

# Enter to Worship Depart to Serve

September 27, 2020

## This Week at First Church

9/27	
9 a.m.	Worship
9:45 a.m.	Zoom Chat
11 a.m.	Worship
12 noon	Virtual Coffee Hour
12:30 p.m.	Confirmation
4 p.m.	Congregational Concert
6:30 p.m.	Youth Connection
9/28	
12 noon	Grief Support Group
7 p.m.	Book Club
9/30	
10:30 a.m.	Book Study
10/3	
10:30 a.m.	Sacred Earth 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.

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

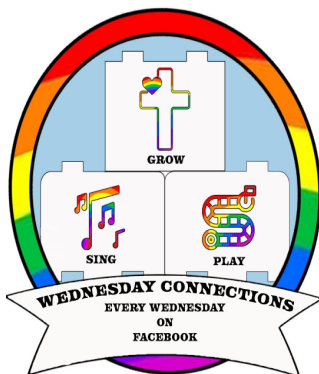
Below you will find a link to a list of House Meeting <https://files.constantcontact.com/5728e215501/14c136a8-c696-4e42-b140-ed88639e9144.pdf>

## Faith Formation

Faith Formation is online this Fall with great lessons and fun as we grow in our faith. 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.



# Church Wide 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)

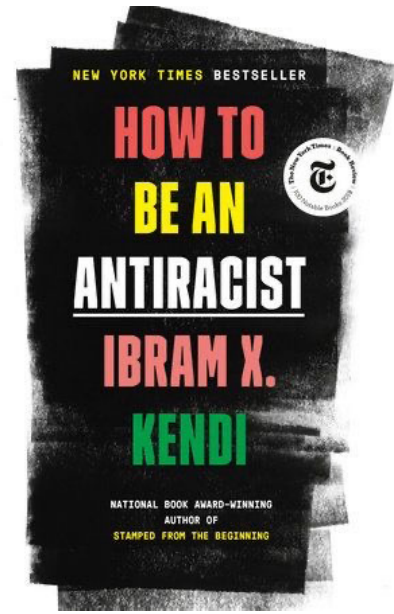
October 19 – Chapters 8- 12 (pp. 92-150)

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

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

[Monday Evening](#)

[Wednesday Morning](#)



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## Concerts at First Church

Minister of Music Kevin Jones plays his annual organ recital this Sunday, September 27 at 4 p.m.. He will play music of Bach, Franck, and Vierne.

Tune in to the livestream for either or both events at [www.concertsatfirstchurch.org/webcasts](http://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](http://www.concertsatfirstchurch.org), or email Amy Wagner at [awagner@firstchurch.org](mailto:awagner@firstchurch.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](mailto:melainewarren232@gmail.com), if you want to be added to the list of book club members who will receive the Zoom link for the book discussion.

## Legacy Sunday at Home

Our First Church tradition to celebrate Legacy Sunday is to host a Block Party with food, games and activities, and a Pie Contest sponsored by the Trustees. In this year of COVID and social distancing, we cannot gather in our traditional way; however, we invite you to celebrate at home. Eat some pie and share your photos using the hashtag #FirstChurchLegacyPie on Facebook, Instagram, or email photos to [communications@first-church.org](mailto:communications@first-church.org)

# 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**

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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 to name a prayer request, please call **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; Charlie Weaver; 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; 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](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).

## 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 support the work of two Central Ohio organizations, **National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) of Franklin County** and the Suicide Prevention Hotline. **NAMI of Franklin County** is dedicated to improving the quality of life for people with mental illness and their families through support, education, and advocacy. They advocate in the county, state, and national levels for non-discriminatory access to quality healthcare, housing, education, and employment for people with mental illness. The Suicide Prevention Hotline is a program of North Central Mental Health Services, a comprehensive community mental health program serving the people of Franklin County. More than 100 highly trained volunteers staff the 24-hour crisis intervention phone services, especially for teens. Thank you for your generosity.



## Happy Birthday to Betsy Zahn!

Join us in wishing Betsy Zahn a Happy 95th Birthday on Tuesday, September 29! If you would like to send her a card or note her address is:  
Mrs. Betsy Zahn  
1800 Riverside Drive, Apt. 4408  
Columbus, OH 43212

Thanks be to God for Betsy!

## 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.  
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**Communications Consultant** Melissa Kulwicki  
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**Building and Grounds Assistant** Darrell Cross  
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