

Enter to Worship
Depart to Serve

This Week at First Church

- 5/3
11 a.m. **Worship Virtual**
6:30 p.m. **Youth Gathering Virtual**
- 5/4
7 p.m. **Book Club Virtual**
- 5/5
7 p.m. **Justice & Mercy Virtual**
8 p.m. **Tim's Bible Study on Comfort Virtual**
- 5/6
10:30 a.m. **Book Study Virtual**
6 p.m. **Christian Education Virtual**
- 5/7
10:30 a.m. **Acts Comes Alive Bible Study Virtual**
- 5/9
8:30 a.m. **House & Grounds**
9 a.m. **Flower Pickup**
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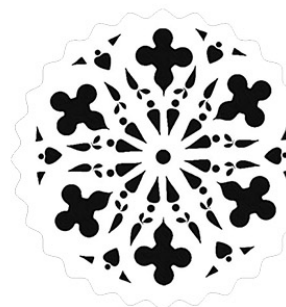
Today is Teacher Appreciation Sunday. We are so thankful for the ministry of our Faith Formation Teachers and Facilitators. They quietly come each Sunday and share the good news with our children, youth, and adults. Thanks be to God for their faith and dedication to this ministry.

It is also National Teacher Appreciation Week, and we give thanks for their work and commitment, especially during this pandemic. Give a virtual hug to all our teachers!

Keep in Prayer

Prayers of celebration and joy on the birth of Stella Rose Potts, daughter of Caitlin and Alexi Potts, and great-granddaughter Marilyn Potts.

Joan Lebold; Dr. Karl Danneberger, Sallie, Marc and Kyle Danneberger; Paul Flocken; Wendy and Ryan Kirkland; Rev. Earl Fritz and Pauline Fritz; Amy Smith, sister of Sarah Lange; Arlene Reynolds; Joyce Marcum, sister of Betty Johnson Conn; Ron Hickman, grandfather of Nathan and Sarah Sadie; Kelly Harris, friend of Mark Williams; Ilene Beasley, friend of Steven Ferris; those who mourn the loss of loved ones, including; Amanda Butler and family, on the loss of cousin Rachi; Mariner Taft, on the loss of his service dog, Taco; Rabbi Rick Kellner, on the loss of his mother, Linda; all medical professionals in our congregation who are on the front lines; and all those affected by illness, especially the Coronavirus, locally, nationally and globally.



Engage

First Church will provide lunches for 125 people at The Largest Table at St. John's UCC on Wednesday, May 13 at 11a.m.

6 volunteers are needed for each shift. Bring your own mask. Gloves provided.

The shifts are:

8:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m.: First Congregational Church-make sandwiches and pack lunches

10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.: meet at First Church to load lunches in cars and distribute meals at St. Johns.

In order to help us ensure proper social distancing practices, we ask that you sign-up before the event with Rev. Emily Corzine at ecorzine@first-church.org or 614-580-2084.

The First Church Book Club will meet via Zoom on May 4 at 7 p.m. Andrew Welsh-Huggins will lead the discussion of Ann Patchett's *The Dutch House*. For more information email communications@first-church.org

Future selections are:

Olive, Again by Elizabeth Stroudt. (June)

There There by Tommy Orange (July)

Youth Flower order pick up is **Saturday, May 9**, from 9 a.m. til noon. Please drive to the back Education Wing Door. Please stay in your car. A youth will bring your order and place it in your car. **All must wear masks.**

There are extra flowers and plants available for sale during this time. Please contact Mark Williams, mwilliams@first-church if you want to purchase.

Acts Comes Alive!

Bible Study with Rev. Dr. Tim Ahrens

Acts Comes Alive when we read, study and follow the way of **THE** First Church people. We invite you to explore 6 of the 12 keys for Reviving the Church in our times. We will meet in a ZOOM classroom each Thursday morning from 10:30-11:30 a.m. from April 30-June 4. It will be lively and interactive. We invite you to pause whatever work or teaching you are doing and join us.

Here is the line-up of weeks of study.

April 30 – The Gospel of the Holy Spirit

May 7 – Conversion: Turning from Darkness to Light

May 14 – Community: The Fellowship of Hope

May 21 – Spirituality: Prayer as Saving Grace

May 28 – Servant Leadership: Ten Qualities Needed to Serve Christ

June 4 – Mission Unleashed: Getting the Community of Faith Out into the World

You can download the study materials for the class at <https://www.first-church.org/protected/ArticleView.aspx?iid=63AYGYY&dasi=4G3AI>

To Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82768596282?pwd=VTIE-aXZveUdDYnRmZkV6NGdLWHI4UT09>

Meeting ID: 827 6859 6282

Password: 832922

Rev. Tim's Online Bible Study on Comfort

You are invited to join Rev. Tim for an online Bible study. This is the last meeting of the six-week study on comfort. The meeting will be held on Zoom, Tuesday, May 5, at 8:00 p.m.

To Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/880103445?pwd=TkF3M0ZjU0t-JSzhwam54Q203NUx4Zz09>

Meeting ID: 880 103 445 Password: 210065

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This week cash and designated checks go to **BREAD**. BREAD (Building Responsibility, Equality, and Dignity) is the organization through which our congregation works for social justice. BREAD has a 22-year history of improving the quality of life in Central Ohio by researching serious community problems and gathering the power of people in nearly 40 congregations to press public officials to implement proven solutions to those problems. **BREAD rises!** Thank you for your generosity.



Upcoming Mission:

5/10 – Good Samaritan Fund

Recent Mission Totals:

4/5	Good Sam	\$7,250.50
4/12	OGHS	\$1,572.50
4/19	Charitable Pharm	\$701.50
4/26	Knight Perry	\$750.50

Thank you for your generosity!

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