

Enter to Worship Depart to Serve

October 25, 2020

This Week at First Church

10/25	
9 a.m.	Worship
9:45 a.m.	Zoom Chat
11 a.m.	Worship
12 noon	Virtual Coffee Hour
4 p.m.	Congregational Concert
6 p.m.	Youth Connection
10/26	
12 noon	Grief Support Group
7 p.m.	BREAD House Mtg
10/27	
7 p.m.	Deacons Mtg



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>

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.

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 29, 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: <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/2284446922494743308>

Flu Shot Information

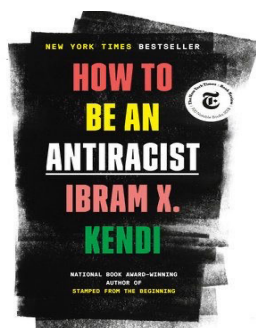
Anyone 6-months of age or older can visit the clinics to get a flu shot at no cost. (Registration is not required and participants should bring their insurance card if they have one.) Flu shots are also available at the Columbus Public Health Immunization Clinic, health care providers and retail pharmacies.

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

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 (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 (ecorzine@first-church.org)



The Rev. Dr. Tim Ahrens is reading 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 at:

[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 shot 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>

CONCERTS AT FIRST CHURCH 2020 – 2021

First Congregational Church • United Church of Christ
444 East Broad Street
Columbus, Ohio 43215
www.concertsatfirstchurch.org

Michael Messina and
Kevin Jones

livestreamed on www.concertsatfirstchurch.org/webcasts/

Oct
25
4pm



Music for two organs on First Church's two great instruments!
Music of Handel, Sowerby, Howells, Calvin Hampton and others.



Concerts at First Church

Congregational Concerts continues on **Sunday, October 25, at 4 p.m.** when organists Michael Messina and Kevin Jones join forces for a program of music for two organs. Hear the impressive sound of more than 8,000 pipes playing together at the same time! Catch the webcast at www.concertsatfirstchurch.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-014R1dIdmE4UzIUNdInZkZ4ZURldz09>

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 the 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 the Washington National Cathedral 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.

Jonathan and Will Nirote, son and grandson of Bill and Arevena Nirote; Bob Prickett, friend of Steve Ferris; 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; Amy Smith, sister of Sarah Lange.

Those who mourn the loss of loved ones, including the family of Larry Walquist; the family of Rev. Ken Beittel; 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.

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 (amccormick@first-church.org) or Rev. Emily Corzine (ecorzine@first-church.org).

Cash and designated checks go to **Mid-Ohio Food Collective**. The Mid-Ohio Food Collective is dedicated to feeding hungry people by collecting and distributing food and grocery products, educating the community about hunger, advocating for hunger relief programs, and collaborating with others who address basic human needs. Thank you for your generosity

For more information about Mid-Ohio Food Collective visit <https://www.midohiofoodbank.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.

Associate Minister Rev. Emily Krause Corzine, M.Div.

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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

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