

Enter to Worship Depart to Serve

October 4, 2020

This Week at First Church

10/4	
9 a.m.	Worship
9:45 a.m.	Zoom Chat
11 a.m.	Worship
12 noon	Virtual Coffee Hour
6:30 p.m.	Youth Connection
10/5	
7 p.m.	Book Study
10/6	
12:15 p.m.	First Tuesdays Concert
7 p.m.	Justice & Mercy Mtg
10/7	
10:30 a.m.	Book Study
10/8	
7 p.m.	Security Team Mtg
7 p.m.	BREAD House Meeting (Barb Glover and Penny Casey)
10/10	
8:30 a.m.	House & Grounds Mtg

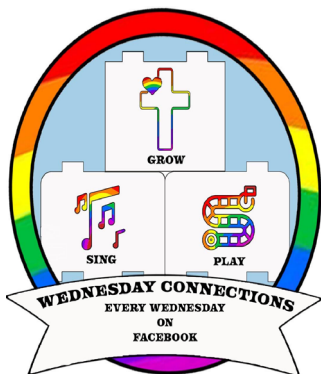
BREAD House Meetings

BREAD House Meetings will be held this fall between September 24 and October 29. All meetings will be COVID-safe. Most will be virtual. Some small groups may meet in person outside.

First Church social justice ministry team members will be calling the members of our congregation to invite you to participate. If you have never been to one of these house meetings, please give it a try. An important reason we hold these meetings is to get to know each other better. We will be talking about what concerns you, not just with regard to the larger community, but also on a personal level.

Below you will find an updated link to a list of House Meetings, as well as contact info for the hosts <https://files.constantcontact.com/5728e215501/c21935f3-5a0d-4bb7-88db-95af827988dd.pdf>

Faith Formation



Faith Formation is online this Fall with great lessons and fun as we grow in our faith. The PreK–5th grades will have Wednesday Connections in the form of a video lesson that will be posted each Wednesday for families to view at their convenience.

The Youth Connections (6th–12th grades) will meet each Sunday night at 6:30 p.m. The link for the youth will be sent out through email.

The Formative Discussions for Adults will begin by joining the *How to be an Antiracist* book study through mid-October and will then offer other sessions for the fall.



Churchwide Book Study

The Rev. Dr. Tim Ahrens is leading both a mid-week, mid-morning, and a Monday evening class on Ibram X. Kendi's book, *How to Be An Antiracist*.

Wednesday Morning Classes– 10:30am-11:45am –
9/16, 9/30, 10/7, 10/21

September 16 – Introduction – Chapter 2 (pp. 3-34)

September 30 – Chapter 3-7 (pp. 35-91)

October 7 – Chapter 8- 12 (pp. 92-150)

October 21 - Chapter 13-18 (pp. 151-238)

Monday Evening classes –

9/21, 10/5, 10/19 and 10/26

September 21 – Introduction – Chapter 2 (pp. 3-34)

October 5 – Chapters 3-7 (pp. 35-91)

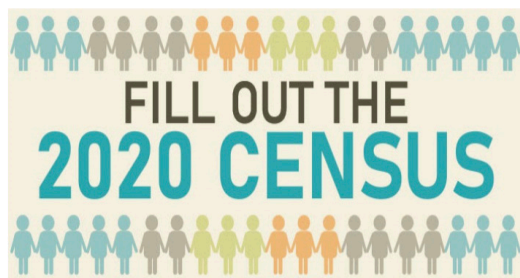
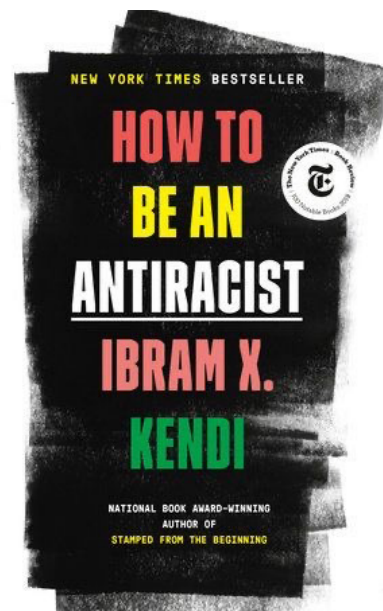
October 19 – Chapters 8- 12 (pp. 92-150)

October 26 - Chapters 13-18 (pp. 151-238)

Complete Zoom Meeting information can be found by following the links below.

[Monday Evening](#)

[Wednesday Morning](#)



In a year in which the onslaught of bad news seems never-ending, it is difficult to discern what challenges to address first. We know of one thing that is especially important: participation in the 2020 Census.

The 2020 Census is an important once-a-decade opportunity to ensure your community receives the representation and resources it needs. The Census determines the number of seats each state will have in the House of Representatives and how Federal funding is distributed to schools, hospital, public transit, and other vital programs. Head Start, the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), and the Pell Grant programs (and more) are ALL impacted by the Census, among many other services that your community needs.

If you haven't completed the census yet, there's still time to do so. Visit 2020census.gov or call 844-330-2020 to complete your Census questionnaire by Monday, October 5, 2020. Mailed questionnaires must be postmarked by October 5, 2020.

We urge you to take the time and ensure that you and your family are counted.

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=L-014R1dIdmE4UzlUNDlnZkZ4ZURldz09>

Meeting ID: 865 2790 7526

Password: 601438

11:00 a.m.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88494216574?pwd=cDNVS0dKaEdvTGhMcVozc0twU2pyZz09>

Meeting ID: 884 9421 6574

Password: 693317

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.

Keep in Prayer

In celebration of the birth of Bennett Alexander Straughter, daughter of Caroline and Xander, and great-granddaughter of Jane Carter and Bob Monahan, born on September 10, 2020.

Dennis Secor; Larry Walquist; Dana Navin Schultz; Lindy Miller; and Rev. Earl Fritz and Pauline Fritz.

John Busey, brother of Melody Leidheiser; Tom and Susan Murrell; Erna Temple, mother of David Temple; Talia Cook, granddaughter of Frank and Sue Cook; Dwight and Elaine Holt, parents of David Holt; Jane Mead, mother of Cindy Deliman; Will Nirote, grandson of Rev. Bill and Arevena Nirote; Amy Smith, sister of Sarah Lange.

Those who mourn the loss of loved ones, including the family and friends of Dr. Willard Fernald.

Pastoral Visits

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 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.

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 **Neighbors in Need**. Neighbors In Need expresses the United Church of Christ’s commitment to ministries of justice and compassion in the United States and Puerto Rico, as we speak prophetically to those in power and advocate for the voiceless. In the spirit of Christ, we seek to confront evil in the world and to alleviate suffering through justice advocacy and direct service. Thank you for your generosity.

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