

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2020

NEWS & NOTES

Change to worship. First Church is hosting two worship services on Sunday mornings. The 9:30am Celebrate Service will be held on zoom and you can [register here](#). At 11am, tune in the Festival worship service, which will be [streaming live](#) from the Meetinghouse. Both services will be livestreaming to [Facebook](#) at their respective time and will be archived onto [the website](#) for later viewing.

Holiday office closures. The church office will be closed on Wednesday, November 25 through Friday, November 27 in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. Happy Thanksgiving!

Advent Devotional. The Advent season is a wonderful time to prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ. This year our Prepare, Ponder, Pray, Praise and Proclaim series will be accompanied by a devotional booklet that the church will circulate to all members. If you are a friend of the church and would like to receive a copy, please don't hesitate to contact Kasey Kalchert (kasey.kalchert@akronfcc.org/ 330.253.5109 ext 112). We'd be glad to mail you a copy of Reed Lessing's *Prepare Ye! Devotions* for Advent.

Advent Faith Enrichment. Join Pastor Nanette during Advent for Faith Enrichment on zoom. The meetings are Wednesday, December 2 and 9 at 7pm. You can register at <https://bit.ly/AdventFaithEnrichment>.

Order a Christmas Poinsettia. This Christmas Eve, during worship, view the Meetinghouse decorated with poinsettias in honor and in memory of loved ones. A list of the names will be included in the online worship service and in the order of service available to download. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, flowers will unfortunately NOT be available for pickup. Poinsettias are \$10 each. To order, please submit your payment [online](#) at or checks can be mailed to the church office (292 E. Market Street, Akron,

44308) with "poinsettias" in the memo line. Please submit the names of those you would like to honor and/or remember this season to Kasey Kalchert either by mail or at kasey.kalchert@akronfcc.org / 330.253.5109 ext 112.

Ronald McDonald House is the November Mission of the Month! Ronald McDonald House Akron commits to enriching lives through comfort, care and supportive services for families with loved ones being treated by Akron Children's Hospital and other local medical facilities.

Contributions made to Ronald McDonald House Akron support operations of the House and its 42 guest rooms. No family is turned away due to inability to pay. [Watch this video](#) to learn more! If you would like to make a contribution, please make your check out to First Congregational Church of Akron with “Ronald McDonald House Akron” in the memo line. Thank you!

Food Pantry. Due to ongoing concerns with the COVID-19 pandemic and the upcoming winter months, during November, Food Pantry patrons are 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 on Tuesday mornings from 9-11am and with pre-packing bags on Monday 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 for more information.

Amazon Smile. Do you shop on Amazon? If so, your purchases can benefit First Church through Amazon Smile. Simply log in at www.smile.amazon.com with your Amazon account information, pick First Congregational Church of Akron as your charity, and Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible purchases! This donation is no cost to you!

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., Maggie G., Margaret P., Patty N., George K., Betty S., Trevor S., Art W., Mike V., Lynn V., and Doug W.

If you would like a name added to our prayer list, please email kasey.kalchert@akronfcc.org or speak with a pastor.

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