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How will we prepare for this Lenten Journey?

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40 Days. For some that's a long time. For others, it's no time at all. I often wonder how Jesus felt about time, particularly when he wandered the wilderness for 40 days, avoiding temptations left and right. I wonder if Jesus felt his last week went by too slowly or was going by way too fast? I even wonder how Jesus prepared himself for what was to come?

“What do I need to do to prepare myself for this Lenten Journey? How can I invite God closer to my life for the next 40 days?”

May your Lenten journey be a renewing experience and remember, God is with you every week, every day, and with every breath you breathe,

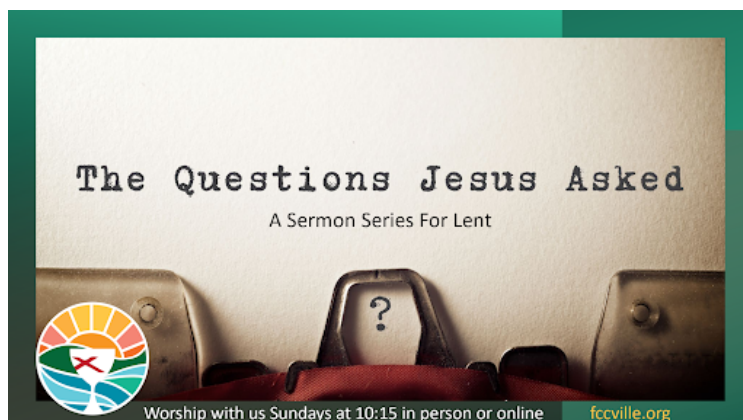
Blessings,
Kevin

Today we officially begin the season of Lent after Ash Wednesday. Every year, we recognize this season in the church leading up to Holy Week and Easter. Lent is a significant season for many reasons: it is a time we remember Jesus' struggles, sacrifices, and love that can be fully difficult to understand. It is also a time in which we remember our own struggles, our short-comings, and try to practice forgiveness (for ourselves and others). And it is also an intentional spiritual time in which we try to invite God's presence closer to our lives and find new practices that help us follow the Way of Jesus.

Every season of Lent, I always ask myself, “How can I become more intentional about inviting God into every part of my daily life?” Some years, I would let go of something that distracts me from God. In other years, I would take on a new practice that reminds me of God's constant presence. This year, I will be following along with my colleagues in Bethany Fellow who wrote in “Rest & Resilience: Following the Way of Jesus through Lent” as well as sharing a brief video each week that invites a new spiritual practice that you may choose to do during Lent.

These videos will be posted on our church Facebook page every Monday to begin your week.

As we begin our Lenten journey together, I invite you to reflect on these questions:



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	Living the Resurrection	Rev. Kevin Toth



YOUTH news *from Rev. Kevin Toth*

Follow us on Instagram
@fccyouthcrawfordsville



More fun
and growing
in our faith
at WOW!



Celebrating Our Youth!

We are so grateful for all our amazing children in the church and we would love to hear if your children's achievements and accomplishments in school and in their extracurricular activities! Please feel free to email the church or send in newspaper clipping so we can add them to our youth bulletin board!

VBS Crafts needs your help!



Please bring any (clean) jars that are about the size of a salsa jar (collection bin in Narthex).

Alternatively, Dollar Tree has small plastic jars that could be purchased and donated.



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 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!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Announcements and Information

Information, Please: Montgomery County's Helping Hands



Since the children began toting the baskets around the sanctuary last year, First Christian Church has given well over a ton of non-perishables to the FISH Food Pantry, which at times has struggled to keep the shelves stocked in the face of food

insecurity in Montgomery County. As the cans and jars are hauled to the pantry, church participants and their ecumenical partners take their turn unloading boxes when the Food Finders truck pulls up.

The church's generosity is also seen in the hats and gloves worn by the clients of Trinity Life Ministry, which are collected for the congregation-supported Scout troop. FCC hosts stuff-a-thons for the Volunteers for Mental Health in Montgomery County's holiday gift drive and has booked hotel rooms for people experiencing homelessness, among other outreach.

The agencies at the front lines of the county's most pressing needs will be spotlighted by the Good News/New Ministries committee in an upcoming Pathfinder series called **Information, Please: Montgomery County's Helping Hands**. The series draws largely from the local care providers directory Montcares.org.

Though not a comprehensive look at the area's active nonprofit sector, the series aims to promote local efforts to tackle issues ranging from food insecurity and housing to mental health and childcare access.

Montgomery County ranked 57th out of Indiana's 92 counties for charitable contributions as a percentage of income in 2022, according to a study from SmartAsset, a financial information and advice website. Residents donated 0.51% of their net income that year based on tax returns.

The series will also feature resources for free legal aid, the programs overseen by the Montgomery County Youth Service Bureau and the services of area public and college libraries.



The Philadelphia Eleven: Courage & Change

Documentary Film & Panel Discussion
(including Pastor Darla)



Join us for a showing of this documentary film tracking eleven faithful Episcopal women who presented themselves for ordination to the priesthood at Church of the Advocate in Philadelphia on July 29, 1974, paving the way for the ordination of women to all clerical orders of the Episcopal church.

LINK TO MOVIE TRAILER:

https://youtu.be/3fTifUM86_o?si=sEppIMKQC0kq1yrd

WHAT: FILM SHOWING FOLLOWED BY A PANEL DISCUSSION

WHEN: 6:30 PM, WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2024

WHERE: Korb Classroom, Fine Arts Center, Wabash College, 504 S Grant Ave, Crawfordsville, Indiana

PANELISTS:

- The Rt. Rev. Jennifer Baskerville-Burrows
- Rev. Christian Baron, St John's Episcopal Church, Crawfordsville
- **Rev. Darla Goodrich, First Christian Church, Crawfordsville**
- Prof. Emily Smith, Dept of Religion, Wabash College
- Very Rev. Joel Weir, St Stephen Orthodox Church, Crawfordsville

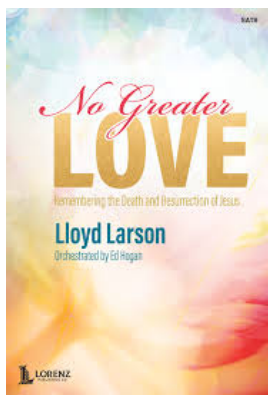
SEASON OF LENT

MULTI-CHURCH CALENDAR

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 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 23 (Sat) 7:30 am	Women's Lenten Breakfast	First Christian Rev. Darla Presenting
March 28 (Thurs) 7:00 pm	Maundy Thursday Service	Christ Lutheran Church
March 29 (Fri) 7:00 pm	Good Friday Service	First Christian Church



Easter Cantata

The FCC Choir is excited to perform an Easter cantata: **No Greater Love** by Lloyd Larson. Rehearsals began on Wednesday, February 7 and will be held each Wednesday at 7:15 until the cantata performance on Sunday, March 24 - Palm Sunday. All are welcome to sing with us! We will

also have a part-track CD available for those who might need to miss a rehearsal and potential child care. Contact choir director Sarin Williams for more information or with questions.

Mark Your Calendars!

Community Women's Lenten Breakfast

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

Presenter: Rev. Darla



February Ladies Lunch Bunch

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



How Sweet It Is - the Week of Compassion Benefit Auction

On February 25 after worship, we will hold our annual First Christian auction to benefit the Week of Compassion! We look forward to all the sweet creations our talented congregation donates for this event, but we like savory soups, casseroles, breads, too! We also look forward to and appreciate your wood carvings, paintings, photography, knitting, crocheting, and other creative offerings.

Your donations and purchases help people around the world who are suffering because of 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.

After you decide what you would like to donate to the auction this year, please let us know.

Contact Linda Weaver at weaverl@wabash.edu or Judy Michal at judy.michal@yahoo.com or leave word at the church office. See you at the auction!





Pastors Darla and Kevin and Chuck Ranspach will be discussing the book of Isaiah for the next several weeks. 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.



Food Finders Distribution Event

FCC hosted another Food Finders food distribution on Tuesday, January 30th. A big shout-out goes to those who braved the cold and mist to serve our food-insecure neighbors! We had 28 volunteers (from ages 3 to 75+) from both St. John's and First Christian come together and work in Christian fellowship to serve 112 households. It was a great morning of community and solidarity working with our friends from St. John's! Thank you, volunteers!



Pastor Darla Joins New Initiative

Pastor Darla applied and has been accepted into a preaching cohort group for the Proclamation Project, a Lilly funded program of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ.) An initiative of the Office of the General Minister and President, this project will provide preachers across the church with connection to other preachers, resources they can trust, and opportunities to grow in the craft of preaching. "I am thrilled that we will be able to offer this level of support to preachers in local congregations," said Rev. Terri Hord Owens, General Minister and President. "As we continue to imagine new ways of being church, the Proclamation Project will help Disciples offer the authentic, Spirit-filled preaching the world needs."

Pastor Darla's group will meet monthly by zoom and gather for a preaching retreat in Phoenix, Arizona in October 2024 and during the General Assembly in Memphis, Tennessee in July 2025. The Proclamation Project will provide funding to cover Pastor Darla's travel expenses to these events!

Dear First Christian Church,
Thank you for your gift to Christian Theological Seminary for the **First Christian Olive V. Hoke Scholarship Fund**. The church's support of CTS students through an endowed scholarship fund lightens the burden of debt and allows students to focus on the ministry to which God is calling them. Thank you for your investment in our students and for your commitment to theological education.

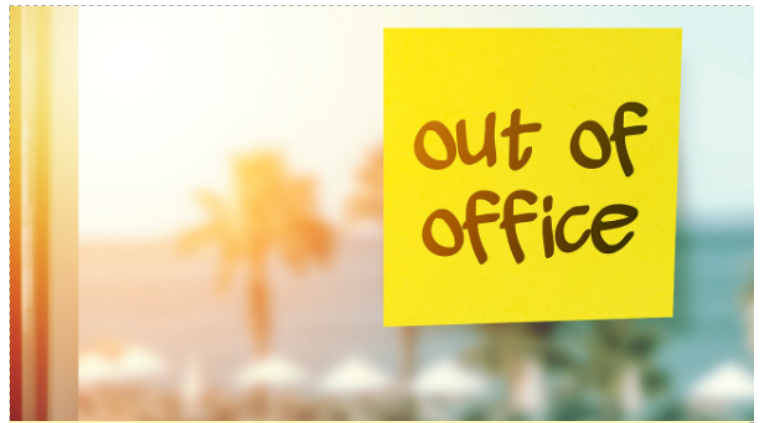
Please accept our sincere thanks for your essential role in our success. We look forward to our continued partnership as CTS concludes its first 100 years and steps into the next 100 years of serving the public through serving the church. Thank you, again, for your giving spirit and continued encouragement as we seek to be a catalyst for finding Gods' love, justice and liberation to the world.

With gratitude,
Kristen Perks Champa, DMA
Vice President for Advancement



Bethel AME Church New Sign

Bethel AME Church received a new sign to recognize it and the newly designed Francis Wooden City Park on North Street as a Station on the Underground Railroad. The generous donor who funded the design and construction of the park also donated this new sign for Bethel AME Church. Bethel AME Church will host the Annual Conference of the Southern Indiana Region this year. We are pleased that they will use the facilities of First Christian Church for that gathering of up to 100 AME Church leaders from Indiana.



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

Pastor Kevin will be on vacation from Monday, February 26th to Saturday, March 2nd.

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

FCC BOOK CLUB

First Tuesday of each month, 6-7:30 pm



Thanks to all who participated in February's discussion about the book *Mad Honey* and all the sensitive topics that it contains. Please join us Tuesday, March 5, 2024, from 6-7:30 pm, as Dave Lunsford leads the discussion about **Abraham: A Journey to the Heart of Three Faiths** by Bruce Feiler. And then on Tuesday, April 2, 2024, Kevin Toth will lead the discussion on the book **Unclobber** by Colby Martin.

A copy of each book is available through the church library, but please contact Kelly Stanley (kellyostanley@me.com) if you need help obtaining a copy of either book.

Also, here's your chance to weigh in: please send me your book suggestions for our May and June meetings in the next couple of weeks!



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.



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.

THE FAMILY OF MARCIAPOWELL
who passed away on Tuesday,
February 6th.

THE FAMILY OF SUSAN HODGES
(Ethan and Kourtney McKinney's
grandmother) who passed away on
Sunday, February 4th.

THE FAMILY OF DENISE REESE (Joe
Reese's sister) who passed away on
Wednesday, January 30th.

BONNIE YUND—recovering at home
after knee replacement surgery

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.

RANDALL GARRETT—health issues

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



Hello Church Friends! I'd like to thank
you all for the prayers & cards &
visits. I was released to drive just
after a month. This month's final
checkup has me healing slow. Spring
is around the corner & I went outside
today to rake & toss leaves. I
discovered daffodils already coming
up! Peace be with you.

Beth Lowe

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**



Dear Church Family,

I want to thank you all for your
prayers and positive thoughts that
you have extended to me for my
nephew and sister, who were both
sick with COVID. I am happy to
share that both have recovered
and are doing much better. My
sister personally wants to thank
everyone for the prayers as well.
So grateful for your support and
care.

Many blessings,
Pastor Kevin

Pray for our Shut-ins
Our shut-ins would enjoy visits.

BICKFORD: TIM NANNET

WHITLOCK:
CAROLYN SIMPSON (#151)

THE LANE HOUSE: BETTY CEDARS

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



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Monday through Friday

10 am - 2 pm

Please mark your calendars for our Retirement Celebration for Rev. Carolyn Case Reed, **Saturday, May 18 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. EDT.**

The celebration will be held at the **Promise Road Campus of Geist Christian Church (Fishers)**. There will be more details forthcoming about how you can help us celebrate Carolyn's ministry career including her 25 years with the Christian Church in Indiana. Watch your email for more announcements.

One way we'll recognize Carolyn's contributions to the Christian Church in Indiana is with the creation of the Clergy Wellbeing Fund. Care for our clergy is one of Carolyn's deep passions. She requests that gifts made in her honor support Indiana Disciples Pastors' continuing education and counseling. Gifts can be made online at <http://indianadisciples.org/donate/> or by sending a check to the Regional Office designated for the **Clergy Wellbeing Fund**.

Questions? Please contact Sarah Riester, sarah@indianadisciples.org.

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Monday is Rev. Darla's day off.

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.



On behalf of Crawfordsville Business and Professional Women, I am thanking First Christian Church for hosting our Human Trafficking Forum. It was a successful event and shed light on an otherwise dark subject.

Sincerely,
Kym Bushong
President
Crawfordsville INFBPW



Directory Update
Carolyn Snyder has a new mobile phone number.
765.401.6425

HOW CAN WE HELP?

General Questions	Contact Kay Nannet (contact information above) for any questions about the church: building, calendar, messages for personnel, ministers, elders, lay leaders, prayer requests, and general communication.
Financial Questions and Concerns	Andrew Nicodemus , FCC Financial Administrator FCC Office: 765.362.4812 (leave a message) fccvillefinance@gmail.com
Communications (incl. newsletter)	Crystal Hahnstadt , Communications Administrator Cell: 217.460.1027 (text/leave a message) fcc.comm211@gmail.com
Church Business and Policies	Carolyn Snyder , Chair of the Board Cell: 765.401.6425 (text/leave a message) carolynsnyder42@gmail.com
Other Leaders or Ministries	For a full list of our leaders, go to www.fccville.org/our-lay-leaders or consult your church directory.

COMMUNITY RESOURCES

DUSK TO DAWN BEREAVEMENT SERVICES
Cheryl Furman

765.267.1760 | dusk-to-dawn.org
info@dusk-to-dawn.org

FISH FOOD PANTRY

Distributes grocery items to meet emergency needs.

Located at St. Bernard's Church,
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