

Depart to Serve

Coming Events ...

Sunday, January 5

Worship, 9 a.m. (Parish Hall), 11 a.m. (Sanctuary)
Faith Formation, 10 a.m. (Classroom D)
Coffee Hour, 12 noon (Parish Hall)
Confirmation, 12:30 p.m. (Classroom D)
Unhanging of the Greens, 12:30 p.m. (Sanctuary)
Just Mercy Book Study, 6 p.m. (Parlor)

Monday, January 6

Care Ministry, 12 noon (Fanning Rm)

Tuesday, January 7

Justice & Mercy Mtg., 7 p.m. (Fanning Rm)

Wednesday, January 8

Budget & Finance Mtg., 5:30 p.m. (Fanning Rm)

Thursday, January 9

Security Team Mtg., 7 p.m. (Parish Family Rm)

Saturday, January 11

House & Grounds Committee Mtg., 8:30 a.m. (Parish Family Rm)

Sunday, January 12

Worship, 9 a.m. (Parish Hall), 11 a.m. (Sanctuary)
Faith Formation, 10 a.m. (Classroom D)
Coffee Hour, 12 noon (Parish Hall)
Just Mercy Movie, 5 p.m. (AMC Lennox Theater)
Youth Groups, 6 p.m. (Parish Hall)

Monday, January 13

Good Samaritan, 9 a.m. (Fanning Rm & Parlor)
Budget & Finance Mtg., 6 p.m. (Fanning Rm)
Christian Education Mtg., 6:30 p.m. (Mark Williams' office)

Trustees Mtg., 7 p.m. (Fanning Rm)

Tuesday, January 14

Music Committee Mtg., 6 p.m. (Parlor)
Church Council Mtg., 7 p.m. (Fanning Rm)
Executive Committee Mtg., 7 p.m. (Parish Family Rm)

Wednesday, January 15

Book Study, 10:30 a.m. (Parlor)
First Church Quilters, 1 p.m. (Parish Family Rm)

Friday, January 17

Youth Snow Tubing, 4 p.m. (Snow Trails)

Formative Discussions for Sunday ...

Faith Formation 2020 began with the new series "What's Next?" with Mark Williams as Facilitator. The first session "What's Next? Engaging Advocacy" will focus on resources for families and individuals concerning faithful advocacy at our fingertips. The session will be held in Room D.

"Just Mercy" ...

First Congregational Church will host a Sunday evening book study on the best seller *Just Mercy*. Join us January 5 at 6 p.m. where a light dinner will be provided. Also the church will be ordering group tickets to see the movie on January 12 at 5 p.m. at the AMC Lennox Theater. Watch for more details on the cost of the tickets. Books are available in the church office for \$10.

"Holy Envy" ...

Rev. Tim's Wednesday Morning Book Study selection is *Holy Envy, Finding God in the Faith of Others* by Barbara Brown Taylor. The book study meets the first and third Wednesday of the month and starts January 15 at 10:30 a.m. in the Parlor. The book is available in the office for \$18 and all are welcome to join!

The 2020 Book Club Begins ...

The First Church Book Club starts up again on Monday, January 6 at 7 p.m in the Parlor. This month's book is *Heads You Win* by Jeffrey Archer. The February selections are *Love Poems for Married People* and *Love Poems for People with Children* by John Kenny. Contact Elaine Warren at melainewarren232@gmail.com for more information. All are welcome to join in the discussion.

Church Wide Reading During Epiphany ...

Each year, the Good Book Club invites Christians to read one book of the Bible from start to finish. For those of us accustomed to hearing short passages of scripture from different sections of the Bible each Sunday in the lectionary, it can be a powerful experience to consider a book of the Bible in its entirety. In Epiphany 2020, the Good Book Club invites us to dive into the Gospel of John. Click the link for the schedule of readings at <https://www.goodbookclub.org/readings/>.

Stewardship of our Lives ...

Help maintain First Church's Legacy as well as your own by considering a future gift to The First Church Endowment Fund. Visit the Stewardship page on the First Church website (<http://first-church.org>) for more information. Thank you for your consideration and generosity.

Give ...

At First Church, our financial resources enable us to "Enter to worship, depart to serve." Give now by scanning the QR Code or by placing a check or cash into the offering basket. Sunday's loose offerings and designated checks go to the mission of the day. Today, cash and designated checks go to **Faith Mission**. Each month a team from First Church prepares a meal and serves it at Faith Mission. Your donations ensure that the team has the resources to provide a nourishing meal to those whom Faith Mission serves. Thank you for your generosity.



The mission offering to **ACLU Ohio Foundation** on December 29 was **\$946.00**.

Keep in Prayer

Dick Kevan; Sara Smith Harris; Cynthia Coe, friend of Victor John; Charlie Buechler, friend of the Vogt family; Lauren Ward, friend and co-worker of Denise Vogt; Lois Fields, mother of Duan Cannon and grandmother of Alfred Fields II; Strick Strickland, nephew of Pat Patterson; Tessa Bishop, friend of Ann Hunt; Ian and Kelsey McCoy, nephew and niece of Ann Hunt; Jane Mead, mother of Cindy Deliman; Gretchen Atkinson; Debby Wilson, friend of Steven Ferris; Dirk Orr; Mark Dahnke; Tom Worley; Steve Brandehoff; Sue and Harry Fleming, sister and brother-in-law of Hugh Schultz; Deb Thompson; Frank Cook; Anne Morganstern; Deb Kelly; Kathy Erskine, sister of Melanie Brown; Carol Rodriguez; Brooke Chute, cousin of Amy Wagner; Chris Wright; Ron Cook; Arthur Cummings, father of Candy Cummings; Rev. Earl Fritz and Pauline Fritz; Amy Smith, sister of Sarah Lange; Reese Shirey; Arlene Reynolds; Andrew MacGregor; Jeanette MacGregor, mother of Andrew MacGregor; and those who mourn the loss of loved ones, including Mary Day Fewlass and family on the death of her husband, James Fewlass; Jim Gallagher on the death of his sister, Nancy Macakanja; and the Vogt family on the death of their friend, June "Libby" Bova.

Laundry Love ...

Our mission desperately is in need of liquid laundry detergent and garbage bags. Please place your donations in the designated baskets throughout the church. Your donation helps to bring dignity to others. The next Laundry Love is Tuesday, January 28.

Get Involved ...

Two Nursery Positions are available at First Church and we are ready to hire. Please contact Mark Williams for more details at mwilliams@first-church.org

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