

Enter to Worship Depart to Serve

September 13, 2020

This Week at First Church

9/13

9 a.m. Worship Livestream
9:45 a.m. Zoom Chat
11 a.m. Worship Livestream
12 Noon Virtual Coffee Hour
12:15 p.m. BREAD Team Mtg

9/14

9 a.m. Good Samaritan
7 p.m. Trustees Mtg

9/15

7 p.m. Church Council Mtg

9/16

9:30 a.m. The Largest Table Prep & Delivery
10:30 a.m. Book Study
2:30 p.m. Live Stream Task Force Mtg

Attention Fourth Grade Parents

First Church will be celebrating a 4th grade milestone in our Milestone Ministry on September 20th.

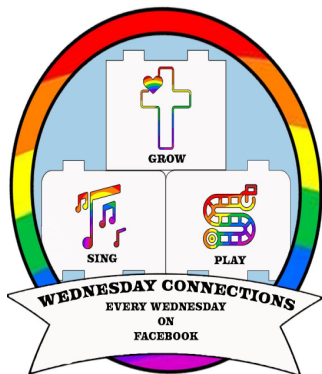
If you have a 4th grader in your home please contact Mark Williams (mwilliams@first-church.org) as soon as possible.

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.

Faith Formation



Faith Formation is online this Fall with great lessons and fun as we grow in our faith. The PreK-5th grade 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) 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.



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.

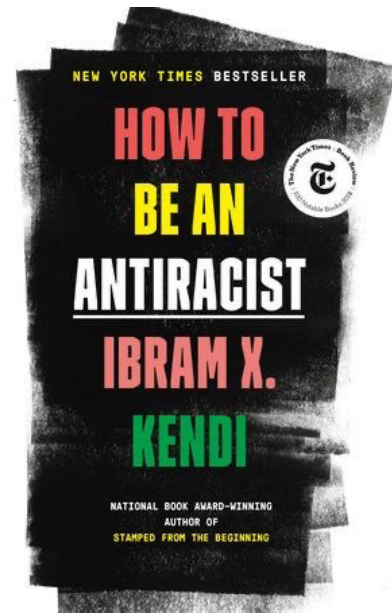
Wednesday classes will be held September 16 and 30, and October 7 and 21 from 10:30 - 11:45 a.m. The Monday night classes will be held September 21, October 5, and October 19 from 7-8:30 p.m.

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. To sign-up visit : <https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/su/jcSQ8jI>

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

[Monday Evening](#)

[Wednesday Morning](#)



Ibram X. Kendi
Award-Winning
Historian and Leading
Antiracist Voice

Michelle Alexander
Civil Rights Lawyer,
Advocate, Legal Scholar
and Author

Conversations on Social Justice 2

**OCTOBER
21**

Ibram X. Kendi and Michelle Alexander will join The New Albany Lecture Series on October 21.

Click below for more information!
<https://newalbanyfoundation.org/programs/the-new-albany-lecture-series/>

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>

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Password: 693317

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 Eddie Anderson and Duan Cannon and their families on the death Eddie's mother and Duan's sister, Alice Anderson; and the community of the United Church of Christ on the death of The Rev. Dr. Avery Post, ecumenist, justice advocate, skilled preacher and former president of the UCC.

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 Annette McCormick at amccormick@first-church.org or Rev. Emily Corzine at ecorzine@first-church.org.

Cash and designated checks go to support the Columbus Citywide initiative called **CelebrateOne**. This initiative focuses on reducing the significant factors that contribute to Columbus’s high infant mortality rate. CelebrateOne partners with agencies, organizations, and churches to train caregivers on the ABCs of safe sleep, to support mothers and mothers-to-be for healthy pregnancies and healthy first years, and to provide Celebrate One Birthday Parties for families and neighborhoods when their babies reach their first birthday. Thank you for your generosity.

To find out more information about the work of Celebrate One, please visit <https://www.columbus.gov/celebrate-one/>



Upcoming Mission Offerings

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