

Enter to Worship
Depart to Serve

August 23, 2020

This Week at First Church

8/23

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

8/24

12 noon Grief Support Group

8/25

7 p.m. Deacons Mtg

8/26

2:30 p.m. Live Stream Task Force Mtg

First Church Book Club

All are invited to join the First Church Book Club! The group meets next on Monday, August 31 (on Zoom) at 7 p.m. The book selection for the meeting is *Rust: A Memoir of Steel and Grit* by Elise Colette Goldbach.

The two final selections for 2020 are:

October 5: *The Lost Family, How DNA Is Upending Who We Are* by Libby Copeland

November 2: *The Nickel Boys* by Colson Whitehead

If you have question or would like more information please email communications@first-church.org

Happy Reading!

Coming Soon!

Beginning in mid-September, Rev. Dr. Tim Ahrens will lead a mid-week, mid-morning and Monday Evening class on Ibram X. Kendi's book, *How to Be An Antiracist*. More detailed information is coming soon!

Volunteer Opportunity

We are making lunches and helping for THE LARGEST TABLE at St. JOHN'S the third Wednesday of each month, through the end of the year.

The next date is September 16.

9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Making Lunches
10:45 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Serving at Saint John's

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

**Family Camping at Templed Hills
through Labor Day**

(Reservations from now through September 7)

If you'd like to bring your family camping anytime between now and September 7, the Heartland Conference of the UCC are sponsoring family camping at Templed Hills Camp. All reservations from now through September 7 to reserve a cabin or tent site.

Visit <http://www.heartlanducc.org/all-project-list/templed-hills-partial-re-opening-in-july/> for more information!

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 – “Live in and out of Murky Waters”

August 30 – “Give Yourself Permission”

September 6 – “Remember, Restore, Renew”

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

Meeting ID: 865 2790 7526

Password: 601438

11:00 a.m.

Join Zoom Meeting

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

Meeting ID: 884 9421 6574

Password: 693317

As the November 3, 2020 election quickly approaches, visit the Ohio Secretary of State at <https://www.ohiosos.gov/elections/voters/absentee-ballot/>. There you will find information on voter registration, update your voting information, request an absentee ballot, any any other questions about voting in Ohio. You must register or update your voter registration no later than 30 days prior to an election.

Don't miss your chance to make voice heard!

Keep in Prayer

Kelly Dodd; Betsy Zahn; Dana Navin Schultz; Lindy Miller; and Rev. Earl Fritz and Pauline Fritz; Pamm Greene, former First Church member; Reid Bender, friend of Jen Provenzano; Talia Cook, granddaughter of Frank and Sue Cook; 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; 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.

Those who mourn the loss of loved ones, including LJ Cooks and Gretchen Weller on the death of their brother-in-law and Alexi and Kylie's uncle; and Shannon Washington and her mother, Lorraine Dodds, on the death of her father, Christopher.

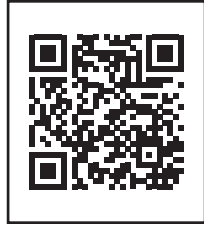
Emergency Pastoral Care Line

If you need to be in touch with Rev. Ahrens or Rev. Corzine for emergency pastoral care or to name a prayer request, please call **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 Annette McCormick at amccormick@first-church.org or Rev. Emily Corzine at ecorzine@first-church.org.

Cash and designated checks go to [ACLU of Ohio Foundation](http://www.aclu.org). The Mission of the ACLU of Ohio Foundation is to aid in maintaining and extending constitutional and other fundamental rights, liberties, privileges, and immunities, and to take all legitimate actions in furtherance of that object without political partisanship. Thank you for your generosity.



Upcoming Mission Offerings

- August 23** ACLU Foundation of Ohio
August 30 Equitas Health
September 6 Mid Ohio Workers
September 13 Celebrate One
September 20 Good Samaritan
September 27 Trustee Choice: Legacy Sunday

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