

Senior Minister Search Earns Go-Ahead



Ginny Barney
Chair, Senior Minister Search Committee

Seven months after the Search Committee had its first meeting, and after listening to over 500 First Community Church members and staff, the committee presented our candidate recruitment materials to the

Governing Board on March 29.

We received an excited “two thumbs up” response!

The first recruitment piece is an *Invitation to be our Senior Minister*. The invitation contains the basics of who we are as a congregation, what we believe, what issues we are facing in the near future and what attributes we are looking for in a Senior Minister.

Potential candidates interested in learning more are directed to our online profile, which shares information including videos and pictures about all aspects of the church. From worship services to mission work to all our

various ministries, we are a remarkable and special church. We want to share that vastness and diversity with our candidates. The committee wants to share the profile documents with you as well. They are available at fccseniorminister.com

We are now accepting candidates. The *Invitation* will be shared with potential candidates and key thought leaders including the names we received from the congregation. An ad has been placed with the *Christian Century* magazine, and information has been shared with many seminaries and denominational organizations.

Until now, the work of the committee has been very public as we gathered input and created a profile of our senior minister. As we move forward, the work of the committee will be private as we begin interviewing and researching our candidates.

Confidentiality will be essential to protect the privacy of the candidates and their current congregations. Our committee appreciates your understanding and asks for your prayers as we continue the process.

Message from Dr. Deborah Lindsay



Dr. Deborah Lindsay
Executive Minister

After a long period of prayerful discernment, I have asked the Search Committee not to include me as a candidate for the Senior Minister position.

It would have been a wonderful challenge, yet I believe it is not the role for me.

Since Dr. Wing announced his upcoming retirement, many in the congregation have encouraged me to consider the position, and I am deeply grateful for your affirmation.

As Executive Minister, I will continue to work with the congregation, staff, Governing Board and Search Committee as we call a Senior Minister and together live into whatever the future holds.

Long-Awaited Capital Projects Within Reach

Matching Funds Still Available

As the *REALIZE* Capital Campaign enters the home stretch with nearly \$10 million in pledges, all who have not yet pledged are encouraged to do so today.

Every contribution, regardless of size, is appreciated and contributes to the success of our Projects.

Matching funds still remain. Pledge Cards are available after worship and online at FCchurch.com/REALIZE



Faith and Certainty



Dr. Richard Wing
Senior Minister

Ideally, a congregation is a community with whom to share joy and sorrow. The church, at its best, is the company of those committed to standing by each other bringing love (not words) to life's moments of inevitable suffering.

We create more pain than promise when we speak when silence is needed.

Dr. Scott Peck said that we create chaos every time we seek to “heal, convert or fix someone.”

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Faith and Certainty

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Barbara Brown Taylor stood by her father's bed as he lay dying. She is among the best "speakers of faith" and he could no longer speak. She knew she had nothing to say that would help.

Later she wrote:

All I found out was how helpless love can be, with nothing left to do but suffer alongside with the beloved... I discovered that faith did not have the least thing to do with certainty.

Insofar as I had any faith at all, that faith consisted of trusting God in the face of my vastly painful ignorance, to gather up all the life in that room and do with it what God alone knew how to do. Since then, I have learned to prize holy ignorance more highly than religious certainty and to seek companions who have arrived at the same place.

We are a motley crew, distinguished not only by our inability to explain ourselves to those who are more certain of their beliefs than we... Like campers who have bonded over cook fires far from home, we remain grateful for the provisions that we have brought with us from those cupboards, but we also find them more delicious when we share them with one another under the stars.

In one way or another, every one of us has gotten the message that... how we treat one another is the best expression of our beliefs.

— Barbara Brown Taylor, *Leaving Church* pp. 224-225

Peace to you,



Write to Us

Any publication worth its weight relies on reader feedback for success. Consider writing a letter to the editor.

Send to mbarber@FCchurch.com

Letter to the Editor Facilities Ministry Appreciation

Did you know the 1320 building has several basement levels that previously housed youth groups, the business office, church historian and in-house publishing, or that Media still operates from the basement today?

Unless you are over 50 years old and grew up within the church, you probably haven't experienced our basement. Please note, I am not suggesting you venture there!

I would consider the basement the "brains" of the building, providing operating and system support throughout the nearly 58,000 square feet of space.

Those familiar with 1320 understand a boiler system, located in the basement, supplies steam heat during cold weather. The basement also houses another small boiler, which is part of our domestic hot water system.

This system also supports 30 sinks and a dishwasher. The old system was failing and was in need of replacement. The Foundation Board approved funds up to \$36,000 for a highly-efficient system to meet and exceed our needs for the next 20-30 years.

Our connecting pipes to the city's main water supply were also deteriorating and replaced during the project. The project spanned over several weeks in March.

The domestic hot water system and the steam boiler replacement from 2011 were large expenditures, but a small sampling of the many important and necessary projects supported by the church and its Foundation.

Your support allows us to continue to serve the many faces, hands and hearts we touch on a daily basis.

Blessings,

Pam Jameson
Director of Facilities Ministry



Hot water system, before and after.

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.

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Food Pantry Needs Muscle

■ By Linda Larrimer

Heart to Heart needs volunteers who can do the heavy lifting of packages weighing 50 pounds or more, picking up food from retailers to stock the pantry. Our pick-up schedule is:

Monday

Giant Eagle, Kingsdale, 6:30 - 7 am

Giant Eagle, Hilliard-Rome Road,

7:30 - 8:30 am

GFS, Hilliard-Rome Road, 8:30 - 9:30 am

Wednesday

GFS, Hilliard-Rome Road, 2 - 3 pm

Huffmans, Tremont Center, 2 - 3:30 pm

Friday

Giant Eagle, Kingsdale, 6:30 - 7:30 am

Saturday

Whole Foods, Easton 8 - 9 am

The Giant Eagle/Hilliard-Rome Road pick up usually requires a van or SUV.

Please visit the Heart to Heart page at FCchurch.com under "Missions" or contact Lamar Graham at 614 488.0681 ext. 203 or lgraham@FCchurch.com

Party at the Post

■ By Rebecca Wolfe

Spring is nature's way of saying, "Let's party!" — Robin Williams

After every winter, no matter how mild, spring is a welcome sight. Who can resist the beautiful flowering trees on Cambridge Boulevard? Who can drive by the clumps of daffodils in people's yards and not break out in a smile and a prayer? I say, along with the late Robin Williams, "Let's Party!"

The Tri-Village Trading Post can help you do just that with lovely items for your table, your garden, your patio and wherever else you would like to look on with a grin. Don't forget you need some colorful clothes as well for partying, and we are bringing new items into the shop every day. We look forward to seeing you soon. In the meantime – party on!

Donations and Volunteers Needed for Garage Sale

■ By Beth Hanson

Volunteers will begin converging on North Campus Sunday, May 8 and will spend an entire week assembling the 21st Annual Gigantic Mission Council Garage Sale.

The sale takes place Friday, May 13, 6:30 - 9 pm and Saturday, May 14, 8 am - 3 pm. Since our first sale in 1996, we have netted \$622,490. Think of all the help and comfort these earnings have brought to those in need.

We invite you to join the fun, challenge and satisfaction of participating in this huge undertaking. Everyone can contribute by volunteering, donating items or shopping.

Special needs are:

Sunday, May 8, 1:30 pm – 5 pm

Set up tables in Grace Hall and move furniture out of classrooms

Monday, May 9, 8:30 am - 5pm

Unload donated furniture from storage. We need 20 volunteers to assist *Two Men & a Truck* (who have donated their services) to help finish the job by 5 pm. Volunteering for a couple of hours would really help. If you have a truck, bring it!

Friday, May 13, 6:30 pm – 9 pm and Saturday, May 14, 8 am - 6 pm

- Lift large purchases into our truck and drive the truck so we can deliver them to customers' homes.
- Serving on our parking crew to help direct traffic during the sale.

Saturday, May 14, 3 pm – 8 pm

Cleaning up! Be a hero to those of us who have worked at the sale all week by riding up on your white horse to help with clean up.

Of course, we also have many less physical jobs and even sit down jobs that need to be filled. Everyone is

welcome. A list of suggested donations and also a list of things we do not take is posted on the church website and is also available at the Garage Sale table after church services.

NOTE: Items should be clean and in working order. If your donation has multiple pieces, please bag/box or tape them together as a unit. We prefer clothing on hangers. If you donate bed linens, it is helpful if you mark their size with a piece of masking tape (twin, queen, etc.)

Other ways to contribute:

- Donate supplies such as masking tape, packing tape, blue painter's tape, zip lock bags, shopping bags with handles, paper grocery bags, Sharpies, etc.
- Donate potted plants from the overgrowth in your garden. (Please mark each one indicating what kind of plant it is). These sell well.
- Donate food 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 (Twitter, Facebook & email).
- Make a cash donation to help defray some of our expenses for such things as tent & table rental, advertising, printing, etc. We also love to receive Donatos gift cards to feed hardworking volunteers during the sale.

We will begin accepting donations in the North Campus lobby May 8 at 2 pm through May 11 at 12 pm. For more information, contact Beth Hanson at 614 488.6526 or bethhanson@wowway.com

Parish Register

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

As of April 20, 2016

BIRTHS

Ava Elizabeth Rafeld 3/20/16
 Brianna Christine Rafeld 3/20/16
Daughters of Michelle & Jason Rafeld
Granddaughters of Christine & Blake Rafeld
Nieces of Jessica & Vince Rafeld Espada

HOSPITALIZATIONS

Dottie Cowles
 Haden DeRoberts
 Pidge Diehl
 Tom Norman
 Fred Truxall
 Jean Verwohlt
 Mike Weasel

DEATHS

Jeanne Scott 3/2/16
 Richard Heffelfinger 3/18/16
Husband of Rebecca Walstrom
 Mildred Vitz 3/19/16
Mother of Barb (Darrel) Irwin
 Robert Bauer, Sr 3/20/16
Father-in-law of Jean (Bob) Bauer
 Robert Arledge 3/21/16
Uncle of Ron Arledge
 Eunice Chutes 3/26/16
 Linda Readey 3/26/16
Wife of Jim Readey
 Mary Scott Musuraca 3/29/16
Mother of Peggy (Dennis) Concilla
 Anita Carmack 3/30/16
Mother of Aaron (Gwen) Carmack
 Brian Loe 3/30/16
Father of Beth Loe
Father of Ben Loe
 Tom Schoen 4/6/16
Uncle of Erica (Tim) Carlson
 Lynn Moreen 4/8/16
Sister-in-law of Bob Moreen
Aunt of Katy (Joshua) Farmer
 Jean Trabue Tefft 4/9/16
 Teresa Van Syckle 4/19/16
Niece of Barb (David) Tingley

Please send notifications of weddings, births, hospitalizations or deaths to prussell@FCchurch.com or 614 488.0681 ext 228.

Our Pastoral Care staff is available if you desire a visit or call during an illness, hospitalization or time of need.

Quest Singles

Thursday, May 5, 6:30 pm
 Dinner at Rancho Alegre
 1075 Dublin Road, Grandview

Sunday, May 15, 5:30 pm
 Book Discussion
 MCL Cafeteria at Kingsdale
 Book title is undecided.

Thursday, May 19, 6:30 pm
 Dinner at Cap City Diner
 1299 Olentangy Road

Thursday, June 2, 6:30 pm
 Dinner at Abuelo's Mexican Food Embassy
 3950 Gramercy, Easton

Thursday, June 16, 6:30 pm
 Dinner at Jason's Deli
 775 Yard Street 190, Grandview

Sunday, June 19, 5:30
 Book Discussion
 MCL Cafeteria at Kingsdale
 Book title is undecided.

Thursday, June 30, 6:30
 Dinner at the Chocolate Café
 1855 Northwest Blvd.

We singles enjoy meeting new people, so please join us. Most of us are in our fifties, sixties, and up, but we 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 call 614 771.4869 to verify the current plans. If you have an idea for a fun activity, let Nancy know



REALIZE

We are getting closer to *realizing* our \$15 million goal!

Since All-Member Phase, February 28

Pledge/Gift Amount..... \$800,364

Challenge Fund Remaining \$849,636

Overall Campaign (from Jan, 2014)

Total Commitments/Gifts..... \$9,812,497

Gifts In Discussion..... \$1,360,000

FCchurch.com/REALIZE

ElderWisdom

■ By Missy Obergefell

If you care about something you have to protect it. If you are lucky enough to find a way of life you love, you have to find the courage to live it.

— John Irving, *A Prayer for Owen Meany*

In our May *ElderWisdom* gathering, we will focus on this best-selling treasure. This old favorite, originally published in 1989, has been celebrated for its unique style and masterful coverage of its faith and social justice themes.

Whether this is your first experience of this book or if you are among those who've read it many times, you are invited to join our discussion. *ElderWisdom* is a discussion group that meets to explore books and topics that focus on the spiritual aspects of aging.

All ages are welcome. This month's meeting will be May 26 at 1 pm in the Older Adult meeting space on the second floor of South Campus.

Contact Lorelei Lanier Lotozo at 614 209.7125 or Missy Obergefell, Director of Older Adult Ministry, at missyo@FCchurch.com

Women's Guild

■ By Jill Eliot

Plautus said, "Let us celebrate the occasion with wine and sweet words." And we did celebrate with wine, words and song. A great Women's Guild luncheon day on April 23 was had by all.

As the program year winds down, we have a need for a lady to take over the position of Vice President of the Guild. Please let Karen Claussen know of your interest at Robert.claussen@yahoo.com

The Executive Board of the Women's Guild will be providing lunch for the Mission Council Garage Sale workers on Saturday, May 14. Various Guild groups will provide lunch throughout the week for workers. This is a wonderful community time for meeting and making new friends and buying someone's treasures. Happy hunting!

Volunteer Spotlight

■ By Kathy Tagliaferri

First Community Church 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 making the mission and vision of First Community Church a reality.



Our Volunteer of the Month for May is Melody Smiley

Melody grew up as a member of First Community Church. She and her husband,

Matt, have raised their six children in the church. Over the years, Melody taught Sunday School and children's classes, as well as helped with Youth Choir. Her recent involvement with the Heart to Heart food pantry has earned her recognition in this month's spotlight.

Melody and Matt like being involved with the pantry clients. "I receive so many blessings," she said. "Time is a valuable gift and it's important to help out with people's needs, whether you can make a short-term or long-term commitment." Melody encourages anyone to help out in the pantry, but especially on Mondays when strong backs are needed to unload food from the truck to fill the shelves.

She has met a lot of people over the years through volunteering at the church, which gives her a warm feeling about the church and its members.

What Lamar Graham, Director of Heart to Heart, has to say about Melody:

"It was easy to nominate Melody because of her love for people. She is very attentive and caring to all families coming in to volunteer with us at Heart to Heart by creating a family-oriented atmosphere. Melody is very trustworthy and dependable and exemplifies the love of God through her service."

Do you know an outstanding volunteer that should be featured in firstnews Monthly? Please contact Kathy Tagliaferri at kmtaglia@gmail.com to submit a nomination.

Share and Learn Gardens Growing

■ By Jen Short

The Share and Learn Gardens at North Campus are expanding this year. Volunteers, led by master gardeners Cheryl and Loren Van Deusen, are building a new 40 foot raised garden bed.

The growth was made possible by receipt of a grant from Scott's Miracle Grow Company, which provided soil, fertilizer, mulch and other garden supplies. The additional garden bed will increase the amount of fresh produce that we can donate to Heart to Heart this summer.

During the growing season, volunteers plant, water, weed and harvest fresh vegetables. Once a week, vegetables are delivered to Heart to Heart where they are distributed to local families in need. We also provide produce for the church's Farmer's Market, held August 12 after worship at North Campus.

If you have a garden at home, please consider adding extra plants for donation to the Farmer's Market. Tomatoes, squash and herbs are always in demand. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Cheryl Van Deusen at 614 824.7870 or clvandeu@columbus.rr.com

Dr. Wing to Receive Living Faith Award

Dr. Richard Wing will receive a special 25th Anniversary Award from the Metropolitan Area Church Council (MACC) during their Living Faith awards breakfast Thursday, May 26.

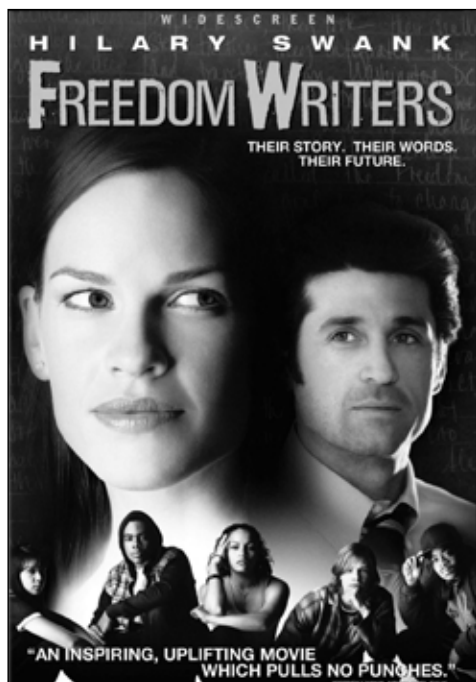
The awards are given to those who "exemplify their faith through service and compassion. "The award is in honor of my 22 years as Senior Minister," Dr. Wing said. "It truly belongs to the congregation that has affirmed my ministry daily and allowed me to serve over the long haul."

For more information, visit spiritualitynetwork.org

May 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	Acts 16:9-15	Rev. 21:10, 22-22:5
	Psalm 67	John 14:23-29
2	1 Chron. 12:16-22	Rev. 21:5-14
3	2 Chron. 15:1-15	Rev. 21:15-22
4	2 Chron. 34:20-33	Luke 2:25-38
5	Acts 1:1-11	Eph. 1:15-23
	Ps. 47	Luke 24:44-53
6	Exod. 33:12-17	Rev. 22:6-9
7	Exod. 33:18-23	John 1:14-18
8	Acts 16:16-34	John 17:20-26
	Ps. 97	Rev. 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21
9	Exod. 40:16-38	Acts 16:35-40
10	2 Chron. 5:2-14	Acts 26:19-29
11	Eze. 3:12-21	Luke 9:18-27
12	Is. 32:11-17	Gal. 5:16-25
13	Is. 44:1-4	Gal.s 6:7-10
14	2 Kings 2:1-15a	Luke 1:5-17
15	Acts 2:1-11	Ps. 104:24-34, 35b
	Rom. 8:14-17	John 14:8-17, 25-27
16	Joel 2:18-29	1 Cor. 2:1-11
17	Eze. 11:14-25	1 Cor. 2:12-16
18	Num. 24:1-14	Luke 1:26-38
19	Prov. 3:13-18	Eph. 1:17-19
20	Prov. 3:19-26	Eph. 4:1-6
21	Prov. 4:1-9	Luke 2:41-52
22	Prov. 8:1-4, 22-31	Rom. 5:1-5
	Ps. 8	John 16:12-15
23	Prov. 7:1-4	Eph. 4:7-16
24	Prov. 8:4-21	Eph. 5:15-20
25	Dan. 1:1-21	Luke 1:46b-55
26	1 Kings 12:20-33	2 Cor. 5:11-17
27	1 Kings 16:29-34	2 Cor.s 11:1-6
28	1 Kings 18:1-19	Luke 4:31-37
29	1 Kings 18:20-39	Gal. 1:1-12
	Ps. 96	Luke 7:1-10
30	Eze. 8:1-18	Acts 8:26-40
31	Eze. 14:1-11	Acts 3:1-10



May Film Group

Friday, May 6
 6 pm, social and pizza
 6:30 pm, movie
 Wicker Room, South Campus

A dedicated teacher in a racially-divided high school teaches at-risk teenagers deemed incapable of learning.

Sensing their need to be heard without judgment, she encourages her students to open up by writing essays that she reads without grading or sharing.

Gaining a clearer understanding of their heartaches and fears, she finds ways to open communication between warring ethnic and racial groups, inspiring them to look beyond their current lives and see the possibilities.

Hilary Swank stars in this inspiring story that values educators and decries labels.

Laura Elliott will facilitate discussion of this film. Please RSVP by Thursday, May 5 to Jennie Nickel at 614 529.9930 or jnickel@columbus.rr.com or at FCchurch.com/film-discussion-group

The 16 Strivings for God

Safe Alliance of Interfaith Leaders (SAIL)
 Steven Reiss, PhD, Professor Emeritus of Psychology, OSU
May 1, 3 pm
 Dublin Community Recreation Center,
 5600 Post Road

The Center for Spiritual Search is co-sponsoring this event, along with SAIL and the Worthington Interfaith Neighbors. Dr. Steven Reiss subtitles his new book as *The New Psychology of Spiritual Experience*.

Refreshments and guided conversations will follow the presentation. Space is limited. Register at safeallianceofinterfaithleaders.org

You will receive an event confirmation by email. Free and open to individuals of all faiths, or no faith. Donations gratefully accepted.

'Strivings' Book & Lecture Review

Thursday, May 5, 7 - 8:15 pm
 Wicker Room, South Campus

Rev. David Hett will facilitate a discussion for those members and friends of The Center for Spiritual Search who attended Dr. Reiss' May 1 talk at Dublin Community Recreation Center, and/or those who have read his book, and/or those who are just interested in learning about this topic.

Register at fcchurch.com/16-strivings

Save the Date Women's Retreat Day of Renewal

Breathing, Laughter and Other Good Things with Joyce Johnson

Saturday, June 18, 9 am – 2:30 pm
 North Campus

Details coming to FCchurch.com/renewal

The Bible & Spiritual Well-Being

Sunday Morning Seminar
May 1 – June 5, 9:30 – 10:45 am
 Wicker Room, South Campus

Seminary Professors Paul Kim and Fulgence Nyengele lead this special five-week seminar in utilizing the Bible for spiritual and emotional self-care and the care of others.

Using the Bible and the latest psychological research as lenses, they will explore topics like wholeness (what is a good life?), happiness (what makes life worth living?), grief (what is it?), forgiveness (must we always forgive?), hope (what makes hope possible?), and meaning-making.

This class will use class dialogue, psychological analysis, the news and social media and the biblical text as resources.

Dr. Paul Kim is a professor of the Hebrew Bible and the Williams Chair of Biblical Studies at the Methodist Theological School in Ohio (MTSO). Dr. M. Fulgence Nyengele is a professor of Pastoral Care and Counseling at MTSO.

Register at FCchurch.com/bible

Weekly Adult Learning Groups

Classes are free except where noted and open to the public. For information on books, registration or financial aid, contact Natalia at njones@FCchurch.com or 614 488.0681 ext. 151 (voicemail only).

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

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<p>Tuesday at Ten In May, the group will be wrapping up the study of Stephen Prothero's <i>God is Not One</i>. On May 3, Grey Austin will share his insights on Daoism. May 10 explores a chapter on Atheism, concluding on May 17 with final thoughts on the book. Participants will be updated on the class schedule by email or class handouts. Full schedule at FCchurch.com/tuesday-at-10</p>	<p>Tuesdays 10 – 11:30 am Wicker Room, SC</p>
<p>Men's Study Group Reading and discussion of <i>Christianity After Religion</i> by Diana Butler Bass. Contact Price Finley at 614 361.6567 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, SC</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, SC</p>
<p>Women Living the Questions Explore in a safe environment any aspects of the spiritual life. We share and discuss books and videos and occasional guest speakers. Currently, we are viewing the videos of Richard Rohr and James Finley, <i>Following the Mystics Through the Narrow Gate</i>. Contact Linda Baldeck at lbaldeck927@gmail.com</p>	<p>Wednesdays 9:30 – 11:30 am Wicker Room, SC</p>
<p>Wednesday Evening Bible Study This Bible Study is led by the Reverend Jim Long.</p>	<p>Wednesdays 7 – 8:15 pm Conference Room, NC</p>
<p>Contemplative Way Group A time of sacred reading—Teresa of Avila's <i>Interior Castle</i>; 30-minute meditation time; reflection & discussion. Facilitated by Rev. David Hett and other spiritual directors. Free-will offering.</p>	<p>Thursdays 11:45 am – 1 pm Wicker Room, SC</p>

Heidelberg Concert Invite

■ By Peggy Johnson

You're invited to enjoy an evening of exceptional choral music presented by the Heidelberg University Concert Choir and Chamber Singers on Tuesday, May 17, at 7 pm in the sanctuary at South Campus. The concert, *Sun, Moon, and Stars*, celebrates the wonder of life in both nature and one's spirit. The performance is directed by Dr. Greg Ramsdell and is part of the choir's spring tour which includes six evening concerts in Ohio, Michigan and New York and visits to ten high schools.

Dr. Ramsdell is a member of the faculty of the University's School of Music and Theatre. This is his fifth year as director of the 55-member Concert Choir. The concert is free and open to the public. A free-will offering will be taken to offset the choir's travel expenses.

The Worship and Arts Council is providing dinner for the choir members before the concert. There will be an informal reception after the concert, where host families can meet their students. All students need to be back at South Campus by 8 am on Wednesday morning to board their bus. Many thanks to all who have volunteered to house these students overnight.

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

March 2016	Month	YTD
Households	473	801
Individuals	1,322	3,649
Children	396	1,117
Adults	712	1,963
Seniors	214	569
Total Meals	11,898	32,841
Unique Volunteers	26	105



Enough Already

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Enough Already is published by Faith and American Politics, Inc. Faith and American Politics is a program created by First Community Church members in 2004 to respond to growing incivility about American politics and religion.

Political cartoons depict six scenarios where we can change the conversation by using communication tools to calm the rhetoric and find out how others arrive at their political and religious beliefs. *Enough Already* is ideal for group and family discussion.

A MONTH OF SUNDAYS

1 FOUNDATION SUNDAY (B)

8:30 am • Burkhart Chapel, SC - Rev. Long preaching
 8:30 am • Grace Hall, NC - Dr. Lindsay preaching
 9:45 am • Grace Hall, NC - Dr. Lindsay preaching
 Chancel Chamber Choir, Youth Bell Choir 2,
 Kindergarten & Cherub Choirs
 11 am • Sanctuary, SC - Dr. Lindsay preaching
 Chancel Choir
 11:05 am • Grace Hall, NC - Rev. Shaner preaching

8 MOTHER'S DAY/BAPTISM SUNDAY (C)

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, Youth Bell Choir 1
 11 am • Sanctuary, SC - Dr. Wing preaching
 Chancel Choir
 11:05 am • Grace Hall, NC - Rev. Hett preaching

15 BLOCK OF WOOD & COMMUNION (A)

11 am • Sanctuary, SC - Dr. Wing preaching
 Chancel Choir

22 (B)

8:30 am • Burkhart Chapel, SC - Rev. Long preaching
 8:30 am • Grace Hall, NC - Rev. Shaner preaching
 9:45 am • Grace Hall, NC - Rev. Shaner preaching
 Chancel Chamber Choir
 11 am • Sanctuary, SC - Rev. Long preaching
 Chancel Choir, Whitechapel Ringers
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Youth News

■ By Julie Richards

Sunday School Volunteers

Each Sunday morning, the K-5 Ministry offers Sunday school in five rooms at North Campus and two at South. We are extremely thankful for the support of our amazing, dedicated volunteers.

Volunteering in the classroom is a wonderful way to find out what your child is learning in Sunday school while also having the chance to meet your child's church friends. All lesson materials are supplied and no special skills are required. If you are a relative of a K-5 child and are interested in helping with the K-5 Ministry, contact Julie Richards at jrichards@FCchurch.com

K-12 Council

The K-12 Council is looking for parents of K-5 children to join the council starting in September. We meet on the second Tuesday of the month, September through May, at North Campus from 7 to 8:15 pm. Council members support our K-12 programming and share their input about topics that come up throughout the year.

New Member Seminar

Our Membership Seminars are an opportunity to hear about the history, programs and inclusiveness of First Community Church and become acquainted with clergy, staff and congregation members.

Whether you are ready to become a member or would simply like to learn more about our church, we invite you to join us for our upcoming Membership Seminar, on Sunday, June 5 at our North Campus, Room 115 from 12:30 - 3 pm. Lunch is provided.

Childcare will be provided as requested. RSVP by contacting Kristy Glaser, Coordinator of New Member Engagement, kglaser@FCchurch.com or 614 488.0681 ext. 161.



Save the Date Morning Song 2016

■ By Ronald Jenkins

God's Love and Amazing Grace Sunday, June 12

9:15 and 11 am

Grace Hall, North Campus

Our Annual Service of Music presented by the Chancel Choir and an orchestra of forty-five instrumentalists from the Columbus Symphony Orchestra, with dancers Judson Veach and Sarah Cordia. Ronald J. Jenkins, *Minister of Music and Liturgy/conductor*
Dr. Deborah Lindsay, *homilist*

Rejoice in the Choice

New Service Added to North Campus

■ By Michael Barber

Echoing the success of last spring's more relaxed North Campus service, a new alternative manner of worship has returned at 11:05 am.

This new service adds to the 8:30 and 9:45 am services taking place Sunday mornings in Grace Hall.

The 45-minute service includes acoustic guitar, candle lighting, a children's song and a brief homily. Families are encouraged to worship together with their children as no child care is scheduled.

The service continues through June 5 with the exception of one Sunday. On May 15, we will all gather in one place, South Campus, to celebrate Block of Wood Sunday.

The 11:05 am service is expected to return in September when our regular fall schedule begins. Sunday services at South Campus remain unchanged at 8:30 and 11 am.

Burkhart Legacy Project

■ By Missy Obergefell & Priscilla Ratliff

The Older Adult Council is initiating a project to preserve the legacy of Dr. Burkhart, who served our congregation as Senior Minister from 1935-1958.

There are still over 200 members who were in our congregation at time of Dr. Burkhart's ministry. Imagine the wealth of stories, pictures and memorabilia these people could make available to us.

One aspect of this project will be compiling oral histories. If you were impacted by Dr. Burkhart and have a story you're willing to share, please contact us to arrange an interview.

We are also interested receiving books, articles, photos and letters by or about Dr. Burkhart that you would be willing to donate to help establish a permanent Burkhart Legacy Collection in the church library and archives.

If you have materials you wish to share but keep, let us know. We are interested in as full a picture of his life and ministry as possible. Donations to support this effort are appreciated.

Contact Missy at 614 488-0681, ext. 246 or mobergefell@FCchurch.com

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The Seeds of Hope Garden volunteers were back at the North Campus this week. They are rebuilding and preparing the garden beds outside the Mary Evans Child Development Center. The devoted crew also put together the new weather vane that the school purchased in honor of the retirement of the previous Administrator, now gardener, Jamy Zambito.