

*“The Sacred Dance of Life”
A Pastoral Reflection*



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This past week, I journeyed to the Franciscan Renewal Center in Phoenix, AZ for my Bethany Fellows retreat. The retreat center is gorgeous, with many religious icons spread out across the campus, a walking labyrinth, nature trails, and even a pool! To begin our retreat time, the Bethany Fellows leaders led us in worship and the worship concluded with us reading together a beautiful litany written by Hafiz (quoted in *The Art of Ensoulment* by Cynthia Winton-Henry). The litany is as follows:



*I sometimes forget that I was created for joy.
My mind is too busy.
My heart is too heavy
For me to remember that I have been called
To dance the sacred dance of life.
I was created to smile,
To love, to be lifted up and lift others up.
O Sacred One,
Untangle my feet from all that ensnares.
Free my Soul that we might dance.
And that our dancing might be contagious.*

Everyone (including myself) was captivated by these words written, and we were asked which of these phrases is currently speaking out to our souls. For me, I am struck by the phrase, “free my soul that we might dance and that our dancing might be contagious”. What’s ironic is that I am not much of a dancer, but I love the metaphor of dancing being any action that inspires us to be joyful and to spread hope, joy, and love to everyone around us. It also makes me think about the popular hymn (and camp song), “They’ll know we are Christians”. Why? Because of our love and God’s love that inspires us to love others as ourselves.

So, I wish to invite you to wonder with me these questions:

- *What would it look like for our love and God’s love to be “contagious”?*
- *What phrase from the litany above is speaking to your soul right now?*
- *What are some ways in which God is inviting you to participate in the sacred dance of life?*

Many blessings,
Kevin



BEYOND WORDS
Exploring Common Words of our Faith

Join us for **10:15 WORSHIP**
In Person or Livestream / fccville.org

A Sermon & Teaching Series
for Spring/Summer

Date	Scripture	Sermon	Preacher
04/28	2 Tim. 3:10-17	What Is Biblical ?	Rev. Darla Goodrich
05/05	Eph 2: 8-9	What is Saved ?	Rev. Darla Goodrich
05/12	Deuteronomy 6:4-6 Matthew 22:34-40	What is Love ?	Rev. Kevin Toth
05/19	Acts 2:1-13, 42-47 Ephesians 2:11-22	What is Church ?	Rev. Darla Goodrich
05/26	John 1: 1-5	What is Word ?	Rev. Darla Goodrich
06/03	Romans 9: 6-7, 14-25	What is Sin ?	Rev. Darla Goodrich



YOUTH news *from Rev. Kevin Toth*

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Camp 2024

June 10-12	You & Me 1 ages 5+ w/ adult
June 12-14	New Beginnings grades 1-3
June 14-17	You & Me 2 ages 5+ w/ adult
June 17-22	CROSS sports & recreation, grades 6-12
June 24-29	Explorers grades 4-5
July 1-6	High School grades 9-12
July 8-13	Middle School grades 6-8
July 15-20	MAD music, art, & drama, grades 6-12
July 14-20	Mission as Justice grades 10-12



**Sharing Love in
the community!**



Summer Church Camp registration is open!

All registration is done online by following this link to the Indiana Regional Website:

<https://indianadisciples.org/2024-camp/>

If you wish to attend one of the camps and would like some financial assistance, please contact Pastor Kevin before May 1st.

Children's Church Calendar

Date	Bible Lesson	Teacher
May 5	The Good Shepherd and the Wolf	Gwen Carlson
May 12	Ascension	Kate Lindsay
May 19	Pentecost	Mary Fosnock
May 26	No Children's Church	None

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



Youth Swimming Party - June 8th from 3-5pm

Let's celebrate the end of Vacation Bible School! Attendance at VBS is not required. This is a free event for all youth. Any questions can be directed to Pastor Kevin or Kate Lindsay.

**ATTENTION:
VBS VOLUNTEERS**



**OUR FINAL VOLUNTEER MEETING WILL BE MAY 19TH
RIGHT AFTER CHURCH AND WILL LAST ONE HOUR.**

VBS at First Christian Church

211 S Walnut Street, Crawfordsville

June 3-7, 2024 from 5:30 to 8:30 PM
For ages 3 years through 5th grade

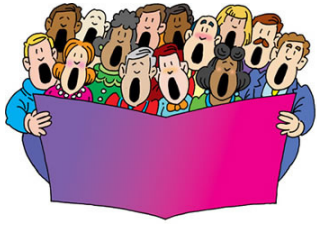
All children registered by May 15th will get a free t-shirt!

Register online at: tinyurl.com/VBSatFCC



UPCOMING EVENTS

Special Music Opportunities



The wonderful FCC choir will take their customary break during June, July, and August, and we would love anyone interested to sing/play special music during the summer

church services! Advanced experience is not needed - just a heart to praise God through music. The church would be excited to hear your best effort whether you are new to a musical calling or have years of experience. Contact Music Director Sarin Williams today to reserve a summer Sunday!

ATTENTION

all moms!

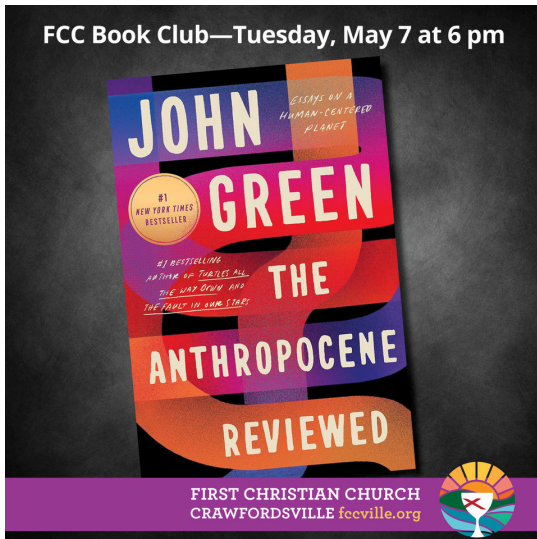


If you're a mom (regardless of age) with kids aged from pregnancy through adulthood, this message is for you! Crystal Hahnstadt is creating a committee and putting together a new **moms group** which will be

hosted at First Christian Church. She is in the early development stages and needs your help. Please fill out the questionnaire shared below or grab a paper copy from the table in the Welcome Center. We need your input! If you have any questions, comments, or would like to assist with the creation of this group, please contact Crystal via email at chahnstadt@gmail.com.

Questionnaire: <https://tinyurl.com/FCC-momsgroup>

FCC Book Club—Tuesday, May 7 at 6 pm



Hope to see you on May 7 to discuss ***The Anthropocene Reviewed: Essays on a Human-Centered Planet*** by John Green. You can see the schedule of upcoming books and meetings at fccville.org/fcc-book-club or contact Kelly Stanley with questions (kellyostanley@me.com).

Cards on Cart

Recently, the Card Committee received a large donation of lovely cards. Some have personal messages which are not suitable for the committee's use, so these cards have been placed on the cart outside the library for you to take. Along with the cards, there are partial note pads and working ballpoint pens, also for you to take. From time to time, the selections will have additional items added, so check often. The books were selected from the Parenting section on our library shelf, they are there for you to take. More books are inside.

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because every body is a yoga body

Free!

Chair Yoga:
<https://tinyurl.com/ChairYogaWithTammy>
6:30-7:00pm
May 9, 16, 23, & 30th.

Gentle Yoga:
<https://tinyurl.com/GentleYogaWithTammy>
8:00-8:30pm
May 8, 15, 22, & 29th.

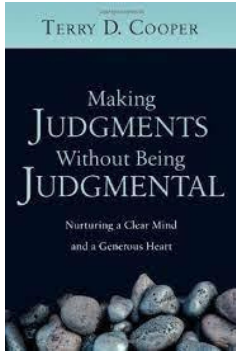
Tammy Meyers
tjmeyers@gmail.com

Tammy Meyers is finishing her yoga teacher certification and will be offering two different classes throughout May in order to fulfill the rest of her requirements for licensing. Classes are free and on Zoom. Join any or all! Chair Yoga participants will remain seated the entire time. Gentle Yoga is a calm practice that will involve some standing and balance but has variations to be accessible to all! Hope to see you there!



May Basket Sale

Hand in Hand Preschool is again doing their May Basket Sale. This is a way to brighten someone's day, spread kindness, AND support the preschool which provides an essential service to our community! Each basket of flowers is \$8. On Sunday, April 28th some of the church youth will be having a lemonade stand following church, and taking orders for May baskets, which will be made and picked up on Tuesday, April 30th from 5-7 PM at the church parking lot. You can also pay it forward by purchasing baskets and having them delivered for free to a shut-in or local nursing home resident. Please share with your friends who may also be interested! These are always so lovely! To order online: <https://rb.gy/k84009>



New Class Starts This Sunday

WHO: Pastor Darla will be leading this class / All are Welcome!

WHEN: 9:00 – 9:40 am in the Gathering Room (Sundays April 28 – May 19)

WHAT: A 4-week class exploring the book ***Making Judgments Without Being Judgmental***: Nurturing a Clear Mind and a Generous Heart by Terry D. Cooper. This will also integrate exploration of the scriptures on this topic.

WHY: This is a timely discussion as we live in a divided culture that tempts us to make harsh judgments of others who do not think the way we do. The book takes seriously the need to make judgments in our own lives but clearly articulates how easy it is to fall into the trap of judgmentalism without even being aware. This impacts all of our relationships and our own well-being.

HOW: If you are joining the class, and haven't already signed up, please notify Darla by e-mail or text. The book can be purchased for 18.99 on **Amazon** (← click for link). If you don't have time to get the book before Sunday, please join us anyway!



Information, Please

The Sixth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution guarantees people accused of crimes the right to an attorney, but there is no constitutional right to legal representation in civil court. For people facing eviction or a host of other non-criminal issues who cannot afford a lawyer, that could mean wading into the court system alone.

Thanks to a coalition of government and nonprofit agencies led by the Indiana Bar Foundation, free legal aid in Montgomery County is now just a few clicks away.

A self-service kiosk in the courthouse lobby provides access to legal forms for a range of civil issues from housing and divorce to estates and expunging criminal records. The touch-screen kiosk is equipped with a printer allowing users to deliver documents to the clerk's office for filing.

The kiosk links to instructional videos, referrals to free and low-cost legal services, and a calendar of free legal aid clinics at IndianaLegalHelp.org.

Crawfordsville District Public Library is host to one of the clinics. Once a month, lawyers from Wabash Valley Volunteer Attorneys of Lafayette meet with residents to offer brief advice on foreclosures, rent issues, and eviction. The clinic returns on April 30 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Meeting Room D.

A separate virtual statewide eviction defense clinic run by the volunteer attorneys also aims to help renters navigate the housing courts. The next session is May 3 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., and registration information is available at cdpl.in.us/events-calendar.



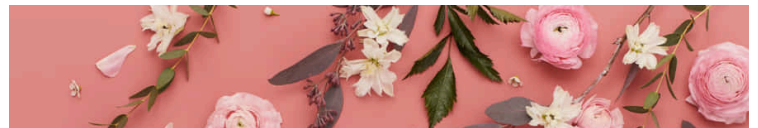
Brrrrrr, we hope no one was cold this weekend because they left their winter coats hanging up at Church!!! Since we know you may need them come late next fall, we would like the coats to find their homes by May 1st. After that, the coats will be donated to a worthy NFP who can re-gift them.

May Calendar



Wed. 5/1	Choir Practice —7:15pm
Thurs. 5/2	Men's Coffee —9-10 am Cruisers (Pizza Hut)—11:30am
Sun. 5/5	Pastor Darla's Class (gathering room)—9am Worship (in sanctuary or online) w/Rev. Darla Goodrich (Graduation Sunday)—10:15am
Mon. 5/6	Pathfinder articles due to Crystal Scouts Committee Meeting —6pm Scouts —6:30pm
Tues. 5/7	FCC Book Club (<i>The Anthropocene Reviewed: Essays on a Human-Centered Planet</i> by John Green) —6pm
Wed. 5/8	Choir Practice —7:15pm
Thurs. 5/9	New Pathfinder Newsletter Men's Coffee —9-10 am
Sun. 5/12	MOTHER'S DAY Pastor Darla's Class (gathering room)—9am Worship (in sanctuary or online) w/Rev. Kevin Toth—10:15am
Mon. 5/13	Scouts —6:30 pm
Tues. 5/14	Elders Meeting (gathering room)—7pm Men's Pool Fellowship —7pm
Wed. 5/15	Choir Practice —7:15pm
Thurs. 5/16	Men's Coffee —9-10am Ladies Lunch Bunch (TBD)—12:30pm
Sun. 5/19	Pastor Darla's Class (gathering room)—9am Worship (in sanctuary or online) w/Rev. Darla Goodrich—10:15am
Mon. 5/20	Pathfinder articles due to Crystal Scouts —6:30pm
Tues. 5/21	Euchre (gathering room)—1pm Coordinating Council (gathering room)—7pm Governing Board Meeting —8pm
Wed. 5/22	Choir Practice —7:15pm

Thurs. 5/23	New Pathfinder Newsletter Men's Coffee —9-10 am
Sun. 5/26	The Wired Word —9am Worship (in sanctuary or online) w/Rev. Darla Goodrich—10:15am
Mon. 5/27	Scouts —6:30 pm
Wed. 5/29	Choir Practice (last one)—7:15 pm
Thurs. 5/30	Men's Coffee —9-10am



May Birthdays

5/1	Ruth Hester
5/5	Jackie McDermott
5/6	Gerry Turner
5/7	Andrea Alka-Venis
5/9	Tammy Plank
5/11	Betsy Strain
5/12	Nicole Kyger
5/16	Linda Spencer
5/19	Joshua Fossnock
5/21	Malachi Meyers
5/26	Mary Ellen Fields
5/26	Cindy Grimes
5/26	Pete Hahnstadt
5/26	Sandy Henthorn
5/26	Arlene Slaughter
5/26	Amy Woodall
5/29	Mark Frank
5/30	Sarin Williams
5/31	Shari Lovold

May Anniversaries

5/26	Kevin & LaDawn Priebe
5/27	Don & Kate Lindsay
5/28	Tom & Diane Lowe
5/28	Nate Tompkins & Jackie McDermott
5/28	Jerry & Carol Whipkey
5/29	Mark & Jaci Wollenberg
5/31	Merlin & Sandy Guthrie
5/31	Dale & Linda Petrie

Prayer Requests

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.

SANDY LOFLAND BROWN—hospitalized at St. Vincent in Indianapolis with a broken shoulder and hip.

MARK BROWN—recovering from knee replacement surgery

THE FAMILY OF DARLENE GOODRICH who passed away on Thursday, April 18th.

THE FAMILY OF RICHARD “DICK” McDONALD who passed away Sunday, April 14th.

THE FAMILY OF RANDALL GARRETT who passed away Thursday, April 4th.

STEVE HOUSE—had surgery on 3/26 for cancer on his neck

GERRY COATS—home after receiving a blood transfusion in the ER and being transferred to the IU Arnett hospital. He is awaiting further testing.

TOM BROWN (Jan Stout’s brother)—is improving after having a severe staph infection and stroke, but will remain hospitalized for approximately 4-6 weeks.

GENE EVERETT—completed rehab at Ben Hur and will now be living at Wellbrooke (room #25)

LADAWN PRIEBE—began chemotherapy and radiation after being diagnosed with a brain tumor

AMY WOODALL

JACK WYATT—at home with health concerns

SHEILA CLARK—chronic leukemia and recovering after a heart catheterization procedure.

JUDITH SMITH’S husband RICK—prayer for continuing improvement after open heart surgery

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

JOHN HOOPER—ongoing Parkinson’s issues

QUINTON NANNET and family—Rejoice for Quinton is back in the USA! Please continue to pray for his strength, courage, and discernment as he navigates these next steps.

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.

WHITLOCK:
CAROLYN SIMPSON (#151)

THE LANE HOUSE: **BETTY CEDARS**

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

WELLBROOKE CRAWFORDSVILLE:
GENE EVERETT (#25)

HOME: **PAUL & MARIAN CASS**



Dear Church,

Thanks for the LOVE given to our family over this past month, and before. The Celebration Service and meal were delightful and will help as our hearts heal.

Peace & Gratitude,
Kay, Quinton, Andie, Ty, Beverly, Bryan & Karen Nannet

Thank you

We are so grateful for the use of your facilities, the fantastic foods provided, the companionship of all the people who attended and helped in the background. All churches were extremely generous with sharing gifts of time, talent and treasure.

The opportunity to praise God and prepare for Easter with other ladies from neighboring congregations is so special to all of us. We appreciate these gatherings to thank God for His amazing gifts together.

Thank you and may God bless you and your church,
Montgomery County Women's Lenten Breakfast Committee

On behalf of the South District Indiana Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Church and Presiding Elder Jennifer Tinsley, Thank you for your hospitality. Blessings.

Thanks so much for preparing us a wonderful meal and providing us an opportunity for family time and fellowship. Much appreciated!
The Garrett Family

Thank you for reaching out to our father during his recent health crisis. He has improved and is continuing with physical therapy in the hopes he can get back to using his walker once again.

Dad has moved to Wellbrooke of Crawfordsville, and we would like to provide you with his new address. He will not be returning to his condo. Dad's new address:

Gene Everett
Wellbrooke of Crawfordsville
517 Concord Road, Room 25
Crawfordsville, IN 47933

— **The children of Gene Everett**

Thank you so much for the catered meal. Everyone raved about how good everything tasted.

All of your prayers over the last year and a half were appreciated more than I could ever express.

"Thank you" just doesn't seem like enough to say.

Love,
Lisa May & Connor

Mark and I, my father, and our whole family, deeply appreciate all the thoughtful cards, food, e-mails, texts, personal well wishes, hugs, care and love extended to us at the loss of my mother. We have been overwhelmed by your grace & care, and are so grateful for such a kind, generous and thoughtful church family. It's so healing to know we are not alone. Love from our whole family to yours! Grace & Peace, **Darla**

Dear First Christian Church,
Thank you for the lovely lunch and fellowship.
Please accept this donation and appreciation.

Sincerely,
Doug, Kris, & Scot McDonald



Save the Date

Turkey Run Outing on June 23rd from 2-7pm

Plans are not finalized, but the event will include swimming and food. It will be at Tennis Court Shelter "C" - Located off Trail 1, at the west end of the parking lot at the Nature Center. This very large, wheelchair accessible shelter has a large stone fireplace with two stone cooking areas, electricity, lots of picnic tables under the shelter, and many more just outside. Nearby are a drinking fountain, wheelchair accessible modern restrooms, a playground, ball courts, and a couple more picnic tables with charcoal grills. The swimming fee is \$3 per person.



Thank you to the planning committee for, and all participants who participated in, our Global Missions 5K.

CLASS OF 2024

*Calling all Graduates!
Due Tomorrow, April 26th!*

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 Pastor Kevin or Kate Lindsay (kate@donandkate.org) or the church office with the name of your graduate, degree achieved, institution, and future plans no later than **April 26th**. Graduates will be invited after worship to greet. Thanks for your help!

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.



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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.

COMMUNITY RESOURCES

MEALS ON WHEELS

On Fridays of even months.

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maharryd@wabash.edu

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HAPPY



MOTHER'S

DAY



**MANY WOMEN DO NOBLE THINGS,
BUT YOU SURPASS THEM ALL.
PROVERBS 31:29**