

SUNDAY, JANUARY 17, 2021

# NEWS & NOTES

**Church office closures.** The church office will be closed on Monday, January 18, 2021 in observation Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

**AAIC Meditation.** The Akron Area Interfaith Council presents “An Interfaith Meditation: Prayers for the Pandemic” to be held via zoom TODAY at 2pm. You can register to attend here: <http://bit.ly/InnerFaithMeditation>. First Church is a sponsor of this event.

**Faith Enrichment.** Each Wednesday through February 10, you are invited to join us for Faith Enrichment meetings on zoom! Two sessions will be held each Wednesday. Join Pastor Antigone on Wednesday mornings on zoom at 10:45 am- register here: <https://bit.ly/WedAMFE>. Pastor Nanette is hosting the evening session on zoom at 7pm; you can register here: <https://bit.ly/WedPMFE>. More information about the study topics can be found in [the Chronicle](#).

**Family Faith Formation.** Save the date for January 31 at 2pm for a Family Faith Formation on zoom. Register to attend at <https://bit.ly/famfaithformation> This virtual gathering will provide a space for First Church to thoughtfully consider the initiatives or approaches the church might take to help enrich the faith formation of our families with children. In the meantime, we encourage you to consider any questions or ideas you may have so that we might discuss them together during the forum. We hope to see you there!

**Saturday Morning Bible Study.** Designed for those who identify with the masculine arc of the gender spectrum, this study led by Steven Savides invites participants to engage in interpretation of biblical texts as a primary source of Christian theology. The group meets on Saturday, January 16 at 8am. Please register to attend at <https://bit.ly/SatAMBible>.

**Youth Confirmation Program.** This year, Confirmation programming will be offered to all high school youth at First Church. Through a series of online classes, participants will be encouraged to explore their faith more intentionally, learn more about Christianity and the church, and deepen their relationship with God. If

you are interested in participating in the Confirmation program, sign-up forms are available at <https://www.akronfcc.org/confirmation>. Please return forms to Pastor Antigone ([antigone.pearson@akronfcc.org](mailto:antigone.pearson@akronfcc.org)) or mail to the church office (292 E. Market Street, Akron, 44308). We hope that your teen will prayerfully consider joining us on this journey!

**Save the date.** First Church will be hosting an online Ash Wednesday worship service on Wednesday, February 17 at 7pm. Watch online at [www.akronfcc.org/live](http://www.akronfcc.org/live) or [www.facebook.com/fccofakron](https://www.facebook.com/fccofakron).

**Food Pantry is seeking volunteers in 2021!** There are many opportunities to get involved: Monday morning delivery, Monday evening packing, and Tuesday morning distribution! The Food Pantry is need of three additional volunteers for distribution. 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. We are doing our outmost to make the volunteer experience safe, meaningful and fun! Please contact [food.pantry@akronfcc.org](mailto:food.pantry@akronfcc.org) to volunteer or receive additional information.

**Church Directory.** Have you downloaded the app for Instant Church Directory? It gives you access to our membership directory on your smart phone or tablet. You can also view it on a destop computer at <https://members.instantchurchdirectory.com/>. Simply log in with the email you've provided to First Church to gain access. Please note the church office doesn't have a record of member passwords; you can reset at your own discretion on the login page to Instant Church Directory! Questions? Contact Kasey Kalchert in the church office ([kasey.kalchert@akronfcc.org](mailto:kasey.kalchert@akronfcc.org) / 330.253.5109 ext 112)

**Acme Community Cashback!** We're reaching the end of the Acme Community Cashback season! If you shopped at Acme before December 26, please send us your receipts by January 31. Every receipt counts! In 2019, we earned \$579. Please contact [janis.worley@akronfcc.org](mailto:janis.worley@akronfcc.org) if you have any questions.

**News and Notes Update.** If you have any announcements or information to include in the weekly News and Notes, please contact Kasey Kalchert in the church office ([kasey.kalchert@akronfcc.org](mailto:kasey.kalchert@akronfcc.org) / 330.253.5109 ext 112). Please note that information must be submitted by Wednesdays at 12pm to be included in Sunday announcements. Thank 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., Bill F., Barbara H., Kathy J., George K., Margaret P., Patty N., Betty S., Trevor S., Art W., Betty W., Ed 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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