



## About Us

The United Church of Christ (UCC) is a distinct and diverse community of Christians that come together as one church to join faith and action. With over 5,000 churches and nearly one million members across the US, the UCC serves God in the co-creation of a just and sustainable world. The UCC is a church of firsts, a church of extravagant welcome, and a church where "...they may all be one" (John 17:21).

## The Church of Firsts

Since 1957, the United Church of Christ has been the church of firsts, weaving God's message of hope and extravagant welcome with action for justice and peace. Together, we live out our faith in ways that effect change in our communities. The UCC's many "firsts" mean that we have inherited a tradition of acting upon the demands of our faith. When we read in Galatians: "There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus"—a demand is made upon us. And so we were the first historically white denomination to ordain an African-American, the first to ordain a woman, the first to ordain an openly gay man, and the first Christian church to affirm the right of same-gender couples to marry. We were in the forefront of the anti-slavery movement and the Civil Rights movement. Our response to the demands of our faith is woven into the history of our country.

*And we aren't done yet!*

## We believe that God is still speaking!

There is more to do! We labor to fight injustice and spread peace at home and abroad. First Church in Oberlin has many local and international initiatives, and the UCC global ministries network has more than 200 mission partners in 90 countries around the world.

*Together, we are people of possibility!*



## The First Church in Oberlin

United Church of Christ

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- ⇒ Drop us an email
- ⇒ Find us on the internet
- ⇒ Follow us on Facebook
- ⇒ Watch us on YouTube
- ⇒ Visit us on Sunday!

Office hours: Monday—Friday  
9am until noon and 1pm until 4pm.



*Welcome to*

## The First Church in Oberlin United Church of Christ



*No matter who you are,  
or where you are  
on life's journey,  
YOU are welcome here!*

**Worship with us Sundays at 10am**

Holy Communion is celebrated on the first Sunday of each month.  
Childcare is available.



**Our faith  
is over 2,000  
years old.**

**Our thinking  
is not.**

First Church is on the National Register of Historic Places and is a celebrated Oberlin Historical Landmark with deep roots and a rich social and religious history. But we're not a museum or stuck in the past.

Founded in 1834, First Church continues to be a vibrant, forward-thinking congregation with an inspired commitment to benevolence, mission work, and social action—locally and globally—centered in worship as we strive to discern the will of God and best accomplish the work of God.

We recognize our calling both as individuals and as the church to live actively in the world:

- ministering to its needs
- contributing to the welfare of all
- being enriched by music, art, diversity and culture
- working through institutions and society to reflect God's just and loving purposes for the world
- seeking justice and liberation for all.

We invite you to add your voice to ours as we grow in faith and extend our heritage of love and justice.



**First Church is an—**  
*Open and Affirming, Just Peace  
Global Mission, Green Justice  
Community in Oberlin since 1834.*

No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome in this United Church of Christ congregation.

Whether you are just visiting, questioning, looking for a welcoming community, or firm in your Christian faith— YOU are welcome here.

We invite you to become a part of our community of faith, to grow spiritually, to encounter God's inclusive and effusive grace in worship and fellowship, and to work and witness for greater justice and peace in our world.

**Meet our Pastor,  
Rev. David T. Hill**



A graduate of Colgate University, he holds a Master of Divinity degree from Yale Divinity School. After serving as Pastor of the First Congregational UCC in Jefferson, Ohio for ten years, he accepted the call to First Church in 2003.

## First Church Ministries & More



First Church has many ministries and committees that you can become involved in, as well as many community organizations that meet regularly within the building. Folks that gather for worship, continue to gather throughout the week during social events, educational sessions, music rehearsals and more.

- Children's Church & Sunday School
- Adult Faith Formation & Education
- Wednesday Night Supper
- Finney Choir & Children's Choir
- Celebration Bells
- Youth Group
- Mission Trips and Service events
- Committees: Christian Education, Facilities, Finance, Fellowship, Outreach, Witness and Membership & Worship
- Special interest groups: Book Group, Prayerful Stitchers, Called to Care, Green Team, History Group, Finney Tent Society...
- Support Groups: AA, Alanon, NA, Alzheimers...
- Special events and concerts
- And other activities as scheduled

Your donations support the ministries of First Church and the UCC both locally and globally. Contributions can be received via check, cash or online (QR code). You may also stop by the church office to make a donation. We are grateful to all our faithful stewards!

