

**FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH**  
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*Silence, Connection,  
 & Renewal*

A Pastoral reflection on the Easter Prayer vigil.

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Throughout the month of January, I shared my experiences with Bethany Fellows, including the bi-annual retreats that include a full day of silence. Every retreat has revealed the different ways in which silence can help enrich our spiritual lives, including but not limited to: listening to God's wisdom, reflecting how we can practice God's justice, moving toward wholeness for our bodies and minds, and making time for rest and renewal. As I said in one sermon, silence is a holy gift to ourselves to allow us to hear God's wisdom and love.

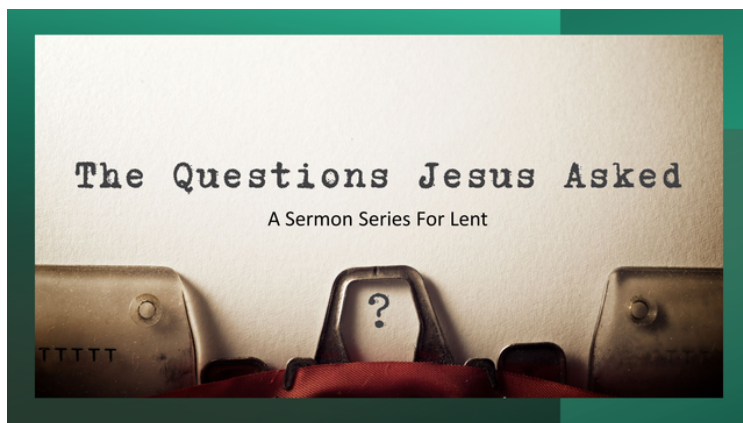
However, I fully recognize that outside of the retreats I've attended, finding time for silence in my busy life is not always easy. I struggle to make time to intentionally sit in silence, especially in a season where there is so much to do and very little time to get everything I want to get done. It's this reason why I greatly appreciate the Easter prayer vigil at the church. For an hour, I can sit in the sanctuary and reconnect with God. In the silence, I remember how much God and Christ loved the world and how that love empowers me to do the best I can for others.

My hope is that if you feel you are in need of just an hour of silence and prayer, or you feel you need to reconnect with God and be renewed in your spirits, that you take advantage of the prayer vigil and take the time for God to share just how much God loves you.

Many Blessings,  
**Kevin**

You and/or your family can sign up for the prayer vigil online or at the church. Children's activities will be available during the prayer vigil over in the chapel/prayground area.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C48ADAB2BA6FAC16-48102337-easter>



Date	Scripture	Title	Preacher
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	<b>No Greater Love</b> by Lloyd Larson	Rev. Darla Goodrich
Sun. 3/31 EASTER	John 20: 1-18	Whom Are You Looking For?	Rev. Darla Goodrich



**YOUTH news** from Rev. Kevin Toth

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Youth serving  
the  
community in  
many ways!



*Calling all Youth for Palm Sunday:  
March 24th!*

Palm Sunday is coming up on March 24th! We would love to invite all our youth to join us that Sunday morning to wave the palm branches into the sanctuary to begin our time of worship. Please reach out to Pastor Kevin if you'd like your child to be involved. And we welcome any adult volunteers to join us as well.



*Youth Sunday: April 7th, 2024!*  
"Let the little children come to me and not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."- Jesus, Matthew 19:14

The youth have selected this scripture for our upcoming Youth Sunday! We are excited for the many ways in which our youth will be leading worship and if you have any questions, feel free to reach out to Pastor Kevin with any questions 😊



## Easter Egg Hunt: March 31st!

Right after worship on Easter, Pastor Kevin will be inviting all our children to join him on a special search to find Jesus while also being on the lookout for some

Easter eggs! If you would like to support Pastor Kevin with this event, you can offer to donate small candies, help stuff items into the eggs, and help hide the eggs on Easter morning. A sign up can be found below, but feel free to reach out to Kevin with any questions.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C48ADAB2BA6FAC16-48253617-easter>

## Children's Church Calendar

Date	Bible Lesson	Teacher
March 17	Jesus & Zacchaeus	Kate Lindsay
March 24	Jesus the King	Sara Nicodemus
March 31	No Children's Church [Easter!]	None

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

## VBS Volunteer Meeting: April 7th

There will be a VBS volunteer meeting on April 7th directly following worship. The meeting will last from about 11:15am to 12:30 pm. A light lunch will be provided. If you have any questions, please contact Tammy Meyers



Next Multi-Church Youth Group hosted at WAPC! Sunday, March 17th @ 3:30pm

We are excited to invite our 4th-12th grade youth for our next ecumenical youth group at Wabash Avenue Presbyterian Church! The youth will be assisting with a community concert that will occur at the church that same evening. Please contact Pastor Kevin with any questions beforehand.

## Information, Please: VMHMC

Teens are helping drive the conversation about improving the mental wellbeing of young people as part of a local organization's mission to support residents with mental health conditions.

Students in grades 6-12 from Crawfordsville, North Montgomery and Southmont recently opened up on the barriers they face at the annual Mental Health Youth Summits sponsored by Volunteers for Mental Health in Montgomery County.



The organization—which First Christian has supported through its longtime Christmas gift drive for adults—also works to address children's mental health needs by providing access to counseling and training school employees to recognize the signs of a mental health crisis in their students.

At the summits, students can suggest changes they would like to see in the schools and the community to better address their concerns, said Kaylynn Keedy Ranspach, a clinical therapist who helps organize the events.

"The students always have an incredible time and it opens the door for us to continue having productive conversations about mental health throughout the year," Keedy Ranspach said.

A recent report from the Indiana Youth Institute found that one in three Hoosier students from 7th to 12th grade reported feelings of persistent sadness and hopelessness. One in seven students made a plan to die by suicide, the report found.

Children who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender or queer are statistically more likely to struggle with mental health, experts say. In 2021, the percentage of LGBTQ+ children who reported being depressed topped 80%, according to the report.

VMHMC partners with the three school districts to give vouchers to students needing professional counseling services but whose families cannot afford the cost. The vouchers are accepted by Cummins Behavioral Health, Valley Oaks Health and some private providers.

As a school social worker and mental health counselor at North, Keedy Ranspach said she has referred multiple students to the program, including those whose treatment may have been delayed by a gap in health insurance.

"It is a critical support that many people don't realize there is such a need for," Keedy Ranspach said.

The organization is planning additional "mental health first aid" workshops for school employees and will offer an adult version, along with suicide prevention training. Dates have not been set. For more information, visit [vmhmc.org](http://vmhmc.org).

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## Rest & Resilience Lent Video Series by Pastor Kevin

Every Monday during Lent, Pastor Kevin will share a 5 minute video with a new Lenten spiritual practice from "Rest & Resilience" Lenten devotional. These videos can be seen on the church Facebook page. We hope these spiritual practices will grant you peace and connect you closer to God this season.



## Palm Sunday Cantata

March 24

**PALM SUNDAY CANTATA**  
Directed by Dr. Sarin Williams

*No Greater LOVE*  
Lloyd Larson  
March 24 at 10:15 am

Join us for 10:15 Worship / In Person or Livestream / [fccville.org](http://fccville.org)  
FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH (Disciples of Christ)

**SEASON OF LENT**  
MULTI-CHURCH CALENDAR

DATE / TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
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

## Maundy Thursday

March 28 at 7 pm

Christ Lutheran Church

MULTI-CHURCH  
**MAUNDY THURSDAY**  
7 PM SERVICE

THURSDAY  
MARCH 28

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

## Good Friday

March 29 at 7:00 pm

Multi-Church  
**GOOD FRIDAY**  
TAIZE SERVICE  
At First Christian Church

March 29  
7 pm

Join us for Worship / In Person or Livestream / [fccville.org](http://fccville.org)

## EASTER SUNDAY

MARCH 31 at 10:15!

Easter Sunday  
**HE is RISEN!**

Join us for 10:15 Worship  
In Person or Livestream / [fccville.org](http://fccville.org)

FCC Hosts Saturday, March 23  
7:30 Breakfast / Speaker: Pastor Darla

Our Ministry of Pasta, Beans, and  
Peanut Butter

**2024 Montgomery County Women's Lenten Breakfast**

February 24	Crossroad Nazarene Church 117 E. State Rd. 234
March 2	Mace Community Church 5546 US 136
March 9	First United Methodist Church 212 E. Wabash Ave
March 16	St. Bernard's Catholic Church 1306 E. Main St.
March 23	First Christian Church 211 Walnut St.

**Breakfast will be served at 7:30 AM | Program 8:30 - 10:00 AM**  
Love offering appreciated.

The purpose of the Women's Breakfasts is to bring together women of all faith denominations into a spirit of Christian fellowship, in a spiritual setting with time for prayer and reflection.

**Theme: Take Up Your Cross**  
Matthew 16:24-26, "Then said Jesus unto his disciples, if any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it."



**Here's an update** on our weekly food gifts to FISH Food Pantry. Our total giving for calendar year 2023 was 3,632 pounds of food for the Food Pantry, for an average of 76 pounds per week. That number was boosted by a surge in giving from September through December, when we averaged 111 pounds per week.

So far in 2024, through March 3rd, we have given 611 pounds, for a weekly average of 68 pounds. Since the beginning of this food ministry on October 2, 2022, we have delivered to FISH Food Pantry 5,165 pounds of food. That's more than two and a half tons of groceries. Not bad, neighbors. I'm referring to pounds of "food", but understand that those weights include your gifts of soap, toothpaste and brushes, can openers, etc.

**A couple of new suggestions.** When the children collected our food offerings on March 10th, among the cans and boxes was a neatly folded (and most welcome) \$10 bill. I usually deliver our food to FISH on Tuesdays, so after taking our dog Emmie to the vet on Monday morning, I stopped at Kroger and turned the \$10 into 5 jars of pasta sauce and a one pound box of whole wheat rotini. So if you don't have time to shop, you leave the Corn Flakes on the counter when you leave for church, or if it's just more convenient, you can put coins, dollars, or a check in the basket when the kids come by your pew.

And this suggestion I should have mentioned sooner. We have a continuing need for **women's menstrual pads and sanitary products**. I know there are a lot of makes and models available (I could tell you stories from Junior High church camp), and we'll be shopping for women we don't know, so use your best judgment. I can tell you this: when we have had these products available, I have never seen a single woman pick them up, look at them, and put them back. This is a genuine need that merits our response.

**Thanks**, everyone, for your continuing support with cans, jars, and boxes. You're providing needed help for neighbors right here in Montgomery County.

-Don Lindsay



Thanks to a few dedicated volunteers FCC delivers meals to about 40 to 50 people every Friday of the even numbered months. Our drivers and deliverers include Jerry Whipkey, Justin Myers, Don Lindsay, Dave Lunsford, Ann Skomp, Glenda Walther, Barb Frye, Rick and Jan Stout, Carolyn Snyder, Linda and Dale Petrie, Sandy Henthorn, Jeff Stewart, Keith and Betsy Strain, and Ginny and Dave Maharry. This service takes about one and a half hours and is so important to the clients as we may be the only people they see or talk to that day. If anyone wants to become a part of this team please contact Dave Maharry. We are not feeding 5000, but it is important to the 40 or 50.


FCC is hosting the last of four Montgomery County Christian Women's Lenten Breakfast on **March 23rd**. There are 96 faith communities in Montgomery County and this year FCC will provide the last of these prior to Palm Sunday.

Sandra Ruby has written the breakfast prayer that will be at each place setting. Sandy Henthorn and Mary Fossnock will provide the music for our worship service in the Sanctuary after breakfast. Judy Michal will offer a brief overview of our congregation as we approach our 200th Anniversary. Pastor Darla will deliver the message.

Your participation and help is needed to make this event successful. Hands will be needed to setup on Friday, March 22nd. Donations of food will be needed for the breakfast. More hands will be needed **early** on Saturday (coffee is to be ready at 7am with breakfast available at 7:30am) and again for cleanup (10am) after the worship service. There are sign-up opportunities available at the Welcome Desk in the Narthex, online via Signup Genius, or by contacting Kate Lindsay at [kate@donandkate.org](mailto:kate@donandkate.org) or 817.564.4191.



<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10COC48ADAB2BA6FAC16-48439722-womens>

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



Montgomery County  
Youth Service Bureau

Coming MAY 18<sup>th</sup> to Wabash College!

On **Saturday evening, May 18**, Pastor Darla and Kaylynn Ranspach will each be participating in a dancing pair to raise money for our **Youth Services Bureau** who does so much to advocate, build up, care for, and empower the youth of our community – especially the most at-risk youth. **Pastor Darla** will be dancing with, **Steve Frees**, a retired teacher (who will be her dance instructor) and **Kaylynn Ranspach** will be the dance instructor and partner to current art teacher & coach, **Laurie Vellner**. Public ticket sales will begin April 1 at \$55.00 per seat (includes dinner, silent auction and the event).

If you wish to sit at a table reserved by Darla for church family/friends, please let her know by **no later than Sunday, March 24**. The tickets for those reserved tables will remain at **\$55.00 a piece**. Every year **Dancing with the Stars** (DWTS) sells out to a crowd of 800 and is held at the Wabash College's Knowing Fieldhouse! This year will be no different as DWTS is celebrating its 10th anniversary! Hope you will join in supporting this great organization that changes the lives of our most vulnerable and promising persons in our community!



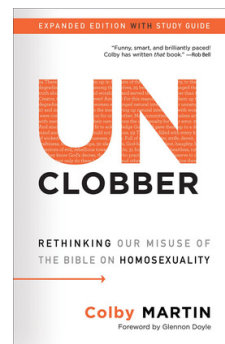
Ladies Lunch Bunch

Ladies Lunch Bunch will meet Thursday, March 21st at 12:30 PM at Little Mexico in Crawfordsville. Please e-mail [bonyund@hotmail.com](mailto:bonyund@hotmail.com) if you can join in the happy fellowship!

## FCC BOOK CLUB

Join FCC on the first Tuesday of each month from 6-7:30 pm for good, insightful, respectful discussions about a variety books and topics. You're welcome even if you haven't read the book! And it's always nice to have new people join us. One copy of each book is circulating through our church library. Contact Kelly Stanley with questions ([kellyostanley@me.com](mailto:kellyostanley@me.com)).

- April 2—Unclobber: Rethinking Our Misuse of the Bible on Homosexuality by Colby Martin | Kevin Toth, discussion leader
- May 7—*The Anthropocene Reviewed: Essays on a Human-Centered Planet* by John Green
- June 4—*Maid: Hard Work, Low Pay, and a Mother's Will to Survive* [also a miniseries on Netflix] by Stephanie Land
- July 2—*The Vanishing Half* (fiction) by Brit Bennett
- "August" meeting will be one week early, on July 30—Book TBD | Kevin Toth, discussion leader
- VOLUNTEER NEEDED for September 3—Kelly will be out of town. You can select the book (if you wish) as well as guide the discussion. Please let me know if you're interested!



*How did a church pew from First Christian get so far away?*

Recently, the church received a message from a man in the state of Washington regarding a church pew he had recently acquired and hoped to restore. He was wondering if the pew was part of our original building and if we knew where it was made and who built it.

I was able to tell him that the main part of our current building was constructed in 1888-1889 and was filled with velvet covered opera seats.

These seats were replaced with our current pews when the building was renovated, and the chapel added in 1903. Since the church board minutes from that time seem to have been lost over time, I could not tell him anymore about the manufacture of the pews other than the patent on November 22, 1892.

But how did one of these pews get so far away from Crawfordsville? The current owner purchased it from a gentleman in Bremerton Washington who said he had owned it for approximately 30 years. He couldn't remember the name of the church but said it was given to him when he worked as a contractor in Crawfordsville on a church remodel.

The current owner said he "wanted to get some history and possibly date it so I started looking up churches in Crawfordsville on the internet and came across First Christian Church's website where there are pictures of your pews that match the pew that I have."

# PRAYER

*Help us keep this list up to date!*

Please email [211fccville@gmail.com](mailto: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.

**DARLENE GOODRICH**—multiple falls and weak

**THE FAMILY OF DALLAS McDONALD** who passed away Sunday, March 10th.

**TIM NANNET**—hospice

**GENE EVERETT**—admitted to Franciscan Hospital Crawfordsville (Room 214) after falling which caused a brain bleed. He is being treated with medication.

**JACK WYATT**—at home with health concerns

**LADAWN PRIEBE**—diagnosed with a brain tumor and will begin chemo and radiation soon.

**THE FAMILY OF COZETTA JANE HANES** who passed away Sunday, February 18th.

**THE FAMILY OF TANYA WILHITE** (Arleen's daughter) who passed away on Monday, February 19th.

**SHEILA CLARK**—at home receiving rehab after hospitalization.

**THE FAMILY OF THOMAS MAY** (Sandy Brown's son-in-law and Lisa Lofland-May's husband) who passed away on Sunday, February 18th.

**BONNIE YUND**—recovering at home after knee replacement surgery

**DEBBIE FREDERICK** (Jan Vaughn-Horner's daughter)—health is improved after surgery to remove multiple kidney stones.

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

**RANDALL GARRETT**—health concerns

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

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

**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.*

BICKFORD: **TIM NANNET (#101)**

WHITLOCK:  
**CAROLYN SIMPSON (#151)**

THE LANE HOUSE: **BETTY CEDARS**

MAPLE PARK REHAB at WESTFIELD, IN:  
**BOB DIXON**

HOME: **PAUL & MARIAN CASS,**  
**RICHARD McDONALD**



Deb Vaught has organized a Meal Train for **LaDawn and Kevin Priebe** through the end of April. To sign up to provide a meal, please visit:

<https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/rokvq>

For any questions, please contact Deb.

**THANK YOU**

I would like to thank everyone for your prayers, cards, and support you have shown me during the loss of my daughter, Tanya.

Thank you,  
**Arleen Wilhite**



## Calling all Graduates!

We will be honoring our 2024 graduates whose families are associated with our church on May 5th during worship. We need your help to identify those graduating from high school, college, or any Voc-Tech studies so that we can honor them in worship and in our church newsletter. Please contact Kevin or Kate Lindsay ([kate@donandkate.org](mailto:kate@donandkate.org)) or the church office with the name of your graduate, degree achieved, institution, and future plans no later than April 26th. Thanks for your help!



**Pastor Kevin** will be away for his Spring Bethany Fellows retreat from Monday, April 15th to Friday April 19th.

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



## ATTENTION! Directory Updates

**Cindy Grimes has a new telephone number.**  
765.367.1256

**Sheila Clark has a new home phone number.**  
765.862.1055

### HOW CAN WE HELP?

<b>General Questions</b>	<b>Contact Kay Nannet</b> (contact information above) for any questions about the church: building, calendar, messages for personnel, ministers, elders, lay leaders, prayer requests, and general communication.
<b>Financial Questions and Concerns</b>	<b>Andrew Nicodemus</b> , FCC Financial Administrator FCC Office: 765.362.4812 (leave a message)   <a href="mailto:fccvillefinance@gmail.com">fccvillefinance@gmail.com</a>
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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.*

### COMMUNITY RESOURCES

**DUSK TO DAWN  
BEREAVEMENT SERVICES**  
**Cheryl Furman**

765.267.1760 | [dusk-to-dawn.org](http://dusk-to-dawn.org)  
[info@dusk-to-dawn.org](mailto:info@dusk-to-dawn.org)

### FISH FOOD PANTRY

*Distributes grocery items to meet emergency needs.*

Located at St. Bernard's Church,  
1306 E. Main St., Crawfordsville  
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### HAND IN HAND CREATIVE LEARNING

**Chantel Allen, Director**  
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### MONT. CO. FREE CLINIC

*Offers local, uninsured residents high-quality medical and dental care and other health services.*

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