



Enter to Worship
Depart to Serve

This Week at First Church

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

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| 5/24 11 a.m. | Worship |
| 5/25 | Office closed |
| 5/26 7 p.m. | Confirmands Recording |
| 5/28 10:30 a.m. | Acts Comes Alive Bible Study |

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.

First Church to be Part of The Big Give

The Big Give, through **The Columbus Foundation**, **June 10, 10 a.m. – June 11 at 11 a.m.**, is our community’s rally to lift up and help nonprofits. Through The Big Give, our community joins together to generously support the nonprofits that help make our region an amazing place to live. During this 25-hour online giving event, your donation to The Giving Store will be boosted, thanks to a \$1.5 million Bonus Pool, provided by The Columbus Foundation and corporate and community partners—the largest in Big Give history! Further, all credit card fees will be covered by the Foundation, so 100 percent of your donations go to the nonprofit(s) of your choice. We hope you will join us in this extraordinary opportunity to rally together because we are truly better together. More information will be coming very soon!

Introducing Summer 2020 Camp 2.0!

Read all about it and register online here:

https://bit.ly/HeartlandCamp2_0

What’s in store?

Your favorite camps:

- Choir
- Sports
- MMADD
- Faith Adventures
- Grands and Pals
- Hanging with the Spirit

A fun online interface with our all new Camp 2.0 web site!

And it’s all free (though we are gratefully accepting donations to support the mission of Heartland Conference Outdoor Ministries)!

See you around the virtual campfire this summer!

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.

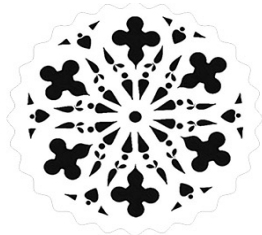
Here is the line-up of weeks of study.

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-ZveUdDYnRmZkV6NGdLWHI4UT09>

Meeting ID: 827 6859 6282
Password: 832922



Keep in Prayer

Martha Huey; Paul Zimmerman, father of Doug Zimmerman; Fran Panek; Lindy Miller and Tito Sanchez, friend of Dayna McCrary; Paul Flocken; Rev. Earl Fritz and Pauline Fritz; Calvin Roth, father of Julie Roth; Michael Fitzmaurice and his brother, Stephan Mano; Amy Smith, sister of Sarah Lange; Arlene Reynolds; 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: Jonathan Miller's father and Finnegan's grandfather, George J. Miller; Susie Loik's daughter, Kristen Glover, RN at Corrections Reception Center in Pickaway County; and those who mourn the loss of loved ones, including; Pat Patterson's daughter-in-law Chelsea Patterson, on the death of her mother, Dorothy Ferguson; Sam and Jean Lebold and family on the death of Sam's mother, Joan Lebold; the family and friends of Carl Miller who died from COVID-19; 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 dedicated checks go to **Lutheran Social Services**. Their neighborhood partner, Faith Mission, has two programs for homeless veterans – emergency shelter beds specifically for veterans and the Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) program. SSVF helps veteran families obtain stable housing, whether they are currently homeless or on the verge of becoming homeless. Families work with case managers to provide needed temporary financial assistance, linkage with community and VA benefits and a plan to improve their housing stability. Thank you for your generosity.



Upcoming Mission Offerings:

May 31: Youth Mental Health Project
June 7: Coalition of Immokalee Workers
June 14: Knight Perry Fund
June 21: Deep Griha
June 28: Equitas Health

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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