

Enter to Worship Depart to Serve

September 20, 2020

This Week at First Church

9/20	
9 a.m.	Worship
9:45 a.m.	Zoom Chat
11 a.m.	Worship
12 noon	Virtual Coffee Hour
12:30 p.m.	Confirmation
1:30 p.m.	Ordination of Joyce L. Wealand
2 p.m.	Antiracism Sunday Facebook Event <i>(Follow this link for more information)</i>
4 p.m.	Choral Evensong
6:30 p.m.	Youth Connections
9/21	
7 p.m.	Evening Book Study
9/22	
7 p.m.	Deacons Mtg
9/23	
All Day	Wednesday Connections

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.

You may also take the initiative and call a team member about joining their group.

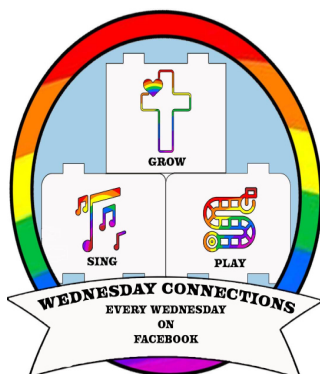
Below you will find a link to a list of House Meetings:
<https://files.constantcontact.com/5728e215501/14c136a8-c696-4e42-b140-ed88639e9144.pdf>

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

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.

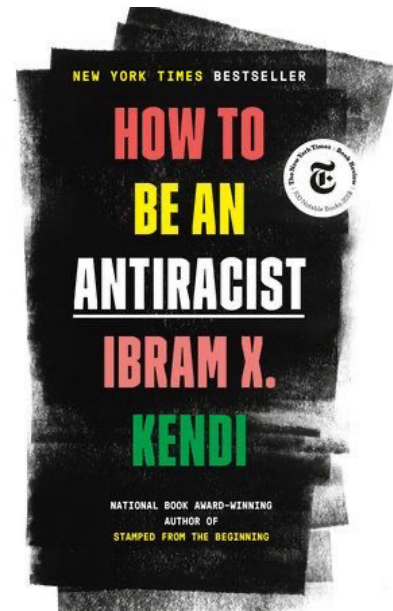
Wednesday classes will be held September 16 and 30, and October 7 and 21 from 10:30–11:45 a.m. The Monday night classes will be held September 21, October 5, and October 19, from 7–8:30 p.m.

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](#)



The Ordination of Joyce L. Wealand

will take place on Sunday, September 20, at 1:30 p.m.

This livestreamed event will be on YouTube. [Click here for the link.](#)

Please join us for this important event in the life of the church.

Concerts at First Church

Concerts at First Church begins its virtual season this Sunday, September 20, at 4 p.m. with the First Church Choir singing Choral Evensong. Likewise, Minister of Music Kevin Jones plays his annual organ recital the following Sunday, September 27, at 4 p.m., featuring music of Bach, Franck, and Vierne.

Tune in to the livestream for either or both events at www.concertsatfirstchurch.org/webcasts for the YouTube and program links.

If you are not already on the Concerts email list and would like to be, please sign up at www.concertsatfirstchurch.org, or email Amy Wagner at awagner@first-church.org

First Church Book Club

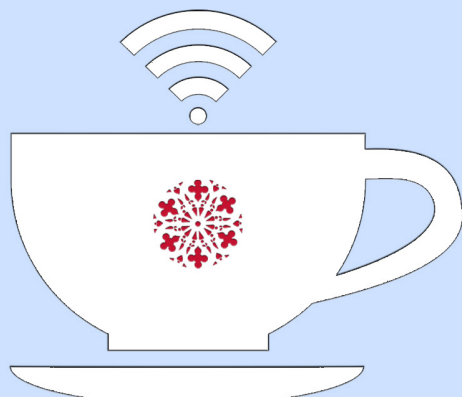
All are invited to join the First Church Book Club! The group meets next on Monday, September 28, (on Zoom) at 7 p.m.

The selection for September is:

The Lost Family, How DNA Is Upending Who We Are by Libby Copeland

Please email Elaine Warren at melainewarren232@gmail.com, to be added to the list of book club members who will receive the Zoom link for the book discussion.

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-014R1dIdmE4UzIUNdlnZkZ4ZURldz09>

Meeting ID: 865 2790 7526

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11:00 a.m.

Join Zoom Meeting

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

Meeting ID: 884 9421 6574

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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.

Keep in Prayer

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; Rev. Ron Botts on the death of his wife, Toni Carroll; Eddie Anderson and Duan Cannon and their families on the death Eddie's mother and Duan's sister, Alice Anderson.

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 below, 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 Good Samaritan Fund. The Good Samaritan Fund provides help every month to those who come to the door of First Church in need. The next Good Sam Day is Monday, October 12. Thank you for your generosity.

Click the link below to read more about the Good Samaritan Fund. <https://files.constantcontact.com/5728e215501/2f1457b2-4256-4e59-bb69-b16a80485269.pdf>



Upcoming Mission Offerings

September 20 Good Samaritan

September 27 National Alliance on Mental Health (NAMI) and the Suicide Prevention Hotline

Church Leadership

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

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