

Enter to Worship Depart to Serve

October 18, 2020

This Week at First Church

10/18	
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.	Choral Evensong
6 p.m.	Youth Connections
10/19	
6 p.m.	Budget & Finance Mtg
7 p.m.	Book Study
10/20	
7 p.m.	Church Council Mtg
10/21	
9:30 a.m.	Largest Table Prep & Delivery
10:30 a.m.	Book Study
7 p.m.	BREAD House Mtg Conversations on Social Justice New Albany Lecture Series



The First Congregational Church, UCC 2021 Annual Campaign, "The Power of the Plate Love in Generosity" is underway!

For more information visit

<https://www.first-church.org/Stewardship.aspx>

Flu Shot Information

Anyone six months of age or older can visit the clinics to get a flu shot at no cost. Registration is not required and participants should bring their insurance card if they have one. Flu shots are also available at the Columbus Public Health Immunization Clinic, health care providers and retail pharmacies.

Learn more and see the full list of clinics at www.columbus.gov/flu.

Faith Formation

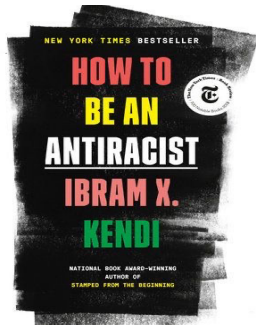
Faith Formation is online this Fall with great lessons and fun as we grow in our faith. The PreK–5th grades will have Wednesday Connections in the form of a video lesson that will be posted each Wednesday for families to view at their convenience.

The Youth Connections (6th–12th) 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.

Gladden Marches On!

With special help from The Best Damn Band in the Land (TBDBITL), Gladden Community House is Marching On, hosting a virtual celebration to raise awareness and vital funds for Gladden's work on behalf of children and families. Join us as we catch up with the band and how they're marching on during this pandemic, what the future holds for Gladden, and the ways in which you can help us support a community in need. Now in its 12th year, this event has raised over \$1.3 million dollars in support of Gladden's life-impacting work and mission. Please plan to join us on Thursday, October 22 for a silent auction and brief program benefitting Gladden Community House. For more information visit: <http://gladdenhouse.org/marching/>



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](#)

Viewing of the Film “Rigged” October 28, 7 p.m. on Zoom

The film *Rigged: The Voter Suppression Playbook* takes a rigorous look at voter suppression and sparks spirited discussion on the actions needed to protect our democracy. This award-winning documentary was filmed principally during the 2016 election. The film tracks a systematic, decade-long effort to suppress votes at scale and reverse the growing demographic tide of non-white and younger voters who helped elect President Barack Obama in 2008.

A panel discussion will follow the film presentation. The panel includes: Gail L. Lowe, Church Women United; Gene Harris, Former Superintendent of Columbus City Schools; Rev. Dr. Tim Ahrens, First Congregational Church; and Ray Miller, Publisher of African-American Journal.

To register visit: <https://www.ohcouncilchs.org/rigged>

Lecture Series to Host Ibram X. Kendi and Michelle Alexander

Wednesday, October 21, The New Albany Lecture Series welcomes Professor Ibram X. Kendi, best-selling author and Director of the Boston University Center for Antiracist Research, and Michelle Alexander, Civil Rights Lawyer, advocate, legal scholar and award-winning author for what promises to be a stimulating discussion. Click below to register for this free event.

<https://newalbanyfoundation.brand.live/c/new-albany-lecture-series-2>

Webinar on Homelessness and Housing

The Columbus Coalition for the Homeless is hosting a webinar on Homelessness and the Housing Crisis in Columbus on Thursday, October 29th. from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Join us to learn more about what causes homelessness, who is homeless, and how to get involved in service, support, and advocacy. To register for the event please visit this link: <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/2284446922494743308>

Choral Evensong

Choral Evensong will be held today, October 18, at 4 p.m. featuring the First Church Choir singing music of Sumsion, Howells, and Rheinberger. The Rev. Dr. Nancy Livingston officiates. See the livestream at www.concert-satfirstchurch.org/webcasts



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

Password: 601438

11:00 a.m.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88494216574?pwd=cDN-VS0dKaEdvTGhMcVoZc0twU2pyZz09>

Meeting ID: 884 9421 6574

Password: 693317

25 Days of Prayer from Washington National Cathedral

These are anxious times as our nation confronts a deadly pandemic, a troubled economy, racial injustice and a bitter election season. It's a lot to take in, and it's easy to get overwhelmed. That's why prayer is needed now more than ever.

We commend to you Washington National Cathedral's Center for Prayer and Pilgrimage. They celebrate their 25th year and have offered 25 prayers that will help calm your soul and lift your spirit as we head into Election Day and the months to come. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer. For more information visit: <https://cathedral.org/centerforprayer/25-days-of-prayer/>

Keep In Prayer

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

Bill Kelley, friend of Amy Wagner; Michael Swift, son of Jilda Swift; Sharon Garrison, sister in-law of Melva Fisher; 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; Johnathon and Will Nirote, son and grandson of Rev. Bill and Arevena Nirote; Amy Smith, sister of Sarah Lange.

Those who mourn the loss of loved ones, including the family of Larry Walquist; Lauren Muscott, on the death of her grandmother, Elverna Muscott; and Tom and Shelly Gies and family, on the death of Tom's mother, Dorothy Gies.

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.

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.

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 Children’s Defense Fund. The Children’s Defense Fund (CDF) is a non-profit child advocacy organization that has worked relentlessly for nearly 40 years to ensure a level playing field for all children. They champion policies and programs that lift children out of poverty; protect them from abuse and neglect; and ensure their access to health care, quality education, and a moral and spiritual foundation. Thank you for your generosity

For more information about The Children’s Defense Fund visit <https://www.childrensdefense.org>



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>

Church Leadership

Senior Minister Rev. Dr. Timothy C. Ahrens, M.Div., D. Min.

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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

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