



SUMMER WORSHIP
Bulletin Announcements
September 6, 2020

**FIRST CHURCH
IN CAMBRIDGE**
Congregational 1633-1636
United Church of Christ
Garden and Mason Streets
Cambridge, Massachusetts

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WELCOME TO FIRST CHURCH IN CAMBRIDGE...

Grounded in God • Growing in Community • Acting in Love

These past months have brought home to all of us the vital importance of working together to slow and limit the spread of Coronavirus. We know we are called to be a community of faith, not fear. We also know we are called to care for the most vulnerable in our midst, to be good stewards of our staff and resources, and to be good citizens of the wider community.

Under normal circumstances, people of faith would care for each other by drawing close together. It's what we do. It's who we are. In times of loss or threat, we respond by coming together to pray and to sing, to hug and hold each other tight.

Pandemics are different. During an outbreak such as the one we are facing now, we are called to care for each other by moving farther apart, creating a holy buffer of social distance. We do this not only for our own safety and the safety of the people around us, but in loving stewardship to our wider world.

Even when apart, we are not alone. God is with us, in every heartbeat, every breath: strengthening, comforting, and upholding us. Christ is with us, walking beside us, sharing our trials, speaking peace to our fears. The Spirit is with us, uniting us one to another across the barrier of physical distance.

These are temporary measures only. They won't last forever. We will rejoice and celebrate all the more when we are able to come back together, to share stories of what it was like, to laugh, to cry, and to share hugs and handshakes again. Until then, day by day, let's hold one another in prayer.

WORSHIP LEADERS

September 6, 2020

Dan Smith, Senior Minister
Jaz Buchanan, Pastoral Associate
Lexi Boudreaux, Pastoral Associate
Peter Sykes, Music Director
Lorraine Erickson
Phil Jones
Laurie Friedman

PLEASE FIND THE LINK TO PRE-RECORDED WORSHIP [HERE](#).
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The photograph on the bulletin cover is by Gaylen Morgan.

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED

- In celebration with Sam Menapace, who recently took the position of Director of Christian Education at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Westborough, MA. Sam is on the journey toward ordination in the ELCA.
- In celebration with John Schultz who recently moved into a new apartment in Somerville following several months of Covid related housing insecurity.
- For Maggie Lowe who recently received board certification to be a Buddhist Chaplain. We celebrate this milestone on her spiritual journey which included many years of regular participation at First Church and are eager to continue a relationship with her.
- For Mary Martha Thiel, who is recovering from knee replacement surgery which took place this past Monday.
- For all those in California who have been displaced by the recent wildfires, and for the safety and health of farmworkers working amid the triple threat of heat, wildfire smoke, and COVID-19.
- For Susie Neubauer, who is being treated for severe and, at times, immobilizing knee pain.
- For all students, parents, teachers, administrators, and support staff trying to navigate the seemingly impossible terrain of school re-opening decisions and plans; may they have strength and wisdom to balance competing demands for ongoing education, caregiving, and safety.
- For the homeless community as they grieve the death of “Pikachu,” who was killed on his bike by a tractor trailer in Harvard Square on August 18; for his niece and others who witnessed the tragedy; and for the Boston area bicycle community as they mourn yet another fatal bicycle accident.
- For Jacob Blake, a Black man shot by police in Kenosha, WI, as he struggles to recover from his injuries, and for his family, who witnessed the shooting. We pray for Kenosha, as protestors have been killed and injured, and for all who experience extreme policing measures. We pray for those rallying for reform and for a new birth of racial justice and healing across our land.
- For all impacted by Hurricane Laura and all those in Southern and Gulf Coast communities living through what is expected to be a particularly unrelenting hurricane and tropical storm season.
- For all who are grieving the loss of loved ones due to Covid-19; for all those who are ill with COVID-19 and their families; and for all of us who are navigating this strange new world, that we may receive God’s comfort, strength, and peace.

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED

- For all who are in treatment for cancer: Penny Kilburn, Nancy Kilburn's mother; Amy Golodet, Jonathan New's sister-in-law; Becky Collet, Karen Anne Zee's daughter; Stewart Bailey, Karen Anne Zee's son-in-law; Beth and Polly, Ann McCann's sisters; Katie, Moana Bentin's sister; and former First Church member Nancy Sanders.
- For the 14 men who are finding care and residence in our First Church Shelter and for the guests of the Friday Café, who are experiencing worsening deprivation and hardship in this time of disruption; that they may know warmth, compassion, and companionship.
- For those who seek sanctuary in houses of worship around the country, including our partner University Lutheran Church in Harvard Square. We pray for tranquility for immigrants who live in constant fear and anxiety. And we pray for all who are working for a just and compassionate future for immigrants and asylum seekers.
- For God's strength as we combat the realities of the climate crisis. May God empower us and our leaders to take bold steps, personally and politically, to care for God's creation and for the poor around the world who are most affected by our inaction.

IN MEMORIAM Dudne Breeze, beloved First Church member and UCC minister, died on July 5, 2020. A live-streamed memorial service will be held on Saturday, September 12, at 11:00 a.m. Family will gather in the sanctuary; all others are invited to join the service online by visiting our First Church "Worship and Live-Streaming" page, just as you would for morning worship.

*If you would like us to include a prayer request in the bulletin,
please contact Dan Smith or Sarah Higginbotham by Tuesday morning,*

TODAY AT FIRST CHURCH

ZOOM COFFEE HOUR WITH CONVERSATION ON BECOMING AN ANTI-RACIST CHURCH Today, 11:00 a.m., via Zoom Join us for a time of fellowship and connection after the service. We will take time to check in about our anti-racist work as individuals and as a congregation. [Click here to join](#) or use the following information:
Meeting ID: 876 6474 8993 Password: coffee

NEW TO FIRST CHURCH? Have you just begun joining us for online worship? Please consider filling out this [“virtual visitor card”](#) so that we might reach out and connect with you about our community. Newcomers’ gatherings will take place in a breakout room at Zoom Coffee Hour on second Sundays through the fall season, starting next Sunday, September 13, Regathering Sunday.

WELCOME TO JAZ BUCHANAN, PASTORAL ASSOCIATE Jaz is incredibly grateful and delighted to join the FCC community! She grew up in New Jersey and graduated from SUNY New Paltz in 2013 with a BA in Women’s Studies and English. She then started working in higher education at Columbia University and pursued a MS in Nonprofit Management. Shortly after moving to NYC, Jaz joined and volunteered at Metropolitan Community Church of New York, where she fell in love with parish ministry. She married her beautiful wife Jackie, and they moved with their cat Mr. Bumble to Somerville. In her first year as a Master of Divinity student at Harvard Divinity School, she served Metropolitan Community Church in Boston. Most recently, she served United Parish in Brookline as a seminarian. She is currently pursuing ordination in the United Church of Christ. In her spare time, Jaz enjoys ballet, long walks, and watching (and rewatching) *Buffy the Vampire Slayer*.

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REGATHERING SUNDAY, September 13! Join us next Sunday, September 13, as we “regather” the First Church community from near and far for a morning of online programming and a special live-stream service! From 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. or so, plan to join a Zoom call for an orientation to our fall programming for all ages. Learn about how we can all stay connected through this extended season of social distance. Then take a break for a walk or a cup of coffee and come back at 11 for worship from our sanctuary, with greetings from a host of First Church members! After church, connect with old friends and meet new ones via Zoom coffee hour with break-out rooms. We may not be able to gather in person yet, but we can surely gather and re-gather in Spirit, giving thanks to God for our community that connects us even when we are apart.

REGISTER FOR REMOTE CHURCH SCHOOL Families are invited to complete a brief form to register children and youth for our remote formation programs. [Please click here to find the form.](#) While children are always welcome to drop in to Remote Church School on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m., our teachers appreciate the opportunity to plan a welcome for each individual. Class gatherings begin on September 20. Please contact Sarah Higginbotham with any questions or concerns: shigginb@firstchurchcambridge.org.

“CHURCH AT HOME” KITS Saturdays, September 12 & 19, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., FCC front lawn and playground All First Church members and friends, but especially families, are invited to come by the church to pick up a “Church at Home” kit. The kits contain objects that connect us as a church while we are apart. Inside your cardboard box (which you can decorate any way you wish!), you’ll find an LED tealight and a piece of fabric for your home altar, along with supplies for our first Creative Arts workshop on October 4. Plan to come by 11 Garden St. on one of the next two Saturday mornings to see Sarah, pick up your kit, and maybe play for a bit on the playground. We’ll practice safe distancing and mask-wearing. It will be WONDERFUL to see you in person!

ADULT FORMATION: PLYMOUTH’S PILGRIMS Sundays, 9:30 a.m., September 20, October 4, 11 & 18, via Zoom History has much to teach in every generation, and stories of our past are relevant today. Join hosts Dave Dyer and Hilary Hopkins for a four-part series to discuss, question, and wonder. Visit www.congregationallibrary.org/PlymouthsPilgrims to read brief material beforehand.

FALL FAITH AND LIFE GROUPS: CALL FOR NEW GROUP LEADERS BY SEPTEMBER 8 Are you interested in leading a small group via Zoom this Fall? Contact Pastoral Associate Lexi Boudreaux to discuss your idea for a Fall Faith & Life Group. Led by First Church members, Faith & Life Groups are designed to encourage meaningful connections through shared interests, whether

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exploring a spiritual practice, opening our eyes to the beauty around us, delving into a challenging social issue, or attending to significant life stages (parenting, ageing, job transitions, etc.) Faith & Life Groups involve making a short-term commitment (a single session to several weeks, depending on the group) to something that might be delightful, deep, or even transformational. At the same time, you can get to know First Church friends who share your interests. We need each other now more than ever. If you are looking for a great way to dip your toes into the life of our church and stay connected outside of Sunday Worship this is for you! Questions? Please contact Lexi Boudreaux, Pastoral Associate.

A BETTER FUTURE: PERSPECTIVES DURING A PANDEMIC Climate Change, Covid, and Racial Equity with Laurie Burt Sunday, September 20, 12:30 p.m., via Zoom Join us for the third in our “A Better Future” series led by First Church members who are sharing stories and reflections about finding hope amidst the Covid pandemic and how we can build a better future together. In May, Ed Baker, former Assistant Surgeon General for the US and CDC executive, shared profound and timely insights about the pandemic and public health leadership. In June, Harvard Professor of Public Health Bill Hsiao shared stories from his expertise in guiding US and world leaders about how to create affordable and accessible healthcare for all. Recordings of both sessions are available on our YouTube page. On Sunday, September 20, Laurie Burt, former commissioner of the MA Department of Environmental Protection and environmental attorney, will share perspectives on the threats and opportunities of Climate Change, and how the current dual crises of Covid and racial reckoning are reshaping Climate Change actions. Laurie currently provides strategic advice on climate, clean energy, and environmental policies to nonprofit, public and private organizations throughout the country. Zoom information will be provided closer to the date.

THE CALL TO RETURN: SPIRITUAL REFLECTIONS ON RACIAL JUSTICE with Carlyle Stewart Town Hall meetings beginning on Sunday, September 27 at 12:30 p.m. and weekly small group sessions. At First Church, we have spent a lot of time talking about remembrance, repentance, and reparations, and about how all of these are a part of our work of Racial Justice. As we seek to sustain and grow this work, we need an ever deeper reliance on God and on the hoped-filled resources of faith tradition. We are pleased to announce that Carlyle Stewart will be joining us in the coming season to lead a series of sessions and town hall meetings around the theme of The Call to Return: Spiritual Reflections on Racial Justice.

How can we return to God in our daily walks and in our daily work for racial justice? How can we return to our truest and fullest selves in ways that can celebrate and manifest diversity in our relationships and community? We will explore together how our scriptural and theological tradition shows us that returning towards God involves turning towards a place of harmony, inclusion, and the abolition of structural racism in our communities. This shared journey will

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require humility and vulnerability that will allow us to strengthen our faith and our bonds with others while restoring our common hope and joy.

In the coming months, we will be hosting a series of town hall meetings starting on Sunday, September 27 at 12:30 p.m. We will also be having weekly sessions, beginning in September, where those interested can gather and discuss assigned texts and engage in deeper reflection around the topics presented. **If you are interested in participating in the regular reflection sessions, please email Carlyle at cfstewartiv94@gmail.com or carlyle@firstchurchcambridge.org.** The specific dates of those sessions will be finalized soon.

NEW COMMUNICATIONS INITIATIVE Covid-19 has changed our lives in fundamental ways, including how we do ministry together. We have been worshiping and doing the work of the church online for months, and still we are learning new ways to live into the “new normal” of digital ministry. It is becoming more and more vital that we find ways to do ministry not just on Sunday mornings, but in our daily lives together, whether that be on a Zoom call, by reading a Facebook post, by watching a YouTube video, or by contributing to our blog. This ministry is made possible through effective ways of communicating the good news that we and our world dearly need in this time. In the midst of it all, we are also in the middle of a new website project, imagining our new website as a virtual hub for our life together. We are forming a new team of First Church folks to think about how we are doing virtual ministry and to help with creating content for these platforms. Do you love Twitter or Instagram? Have you always wanted to start a podcast? Or perhaps you don’t know what your specific interest is yet, but all of this sounds really new and interesting to you? Please contact Pastoral Associate Lexi Boudreaux if you’d like to join this team.

REPORT ON GREATER BOSTON INTERFAITH ORGANIZATION’S (GBIO) RACIAL JUSTICE CAMPAIGN Congrats to the 2000+ leaders in GBIO member institutions and beyond who “put feet to their faith.” They acted in this critical moment to push forward a holistic racial justice agenda, and our collective work has helped move key legislation into joint conference committees where final bills are being negotiated between the House and Senate. You can find details on the bills in [the Fall edition of EVENT](#). We will monitor as the bills in conference committee proceed, and we will send action alerts as needed. Please see [THIS LINK](#) for a full report and summary of the GBIO’s 2020 Racial Justice Campaign. IDM teams and congregational core teams are following up with their members for relational meetings and evaluation. Please save the date and [RSVP HERE](#) for our **September 10 virtual meeting at 6:00 p.m.** to celebrate, reflect and look forward. We will send out reminders as the date approaches. Special thanks to First Church GBIO core team leaders, Casey Marsh, Seth Pate, Will Erickson (GBIO Liaison Team) and Phil Jones (GBIO Racial Justice Campaign Team).

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SNEUCC CENTERING PRAYER: A SPIRITUAL RESOURCE FOR THESE TIMES Wednesdays, September 9 & 16, 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. The Health & Wellness Team of the Southern New England Conference UCC (SNEUCC) is pleased to offer Centering Prayer in our series of webinars to promote resilience in the SNEUCC. Terry Shaughnessy, Centering Prayer Retreat Leader and Spiritual Director, will introduce participants to the meditation/prayer practice known as Centering Prayer, which has deep Christian roots, is easy to learn, and provides a tremendous resource for navigating these times of pandemic. In this two-part webinar, we will learn about the “prayer of quiet” and how some measure of silence, outside and within us, is necessary for spiritual growth as well as for strengthening the spiritual immune system. For more information and to register, please visit <https://www.sneucc.org/#events/> Questions? Contact Debbie Ringen: ringend@sneucc.org

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OPPORTUNITIES FOR STAYING CONNECTED

MEN'S BREAKFAST Saturday, September 12, 8:00 a.m., via Zoom To all who identify as men at First Church: It's been a stressful year and summer in unprecedented ways, but the time has not been without its beauty and grace. This season, all are invited to join us as we re-start the monthly Men's Breakfast. We will continue with our remote meetings using the First Church's Zoom account for the first few months. We will share our stories, reflections and hopes, and we invite everyone to join with your beverage and food of your choice. As always, we will send out a reminder the week of the breakfast. Hope to see you then. If you would like to sign up for our email list or have any questions, please email Peter Byery at: p.byery@comcast.net.

ONGOING PROGRAM OFFERINGS Zoom invitations to all our week's programs are in the all-church email that was sent this morning. If you are not receiving our e-newsletter, please sign up by clicking on the E-Newsletter icon at the bottom of our homepage to receive future correspondence. Email Lexi Boudreaux (lexi@firstchurchcambridge.org) this morning to have today's email forwarded to you.

- **Tuesdays** FCC Professional Caregivers' Call, 4:00 p.m.
(Note change: 1st and 3rd Tuesdays only)
- **Thursdays** Shared Reflections on Richard Rohr Daily Devotionals, 4:30 p.m.
(Note change: 2nd and 4th Thursdays only)
Weekly Bible Study, 6:00 p.m.;
First Church Choir Call with Peter Sykes, 7:45 p.m

BIPOC SPACE, TIME, AND COMMUNITY If you are a Black, Indigenous or Person of Color (BIPOC) member of First Church, please consider joining an upcoming Zoom meeting designed as an active listening session to reflect, heal, support one another, and build community. Please contact Moana Bentin (moana.bentin@gmail.com) with questions or to receive a Zoom invitation to participate. This group is by BIPOC for BIPOC.

ONLINE WORSHIP LITURGISTS If you would like to participate as a leader in worship via video, this is your chance to sign up! ALL are welcome to contribute; [click here to access the signup sheet](#). Put your name and contact information next to the piece of the service you want to lead, and you will receive an email with instructions on how to contribute! We will be sending more of these out as we get closer to other Sunday dates. Thank you all so much for making online church feel like church! Questions? Contact Lexi: lexi@firstchurchcambridge.org

FIRST CHURCH YOUTUBE CHANNEL Continue to tune into our First Church YouTube channel as we offer pre-recorded reflections and devotions. Subscribe to make sure you don't miss new videos, including our pre-recorded services. The link to the channel is:
<https://tinyurl.com/ryac3av>

FIRST CHURCH IN THE NEWS AND IN THE WORLD

UCC MENTAL HEALTH BLOG FEATURES JENNY STUART Rev. Jenny Stuart is a Community Minister at First Church, a clinical social worker specializing in psychological trauma, and a psychotherapist at the Danielsen Institute at Boston University. Jenny recently contributed to the UCC Mental Health Network Blog. Don't miss her piece about Covid, young people, mental health and faith: <https://www.mhn-ucc.org/2020/08/24/damage-by-jennifer-stuart/>

FIRST CHURCH FEATURED IN DUKE DIVINITY SCHOOL'S FAITH AND LEADERSHIP ARTICLE
['400 years of tears' -- how three churches in the present are beginning to atone for the past.](#)
Thanks to Duke Divinity School Leadership Education program and online Faith and Leadership magazine for featuring First Church in a recent article about congregations that are wrestling with their slaveholding past. Dave Kidder, Peggy Stevens, and Dan Smith are each quoted in the long-form piece. To read it, click on the link above.

DAN SMITH JOINS PRESIDENTIAL INITIATIVE ON HARVARD AND THE LEGACY OF SLAVERY
In November 2019, Harvard President Lawrence Bacow announced the multi-year Presidential Initiative on Harvard and the Legacy of Slavery. Senior Minister Dan Smith was honored to be invited by Bacow to serve on the Presidential Committee, guiding the Initiative's work. Given First Church's historic ties to Harvard and our recent work examining the legacy of slavery at First Church, Dan is currently co-chairing the "Campus and Community" sub-committee which is focused on sharing Harvard's slaveholding history and examining its ongoing impact at Harvard and in the wider communities of Cambridge and Boston. To learn more, you can visit the [Initiative website](#). First Church is welcome to attend Initiative programming and events; please stay tuned for updates from Dan as the Committee's work unfolds.

HOMELESS MINISTRIES

THE FRIDAY CAFÉ BAGGED LUNCH SIGNUP HAS MOVED! Please note the new web address—and thank you for signing up to prepare 10 bagged lunches for hungry neighbors some upcoming Friday! <https://signup.com/go/rfHdKHr>

VOLUNTEER TO BAKE SOME GOODIES FOR OUR EVENING MEAL PROGRAM First Church is now serving 500 meals a week to help feed hungry neighbors! If you would like to make a few dozen sweet treats to hand out at one of our evening meals on Monday, Wednesday, Saturday, or Sunday, please visit <https://signup.com/go/DCsUUei> to sign up. Treats can be dropped off at the Tower Room door at 4:30 on any of those nights. Thank you!

FIRST CHURCH SHELTER WELCOMES COFFEE DONATIONS Coffee, anyone? Remember what Clark Gable said: “I never laugh until I’ve had my coffee!” You know how comforting, invigorating, and, yes, maybe even essential your morning cup of coffee is! At home or on your commute, your daily cup(s) is a comforting presence through the day. This is also true for the guests at our First Church Shelter. Coffee (and sugar) are staple items that do not come on the free food trucks, so it must be bought. Would you like to pitch in and buy a few rounds for the guys? [Click here to donate](#) \$5, \$10 or \$20 today to the First Church Shelter. If you would rather drop coffee at the church, please email Jim Stewart at the Shelter to arrange contactless drop-off: jstewart@firstchurchcambridge.org. Let’s share some laughs! Thank you for your ongoing support of the Shelter guests.

ACTING FOR JUSTICE IN THE WORLD

TAKE TWO MINUTES TO ACT FOR A REDESIGN OF THE STATE FLAG Have you noticed the sword over the head of a local tribal member? Four hundred years after the Pilgrims landed in Plymouth, it is long past time for Massachusetts to begin to reckon with its racist and damaging history with Native Americans. The MA House of Representatives has not yet voted for a review of the racist Massachusetts state flag and seal. Call and email you reps TODAY during this extended legislative session. Urge them to vote to change the flag and seal and to ban Native mascots! Follow this link for an easy way to send messages to your elected officials: <https://bit.ly/3gHTfOH>

TAKE TWO MINUTES TO ACT FOR POLICE REFORM The policing reform omnibus bill, still in legislative committee, diverts away from what Black and Latinx people most impacted by incarceration are calling for. It is not good enough! [Read Families for Justice As Healing's statement on their website.](#) You will see suggestions for action, including support for No Cost Calls from prisons. Sheriffs are exerting pressure to oppose this humanitarian bill. A script for e-mailing or calling your legislators is provided on the website.

CLIMATE CHANGE, OUR FAITH VALUES, AND 2020 Monday, September 14, 3:00 p.m. Join a conversation between Dr. Katharine Hayhoe and Rev. Susan Hendershot, hosted by Interfaith Power and Light, the Catholic Climate Covenant, and Young Evangelicals for Climate Action. Dr. Hayhoe is a climate scientist at Texas Tech, where she co-directs the Climate Center. She is also married to a pastor in Lubbock. Join the webinar to learn effective ways to talk to your faithful friends and colleagues about the importance of caring for Creation and voting our values. [Click here for more details;](#) to register, go to: bit.ly/Sept14Hayhoe

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MEDITATIVE MUSIC FOR YOUR WEEK

LINKS TO CHANT WORKS PROVIDED BY NIGHT SONG Looking for meditative chant music during your time at home? Night Song Director Daryl Bichel offers the following suggestions:



**Night Song (Compline), First Church in Cambridge
Sung by Beneficia lucis, the Night Song Ensemble of Men**

<http://nightsong.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/NightSong20180311-Phrygian.mp3>

This recording is from several years ago. The singing begins in the chapel, not the sanctuary, so at first the sound is soft. Also, keep in mind that there are three periods of silence during the service.

**St. Mark's Cathedral in Seattle, Compline
Men's Compline Choir, 23 August 2020**

<https://complinepodcast.org>

Compline at St. Mark's is certainly something to keep on your regular play list.

What is Gregorian Chant?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lgoh5kEqj3Y>

This is a short primer on the origin and nature of Gregorian Chant.

Audio Network: Gregorian Chant

<https://us.audionetwork.com/browse/m/instrumentation/vocal/gregorian-chant/results>

This site offers many choices, some with Gregorian chant; each has a brief description to help you choose. As you likely know, Gregorian chant is monophonic - one voice. Here, other vocal and instrumental elements have been added to give it a modern twist.

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday, September 6

- 11:00 a.m. YouTube Premiere Morning Worship, Multigenerational Holy Communion
Dan Smith and Jaz Buchanan, leading
- 12:15 p.m. Zoom Coffee Hour with conversation about becoming an anti-racist church
- 5:30 p.m. Meal Distribution, Tower Room

Monday, September 7 - Labor Day - Church Office and Building Closed

- 5:00 p.m. Meal Distribution, Tower Room
- 5:00 p.m. Reparations Faith & Life Group, via Zoom
- 7:00 p.m. Cambridge Interfaith Sanctuary Coalition (CISC) Monthly Meeting, via Zoom
(all current volunteers are welcome; Zoom invitation is sent by email)

Tuesday, September 8

- 8:30 p.m. Compline Prayer Service, via Zoom

Wednesday, September 9

- 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting, via Zoom
- 5:30 p.m. Meal Distribution, Tower Room
- 6:30 p.m. Stewardship Committee, via Zoom

Thursday, September 10

- 4:30 p.m. Shared Reflections on Richard Rohr Daily Devotionals, via Zoom
- 6:00 p.m. Bible Study, via Zoom
- 7:45 p.m. Choir Call, via Zoom

Friday, September 11

- 1:00 p.m. Friday Café lunch bag pickup, Tower Room
- 3:00 p.m. Buildings & Grounds Committee, via Zoom

Saturday, September 12

- 8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast, via Zoom
- 9:00-12:00 "Church at Home" Kit Distribution, front lawn & playground
- 11:00 a.m. Memorial Service for Dudne Breeze, via live-stream
- 5:30 p.m. Meal Distribution, Tower Room

Sunday, September 13 — REGATHERING SUNDAY

- 9:30 a.m. All-Church Orientation to Fall Worship and Programming, via Zoom
- 11:00 a.m. Live-stream Regathering Worship Dan Smith, preaching
- 12:15 pm Zoom Coffee Hour with Newcomers' Breakout

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