



# Chronicle

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL  
CHURCH OF AKRON

*Rooted in Christ · Fostering Justice · Celebrating Diversity*



Dear Beloved,

This year the First Congregational Church of Akron, founded in 1833, is one hundred and ninety years old. A decade before our bicentennial celebration, we have the opportunity to pause and take stock. As the present generation of faithful gathered as the Body of Christ, we are now the ones to praise God and bless the world through this ministry.

I said recently, when catching up with a friend, that this is a fascinating and odd time to be alive. The landscape of society is shifting so fast that at times we seem to have lost track of “normal” all together! As all the elements of life swirl around us, it’s as if we are in another galaxy of unfamiliar planets, stars, and asteroids. In this new reality, without our familiar constellations and sun, we are uncertain of the spatial relationships and what revolves around what, centering us.

Many years ago, within the Church, leaders began to take stock of the signs of a shift in the ways people were engaging. In recent years, this change has been regular fodder for the mainstream media. This is often aired in simplistic terms, as if to scapegoat the church and avoid the more nuanced reality of people’s increasing distrust in all of the United States’ major institutions, not just the Church.

Since 1979, Gallup has regularly polled U.S. adults on whether they have “confidence” in fourteen major institutions, such as the police, public schools, the Supreme Court, and the Presidency. On July 5, 2022, Gallup reported that the average level of confidence for these institutions was at a new low of 27% (ranging from 64% for the military to 7% for Congress).

The average was 48% in 1979, and it has not been that high since. Besides the military, the only institution above 50% last year was small business.

Trust in “the church or organized religion” fell from 37% in 2021 to 31% in 2022. Confidence in large technology companies fell from 29% to 26%. Even confidence in the medical system is down, from 44% to 38%. The only one not to fall was organized labor which remained at 28%.

The Church is certainly changing. We are all changing. Our faith promises that God continues always to meet us where we are and, as we change, God meets us in new and evolving ways. As the Body of Christ, we are called to respond to the needs of the world. Those needs have changed and so must we, as the Church. This is an exciting opportunity!

First Church is not alone in the changes we are experiencing, nor is the Church in general. In light of our Christian faith’s motifs of transformation, renewal and resurrection, I believe we are well placed to handle this challenging and exciting era. As we look ahead towards this next decade leading to our bicentennial celebration, I have faith that as we faithfully continue to be rooted in Christ, fostering justice and celebrating diversity, we will continue to be a hub of worship and service for God, well into our third century. I look forward to celebrating our 190th anniversary with you throughout the course of this year.

Grace and peace,

*Nanette*

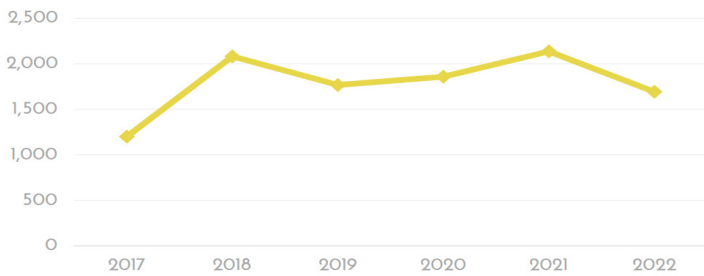
# Growing Season Lookback

We celebrate that in the 2022 growing season, the Feed My Sheep Garden was able to harvest a total of 1,692lbs of organic vegetables. Nine hundred pounds was distributed through the Feeding Hope Food Pantry and the remainder through the Summit Lake Neighborhood Farmers' Market. Our grateful thanks to Garden Manager Sam Phillips and Garden Crew members Jamie Mutnansky and Duane Husted.



## FEED MY SHEEP GARDEN YIELD

Amount of produce harvested in pounds from 2017 - 2022.  
Operated in partnership with Let's Grow Akron 2018 - present.



This year's highlights included Jamie's edible flowers, an initiative that Jamie took on in a few of the beds. Having flowers in the garden is important for attracting and sustaining visits from pollinator insects because their visits aid the vegetables and having the edible flowers was a hit at the farmer's market. Another highlight from this season was the progress made on replacing raised beds at the fall workday. Thank you to all who volunteered that day and during the course of the season.

This coming growing season will bring with it a change in the Garden Manager role. Five years ago Sam Phillips joined us as we formed a formal relationship with Let's Grow Akron. This year Sam will move on to pursue other opportunities in local farming with Let's Grow Akron as we anticipate welcoming a new manager from Let's Grow Akron. Sam will still be spending time at the Feed My Sheep Garden this coming season to ensure



Sam Phillips receiving the church's Thank You card, together with Lisa Nunn, Executive Director of Let's Grow Akron.

a smooth transition for the new manager and garden crew. First Church extends grateful thanks to Sam for her years of service in support of our food justice ministry.

# Adjacent Property Sale

First Church became aware in early December that the University of Akron has put the property abutting our garden on the market. The Governing Board convened at a special meeting on December 13, 2022, and voted unanimously to secure a commercial real estate agent to investigate and possibly help First Church negotiate making a bid. The possibility of purchasing the property would secure First Church's future and options, including the access we currently have had to our property and garden.



Aerial view with the property in question outlined in red. First Church's existing property, on this side of Union Street, is outlined in green.

The decision to make an offer will need to come before the whole congregation. A special meeting of the congregation will be held in person in our Meetinghouse on Sunday, February 19, 2023 with both in person and online options for attendance so that quorum can be achieved (absentee ballots do not count towards quorum).

We will gather for our Mardi Gras breakfast at 9am as usual, followed by one worship service at 10am, and then the meeting. The purpose of the meeting will be to vote on pursuing purchasing options on the property. If weather prohibits meeting on February 19, the alternate date will be Sunday, February 26, 2023, following the 11am worship service.

In preparation for the meeting so that everyone is well-informed, both initially and as the process progresses, there will be an informational session to give details and answer questions. The informational session will be held on Tuesday, February 14, 2023 from 6-7pm. This update meeting will be held in person at First Church with options for joining by Zoom (please contact the church office for information on joining virtually). You are also welcome to contact Moderator Sue Yoder with any questions or comments.

Submitted by Sue Yoder, Moderator





## Mardi Gras Sunday

**FEBRUARY 19, 10AM (ONE SERVICE)**

Join us on Transfiguration Sunday right before the beginning of the season of Lent for a celebratory Mardi Gras jazz worship service featuring local Akron jazz musicians. We will hold only one worship service this morning at 10am.

Those attending worship will gather beforehand for a Pancake & Sausage Breakfast in Fellowship Hall with fun activities for the kids. Free-will donations for breakfast are gratefully accepted; food service is from 9:00-9:45am. Volunteers are needed to cook, serve, and clean up after breakfast. If you are able to help, please email [communications@akronfcc.org](mailto:communications@akronfcc.org).

## Ashes-to-Go

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 12PM**

On Wednesday, March 2, from 12pm to 1pm, Nanette and Bobby will be offering ashes-to-go in the First Church upper parking lot, right outside the Chapel. Drive up to experience this quick and easy way to participate in the tradition that starts the season of Lent.

## Ash Wednesday Service

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 7:30PM**

Mark the beginning of the journey of reflection and introspection leading to Easter for a Service of Remembrance and Recommittal. This brief evening service in the Meetinghouse is a profoundly meaningful way to begin the period of 40 days leading to Easter Sunday. The service includes the opportunity to receive the imposition of ashes. This service will be live streamed to our YouTube channel as well: [youtube.com/FirstChurchAkron](https://youtube.com/FirstChurchAkron).

## Lent at First Church

Join us for our Amazing Grace Lenten series with themes drawn from the beloved hymn that celebrates its 250th anniversary this year. Come walk the journey of faith in the 40 days that lead us to the Easter celebration, a journey to consider life in the light of God's amazing grace.

## Lent Devotional

### LOVE BUILDS UP FAMILY CHALLENGE

Our "40-Day 'Love Builds Up' Family Challenge" is the perfect way for families of all shapes and sizes to strengthen spiritual muscles and emotional health during Lent. We could all use a little practice!

Copies will be available from Sunday, February 12 onwards and here's the challenge: Starting on Sunday, February 26, for each of the six weeks of Lent, spend some time at the beginning of the week (Sunday night, maybe?) reading that week's bible passage. Talk, as a family, about the suggested topic,



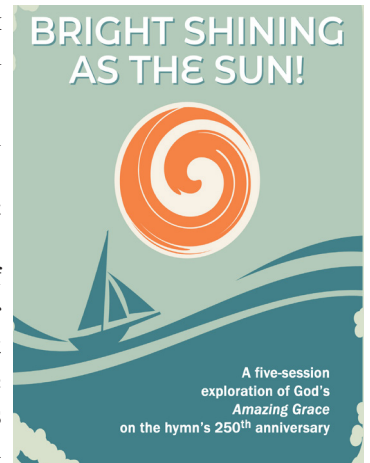
using the devotional's optional conversation prompts. Commit to taking on an action or practice for that week - and then just watch as the Realm of God fills, strengthens, and beautifies your house and the world!

## Bright Shining as the Sun!

**WEDNESDAYS, 10:45AM & 6:45PM**

Join Nanette for a five-week exploration beginning on Wednesday, March 1.

The hymns we sing often tell the story of our salvation. Their words and music celebrate the birth, life, death and resurrection of Jesus. Some hymns tell of our life in Christ and may reflect the experiences of those who wrote them. Thomas Newton wrote the beloved hymn "Amazing Grace," in 1772 and it was first sung in public on January 1, 1773.



This study considers the scriptural inspiration for Newton's lyrics and encourages participants to live each bright day with eyes, hearts and mouths, open to sing of God's amazing gift of grace today and for the next ten thousand years! Join us for this inspiring addition to your Lenten journey. All are welcome!

# Fiscal Sponsorship Agreement

## WITH THE KING COALITION

In 2022 First Church was approached by the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration Day Coalition with a request to provide fiscal sponsorship of this historic grassroots organization. The King Coalition was formed in 1979 and was the first in the nation to hold an annual commemoration of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., holiday, even before it was declared a federal holiday in 1986. After discussion and discernment, the Governing Board approved the request and in December 2022, First Church's Moderator Sue Yoder and Vice Moderator Kevin Kowalski, along with members of the congregation and Senior Minister Rev. Nanette Pitt, met with the members of the King Coalition and their leadership, Minister Peggy Holmes and Cazzell Smith, to officially sign the fiscal sponsorship agreement.

According to Founding President Cazzell Smith, "As we were moving forward and time had passed, we realized that we needed to have a more sophisticated, dedicated and sustainable organization, so that's why we signed this agreement with First Church to be our fiscal agent." The agreement pertains only to certain administrative supports and tax status by providing the King Coalition with tax-exempt status under the umbrella of First Church, which will significantly aid their fundraising efforts for the Coalition's annual scholarship program and commemorative event. In all other ways, the two organizations remain independent of each other. At the signing Pastor Nanette shared, "We are honored to be in partnership with the Coalition. It's often in life we say the things we believe in, but it's not often we get the chance to act on them - this is a way for our congregation to be able to step into the things we believe and value."

# Kitchen and Food Ministry

Through the Summit Food Coalition's Kitchen Connect program, First Church incubates small businesses as they launch and grow. We celebrate that our partner Jared Barclay's kombucha went viral and he's launched beyond our kitchen to large-scale production. We continue to partner with Smyrna Mediterranean Morsels run by Chef Huri. You can support this small business by visiting their stall at the Haymakers Farmers Market in Kent on Saturdays from 10am-1pm. Throughout the year, you can find Chef Huri at local farmers markets in NE Ohio, from East and West of Cleveland to Medina, North Canton, Akron, Kent and Hudson. On [www.smyrnamorsels.com](http://www.smyrnamorsels.com), you can also order food for take out and catering. With over 100 delicious recipes, SMM has options including vegan, vegetarian, gluten-free, halal, and kosher.



# Sacred Ally Quilt Ministry

Join Nanette and a panel of distinguished speakers on Saturday, February 4, at 4pm at Pilgrim UCC, 130 Broad Blvd, Cuyahoga Falls, for a sacred conversation about race and criminal justice.

During the long pandemic summer of 2020, nine United Church of Christ churches in the state of New Hampshire collaborated to make 10 quilts that together memorialize the last words of George Floyd. "I knew that there was a demographic of people in the churches in New Hampshire who wanted to be allies and didn't know how," Rev. Mark Koyama shares, "George Floyd's pain won't go away. We respect it, walk gingerly around it as one would walk around a grave. We honor his pain with this stitching, these prayers in thread."

Prayers in thread, these quilts are a distillation of four hundred years of oppression. They express the devastating pain of America's racial wounds. In churches, schools, and colleges, these quilts have proven to be an effective tool for provoking transformative conversations about race in the United States.

On Saturday, February 4, Nanette will moderate a panel discussion with guests: Senator Vernon Sykes (Ohio Senate District 28), Rev. Raymond Greene (Executive Director of the Freedom BLOC a political organizing collaborative), and Lt. Thomas McMillan (President of the Greater Cleveland Chapter of NOBLE, the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives). The quilts will be on display from 2-7pm that day. At 4pm there will be a public screening of a 20 minute documentary about the quilts followed by the panel discussion. The quilts will be on display at Pilgrim UCC at various times throughout the first week of February. For more details, visit [heartlanducc.org/saqm/](http://heartlanducc.org/saqm/).



## DOCUMENTARY SCREENING & DISCUSSION: SATURDAY FEBRUARY 4, 4PM



**PANELIST**  
REV. RAYMOND GREENE JR.  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR,  
THE FREEDOM BLOC



**PANELIST**  
LT. THOMAS MCMILLAN  
PRESIDENT,  
NOBLE GREATER CLEVELAND

**PANELIST**  
VERNON SYKES  
OHIO SENATOR,  
DISTRICT 28



**MODERATOR**  
REV. NANETTE PITT  
SENIOR MINISTER,  
FIRST CONGREGATIONAL  
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# Children's Ministries



# Fellowship Events

## Amplified Youth Pizzapalooza

**FEBRUARY 18, 5PM TO 7PM**

February is all about love, and do you know what I really love? PIZZA! Do you love pizza too? If so, make sure you come out to the Amplified Youth Pizzapalooza on February 18 from 5-7pm. All youth grades 6-12 are welcome to join in the pizza-bration, so make sure to invite a friend!

Amplified Youth meets on the third Saturday of the month. All are welcome! Contact Bobby for more information: [bobby.burt@akronfcc.org](mailto:bobby.burt@akronfcc.org) or 330.780.8122 (call/text), 330.253.5109 x101 (church office).



## Silver Lining Luncheon

**FEBRUARY 15, 12PM to 2PM**

Love will be in the air for our senior members as we celebrate Valentine's Day on Wednesday, February 15, from 12pm to 2pm. This free event will be in Fellowship Hall and will include a short program offered by our very own Kathy Johnson, local folk artist. Reach out and bring a church friend – it's a great opportunity to catch up or make new connections. Contact Janis Worley to RSVP or for more information: 330.253.5109 x111, [janis.worley@akronfcc.org](mailto:janis.worley@akronfcc.org).

## Camp Registration is Open!

Can you believe it? It's time to register for summer camp again! Last year we sent five of our youth to camp and hope to send even more this year. Financial assistance is available so that everyone can have the chance to experience the thrill of summer camp. Visit the [camp descriptions and registrations page](#). Contact Bobby for more information: [bobby.burt@akronfcc.org](mailto:bobby.burt@akronfcc.org) or 330.780.8122 (call/text), 330.253.5109 x101 (church office).

## Children's Faith Adventures

### 9AM CELEBRATE SERVICE

Children's Faith Adventures happen on the 2nd and 4th Sundays each month and there is also a playground with toys and crafts in the Upper Room.

### 11AM FESTIVAL SERVICE

Every week children are invited to join the Faith Adventures volunteers and Bobby for faith-centered fun. The Family Room is always open and crafts are provided in the foyer.

### CHILDCARE

A fully equipped room for children aged 6 months to 4 years old is open on the second floor during each worship service. A note will be made in each week's News & Notes, if professional staff are present and parents/guardians can return to worship.

## Pub Theology

**FEBRUARY 26, 2023, MUSTARD SEED CAFE, 5-7PM**

All young adults are welcome to grab a drink and/or a bite to eat with Bobby at the Highland Square Mustard Seed to form connections and discuss life and faith. Contact Bobby Burt for more information: [bobby.burt@akronfcc.org](mailto:bobby.burt@akronfcc.org) or 330.780.8122 (call/text), 330.253.5109 x101..

## 846 Small Groups Return

### WHAT IS AN 846 SMALL GROUP?

Quick answer: 8 people meeting 4 times in 6 months.

### WHY ARE WE DOING THIS?

We, as members and friends of First Church, are a community of faith – followers of Christ. Strengthening our community means forming new relationships and deepening the ones we already have. Spending time together in small groups, having the opportunity for deeper conversations, is one way to do that.

### HOW DO THEY WORK?

First, you sign up to participate by March 12. You can sign up with the church office, on Sunday mornings, or through the church website [www.akronfcc.org](http://www.akronfcc.org). The Membership Board will create the groups and send introductory information out. Each group then arranges to meet four

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# February Birthdays

- 2 Margaret Maurer
- 2 Donnell Shoffner
- 3 Cheri Weigand
- 4 Amanda-Joyce Abbott
- 5 Ting Guo
- 6 Stan Wallace
- 7 John Renner
- 9 Jay Hultz
- 9 Larry Reed
- 9 Gail Willmott
- 10 Ruth Ann Allison
- 11 Kara Ashley
- 11 Nanette Pitt
- 12 William Mitchell
- 13 Paul Burford
- 13 John Mosconi
- 18 Nancy Jackson
- 19 Justin May
- 23 Jeff Nelson
- 24 Robert Renner
- 25 Tonya Akers
- 26 Casey Ahern
- 26 Sandy DiMascio
- 26 Charlotte Estafen

# Stewardship & Finance Report

UNAUDITED

		<u>December</u>	<u>December</u>	<u>% to Budget</u>
<u>INCOME</u>	<u>December</u>	<u>YTD Actual</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Pledge Income	\$6,556	\$56,303	\$61,900	91.0%
Non-pledge Income	\$8,215	\$59,674	\$82,000	72.8%
Grant Income	\$7,271	\$349,842	\$43,381	806.4%
Special Ministries	\$1,555	\$9,863	\$10,230	96.4%
Endowment, Sprowls Trust, Pollock	\$52,962	\$369,560	\$375,727	98.4%
Other Income	\$2,017	\$10,359	\$22,613	45.8%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$78,576</b>	<b>\$855,600</b>	<b>\$595,851</b>	<b>143.6%</b>
<u>EXPENSES</u>				
Membership Board	\$892	\$1,855	\$2,680	69.2%
Governing Board	\$0	\$37,526	\$5,612	668.7%
Congregational & Community Care Ministry	\$5,227	\$24,883	\$38,179	65.2%
Worship & Music	\$6,220	\$12,189	\$15,452	78.9%
Christian Education	\$928	\$955	\$7,520	12.7%
Development	\$35	\$134	\$0	0.0%
Food Service Expense	\$3,721	\$8,831	\$7,397	119.4%
Personnel	\$44,239	\$298,282	\$338,457	88.1%
Other Admin Expense	\$5,529	\$18,248	\$20,448	89.2%
Media Relations/Marketing	\$1,720	\$8,537	\$11,450	74.6%
Maintenance & Supplies	\$22,595	\$392,535	\$263,755	148.8%
Real Estate	\$6,143	\$36,357	\$46,667	77.9%
Utilities	\$4,838	\$25,348	\$27,133	93.4%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$102,087</b>	<b>\$865,679</b>	<b>\$784,749</b>	<b>110.3%</b>
Net Income/Loss	-\$23,511	-\$10,079	-\$188,899	5.3%

## Seasonal Recipes from the Archives

Over the years, First Church has published many recipe books. Each month, we'll share a recipe from the archive, celebrating the submissions made by church members.

### LEMON CAKE

Submitted by Phyllis Berry & Frances Crawford

#### Ingredients:

- 1 small package of lemon jello
- 1 cup of hot water
- 4 eggs
- ¾ cup of salad oil
- 1 package of lemon cake mix

#### Topping:

- 2 cups of sifted powdered sugar
- ½ cup of lemon juice

#### Directions:

Dissolve jello into one cup of hot water. Cool. Beat the eggs with salad oil. Add jello and lemon cake mix and blend. Bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes, or until done, in a 9 x 13 pan. Remove from the oven and immediately punch holes with a 2-tined fork all through. Topping: Mix powdered sugar and lemon juice. Pour into holes. Serve with Cool Whip or ice cream.



## THE UPPER ROOM

Each month, the Upper Room Daily Devotional is freely available. You can pick a copy up in the foyer or outside the church office. They offer an insightful daily reflection and prayer that can help you deepen your faith each day. Pick up yours and feel free to take one to share with a friend!

The Upper Room is published in more than 30 languages and 100 countries around the world. The daily meditations are written by readers of the magazine and others interested in sharing their faith experiences through writing – both laity and clergy, published authors and new writers. The meditations are stories of real people working to live faithfully with the bible as their touchstone. Every day, readers of The Upper Room around the world read the same story in many different languages and pray the same prayer together. Some of our readers share comments on the Upper Room website: [upperroom.org/devotionals](http://upperroom.org/devotionals).

*“I walked into the church’s daycare center and found the room filled with valentines: red hearts, pink hearts, hearts adorned with paper doilies... The director explained, “These are the valentines that the children made for God.” What a wonderful idea! Every February, we send Valentine’s Day cards to our grandchildren to let them know that we love them. But too often I fail to express my love to God... We can express our love for God by spending time in God’s presence, enjoying God’s nearness... and seeking to know God better.” - An excerpt from February 14, 2022.*

## 846 Small Groups Continued

times between April 1 and September 30. How and exactly when is up to each group to decide. Want to meet for breakfast or brunch? Perhaps lunch or dinner? Make it a potluck in someone's home or eat out? Or maybe a picnic? Each of the four get-togethers can be the same or different – it's up to each group.

### WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

Everyone! There are no limits for participation. We do, therefore, encourage open-sharing and sensitivity to each other's circumstances – parents needing a babysitter, mobility restrictions, some who may not be able to host in their homes, others who cannot afford the cost of a meal out or who cannot drive at night, to name just a few. The goal is to meet new people – friends we haven't yet met – and to deepen existing relationships as we live into our welcome and value others in our community. Everyone has a story. This is an opportunity to listen and share as we continue our journey as a church family.

### QUESTIONS?

Contact Chris Becker ([bitemegal@gmail.com](mailto:bitemegal@gmail.com)) or Carrie Petersen ([c\\_a\\_petersen@hotmail.com](mailto:c_a_petersen@hotmail.com)).

## Many Ways to Minister

Giving as part of our combined ministry with a pledge or a Sunday offering is a crucial way that we bless the world. Did you also know you can direct special gifts to our various ministries? Consider making a donation, or setting up a recurring donation, to support a ministry that is near and dear to your heart. Donations and bequests may be made to support the following:

**Discretionary Assistance Fund** – Provides emergency funds for people in need.

**Feeding Hope Food Pantry** – Provides funding for the purchase of food and supplies.

**Library Fund** – Provides funds to purchase current books and resource materials.

**Mason CLC Fund** – Supports our Mason CLC ministry programs to enrich their educational experience.

**Mason PB&J Fund** – Provides supplies for weekly backpacks of food during the school year to elementary students at Mason CLC.

**Garden Improvement Program** – Supports the development of the garden, providing funding for the ongoing care of the area surrounding the Memorial Garden.

**Music Fund** – Enriches our worship and congregational life through music.

**Prayer Blanket Ministry** – Provides funding to purchase materials to assemble prayer blankets that are freely distributed to local hospitals.

## LGBT+ Community Night

The next LGBT+ Community Night will be February 12. The evening will begin with a bible study at 5pm followed by a chili dinner at 6pm, after which the group will head to Quarter Up for an evening of fun! Food will be provided, bring quarters for the outing.

All members of the LGBTQIA+ community are invited to attend and can come for one or both sections of the evening.

All gatherings start at participant Jess's home. Please email facilitators Brenda Waddell and Tevin Tietje, [lgbt@akronfcc.org](mailto:lgbt@akronfcc.org), for the address and with any questions.

## Inquirers' Gathering

**MARCH 12 & 26, 12PM**

Do you have questions about our faith tradition and church? Been attending worship and getting to know the community better? This is the perfect time to join us for our two-part Inquirers' Gatherings! We'll meet on Sunday, March 12 and 26, at noon in the Conference Room.

The sessions will cover the basics of the Congregational faith tradition and First Church's wider church affiliations. Participants will have an opportunity to meet one another and go on a nooks-and-crannies tour of the building and learn more about First Church's history, how we function, and what God is calling us to do and be in the world around us.

Those who wish to will have the opportunity to covenant in membership on April 9 or 16, at either of the 9am Celebrate or 11am Festival worship services.



## In Sympathy

Our deepest condolences to the families of Doris Logan who passed away in October 2022; as well as to the community surrounding Joanne Mazzaferro and Margaret Nowels Canady who both passed away in late November of 2022.

## In Our Prayers

We offer daily prayers of thanksgiving and lament for ourselves, our loved ones, and our neighbors near and far. Within our community, we pray for Larry B., Larry R., Gail W., Karen D., Jim G., Laurel B., Ray Y., Andrew C., Art and Lee W., Barbara S., Bill F., Karen F., Mildred A., and Ann S.

*Have any questions or want a name added? Please email Associate Minister Bobby Burt: [bobby.burt@akronfcc.org](mailto:bobby.burt@akronfcc.org)*





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## Join Us Online:

<https://www.youtube.com/FirstChurchAkron>

Our 11am worship service is available on our YouTube channel. Look in the description for quick links to different parts of the service!



## Get Social

First Church is on social media! You can follow us on Twitter (@1stChurchAkron) or on Facebook and Instagram (FirstChurchAkron). Be sure to check out our posts about special events, announcements, and more!



## Save these Dates

- February 12, LGBT+ Community Night, 5pm
- February 15, Silver Lining Luncheon, 12pm
- February 18, Amplified Youth, 5pm
- February 19, Mardi Gras Sunday, 10am
- February 22, Ashes-to-Go, 12pm
- February 22, Ash Wednesday Worship, 7:30pm
- February 26, Pub Theology, 5pm
- March 12 & 26, Inquirers' Gatherings, 12pm