



Enter to Worship
Depart to Serve

This Week at First Church

- 7/19
 9 a.m. Worship
 9:45 a.m. Zoom Chat
 11 a.m. Worship
 12 Noon Virtual Coffee Hour
 6:30 p.m. Youth Group Gathering
- 7/20
 10 a.m. 21-Day Racial Equity Challenge
 7 p.m. Budget & Finance Mtg
 21-Day Racial Equity Challenge
- 7/21
 7 p.m. Executive Committee Mtg
- 7/22
 10:30 a.m. Acts Comes Alive
 2:30 p.m. Live Stream Task Force Mtg

Arlene Reynolds, long time member of First Congregational Church, died at home on Monday, July 6, 2020.

A service to celebrate her life will be held for family Tuesday, July 28, 2020 at 1:30 p.m. This service will be live-streamed for those outside her family. More information will follow

Our love and care surround Arlene's family, especially Annette Salser, Lou Flocken, and Paul Flocken; and her friends at this time.

Join us in a Church-Wide Program

The 21-Day Racial Equity Habit Building Challenge has been extended and it's never too late join! New topics on Protest and Rebellion, Self Care, and a 21 Day Youth, Race & Moore. You can read more about each topic on the following page.

The 21-Day Racial Equity Habit Building Challenge is where you do one action to further your understanding of power, privilege, supremacy, oppression, and equity. The Plan includes suggestions for readings, podcasts, videos, observations, and ways to form and deepen community connections. The suggested categories are: Read, Listen, Watch, Notice, Connect, Engage, Act, Reflect and Stay Inspired.

We will host Zoom meetings on Monday at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. for us to discuss what we have learned during this challenge in a safe place.

The dates for the discussions are:

- July 20
- August 10
- August 17

The challenge is sponsored by the Christian Education and Justice and Mercy Commissions.

More information about the challenge can be found at: https://www.eddiemoorejr.com/21daychallenge?fbclid=I-wAR14DWYP7qKFg7j5aokIXhfBeQhy21pV-kbvF-S8HIOCCz-m-JgQbY_bVAIk

Join Zoom Meeting 10:00 a.m.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88054839264?pwd=WFE3N-m9EdXgrbmNxVW1adHFuVWd6QT09>

Meeting ID: 880 5483 9264

Password: 754146

Join Zoom Meeting 7:00 p.m.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83054339411?pwd=bE1RZX-dTbElkWFZQOU9yMGxXK0R1UT09>

Meeting ID: 830 5433 9411

Password: 361493

Additional Topics for The 21- Day Racial Equity Challenge

Protest and Rebellion

Protests and Rebellions are as old as the United States. When the status quo becomes unbearable to enough people, uprisings pressure those in power to make changes that bring us closer to the Land-of-the-Free promise. We've pulled together a reminder that we are in a long struggle that did not begin with this moment and will not end with this moment. This Challenge includes resources to inspire us and remind us whose shoulders we stand on and whose sacrifices we are honoring as we continue to educate and activate to demand a more just and humane world.

Self Care

When white supremacy wears us down to the point of ineffectiveness, white supremacy wins. Because white supremacy thrives when we deny humanity, ours and others', tending to our human needs is vital. And, using the oxygen mask on the airplane analogy, we can hardly care for our collective humanity if we don't first pay attention to our own. Joy, positive energy, clarity, deep relationships, and resilience not only feel good, they are powerful forms of resistance. Though it can feel counterintuitive to take time for self-care when the world around us is in crisis and many of us have zero time for self-care, understanding and practicing self-care is not only "allowed," it is required of us. Activism is a marathon, not a sprint. We hope the resources will help you stay physically and spiritually nourished so you can step up and stay in the intergenerational struggle for liberation.

21 Day Youth, Race & Moore

The Christian Church, for many, has been seen as a catalyst for justice and righteousness across the United States. After all, the 1960's Civil Rights Movement was grounded in the Church. Leaders such as Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Fannie Lou Hamer, Rep. John Lewis, and Rosa Parks cite Christian theology and biblical teachings as influencing factors in their fight for equity. Though, for many others, the Christian Church has dominated and oppressed. Enslaved peoples were forced to abandon their identities and adopt the faith. The bible was even used to continue the enslavement of our Black and Brown neighbors. No human institution is perfect, the Church is no exception. The good news is that we are in the midst of an opportunity to use the Gospel as a means of anti-racist liberation and education in our own lives. As Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. taught, "Our goal is to create a Beloved Community and this will require a qualitative change in our souls as well as a quantitative change in our lives." #ThisIsOurTime #YOUthFaithRace

Virtual Coffee Hour



Sundays on Zoom
Immediately Following the Service Livestream

Join the Virtual Coffee Hour,
immediately following each
Worship Livestream.

9:00 a.m.

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://us02web.zoom.us/
j/86527907526?pwd=L014R1dldmE4U-
zlUNDlnZkZ4ZURldz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86527907526?pwd=L014R1dldmE4U-zlUNDlnZkZ4ZURldz09)

Meeting ID: 865 2790 7526

Password: 601438

11:00 a.m.

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://us02web.zoom.us/
j/88494216574?pwd=cDNVS0dKaEdvT-
GhMcVozc0twU2pyZz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88494216574?pwd=cDNVS0dKaEdvT-GhMcVozc0twU2pyZz09)

Meeting ID: 884 9421 6574

Password: 693317

Keep in Prayer

Prayers:

In celebration of the birth of Josephine Lavinia Shimeall Shanahan, daughter of Wyatt and Cecilia Shimeall and granddaughter of Kent Shimeall and Lisa Morris, born on July 9, 2020.

Betsy Zahn; Dana Navin Schultz; Fran Panek; Lindy Miller; and Rev. Earl Fritz and Pauline Fritz.

Caleb Creech, brother-in-law to Sarah Ahrens Stadie, to be deployed to Afghanistan; Jane Mead, mother of Cindy Deliman; Will Nirote, grandson of Rev. Bill and Arevena Nirote; Tito Sanchez, friend of Dayna McCrary; Amy Smith, sister of Sarah Lange; and Calvin Roth, father of Julie Roth; Penny Davidovitch, friend of Melissa Kulwicki; Jackie Conley, friend of Linda Mumford, and her uncle Robert Capaldi, who suffered massive heart attack

Those who mourn the loss of loved ones, including the Reynolds/Flocken family and friends on the death of Arlene Reynolds; and friends of Natalie Barker on the death of their baby.

Save the Date!

We are making lunches and helping for THE LARGEST TABLE at St. JOHN'S on JULY 29 .

9:30 a.m.- 10:30 a.m . Making Lunches
10:45 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Serving at Saint Johns

Volunteers are needed. Masks are required. Contact Rev. Emily Corzine for information.

These Days for July, August & September have arrived. If you would like a copy please email Pat Patterson at ppatterson@first-church.org and she will mail it to you.

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 Community Refugee and Immigration Services (CRIS). CRIS is an independent non-profit agency serving refugees, asylees, and immigrants in central Ohio. Among local community-based organizations, CRIS is the largest agency providing services to immigrants in Central Ohio, and is the agency providing the most extensive services to immigrant populations in our area. Those services include immigration legal services and interpretation and translation. Thank you for your generosity.



Upcoming Mission Offerings

July 19 **CRIS**
July 26 **Gladden Community House**

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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