

May 31, 2020

Enter to Worship Depart to Serve

This Week at First Church

- 5/ 31
11 a.m. **Worship**
12 p.m. **Virtual Coffee Hour (link below)**
6:30 p.m. **First Church Youth Gathering**
- 6/1
7 p.m. **Book Club**
 Holy Lands Trip Group Mtg
- 6/2
7 p.m. **Justice & Mercy Mtg**
- 6/3
10:30 a.m. **Book Study**
- 6/4
10:30 a.m. **Acts Comes Alive (last class)**
- 6/6
8:30 a.m. **House & Grounds Mtg**
10:30 a.m. **Sacred Earth**

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.

First Church to be Part of The Big Give



For more information on First Church's participation in The Big Give visit:
<https://files.constantcontact.com/5728e215501/d1e-aff61-f5dc-41d5-98f9-200fa5ad1166.png>

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!

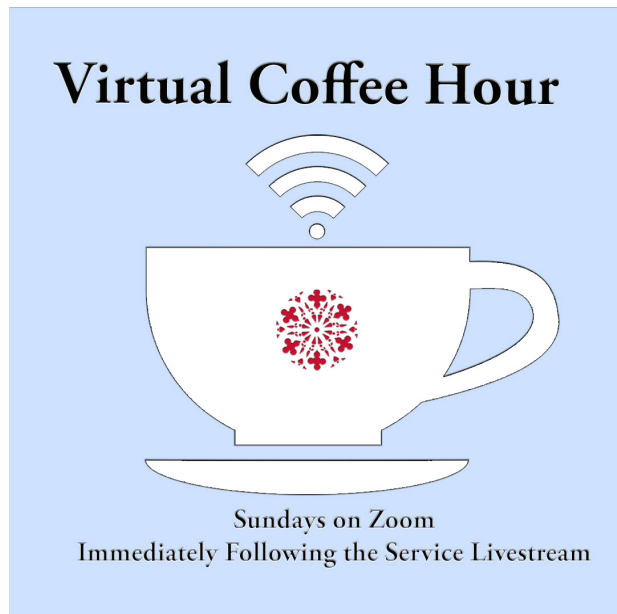
Bible Study with Rev. Dr. Tim Ahrens

Thursday morning from 10:30-11:30 a.m.
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=63AYGY&dasi=4G3AI>

To Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82768596282?pwd=VTlEaX-ZveUdDYnRmZkV6NGdLWHI4UT09>

Meeting ID: 827 6859 6282
Password: 832922



Join the Virtual Coffee Hour, immediately following the service livestream.

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85836080890?pwd=L3B3M-1NoblJMcGY4Ky9wbmNTME5RQT09>

Meeting ID: 858 3608 0890
Password: 911990

Keep in Prayer

Martha Huey; Fran Panek; Lindy Miller; Paul Flocken; Rev. Earl Fritz and Pauline Fritz; Arlene Reynolds;

Rebecca, mother of Darrell Cross; Paul Zimmerman, father of Doug Zimmerman; Tito Sanchez, friend of Dayna McCrary; Amy Smith, sister of Sarah Lange; Joyce Marcum, sister of Betty Conn; Ilene Beasley, friend of Steven Ferris;

Calvin Roth, father of Julie Roth; Michael Fitzmaurice and his brother, Stephan Mano;

All medical professionals in our congregation who are on the front lines, and all those affected by illness, especially COVID-19, Susie Loik's daughter, Kristen Glover; Randy Matlock, coworker of Denise Vogt.

Those who mourn the loss of loved ones, including: Shawn Dingus on the death of his grandmother, Opal Stanley; Jonathan Miller's father and Finnegan's grandfather on the death of George J. Miller from COVID-19; Helen and John Cantrell on the death of his son, John; Ella Koscher on the death of her 10-year-old "sister" Maria, and Maria's family and friends in Madagascar; Mark Williams, on the death of friend, Kelly Harris; Pat Patterson's daughter-in-law Chelsea Patterson, on the death of her mother, Dorothy Ferguson; Sam Lebold and family on the death of his mother, Joan Lebold; family and friends of Carl Miller; Mike Valinis and family on the death of his brother, Adam Valinis; and Jorge Fernandez, on the death of his mother.

The 2020 Confirmation Class

Kylie Cooks

Among Kylie's remarkable qualities is her bold and confident approach to life—impressive in any adult, let alone a teenager. Kylie brings energy, intelligence and thoughtfulness to all she pursues including her great loves: art (especially ceramics), music and literature. She is a violist and a voracious reader. She is curious and thinks deeply about everything, including faith and religion, resulting in her meaningful and most rewarding journey in Confirmation.
—Nancy Braverman

Madalyn Dean

I am pleased to introduce Madalyn to the Congregation. Madalyn, a well-rounded young woman, is an enthusiastic learner; multi-sport athlete; and enjoys both visual and performing arts.

Confirmation has deepened Madalyn's faith. Studying other religions has underscored to her the fundamental connectedness of people across the world—profound during such challenging times.

Connections matter to Madalyn: she nurtures her friendships and deeply loves her family, which anchors her. Praying God's continued blessings to Madalyn at Confirmation!

—Allison Lowery Palmer

Adam Ghose

I am pleased to introduce Adam Ghose. No matter the location, we have always had rich, wide-ranging conversations. Adam is a focused, dedicated student with a passion and talent for Mathematics—an interest we share. He also loves playing video games. Adam will be attending the high school from which I recently retired. I hope to provide additional guidance in the future, despite not being there on a daily basis. Blessings to Adam as he is confirmed!

—James Velo

Hector Gonzales

Hector Gonzales is an 8th grade student in the Gahanna School district. Hector enjoys sports, including tennis and soccer and is a member on his school tennis team. In addition to sports Hector has been involved in the Boy Scouts of America for many years. I have recently learned that Hector is a "Star Scout" well on his way to becoming an Eagle Scout. He also serves as a den chief and mentors Cub Scouts.

Like many teens Hector thoroughly enjoys fellowship with his friends playing video games and PlayStation. Hector will enter Gahanna Lincoln High School in the fall and hopes to be accepted into the engineering program. He also expresses a strong interest in the Arts and hopes to combine Art and Engineering into a career path.

—Dean Hafey

Ethan Murray

We've known him as a sweet attentive little boy who served us communion at 9am, A talented actor in our Christmas plays, a reverent shepherd and king in our Christmas pageants, as a beautiful voice in our youth choir. I have known him for the last three years as a kind, thoughtful, and attentive student in our Sunday school class. Fun and funny yet serious and sincere.

I was flattered and honored when Ethan selected me to be his mentor in the confirmation process. During this time I have learned that he's a great student, soccer player, friend, and proud Dubliner.

What I want you to know about a Ethan now that I've had a chance to share with him during this time of decision and discovery is, to coin the Yiddish, a Mensch- A man of integrity, a good dude, a stand up guy, a person with the qualities you would hope for in a trusted friend.

We are honored to have him as an adult member of our church.

—Bill Rhoads

AnnaSofia Severson

AnnaSofia Severson is creative, adventuresome, kind and generous. On our first lunch outing together, she anxiously encouraged me try all of her lunch. How people eat says a lot about them; she's good people! AnnaSofia is quick with a smile and a hug. We've never seen each other when we didn't embrace. I'm proud to know AnnaSofia, a faithful and loving friend. She is a strong, resilient addition to our church family.

—Dayna McCrary

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 Youth Mental Health Project. The Youth Mental Health Project is committed to ensuring that families have support to care for and strengthen their children’s mental health during these extremely challenging times. The need for parent support, which is crucial for helping families care for their kids’ mental health, has never been higher. They provide free, direct support to parents and families whose children are struggling with their mental health. Thank you for your generosity.



Upcoming Mission Offerings:

June 7: Coalition of Immokalee Workers

June 14: Knight Perry Fund

June 21: Deep Griha

June 28: Equitas Health

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.

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