

# Enter to Worship Depart to Serve

December 13, 2020

## This Week at First Church

12/13	
9 a.m.	Advent 3 Worship
9:45 a.m.	Virtual Coffee Hour
11 a.m.	Advent 3 Worship
12 Noon	Virtual Coffee Hour
12:30 p.m.	Children's Christmas Play
6:30 p.m.	Youth Connections
12/14	
9 a.m.	Good Samaritan Distribution
6 p.m.	Budget and Finance Mtg
7 p.m.	Trustees Mtg
12/15	
7 p.m.	Church Council Mtg
12/16	
9:30 a.m.	Largest Table Food Prep & Delivery
10:30 a.m.	Book Study

## Children's Christmas Play

The pandemic cannot get in the way of our children and sharing the good news of Christ's birth. Our Mistletoe Marchers will present the ABCs of Christmas and our older elementary children will present "O Zoom All Ye Faithful" today at **12:30 p.m.** View the at [https://youtu.be/mBtK6\\_fxQ1o](https://youtu.be/mBtK6_fxQ1o)



## Health Care Workers Notes of Appreciation

We are partnering with OhioHealth to give words of encouragement to health care staff during this challenging time. Hold them in your daily prayers. Anyone can participate (use crayons, pictures, stickers, etc). Offer words of kindness, wish them patience or courage, or thank them for their sacrifice during this difficult time.

Address your note: Health Care Worker, c/o First Congregational Church, UCC, 444 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215

Rev. Emily has more information if you need, [ecorzine@first-church.org](mailto:ecorzine@first-church.org). There is no deadline, as we will be collecting these on an ongoing basis through the winter months!

<i>Home for Christmas</i>	
Advent & Christmas 2020 at First Church	
Sunday, November 29 9 and 11 a.m. 1 p.m.	Advent I "It's Sufficient" Rev. Corzine Advent in a Bag
Sunday, December 6 9 and 11 a.m.	Advent II "Comfort Found at Home" Rev. Ahrens
Wednesday, December 9 7 p.m.	Blue Christmas: A Service of Remembrance and Hope
Sunday, December 13 9 and 11 a.m.  12:30 p.m.	Advent III "The Super Light Coming Home for Christmas" Rev. Ahrens Children's Christmas Play
Sunday, December 20 9 and 11 a.m. 4 p.m.	Advent IV "Rich Promises" Rev. Corzine The Christmas Festival of Lessons and Carols
December 24 3 p.m. 7:30 p.m. 11 p.m.	Christmas Eve Family Christmas Eve Service "Returning Home" Rev. Ahrens "Opening the Doors to our Hearts" Rev. Ahrens

## Volunteers for BOBS on Christmas Day

A limited number of Volunteers are needed for BOBS this year. If you are healthy and not in a high-risk group, we do need your help for many simple tasks (guiding auto and foot traffic, distributing face masks and hand sanitizers, dispensing beverages, etc.)

Our volunteers will serve a two-hour shift (8:30 - 10:30 a.m. or 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.), and must be willing and able to wear face masks, which we will provide, along with gloves. We will give everyone safety instructions, and we'll enforce safety rules.

Contact Jim Lowe at:

Email: [lowemail1124@gmail.com](mailto:lowemail1124@gmail.com)

Text / Phone Call: 614-397-7512

Please let us know your name, cell number, email address, and the shift you prefer.

Thank You and God Bless,

The Bethlehem on Broad Street Team

## Annual Campaign Update

The Annual Stewardship Campaign committee is pleased to report the total pledge revenue as of 12/9 is \$720,424.20. We have 191 of 276 known giving units received. So far, 116 have increased their pledges over 2020. We stand at 69% of our Giving Unit Goal. We invite everyone to participate in getting us to 100% participation. We have 85 giving units that have not pledged for 2021. Of the 85 units that have not pledged, we have \$115,194.80 outstanding over last year's pledges

If you haven't pledged before and you wish to support the ministry and mission of First Church, we invite you to do so by visiting [www.first-church.org/Stewardship.aspx](http://www.first-church.org/Stewardship.aspx)

If you have not already submitted your intention for 2021, please inform the church office, [Amccormick@first-church.org](mailto:Amccormick@first-church.org). We invite you to participate in the mission and ministry of First Church.



**Starting Wednesday,  
December 9 and for the  
following 12 days we will be  
sharing cookie recipes from  
our members to help bring  
you some tasty joys during  
this holiday season.**

**Visit the  
First Church Facebook page  
or  
[www.first-church.org](http://www.first-church.org)**



## Join the Virtual Coffee Hour!

**Immediately following each Worship Livestream.**

### 9 a.m.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86527907526?pwd=L-014R1dIdmE4UzIUNdlnZkZ4ZURldz09>

**Meeting ID: 865 2790 7526**

**Password: 601438**

### 11 a.m.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88494216574?pwd=cDN-VS0dKaEdvTGhMcVozc0twU2pyZz09>

**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 name a prayer request, please call **614-733-4547** and leave a message.

Someone will return your call as needed.

Should you need to reach either pastor directly for a time to chat, discuss pastoral concerns or have prayer, Rev. Tim can be reached by church voicemail at (614) 228-1741 ext. 13, or email at [tahrens@first-church.org](mailto:tahrens@first-church.org).

Rev. Emily has virtual office hours at 10 a.m. on Thursdays. These are 20 minute blocks beginning at 10 a.m. Contact Rev. Emily for a time slot at [ecorzine@first-church.org](mailto:ecorzine@first-church.org).

## Keep In Prayer

Susan Brooks; John Matchett; Rev. Herb Goetz, and Rev. Mary Ann Goetz; Pat Liebchen; Dana Navin Schultz; Lindy Miller; and Rev. Earl Fritz and Pauline Fritz; and Robert Reber.

Judy Burkholder, friend of Donice Wooster; Olive Weller, grandmother of Gretchen Weller; Calvin Stewart, family friend of Melissa Kulwicki; Strick Strickland, nephew of Pat Patterson; Jonathan and Will Nirote, son and grandson of Bill and Arevena Nirote; Bob Prickett, friend of Steve Ferris; Michael Swift, son of Jilda Swift; Tom and Susan Murrell; Erna Temple, mother of David Temple; Dwight Elaine Holt, parents of David Holt; and Jane Mead, mother of Cindy Deliman; Letina Reda, the mother of Million, who is very concerned about her father and brother in a refugee camp in Ethiopia/Eritrea. Those who mourn the loss of loved ones including Antoinette Koolemans-Beynen on the loss of her brother Jim Reuchlin; family and friends of former staff member, Bruce Vaughn; and the family of Casey Goodson Jr. and all those in our city who are victims of gun violence.

Those who mourn the loss of loved ones due COVID19 including Joanne Santilli on the death of her husband Paul Santilli; and Mel Prendergast on the death of her aunt, Kathy Milia.

LJ Cooks and family on the death of his grandfather Jess Cooks; Barb Jenks Triffon on the death of her sister Cleo Triffon Gregory; Kathy Reed on the loss of her 97-year-old, WWII veteran uncle Don Detmer; and those who suffer from COVID19 including Glen Halbe, father of Greg Halbe; the Fred Williams family, cousins of Mark Williams with their entire family and grandchildren; Johanna Guerrero, and daughter of Antionette Koolemans-Beynen.



## 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 presented below, 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).



Cash and designated checks go to **Bethlehem on Broad Street** (BOBS), a longstanding ministry housed at First Congregational Church on Christmas Day. Over its many years, the BOBS network has expanded to support different events such as a food box distribution at Broad Street United Methodist Church, and Project Help clothing giveaway on the Near East Side. This Christmas Day, observing COVID-19 precautions, BOBS will host its gathering in a new way with food trucks on the church's West Parking Lot to serve those who come in need of a warm meal and fellowship. Thank you for your generosity.

Learn more about BOBS by visiting:  
<http://www.bethlehemonbroadstreet.org>

## Upcoming Mission Offerings

December 20 Columbus Coalition for the Homeless  
December 27 J. Jireh Development Corp

## 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  
**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 Farquhar, 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