

# NEWS & NOTES

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2020

**Mason CLC Coat Drive.** Due to the pandemic, we are collecting winter wear for our annual [Mason CLC Christmas Drive](#). We're still in need of 66 coats! If you would like to get involved, please contact Laura Bishop at 330.620.3754, either via phone or text, to be matched to a child or family. The next scheduled drop off at First Church is next Sunday, October 25, from 11am-1pm. You will not need to leave your car; we ask that you wear a mask for the safety of the volunteers. You are welcome to make a purchase online and have the item delivered to the church (292 E. Market St., Akron, 44308) – please let the office know if you choose this option. If you would like to make a donation for volunteer shoppers, checks can be made to First Church with “Mason CLC” in the memo line or you can donate online at [www.akronfcc.org/donate](http://www.akronfcc.org/donate). Thank you!

**Wednesday Faith Enrichment.** Be a part of conversation about the studies of Dr. John Dominic Crossan who delves into Jesus' historical landscape to unearth the forces that shaped Jesus' circumstances and message. Sharing brief DVD presentations each week, we'll gain an understanding of the multi-faceted connections between Greece, Rome and the Jews that shape our understanding of Jesus today. To join the conversation, please [register in advance](#).

**Community Neighborhood Roundtable.** The Community Neighborhood Roundtable will be a series of three Wednesday evening zoom conversations on November 4, 11, and 18 from 7-8:30pm. Each meeting will feature speakers who are knowledgeable about Middlebury, the first of which are Jason Segedy, Director of Planning and Urban Development, City of Akron and Lauren Green-Hull, Associate Director, Fair Housing Contact Service.

Register at <https://bit.ly/Community-Roundtable> You can learn more at <https://www.akronfcc.org/community-roundtable> This program is open to the entire Akron community, so feel free to invite a friend!

**Inquirer's Gatherings.** Are you interested to learn more about what it means to become a First Church member? Please consider attending the Inquirer's Gatherings on Sunday, October 25 and Sunday, November 8 from 6-7pm on zoom. To register for the conversation, please contact Kasey Kalchert ([kasey.kalchert@akronfcc.org](mailto:kasey.kalchert@akronfcc.org) / 330.253.5109 ext 112).

**Good Neighbors, Inc. is the October Mission of the Month!** The mission at Good Neighbors, Inc. is to help families and individuals in times of crisis and need with clothing, emergency food, and support. Good Neighbors currently has six locations throughout Summit County. All work is performed by one part-time staff person and with the help of volunteers. Funds raised from Mission of Month will be used to purchase food and personal care items for those visiting the Goodyear Heights Community Outreach and Food Center. Learn more at <http://www.good-neighbors.org/>. If you would like to make a contribution, please visit [www.akronfcc.org/donate](http://www.akronfcc.org/donate) or mail a check to 292 E Market Street, Akron, 44308; make your check out to First Church with "Good Neighbors, Inc." in the memo line.

### **STAYING INVOLVED – WAYS TO VOLUNTEER AND DONATE DURING THIS TIME**

**Food Pantry.** Due to ongoing concerns with the COVID-19 pandemic and the upcoming winter months, during November, Food Pantry patrons will be able to receive pre-packaged bags of groceries on Tuesday mornings from 9:30-10:30am. Learn more about the change at <https://www.akronfcc.org/food-pantry-update-regarding-coronavirus-covid-19/> However, we are in need of volunteers to help with distribution and pre-packing bags on Tuesday evenings from 5:30-7pm. This opportunity gives you the chance to support our essential Food Justice ministry, while staying active, and maintaining all social distancing and safety guidelines set forward by the Ohio Department of Health. Contact Clay and Deb Canfield at [food.pantry@akronfcc.org](mailto:food.pantry@akronfcc.org) for more information.

### **IN OUR DAILY PRAYERS**

We offer daily prayers for all who are struggling in body, mind, or spirit in our world. Within our community we pray for Mildred A., Barbara H., Jen M., Margaret P., Patty N., George K., Art W., and Doug W.

*If you would like a name added to our prayer list, please email [kasey.kalchert@akronfcc.org](mailto:kasey.kalchert@akronfcc.org) or speak with a pastor.*

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