

# Enter to Worship Depart to Serve

September 6, 2020

## This Week at First Church

9/6  
9 a.m. Worship  
9:45 a.m. Zoom Chat  
11 a.m. Worship  
12 Noon Virtual Coffee Hour

9/7  
Labor Day – Church Office and Building Closed

9/8  
7 p.m. Executive Committee Mtg

9/9  
2:30 p.m. Livestream Task Force Mtg  
5:45 p.m. Personnel Mtg

9/10  
7 p.m. Security Team Mtg

9/12  
8:30 a.m. House & Grounds Mtg

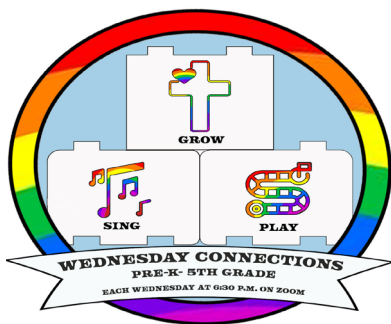
## Attention Fourth Grade Parents

First Church will be celebrating another milestone of our Milestone Ministry this month. We will be celebrating all our 4th graders on September 20th. If you have a 4th grader in your home please contact Mark Williams as soon as possible.

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Rev. Emily Corzine is making Pastoral Care Lawn or Patio visits on Thursday afternoons. If you are interested in a socially distant lawn or patio visit, please contact Pat Patterson, at [ppatterson@first-church.org](mailto:ppatterson@first-church.org) to arrange a visit with Rev. Emily.

Rev. Emily has office hours at 10 a.m. on Thursdays. This could be a time to chat, discuss pastoral concerns or have prayer. These are 20 minute blocks beginning at 10 a.m.. Contact Emily Corzine for a time slot at [ecorzine@first-church.org](mailto:ecorzine@first-church.org)



## Faith Formation

Children ages Pre K-5th grade will meet with our teachers each Wednesday. There will be singing, games, and a Bible lesson.

Youth 6th grade and up will meet online for an hour each Sunday for combination of Sunday school and Youth Group.

If you have any questions, please contact Mark Williams ([mwilliams@first-church.org](mailto:mwilliams@first-church.org))

# Church Wide Book Study

Beginning in mid-September, Rev. Dr. Tim Ahrens will lead both a mid-week, mid-morning and a Monday evening class on Ibram X. Kendi's book, *How to Be An Antiracist*.

Starting Wednesday morning, September 16 at 10:30 a.m. and then again on Monday night, September 21 at 7 p.m., Dr. Ahrens invites the entire church community and any friends of First Church to join in the study of this important book.

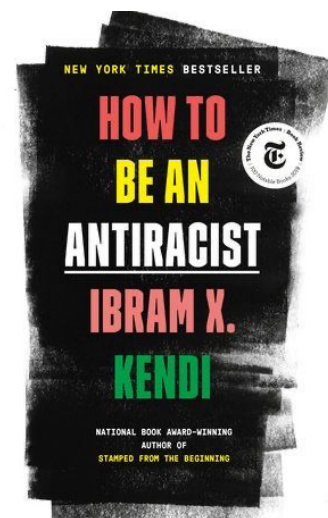
Wednesday classes will be held September 16 and 30, and October 7 and 21 from 10:30 - 11:45 a.m. The Monday night classes will be held September 21, October 5, and October 19 from 7-8:30 p.m.

This book is a "must read." Dr. Ibram X. Kendi's concept of antiracism is reenergizing and re-shaping the conversation about racial justice in America. He points us toward liberating new ways of thinking about ourselves and each other. Instead of working with the policies and system we have in place, Kendi asks us to think about what an antiracist society might look like, and how we can play an active role in building it. In his memoir, Kendi weaves together an electrifying combination of ethics, history, law, and science--including the story of his own awakening to antiracism--bringing it all together in a cogent, accessible form. He begins by helping us rethink our most deeply held, if implicit, beliefs and our most intimate personal relationships (including beliefs about race and IQ and interracial social relations) and reexamines the policies and larger social arrangements we support.

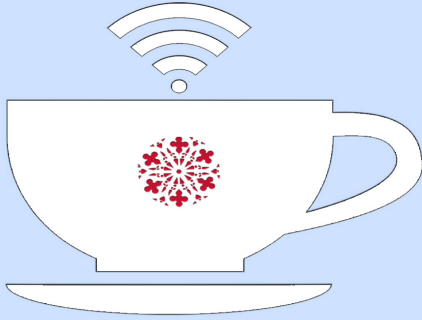
*How to Be an Antiracist* is an essential book for anyone who wants to go beyond an awareness of racism to the next step of contributing to the formation of a truly just and equitable society.

The book is available on Amazon.com, and a recorded version is available on audible.com. You can also click here for a list of black-owned independent bookstores. If you have difficulty purchasing the book, First Church plans to order a limited number of books that will be available for purchase. Please email Pat Patterson at [ppatterson@first-church.org](mailto:ppatterson@first-church.org). no later than September 10 if you want to pre-order a book. The cost for the book is \$16.50 (payable via check or cash), and the books will be available for pick up at the Ninth Street entrance once they arrive.

To sign up visit : <https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/su/jcSQ8jJ>



# 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

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**11:00 a.m.**

Join Zoom Meeting

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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 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

Larry Walquist; Kelly Dodd; Betsy Zahn; Dana Navin Schultz; Lindy Miller; and Rev. Earl Fritz and Pauline Fritz.

Erna Temple, mother of David Temple; Pamm Greene, former First Church member; Reid Bender, friend of Jen Provenzano; Talia Cook, granddaughter of Frank and Sue Cook; Brent Hatch, father of Annie West's partner Evin Hatch; Dwight and Elaine Holt, parents of David Holt; 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 Caleb Creech, brother-in-law to Sarah Ahrens Stadie, to be deployed to Afghanistan.

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.

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## 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](http://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](mailto:amccormick@first-church.org) or Rev. Emily Corzine at [ecorzine@first-church.org](mailto:ecorzine@first-church.org).

Cash and designated checks go to Mid-Ohio Workers Association whose mission has been to create a self-help organization to address day-to-day critical survival needs while building long-term solutions to poverty conditions. Thank you for your generosity.

For more information about the mission of the week visit: <https://www.facebook.com/Mid-Ohio-Workers-Association-255097864918246>



## Upcoming Mission Offerings

**September 6** Mid Ohio Workers

**September 13** Celebrate One

**September 20** Good Samaritan

**September 27** Trustee Choice: Legacy Sunday

## Church Leadership

**Senior Minister** Rev. Dr. Timothy C. Ahrens, M.Div., D. Min.

**Associate Minister** Rev. Emily Krause Corzine, M.Div.

**Minister of Music** Kevin Jones, M.M., M.S.E.

**Director of Christian Education** Mark S. Williams, M.Ed.

**Administrative Manager** Amy Wagner

**Office Assistant** Pat Patterson

**Communications Consultant** Melissa Kulwicki

**Business Administrator** Annette McCormick

**Financial Assistant** Pam Mantor

**Building and Grounds Superintendent** Mark Dahnke

**Building and Grounds Assistant** Darrell Cross

**Custodian** Jimmy Sibrian

**Wedding Coordinators** Amy Wagner, Janet Newcity, Shelly Gies, Margaret Cipriani, Katie Wagner

**Nursery Staff** Miranda Brooks, Norma Secor, Blessing Weekly, Miranda Gumbita

**Senior Deacon** James Velo

**Deacons** Carol Ernst-King, Shelly Gies, Sarah Giffen, Scott Graham, Greg Halbe, Lanier Holt, Antoinette Koolemans-Beynen, James Lowe, Dayna McCrary, Allison Lowery Palmer, Mark Sholl, Andrew Smith-Verhage, Al Waddell, Marty Worth

### Church Council Leadership

**Moderator** Lynn Wallich; **Moderator-elect** Alec Deitz;

**Treasurer** Dennis Secor; **Treasurer-elect** Matt Myers;

**Secretary** Jim Griffin; **Secretary-elect** Peter Murray

### Board of Trustees

**Chairperson** Brian Cave **Trustees** Allen Baker, Sue Cook, Cindy Conn, Kevin Cubick, Christine Farquar, Tom Hadley, Jim Kyle, Elaine Warren

### Commissioners

**Administration** Andy Bensing; **Administration-elect** Brad West; **Church Growth** Cheryl Hoskinson; **Church Growth-elect** Elisha Hardekopf; **Church Vitality** Fran Panek; **Church Vitality-elect** Lee Kiesel; **Education** Stacie Sholl; **Education-elect** Margaret Graham; **House & Grounds** Victor John; **House & Grounds-elect** Eric Klintworth; **Justice & Mercy** Lauren Muscott; **Justice & Mercy-elect** Kaye Martin; **Music, Arts & Heritage** David Mailer; **Music, Arts & Heritage-elect** Scott Jones; **Members-at-Large** Mel Prendergast & Mia Provenzano; **Nominating Committee Chair** Joe Baszynski