

Enter to Worship Depart to Serve

August 9, 2020

This Week at First Church

8/9	
9 a.m.	Worship
9:45 a.m.	Zoom Chat
11 a.m.	Worship
Noon	Virtual Coffee Hour
8/10	
9 a.m.	Good Samaritan
10 a.m.	21-Day Racial Equity Challenge
Noon	Grief Support Group
7 p.m.	21-Day Racial Equity Challenge Trustees Mtg
8/11	
7 p.m.	Executive Committee Mtg
8/12	
10:30 a.m.	Acts Comes Alive Bible Study
2:30 p.m.	Live Stream Task Force Mtg
5:45 p.m.	Personnel Committee Mtg
6 p.m.	Christian Education Mtg
8/13	
7 p.m.	Security Team Mtg

“Acts Comes Alive!”

The final class of “Acts Comes Alive!” meets this Wednesday, August 12 at 10:30 a.m.
Click for class materials and the Zoom Meeting Link and class materials

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83825673745?pwd=dmltVzB5U0YwRjJ4L2lXa25pWHc5UT09>

Meeting ID: 838 2567 3745

Passcode: 036547

Class Materials

<https://www.first-church.org/protected/ArticleView.aspx?iid=63AYGYY&dasi=4G3AI>

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=IwAR14DWYP7qKFg7j5aokIXhfBeQhy21pV-kb-vF_S8HIOCcZm-JgQbY_bVAIk

Join Zoom Meeting 10:00 a.m.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88054839264?pwd=W-FE3Nm9EdXgrbmNxVW1adHFuWVd6QT09>

Meeting ID: 880 5483 9264

Password: 754146

Join Zoom Meeting 7:00 p.m.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83054339411?pwd=bE1R-ZXdTbElkWFZQOU9yMGxXK0R1UT09>

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 – 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 Sup-
port 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

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

Jeffery Collins, father of Will Zimmerman's girlfriend,
Kalee Collins; Brent Hatch, father of Annie West's
partner Evin Hatch; Dwight and Elaine Holt, parents
of David Holt; Emily Conlin, daughter of Valerie
Conlin; 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; and
Amy Smith, sister of Sarah Lange; Calvin Roth, father
of Julie Roth; the people of Beirut.

Those who mourn the loss of loved ones, including
Shannon Washington and her mother, Lorraine
Dodds, on the death of her father, Christopher.

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.

Dr. Will Fernald's will celebrate his 97th birthday
on Aug. 16. 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!

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 **Making A Difference**. Making A Difference, Inc. (MAD) is a community-focused organization serving First Church’s neighboring community, Columbus’ near east side. MAD works with community leaders and organizations to produce events such as health fairs and wellness clinics to educate citizens on the importance of taking care of themselves and connect with resources available to them. MAD produces events such as basketball camps, father-focused clinics, and leadership development activities. MAD also supports and encourages entrepreneurship within the community, and educates residents on the strength of working together for the common good. Thank you for your generosity



August Mission Offerings

August 9	Making a Difference
August 16	LSS-CHOICES
August 23	ACLU Foundation of Ohio
August 30	Equitas Health

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