



The Lenten Season

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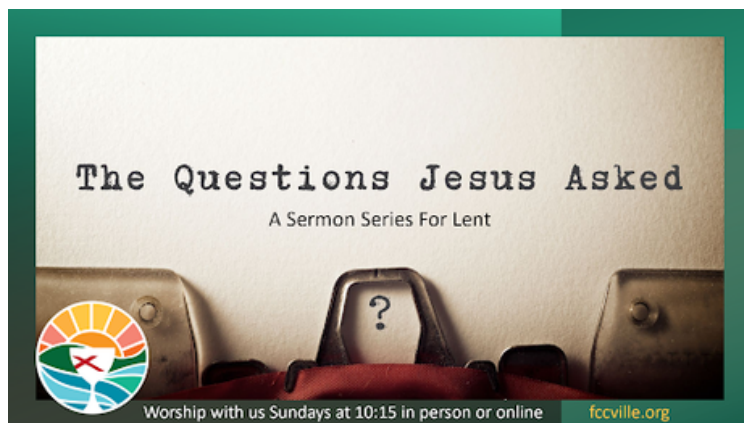


Seminary President, Pastor and Author, Rev. Martin Copenhaver, in his book, **Jesus is the Question**, states that Jesus asks 307 questions in the New testament and is asked 183 questions of which he only answers 3.

Copenhaver concludes that, "Asking questions was central

to Jesus' life and teachings. In fact, for every question he answers directly he asks—literally—a hundred." Based on this book, I thought it would be interesting to explore a number of questions Jesus asked, from each of our gospels, as our sermon topics for Lent. This will invite us to wonder what the questions might have to say about what matters to Jesus, and how our response to them might say something about who Jesus is for each of us as his followers. As the book so aptly suggests, "through Jesus' questions, he modeled the struggle, the wondering, the thinking things through that helps us draw closer to God and better understand, not just the answer, but ourselves, our process, and ultimately why questions are among Jesus' most profound gifts for a life of faith." I look forward to joining you on this journey of discovery as we explore Jesus questions, and our own, as a means for deepening our faith and empowering our witness of love with the world God so loves in Christ.

Grace & Peace,
Darla



Date	Scripture	Title	Preacher
Sun. 2/18 Lent 1	Mark 5: 1-13	What Is Your Name?	Rev. Darla Goodrich
Sun. 2/25 Lent 2	John 21: 15-19	Do You Love me?	Rev. Darla Goodrich
Sun. 3/5 Lent 3	Matthew 7: 1-5	Why Do You Look at the Speck?	Rev. Darla Goodrich
Sun. 3/10 Lent 4	John 5: 1-9	Do You Want Me to Be Made Well?	Rev. Darla Goodrich
Sun. 3/17 Lent 5	Luke 9: 18-20	Who Do You Say That I Am?	Rev. Darla Goodrich
Sun. 3/24 Palm Sun	CHOIR CANTATA	No Greater Love by Lloyd Larson	Rev. Darla Goodrich
Sun. 3/31 EASTER	Luke 24: 13-35	TBA	Rev. Kevin Toth



YOUTH news from Rev. Kevin Toth

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MULTI-CHURCH
YOUTH GROUP

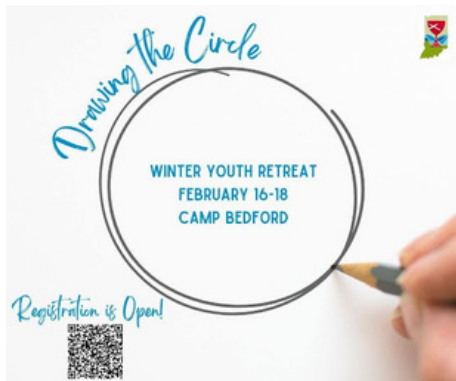
The next multi-church youth group will be Sunday, February 18th from 3-5pm at FISH Food pantry.



Children's Church Calendar

Date	Bible Lesson	Teacher
Feb 4	The Good Shepherd & Lord's Supper Part 1	Mary Fossnock
Feb 11	The Good Shepherd & Lord's Supper Part 2	Beth Daniel Lindsay
Feb 18	Lent	Sara Nicodemus
Feb 25	No Children's Church	None

All children ages 4 to 12 are invited to participate in our Worship and Wonder curriculum!



All youth in grades 6-12 are invited to the Winter Youth Retreat at Bedford Camp & Conference Center February 16-18. The theme of Drawing the Circle will be presented by Alexis Tardy. Alexis is the Coordinator for Ministry with Youth

and Young Adults with Disciples Home Missions. It is sure to be a fun and informative time for the youth of our region.

Cost for this event is \$75 per person. We hope you join us for this wonderful retreat!



Youth and Adults learning and expressing God's Love at WOW!

UPCOMING



FCC Book Club

Looking for a low-pressure, low commitment way to get involved? If you would like to lead a discussion, please contact Kelly Stanley (765-366-6709 or kellyostanley@me.com). I'd be glad to help you prepare, but know this: you do not need to know the book inside and out in order to lead... simply read it and possibly look online for discussion questions or throw out a question to the group and let the discussion go from there!

Upcoming meetings:

Tuesday, Feb 6, 2024, 6-7:30 pm	Mad Honey by Jodi Picoult and Jennifer Finney Boylan
Tuesday, March 5, 2024, 6-7:30 pm	Abraham: A Journey to the Heart of Three Faiths by Bruce Feiler
Tuesday, April 2, 2024, 6-7:30 pm	Unclobber by Colby Martin - discussion led by Kevin Toth

Honoring Rev. Carolyn Casey Reed

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! Rev. Carolyn Casey Reed, who is retiring this spring, will begin her **Farewell Tour** of Indiana churches at FCC on Sunday, February 4th! She will be offering a message that morning as we thank her for 25 years of leadership as our Associate



Regional Minister which she began on May 10, 1999. Since Her work has focused on nurturing pastors and congregations, the **Clergy Wellness Fund** has been newly established to honor Carolyn as a means to support the continuing educational and spiritual needs of pastors in the Region. If you would like to donate, please make a check out to **Christian Church in Indiana** and write **Clergy Wellness Fund** in the memo section. There will be a reception for Carolyn following 10:15 Worship on February 4th. Hope you will join us!

Join us for

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3
6:30PM

No tickets or registration required!
Wear pajamas, bring pillows, get cozy!



Calling all VBS volunteers!!



If you'd like to help with VBS this year, or want to get more information on volunteering, join us for a 10-minute meeting on Sunday, February 4th right after the 10:15 service.

SAVE THE DATE: VBS is June 3-7, 2024



Bible for the People Podcast

Pastors Darla & Kevin and Chuck Ranspach have completed examining the Prophets **Hosea & Micah**! Our next episode will begin looking at the book of **Isaiah**! All episodes will be shared on the church Facebook page and you can find the podcast on Apple, Spotify, and Google. Send your questions to us at bibleforthepeople@gmail.com.



ECUMENICAL SPECIAL SERVICES AND EDUCATION

Mark your calendars for all the upcoming **Ecumenical Special Services** for Lent and the **Lenten Soup Lunch Learning Series** that FCC will be sharing with Wabash Avenue Presbyterian, Christ Lutheran, and St. John's Episcopal Church (more info to come). Each week we will be hearing from and learning about partner organizations in Crawfordsville and the good work they are doing as together we mutually seek to support the building up of the well-being of our whole community. Each week a short Lenten devotion will also be offered during the soup lunches.

DATE / TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
Feb 13 (Tues) TBA	Shrove Tuesday Mardi Gras Meal	St. John's Episcopal Church
Feb 14 (Wed) 7:00 pm	Ash Wednesday Service	Wabash Avenue Presbyterian Church
Feb 27 (Tues) 12 noon – 1 p	Lenten Soup Lunch Learning Series	St. John's Episcopal Church
March 5 (Tues) 12 noon – 1 pm	Lenten Soup Lunch Learning Series	First Christian Church
March 12 (Tues) 12 noon – 1 pm	Lenten Soup Lunch Learning Series	Wabash Avenue Presbyterian Church
March 19 (Tues) 12 noon – 1 pm	Lenten Soup Lunch Learning Series	Christ Lutheran Church
March 28 (Thurs) 7:00 pm	Maundy Thursday Service	Christ Lutheran Church
March 29 (Fri) 7:00 pm	Good Friday Service	First Christian Church

February Ladies Lunch Bunch



Cancelled this month due to Bonnie Yund's knee replacement surgery.

Men's Pool Fellowship



Pairings for games have been set and the Men's Pool Fellowship will meet in January, February, and March. Another session will be scheduled to begin after Easter for an April through May period. Men who are interested in joining the April/May session (or just curious about this fun fellowship) are invited to visit and observe the play on Tuesdays and Thursdays every other week at 7 pm.

Mark Your Calendars!

Community
Women's
Lenten
Breakfast



Saturday, March 23rd
at 7:30 am at FCC

Presenter:
Rev. Darla



Coming This Spring!!!

Mark your calendar for the 5K Race. April 14th. More info to come. If you are interested in helping with this event, please contact Amber Rohr at arohr4@yahoo.com or Linda Weaver at weaverl@wabash.edu There are many ways you can help! We are looking forward to a great event to raise money for Global Ministries.



WABASH MXIBS SPECIAL ECUMENICAL EVENT!



Rev. Kim King, Assistant Director of Malcolm X Institute of Black Studies (MXIBS) has personally invited First Christian Church to join them in celebrating the legacy of **JOHN R. BLACKBURN** on **Monday and Tuesday, Feb 5-6** (details below).

Dr. Tim Lake, who chairs the Black Studies minor, has researched for more than a decade the life of one **John R. Blackburn**, the first admitted African American student to Wabash. Having enrolled in 1857 for only two weeks, he was not allowed to remain at the College because of the racial climate both on and off campus. Needless to say, Mr. Blackburn returned home to Cincinnati and resumed preparatory studies with private tutors. A very educated man, he spent more than 60 years, himself, trailblazing the field of education, becoming a principal and receiving a Master of Arts degree from Dartmouth College. On **Monday, February 5, Dr. Tim Lake** will offer a **public lecture** in Salter Hall of the **Fine Arts Center at 7:00 pm**. A reception will follow at 8:30. FCC is also invited to attend an open plenary session Tuesday morning at 9:00 in Trippet Hall 123.

After being in communication with a few descendants of Blackburn, the College will celebrate the life and legacy of Mr. Blackburn on **Tuesday, February 6 at 5:45** with a 45-minute reconciliation or **Rite of Return Ecumenical Service** at **Wabash Ave Presbyterian Church**. A catered dinner will be served at 6:30 from a local BBQ catering company. More than a dozen of Mr. Blackburn's descendants will be in attendance, including a 103-yr old granddaughter! MXIBS hopes that the ecumenical spirit that FCC has engendered in the community might support such a service in spirit and attendance and that FCC will celebrate with them on both days.

REINdear Program Sends Thanks

Thank you so much for your participation in the 2023 REINdear season! It would not be possible without you! You have no idea how appreciated it is by us and ALL of the community! Wishing you a wonderful 2024!

*Sincerely,
Cameron Cole, CYC-A
Youth Program Manager*



Pastor Darla will be on vacation from Monday, January 29th to Monday, February 5th.

Pastor Kevin will be available and on call that week for emergencies.

Crystal Hahnstadt will be on vacation Monday, February 12th to Wednesday, February 21st. She will remain available via email.



Week of Compassion Benefit Auction Sugar and Spice and Everything Nice!

After worship on February 25, we will once again hold our annual First Christian auction to benefit the Week of Compassion! By donating items for or purchasing from the auction, we are helping people not only in our country but in other parts of the world whose lives have been devastated by floods, hurricanes, tornadoes, earthquakes, tsunamis, famine, war, disease, and other disasters. In the past, thanks to your donations of "sugar and spice and everything nice" as well as your generous bids, you have made it possible for our church to send a sizeable check to WoC. So, we hope you will be thinking about the cooking, baking, sewing, carving, painting, writing and other ways you enjoy creating, then let us know what you would like to contribute to the auction!

Please contact Linda Weaver at weaverl@wabash.edu or Judy Michal at judy.michal@yahoo.com or leave word at the church office.

PRAYER

Help us keep this list up to date!

Please email 211fccville@gmail.com if you wish to have a name removed or provide an update. Thank you for your help with this—and for your ongoing dedication to holding each other in prayer.

NOAH JACKSON (Pastor Kevin's baby nephew)—recovering at home with COVID

TIM NANNET—rehabilitation at Ben Hur in Room 101

BONNIE YUND—knee replacement surgery / Tues. Feb 6 at 7:30 am / Franciscan Hospital, Lafayette

FAMILY OF RICHARD "DICK" TUNIN who passed away on Saturday, January 13. Dick and Carolyn's wedding anniversary is Feb 1.

DEBBIE FREDERICK (Jan Vaughn-Horner's daughter)—recovering from Jan 11 surgery to remove multiple kidney stones.

AMY WOODALL—pre-brain surgery symptoms have returned including some new symptoms.

MARCIA POWELL (Carol McDonald's sister)—health Issues (shut in list).

RANDALL GARRETT—health issues

JUDITH SMITH'S husband **RICK** had open heart surgery (12/23) / 2 months of rehabilitation.

BETH LOWE—recovering from surgery (11/30)

SHEILA CLARK—home, recovering from hip surgery

JORDAN TURNER (Gerry Turner's grandson) and family—recovering from motorcycle accident

DALLAS McDONALD—ongoing cancer treatment

THOMAS MAY (Sandy Brown's son-in-law and Lisa Lofland-May's husband)—Stage 4 Cancer & Chemo treatment. Lisa and Thomas have a 12 year old son, Connor

JOHN HOOPER—ongoing Parkinson's issues

QUINTON NANNET and family—Quinton continues to remain in New Zealand, is physically safe, but is facing a lot of uncertainties ahead. Please pray for Quinton's resilience, courage, hope and wisdom, amid the challenges he's facing.

GERRY TURNER—health issues

BETTY CEDARS—ongoing health concerns

ALLEN GOFF (friend of the Keedys)—cancer

DEBBIE (REBECCA LANG'S SISTER)—lung cancer

SANDY & KEN BROWN—ongoing health concerns

MATT RYKER (Ron Yund's friend's son)—beating victim, long recovery ahead

CHURCH STAFF, MINISTERS, AND LEADERSHIP

Pray for our Shut-ins

Our shut-ins would enjoy visits.

BEN HUR: **TIM NANNET (#101)**

WHITLOCK:
CAROLYN SIMPSON (#151)

BEN HUR: **BOB DIXON (#111)**

THE LANE HOUSE: **BETTY CEDARS**

HICKORY CREEK: **MARCIA POWELL**

HOME: **DALLAS McDONALD, PAUL & MARIAN CASS, RICHARD McDONALD, JACK WYATT**



Loving thanks to our FCC family for the many acts of kindness extended at the time of Dick's passing. The cards, calls, hugs, flowers, and food have been comforting and healing for all of us.

We also extend special thanks to Darla, Kevin, and all who helped provide the lovely service and the meal.

In Christ,
Carolyn Tunin and Family



Dear Church Family,
I thank all of you for your cards, calls, visitation, donations of food for the wonderful meal served, and all other acts of kindness shown to my family and me at the passing of my brother, Richard (Dick) Tunin. God bless you.

Sincerely, Carole Pendleton

February Calendar



Thurs. 2/1 **New Pathfinder Newsletter**
Men's Coffee—9-10am
Cruisers (Pizza Hut)—11:30am
Men's Pool Fellowship—6:45-8:45pm

Sat. 2/3 **Family Movie Night - SING**
 (Prayground/Sanctuary)—6:30-9pm

Sun. 2/4 **The Wired Word**—9am
Worship (in sanctuary or online) w/Rev.
 Carolyn Reed—10:15am
VBS Organization Meeting (chapel)—
 following service
Carolyn Casey Reed Reception (parlor)—
 11:15am-12:45pm

Mon. 2/5 **Scouts Committee Meeting**—6 pm
 Scouts—6:30 pm

Tues. 2/6 **FCC Book Club** (*Mad Honey* by Jodi Picoult
 & Jennifer Finney Boylan)—6 pm

Wed. 2/7 **WOW**—4:30-7 pm
Choir Practice—7:15 pm

Thurs. 2/8 **Men's Coffee**—9-10 am

Sun. 2/11 **Continental Breakfast**—9-9:50 am
The Wired Word—9am
Worship (in sanctuary or online) w/Rev.
 Darla Goodrich (Scout Sunday)—10:15am

Mon. 2/12 **Scouts**—6:30 pm

Tues. 2/13 **Mardi Gras at St. John's Episcopal Church**—
 5:30pm
Men's Pool Fellowship—6:45-8:45pm
Elders Meeting (parlor)—7 pm

Wed. 2/14 **NO WOW**
Choir Practice—time TBD
Ash Wednesday Service at Wabash
 Presbyterian—7 pm

Thurs. 2/15 **New Pathfinder Newsletter**
Men's Coffee—9-10am
NO Ladies Lunch Bunch
Men's Pool Fellowship—6:45-8:45pm

2/4 Paul Cass
 2/4 Nancy Rogers
 2/12 Gene Everett
 2/15 Marlene Elmore
 2/16 Michael Nunan
 2/17 Seth Nunan
 2/22 Kaylynn Ranspach
 2/22 Ryan Rohr
 2/24 Carolyn Tunin
 2/25 Matthew & Oliver Fossnock
 2/28 Rebecca Lang

Sun. 2/18 **The Wired Word**—9am
Worship (in sanctuary or online) w/Rev.
 Darla Goodrich • First Sunday of Lent—
 10:15am
Multi-Church Youth Group (FISH Food
 Pantry)—3-5pm

Mon. 2/19 **Scouts**—6:30 pm

Tues. 2/20 **Euchre** (parlor)—1 pm
Coordinating Council (Parlor)—7 pm
Governing Board Meeting—8 pm

Wed. 2/21 **WOW**—4:30-7 pm
Choir Practice—7:15 pm

Thurs. 2/22 **Men's Coffee**—9-10 am

Sun. 2/25 **The Wired Word**—9am
Worship (in sanctuary or online) w/Rev.
 Darla Goodrich • Second Sunday of Lent—
 10:15am
Week of Compassion Auction (sanctuary)—
 11:15am-12:45pm

Mon. 2/26 **Scouts**—6:30 pm

Tues. 2/27 **Men's Pool Fellowship**—6:45-8:45pm

Wed. 2/28 **WOW**—4:30-7 pm
Choir Practice—7:15 pm

Thurs. 2/29 **New Pathfinder Newsletter**
Men's Coffee—9-10am
Men's Pool Fellowship—6:45-8:45pm

Welcome Mike, Lydia & Ian Aspatore!

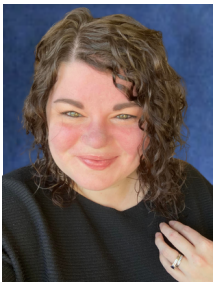


What a joy it is to announce that on **Sunday, January 28** the Aspatore family joined First Christian Church! Mike is originally from Westminster, Maryland. He graduated from Purdue University where he earned a degree in Electrical Engineering in 2014. He now works as an engineer at Dana in Lafayette. Lydia was born and raised in Crawfordsville and is a North Montgomery graduate. Lydia also graduated from Purdue University (where she met Mike) and earned a degree in pharmacy in 2018. She worked for 10 years as an intern and then a pharmacist for Kroger in Crawfordsville and

Greencastle, but when Ian came along, she took a part time position at Franciscan Outpatient Pharmacy in Lafayette so she could spend more time with him. Ian is Mike and Lydia's first child and will turn two in February. They are excited to be expecting their second child in August!

Mike was raised in a Lutheran church and Lydia grew up going to First Baptist Church in Crawfordsville. When describing why they want to become members of First Christian Church, they said, "We were both looking for a church that felt like home and whose values aligned with our own, and First Christian Church has felt like an excellent fit from the start. We especially appreciate how kid-friendly the services are. Everyone has been so welcoming, and we are so excited to officially join the church family!" Mike, Lydia and Ian, we are also so excited to welcome you to the First Christian Church family! We look forward to walking the journey of faith with you all!

Welcome, Crystal!



We are so excited to welcome **Crystal Hahnstadt** to our FCC Staff as the new **Communications Administrator**! Crystal, who will mostly be working remotely, began on Monday, January 22 and has already hit the ground running as she prepared this very long and extra dense Pathfinder edition!

Crystal brings a wonderful spirit and expertise to this new position, as she was raised in a Disciples of Christ congregation, has a BA in General Studies, an Associates in Applied Science degree in IT Computer Applications, and a certificate in Web Design. She was most recently employed at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign as an Office Support Specialist and has other kinds of employment experiences.

Crystal is married to Pete, and they moved to Crawfordsville from East Central Illinois a little less than two years ago. Pete works for International Paper and Crystal is a stay-at-home mom who is homeschooling their two precious children, Gideon and Laurel. The whole family joined First Christian Church in October 2023. What a joy it has already been for the staff to get to lead and serve with Crystal during these past two weeks and for the congregation to be able to get to know this wonderful family over the past six months! What a blessing!



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Friday is Rev. Kevin's day off.

On their days off, please contact the other pastor or the Church Office with questions, concerns, or emergencies.

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