

# NEWS & NOTES

## **Mission of the Month - Asia Services in Action**

Our May Mission of the Month is the [Asia Services in Action](#). As the largest health and human services agency for the Asian American and Pacific Island community in Northeast Ohio, Asia Services in Action seeks to empower and provide *"access to quality culturally and linguistically appropriate information, health, and social services."* Your donations, in addition to our apportioned Mission of the Month award of \$600, will help the [Asia Services in Action](#) continue its mission of providing vital services to those in their community. Please consider mailing in a donation with "Mission of the Month" in the memo line or you can [donate online](#). Thank you.

**Landscaping Maintenance Team.** The church is in need of help to mulch and edge the landscaping around the building on May 8<sup>th</sup> from 9am – 1pm. Volunteers can do what they are able, at their convenience. Tools are available during hours, but please bring a wheelbarrow if you are able. To sign up please contact Denny Conrad at (330) 607-4530, [dg.conrad@att.net](mailto:dg.conrad@att.net).

## **Spring Plant Sale**

First Congregational Church of Akron and Let's Grow Akron will hold its Third Annual plant sale, May 15-16. Vegetables, herbs, flower seedlings, compost, seeds, and more can be purchased online from May 1-10 at [www.letsgrowakron.org](http://www.letsgrowakron.org) for pick-up or at the outdoor shop in the First Church parking lot on May 15 between 9am-3pm and May 16 between 12pm-4pm. Volunteers are also needed during the plant sale—no gardening experience is needed! You can sign up at <https://bit.ly/3eq22WB>. Please email Garden Manger Sam Phillips at [sam@letsgrowakron.org](mailto:sam@letsgrowakron.org) with any questions.

## **Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting**

Sunday, May 16, 11am online

The Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting will be held online on Sunday, May 16, at 11am following one combined online 9:30am worship service. Pre-registration is necessary. Please visit <https://bit.ly/Semi-AM-2021>. The agenda will include the congregation voting on a 1. Slate of Board members and Church Officers and the 2. Budget for the 2021-2022 program year.

Our new fiscal and program year will begin on June 1 and run through May 31, 2022. Copies of the agenda, prior meeting minutes and absentee ballots for those unable to attend will be available prior to the meeting. Please contact the church office for details. To submit agenda items and questions, please contact Moderator DeAnn Clemons at [dswclemons@gmail.com](mailto:dswclemons@gmail.com).

## **Leadership Retreat**

Join Pastor Nanette and our incoming Moderator, Jim Gartner, for a morning's program celebrating your involvement at First Church, encouraging collaboration between our leadership groups, sharing vision for the year ahead and meeting with your board, committee or team to establish meeting times, chairperson and some other nuts & bolts for the 2021-2022 program year. For boards, this meeting can substitute for your regular May meeting. Please [register now](#) and contact Alex Morris, Congregational Life Coordinator, with any questions, [alex.morris@akronfcc.org](mailto:alex.morris@akronfcc.org), 330.325.5109 x112.

**Food Pantry is seeking volunteers!** Volunteers are needed on Saturday mornings to help the Food Pantry with Walmart pickup. Each week at 8am, volunteers pick up donations from Walmart, located at 2887 S Arlington Road. Volunteers are responsible to move food cartons that are generally less than 35 pounds. The larger your vehicle the better! Please note that you will not need to enter Walmart and all pandemic safety procedures are in place as set 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.

## **IN OUR DAILY PRAYERS**

**We offer our heartfelt condolences** to the Weyrick family – Anna, Jacob and Alex – who lost husband and father, Doug, on Thursday, April 22, 2021 after a years-long battle with brain cancer.

**We offer our congratulations** to the Painter family – Katie (Gartner) and Joey – who welcomed Hudson James into their family on Thursday, April 22, 2021. We also pray with them as Hudson undergoes treatment in the NICU and Katie receives additional intervention in the ICU.

**We offer daily prayers** for all who are struggling in body, mind, or spirit in our world. Within our community we pray this week for Mildred A., Chris B., Bill F., Barbara H., Callahan H., George K., Joan L., Michael L., Chuck M., Rod M., Nanette P., Margaret P., Elaine R., Barbara S., Betty S., Rick T., and Art W.

*If you would like a name added to our prayer list, please [email](#) or speak with a pastor.*

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