

May 17, 2020

Enter to Worship Depart to Serve

This Week at First Church

All worship and meetings are virtual; please contact host for details.

- 5/17
11 a.m. Worship
6:30 p.m. Youth Group
- 5/18
Noon Grief Support Group
3 p.m. Confirmation Class
6 p.m. Budget and Finance Meeting
- 5/19
7 p.m. Church Council Meeting
- 5/20
10:30 a.m. Book Study
- 5/21
10:30 a.m. Acts Comes Alive Bible Study

Calling All Graduates!

If you or a family member is graduating from high school or college this year, send us some information including the individual's name, the school they are graduating from, and their degree and possible future plans. We will be recognizing our graduates in an upcoming Connections email. Send the information to awagner@first-church.org before May 22. You also may include a photo (electronic image only).

Food Drive

The Youth of First Congregational Church will conduct a "Drive By Food Drive" on June 13th from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. on the West Lot. The food drive will benefit the Gladden Community Food Pantry and the Broad Street Presbyterian Food Pantry. They are collecting non-perishable food items and monetary donations. This is a great opportunity for scouting groups, community organizations, neighborhood organizations and companies to join forces to help those in need. More information will be coming soon.

Introducing Summer 2020 Camp 2.0!

Many of your familiar counselors and directors will be leading worship, morning watch, vespers, hands on activities you can do at home, camp cabin/family group discussion, and/or more! ***ALL FOR FREE.***

These activities will happen in a variety of ways, through a website, video links, Zoom-type classrooms, a mailed packet of activities that you can do at home, and more.

More details and registration information will be available by May 15th

For more information visit:

<https://www.facebook.com/107640810145/posts/10156759966795146/?d=n>

HEARTLAND CONFERENCE OF CHRIST OUTDOOR MINISTRIES

ANNOUNCING SUMMER 2020 CAMP 2.0
It's Virtual
It's Free
It's Full of the Stuff You Love

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.

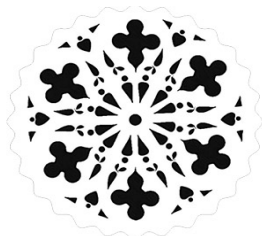
Here is the line-up of weeks of study.

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=VTlEaX-ZveUdDYnRmZkV6NGdLWlHI4UT09>

Meeting ID: 827 6859 6282
Password: 832922



Keep in Prayer

Paul Zimmerman, father of Doug Zimmerman; Fran Panek; Lindy Miller; Tito Sanchez, friend of Dayna McCrary; Joan Lebold; Paul Flocken; The Dannenbergers; the Kirklands; Rev. Earl Fritz and Pauline Fritz; Amy Smith, sister of Sarah Lange; Arlene Reynolds; Mariner Taft; Joyce Marcum, sister of Betty Conn; Kelly Harris, friend of Mark Williams; Ilene Beasley, friend of Steven Ferris; all medical professionals in our congregation who are on the front lines and all those affected by illness, especially the Coronavirus including: Alex Ramsey, grandson of Nancy Livingston; and Randy Matlock, co-worker of Denise Vogt; Calvin Roth, Father of Julie Roth; Michael Fitzmaurice and his brother, Stephan Mano; Austin Akey, grandson of Melva Fisher; Richard Brant; Mike Bittle, brother-in-law of Melva Fisher; and those who mourn the loss of loved ones, including the family and friends of Carl Miller, Peggy Alexander and Patty Pohlman; Mike Valinis and family on the death of his brother, Adam Valinis; Jorge Fernandez, on the death of his mother; and Allen Baker, on the death of his brother.

Emergency Pastoral Care Line

If you need to be in touch with Rev. Ahrens or Rev. Corzine, for emergency pastoral care or name a prayer request, please call this number 614-733-4547 and leave a message. Someone will return your call as needed.

Give

At First Church, our financial resources enable us to “Enter to worship, depart to serve.” You can support the mission and ministry of First Church now by scanning the QR Code, using either EasyTithe or PayPal, by visiting www.first-church.org/give.aspx, or by sending your offering directly to First Congregational Church, 444 E Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215. For more information, please contact Pam Mantor at pmantor@first-church.org or Rev. Emily Corzine at ecorzine@first-church.org.

Cash and designated checks go to Strengthen the Church. The Strengthen the Church offering supports the expansion of ministry and growth of UCC local congregations. Your support of this offering will help the UCC fulfill on its commitment to creating a just world for all by investing in new ministries and practices that meet the emerging needs of local communities. Thank you for your generosity,



Upcoming Mission:

5/24- Lutheran Social Services: Homeless Veterans Families

5/31- Youth Mental Health Project
(selected by the 2020 Confirmation Class)

Thank you for your generosity!

Church Leadership

Senior Minister Rev. Dr. Timothy C. Ahrens, M.Div., D. Min.

Associate Minister Rev. Emily Krause Corzine, M. Div.

Minister of Music Kevin Jones, M. M., M.S.E.

Director of Christian Education Mark S. Williams, M. Ed.

Administrative Manager Amy Wagner

Office Assistant Pat Patterson

Communications Consultant Melissa Kulwicki

Financial Assistant Pam Mantor

Building and Grounds Superintendent Mark Dahnke

Building and Grounds Assistant Darrell Cross

Custodian Jimmy Sibrian

Wedding Coordinators Amy Wagner, Janet Newcity, Shelly Gies, Margaret Cipriani, Katie Wagner

Nursery Staff Miranda Brooks, Norma Secor, Blessing Weekly, Miranda Gumbita

Senior Deacon James Velo

Deacons Carol Ernst-King, Shelly Gies, Sarah Giffen, Scott Graham, Greg Halbe, Lanier Holt, Antoinette Koolemans-Beynen, James Lowe, Dayna McCrary, Allison Lowery Palmer, Mark Sholl, Andrew Smith-Verhage, Al Waddell, Marty Worth

Church Council Leadership

Moderator Lynn Wallich; **Moderator-elect** Alec Deitz;

Treasurer Dennis Secor; **Treasurer-elect** Matt Myers;

Secretary Jim Griffin; **Secretary-elect** Peter Murray

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