



Enter to Worship
Depart to Serve

August 2, 2020

This Week at First Church

8/2
9 a.m. Worship
9:45 a.m. Zoom Chat
11 a.m. Worship
Noon Virtual Coffee Hour

8/3
7 p.m. Book Club

8/4
7 p.m. Justice and Mercy Mtg

8/5
10:30 a.m. Book Study
2:30 p.m. Live Stream Task Force Mtg

8/8
8:30 a.m. House and Grounds Mtg

Happy Birthday!

Will Fernald's will celebrate his 97th birthday on **Aug. 16**. Let's help him celebrate his special day by sending a card or note!

His address is:

Dr. Will Fernald
Bickford of Bexley, Room 205
2600 E. Main St.
Bexley, Ohio 43209.

Thanks be to God for Dr. Will Fernald!

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:

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.eddiemoorej.com/21daychallenge?fbclid=I-wAR14DWYP7qKFg7j5aokIXhfBeQhy21pV-kbvF_S8HIOccZm-JgQbY_bVAIk

Join Zoom Meeting 10:00 a.m.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88054839264?pwd=WFE3Nm9EdXgrbmNxVW1adHFuWVd6QT09>

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 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 – Rev. Corzine preaching

August 30 – Rev. Corzine preaching

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, August 10 at noon for the Grief Support Group.

Zoom meeting information
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84782239104?pwd=bDMzK1NnR0s2bi9jaFl0VllnRkZmZz09>

Meeting ID: 847 8223 9104
Password: 911200

Keep in Prayer

Rob and Marti Rideout; Kelly Dodd; Betsy Zahn; Dana Navin Schultz; Lindy Miller; and Rev. Earl Fritz and Pauline Fritz.

Emily Conlin, daughter of Valerie Conlin; Charles John, father of Victor John; Susan Gatton, sister of Amy Wagner; Dwight and Elaine Holt, parents of David Holt; 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; and Amy Smith, sister of Sarah Lange; Calvin Roth, father of Julie Roth.

Those who mourn the loss of loved ones, including 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 family, friends, and colleagues of U.S. Representative John Lewis, American politician and civil rights leader.

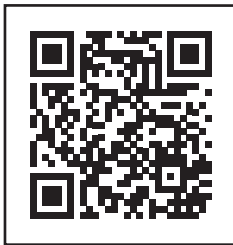
Emergency Pastoral Care Line

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 **Church World Service**. CWS joins communities to help build and maintain a variety of water systems – from sand dams to wells to reservoirs – that draw upon rainwater or underground sources. Food security and nutrition improve when clean, stable water sources help diversify crops. Health improves because clean water means less disease. Displacement decreases as people no longer have to abandon their communities because of the lack of drinking water. And ultimately, standards of living rise because people spend less time searching for water and more time on other activities, such as getting an education or earning a living. 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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