

Enter to Worship
Depart to Serve

July 26, 2020

This Week at First Church

7/26

9 a.m. Worship
9:45 a.m. Zoom Chat
11 a.m. Worship
12 Noon Virtual Coffee Hour

7/27

12 noon Grief Support Group

7/28

1:30 p.m. A Service of Celebration for the
 Life of Arlene Reynolds
7 p.m. Deacon's Mtg
 BREAD's Real Change Now

7/29

9:30 a.m. Largest Table Food Prep
 and Delivery
2:30 p.m. Live Stream Task Force Mtg

8/1

10:30 a.m. Sacred Earth Mtg

Celebration of Life for Arlene Reynolds

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

A service to celebrate her life will be held for family only **Tuesday, July 28, 2020 at 1:30 p.m.** Because of Covid-19 this service will be live-streamed for those outside her family.

To view the service on YouTube, visit:
https://youtu.be/7FqYBgk7_4o

To view the service on FaceBook Live visit:
<https://www.facebook.com/FirstChurchCbus/posts/3672625572765100>

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.

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-m9EdXgrbmNxVW1adHfuWVd6QT09>

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

2020 Summer Sermon Series



“For Such a Time As This: Seven Lessons for Living Through Pandemic Times” Based on Esther 4:14

We are living in trying times. These times are like nothing most of us have ever experienced. There are confluences of pandemics of with COVID-19, racism, economic hardship, and poverty all in the midst of a Presidential Election Cycle create challenges like we have never seen. How do we find our spiritual balance in times such as these?

Over the next seven weeks, we will engage a seven-part sermon series entitled, For Such a Time As This: Seven Lessons for Living Through Pandemic Times. Based on the story of Esther, Rev. Emily Corzine, Rev. Patricia Battle and I will present seven lessons for life in these times.

Please join us every Sunday on YouTube or Facebook Live. Also, share these lessons with others. Spread the word of God and the reflections we share to get us through times like these.

Blessings and love to you,
Tim

Sermon Titles for 2020 Summer Sermon Series

July 26 – “Get Into ‘Good Trouble’”

August 2 – “Learn from the Past and Don’t Repeat it”

August 9 – “Make Your Life Matter”

August 16 - “Use the VOTE intelligently, conscientiously and Prayerfully”

August 23 – To Be Announced

August 30 – To Be Announced

September 6- “Love God, self, and neighbor with Passion, Prayer, and Intelligence”

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

Grief Group

All are welcome to join us online
Monday, July 27 at noon for the Grief Support
Group.

Zoom meeting information

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84782239104?p-
wd=bDMzK1NnR0s2bi9jaFl0VllnRkZmZz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84782239104?pwd=bDMzK1NnR0s2bi9jaFl0VllnRkZmZz09)

Meeting ID: 847 8223 9104

Password: 911200

Keep in Prayer

In celebration of the birth of Lennon Trautman, daughter of Jonathan and Angela Trautman born on July 23, 2020. Baby, Parents and big sister Charlie are all doing well.

Kelly Dodd; Betsy Zahn; Dana Navin Schultz; Lindy Miller; and Rev. Earl Fritz who celebrated his 93rd birthday yesterday and Pauline Fritz.

Charles John, father of Victor John; Susan Gatton, sister of Amy Wagner; 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; Calvin Roth, father of Julie Roth; and Jackie Conley, friend of Linda Mumford, and her uncle Robert Capaldi, 85, who suffered massive heart attack.

Those who mourn the loss of loved ones, including Brenda Maksimovic on the loss of her pet; Sheri Mauger and family, on the death of husband Mat; the Rev. Dave Shull, on the death of his mother Betty Shull; and the Reynolds and Flocken family and friends on the death of Arlene Reynolds.

The Uighur Muslim population in China who are being victimized, intimidated and robbed of their liberties because of the way they worship God.

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 **Gladden Community House**. Gladden Community House, a settlement house located in the heart of Franklinton on the near west side of Columbus was founded as a neighborhood outreach mission of First Congregational Church. The mission is to strengthen the well-being of Franklinton’s children, families, and community, and build a thriving equitable neighborhood. Gladden provides community services, youth services, a preschool, and a food pantry. Thank you for your generosity.



August Mission Offerings

August 2	CWS Disaster Relief
August 9	Make a Difference
August 16	LSS-CHOICES
August 23	ACLU Foundation of Ohio
August 30	Equitas Health

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