend begins Friday evening as Rev. Dr. Deborah Lindsay conducts a public interview with Imam Feisal Abdul Rauf in Grace Hall.

Dr. Lindsay will be raising questions that many people have posed regarding Islam both globally and in the U.S.

In Saturday’s day-long session, Imam Feisal leads us in an exploration of the spiritual dimension of Islam with Sufi teachings and practices.

This spiritual aspect of Islam is perhaps best known to us through the work of Rumi, the 13th century Sufi mystic who is now the best-selling poet in the U.S.

Saturday’s participants will engage in practices to enhance their own appreciation of the Divine and understand the connection of experience to theology.

The *Spiritual Searcher* weekend concludes on World Communion Sunday, October 4, with Imam Feisal preaching at one service at each campus.

Having experienced the Imam, church members Pidge and Pete Diehl have shared that they were “moved by his personhood. He struck us as wise, open, and deeply human.”

They saw him as “a real face of Islam AND America.”

More information and registration is now available at FCchurch.com/imam



August Film Group The Good Lie

Thursday, August 13
6 pm Gathering & Pizza
6:30 pm Film Begins
Wicker Room, South Campus

The Good Lie (2014) is based on a true story of Sudanese boys who survive a terrorist attack on their village and, after walking hundreds of miles to escape turmoil are given an opportunity to come to the U.S.

They arrive in Kansas City, MO, and are met by an employment agency counselor (Reese Witherspoon) and their lives change forever.

Gail Evans will facilitate the discussion. Please RSVP by Wednesday, August 12 to Gail Evans at gaillloyd@aol.com or 614 449.1049

Fall Mobile Blood Drive



Kick-Off Sunday
September 13, 9 am to 2 pm
North Campus Parking Lot

Register online at redcrossblood.org and enter our sponsor code: **FCCNC** or contact Paula Russell at 614 488.0681 ext 228 or prussell@FCchurch.com.

Parish Register

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

As of July 15, 2015:

BIRTHS

Henry McKenzie Lavine 6/5/15
 Son of Katherine and Noah Lavine
 Great-grandson of Nancy and Ron Long
 Jack Breese Forsythe 7/11/15
 Son of Mark & Lyndi Forsythe
 Grandson of Rob & Linda Forsythe

BAPTISMS

Everett Alma Giles 6/28/15
 Daughter of Sarah & Kinsley Giles
 Henry Edward Shoemaker 6/28/15
 Son of Bridget & Ken Shoemaker
 Caroline Grace Meadows 7/5/15
 Daughter of Emily & Ryan Meadows
 Julie Elizabeth Meadows 7/5/15
 Daughter of Emily & Ryan Meadows
 Camden William Rumble 7/5/15
 Son of Lindsay & Bill Rumble

WEDDINGS

Danielle Endicott & Nicholas Streck 6/11/15
 Daughter of Jude (Rob) Endicott

HOSPITALIZATIONS

Haden DeRoberts
 Emagean "Emmy" French
 Dick Meyer
 Sally Patton
 Buss Ransom
 Don Ross Sr
 Ali Steelman

DEATHS

Mary Chris Skeldon 5/23/15
 Sister-in-Law of Claudia (Paul) Dusseau
 Aunt of Chris (Kelly) Dusseau
 Thomas Byrne 5/30/15
 Brother of Matt (Erin) Byrne
 Carl Kiplinger 6/7/15
 Brother of Janet (Dana) Ciccone
 John Sims 6/12/15
 Bob Gutches 6/15/15
 Father of Lynn (Hank) Snowden
 & Jennifer (Bill) Wyatt
 Stephen Ison 6/15/15
 Son of Pat Ison
 Mark Shutt 6/15/15
 Husband of Debbie Shutt
 Father of Tom Shutt
 Tim Wickerham 6/15/15
 Brother of Laura (Mike) Elliott
 Daniel Dick 6/16/15
 Brother of Jason (Christy) Dick
 Christine Bullock 6/25/15
 Sister of Brian Gillespie (Scott McLaughlin)
 Charles "Jeff" McKitrick 6/26/15
 Husband of Evelyn McKitrick
 Donald Carle 7/8/15
 Brother of Patrick Carle (Kevin Flora)
 Jim Kennedy 7/13/15
 Husband of Anita "Edie" Kennedy

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

Foundation Seminar Family Gifting - Celebrating Life

■ By Sandra Anderson,
 Chair, Foundation Board of Trustees

First Community Foundation announces its annual *Legacy of Love* seminar entitled *Family Gifting-Celebrating Life*, which is scheduled for September 30 at 7 pm, North Campus.

Jeremiah W. Doyle, IV, Esq., a nationally-known speaker, will present a program discussing gifting using wills, trusts and IRAs and the tax benefits of each. Mr. Doyle is an estate planning strategist for BNY Mellon Wealth Management, who provides individuals and families throughout the country with integrated wealth management advice on how to hold, manage and transfer their assets in a tax efficient manner.

Mr. Doyle's books include *Preparing Fiduciary Income Tax Returns, Preparing*

Estate Tax Returns and Understanding and Using Trusts. He has been quoted in numerous business publications and has appeared as an expert on wealth management issues on CNBC, MSNBC and CNN.

There will be a panel discussion of church members describing their motivations behind giving to missions, church ministries or to honor a family member.

By attending, you will receive valuable information relative to your family situation from this nationally recognized speaker and learn from panel members about motivations for family giving.

Please make your reservations by Monday, September 21. Contact the Foundation at 614 488.0681 ext. 263 or dtorrance@FCchurch.com

Weekly Adult Learning Groups

For more details, visit FCchurch.com/adult-learning

<p>Men's Study Group The group continues meeting and discussing various topics. Men are welcome to join us at any time. Contact Price Finley at 614 488.7978 or price.finley@gmail.com, or Craig Sturtz at 614 481.9060 or craig.sturtz01@gmail.com</p>	<p>Wednesdays 7-8 am Wicker Room, South Campus</p>
<p>Wednesday Morning Fellowship Presentations and discussion of leading-edge topics. Ends promptly at 8 am.</p>	<p>Wednesdays 7-8 am Brownlee Hall, South Campus</p>
<p>Women Living the Questions The group will continue discussion of <i>Essential Writings</i> by Joan Chittister. Contact Linda Baldeck at lbaldeck927@gmail.com or 614 459.0722.</p>	<p>Wednesdays 9:30-11:30 am Wicker Room, South Campus</p>
<p>Contemplative Way Group 1 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.</p>	<p>Thursdays 11:45 am-1 pm Wicker Room, South Campus</p>
<p>Contemplative Way Group 2 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.</p>	<p>Saturdays 10-11:15 am Spiritual Guidance Rm, South Annex</p>



Tandana Literacy Program

■ By Anna Taft

First Community Church Mission Council has supported a variety of Tandana Foundation projects in Ecuador and Mali that support community members in achieving their goals. This year, they are supporting Tandana's Tommo So Literacy program, bringing it to two new villages.

The program began with 117 women in one village. Eventually, more women in neighboring villages wanted a chance to learn as well.

Thanks to FCC, 60 more women in two more villages will have a chance to participate. Through the only literacy program in the Tommo So language, they will learn to recognize and write letters, words and numbers and to do arithmetic, gaining the skills to buy and sell with confidence, use cell phones, and lead village projects, such as cotton banks.

Two previous students, Ada Kanambaye and Bintou Kansaye, are now instructors in the program, teaching their peers in neighboring villages. Ada is also the manager of her village's cotton bank since she has the skills to keep the books well.

Thank you for partnering with Tandana to provide opportunities like this to friends in other parts of the world. We invite you to join us on a volunteer vacation or contact us for more ways to get involved.

Learn about our work at tandanafoundation.org and write to us at info@tandanafoundation.org

Governing Board Update

■ By Erik Clark, Governing Board Chair

As I mentioned last month, we have a lot of great things going on over this summer that will shape the future of First Community Church for years to come. Our engagement planning and efforts continue, and the visit in July by Dr. Albert Winseman of Gallup was extraordinarily helpful.

The quiet phase of our capital campaign continues its steady progress as well. We're excited and confident about moving forward on our capital master plans and addressing the critical capital needs that we face, including a sanctuary at North Campus and improvements at South Campus and Akita.

We're also making important progress on our search for our next senior minister. The Governing Board appointed Ginny Barney to head the search committee, and, as you hopefully have heard, the Board is currently accepting nominations for candidates to fill the 8 remaining positions on the committee.

In late June, the Board approved a charter for the search committee, including a set of criteria to guide its decision on the remaining committee makeup. The criteria can be found on our search blog at FCchurch.com/search. While the timing cannot be certain, the Board likely will make a final decision on committee membership in late August.

From there, the Board and the committee will work together to establish a process to identify our priorities and desired qualities for a new senior minister, and to conduct the search.

Remember: the search for a new senior minister takes time, and we owe it to ourselves not to rush or skip steps. And while some aspects of a search must, of course, remain confidential, the Board and the search committee will be committed to sharing updates and information as fully and frequently as possible so that you are always aware of our progress.

August 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.

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| 1 | Judg. 6:1-10 | Matt. 16:5-12 |
| 2 | 2 Sam. 11:26-12:13a
Ps. 51:1-12 | Eph. 4:1-16
John:24-35 |
| 3 | 2 Sam. 12:15-25 | Eph. 4:17-24 |
| 4 | 2 Sam. 13:1-19 | 1 Cor. 12:27-31 |
| 5 | 2 Sam. 13:20-36 | Mark 8:1-10 |
| 6 | 2 Sam. 13:37-14:24 | Rom. 15:1-6 |
| 7 | 2 Sam. 14:25-33 | Gal. 6:1-10 |
| 8 | 2 Sam. 15:1-13 | Matt. 7:7-11 |
| 9 | 2 Sam. 18:5-9, 15, 31-33
Eph. 4:25-5:2
Ps. 130 | John 6:35, 41-51 |
| 10 | 2 Sam. 15:13-31 | Eph. 5:1-14 |
| 11 | 2 Sam. 18:19-33 | 2 Pet. 3:14-18 |
| 12 | 2 Sam. 19:1-18 | John 6:35-40 |
| 13 | 1 Kings 1:1-30 | Acts 6:8-15 |
| 14 | 1 Kings 1:28-48 | Rom. 16:17-20 |
| 15 | 1 Kings 2:1-11 | John 4:7-26 |
| 16 | 1 Kings 2:10-12, 3:3-14
Eph. 5:15-20
Ps. 111 | John 6:51-58 |
| 17 | 1 Kings 3:16-28 | Acts 6:1-7 |
| 18 | 1 Kings 7:1-12 | Acts 7:9-16 |
| 19 | 1 Kings 8:1-21 | Mark 8:14-21 |
| 20 | 1 Kings 4:20-28 | 1 Thess. 5:1-11 |
| 21 | 1 Kings 4:29-34 | Rom. 13:11-14 |
| 22 | 1 Kings 5:1-12 | Luke 11:5-13 |
| 23 | 1 Kings 8:1, 6, 10-11, 22-30, 41-43
Eph. 6:10-20
Ps. 84 | John 6:56-69 |
| 24 | 1 Kings 5:13-18 | Eph. 5:21-6:9 |
| 25 | 1 Kings 6:1-14 | Eph. 6:21-24 |
| 26 | 1 Kings 6:15-38 | John 15:16-25 |
| 27 | Song of Sol. 1:1-17 | James 1:1-8 |
| 28 | Song of Sol. 2:1-7 | James 1:9-16 |
| 29 | Hos. 3:1-5 | John 18: 28-32 |
| 30 | Song of Sol. 2:8-13
Ps. 45:1-2, 6-9
Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23 | James 1:17-27 |
| 31 | Song of Sol. 3:6-11 | 1 Tim. 4:6-16 |

2015 Habitat for Humanity Build

■ By Linda Larrimer

Myeshia McFadden and William Jennings are the partner family for the 2015 Habitat for Humanity MidOhio build located at 1803 South Fifth Avenue, Columbus, OH 43207. Myeshia and William are anxious to provide a decent home for their one-year-old daughter, Janissa.

This close-knit family is counting the days and months until they have a home to call their own and provide a stable and safe environment in which to raise their daughter.

Volunteers are welcome and needed to join in the building of this home. The

house will be built by the Northwest Adopt-a-House partnership in collaboration with Mifflin Presbyterian Church and the Fred Carver Foundation.

All are invited to the wall-raising celebration on July 25 at 9 am. Volunteer days will begin that day and will be working every Thursday from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm and every Saturday from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm.

For more information about the build and how you can help provide a new home for the McFadden/Jennings family, contact Phil Washburn at pwashburn@HabitatMidOhio.org or 614 568.5288

Youth Choir Registration

Register now for youth choirs at FCchurch.com/youthchoirs

All vocal choirs will meet in room 118 and bell choirs in Room 111 at the North Campus.

Beginning Sunday, September 13:

Middle School Vocal Ensemble:
10:45-11:30 (following Crossroads)

High School Vocal Ensemble:
12:15-1 (following the 11:30 Service)

Beginning Wednesday, September 16:

Kindergarten Choir: 5:30-6

Cherub Choir for grades 1 and 2: 6-6:30

Junior Choir (grades 3,4 & 5): 6:30-7:15

Bell Choir 1 (beginners): 7:15-7:45

Bell Choir 2 (advanced): 7:45-8:30

Bell Choirs are currently full. Contact Sally Beske at sbeske@FCchurch.com or 614 488.0681 ext. 107 to join the bell choir waiting list or for further information about youth choirs.

Detailed information about all youth choirs is available at FCchurch.com/youthchoirs and in hard copy on the bulletin boards outside of Room 118 at the North Campus.

Organization Financial Update

■ By Cindy Harsany

Thank you to those who are supporting First Community Church's programs in 2015. We are truly grateful and hope that your life is being blessed.

Our total budgeted income and expense this year is \$4,676,426. About half of this comes from your pledges, contributions and offerings. The 2015 pledge budget is \$2,118,000. We have received \$2,044,421 in pledges through June. This shows we still need \$73,000 to pay for our ministries in 2015.

Our financial statement through June shows that we are better than budget by \$23,096. This is due to the generosity of our congregation and the

care given to these programs by our staff.

The Media Ministry is an outreach program that we are blessed as an organization to be able to support. This ministry may change lives of those we may never meet. It cares for those in our congregation who can't be with us and welcomes new people to our church.

In 2015, we need additional financial support for this ministry. Our viewership has doubled since 2014. We have added a Midnight showing to go with our Sunday 11 am broadcast on WWHO-TV, The CW.

Together, we have the opportunity to make the world a better place.

January - June, 2015			
	YTD Budget	YTD Actual	(under)/over Difference
Income			
Pledge, Offerings, Contributions	\$ 1,310,029	\$ 1,305,965	\$ (4,064)
Fee Supported Ministries (Akita, Preschools, Trading Post)	\$ 1,281,627	\$ 1,357,216	\$ 75,589
Other Ministries	\$ 135,677	\$ 103,721	\$ (31,956)
Total Revenue	\$ 2,727,333	\$ 2,766,902	\$ 39,569
Expense			
			(over)/under
Program Salaries and Benefits	\$ 784,603	\$ 766,778	\$ 17,825
Facilities and Administration	\$ 417,067	\$ 440,148	\$ (23,081)
Fee Supported Ministries	\$ 780,417	\$ 786,083	\$ (5,666)
Other Ministries	\$ 310,622	\$ 316,173	\$ (5,551)
Total Expenses	\$ 2,292,709	\$ 2,309,182	\$ (16,473)
Net Revenue and Expenses			\$ 23,096

Baptism Sunday

Our next baptisms during worship will be on Kick-off Sunday, September 13 at both the North and South Campuses.

To schedule a baptism or for more information, please contact Paula Russell, Director of Congregational Care, at prussell@FCchurch.com or 614 488.0681 ext. 228.

If you are scheduling a baptism for the first time at First Community Church, there will be a baptism class on Thursday, September 10 from 7-8 pm in the Wicker Room, South Campus.

Rev. Jim Long will explain the meaning and practice of baptism, what occurs during the baptism and what our church offers to families with children.

A MONTH OF SUNDAYS

2 COMMUNION (B)
10 am • Grace Hall, NC - Rev. Shaner preaching Soloist
9 (C)
10 am • Grace Hall, NC - Rev. Long preaching Soloist
16 FARMER'S MARKET (A)
10 am • Grace Hall, NC - Rev. Baumer preaching Soloist
23 (B)
10 am • Grace Hall, NC - Rev. Hett preaching Soloist
30 AKITA SUNDAY (C)
10 am • Grace Hall, NC - Akita Staff
For additional information: (A) Usher assignments.
Click: FCchurch.com Email: info@FCchurch.com Call: 614 488.0681 Visit: The Welcome Centers

Quest Singles

Thursday, August 6, 6:30 pm
Dinner at Rancho Allegro
3140 Tremont Road

Sunday, August 16, 5:30 pm
Book Discussion
All the Light We Cannot See
by Anthony Doerr
MCL Cafeteria, Upper Arlington

Thursday, August 20, 6:30 pm
Dinner at Villa Nova Ristorante
5545 North High Street,
Worthington

Thursday, Sept. 3, 6:30 pm
Dinner at Tucci's
35 North High Street, Dublin

Thursday, Sept. 17, 6:30 pm
Dinner at Big Fat Greek Kuzina
2816 Fishinger Road

Sunday, Sept. 20, 5:30 pm
Book Discussion
(Title not yet decided)
MCL Cafeteria, Upper Arlington

We singles enjoy meeting new people, so join us for one of the dinners and/or book discussions above. Most of us are in our 50s, 60s, and on up, but we are an equal opportunity group and welcome all ages.

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

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

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