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"Do not be afraid or discouraged, for the Lord will personally go ahead of you. He will be with you; he will neither fail you nor abandon you." Isaiah 43:19

#### **NEW YEAR TRANSITIONS**

The turn of the new year, whether we plan it or not, is often a time when transition happens in our lives. Whether it's having to remember to write 2024 in our checkbooks, needing to begin gathering documents for tax preparations, putting a new calendar up at the office, or starting a new routine at the gym...it is definitely a time when change is upon us!

We are also definitely feeling this new year transition at the church office, as we welcome a new Communications Administrator (to be announced during the Sunday's congregational meeting), as our regular staff meeting time has now changed from Wednesday's at 1:00 to Tuesdays at 12:30 and our current staff continue to shuffle and take on new roles to adapt to the changing circumstances of a growing church!

While sometimes change can feel overwhelming, I have to say we are incredibly excited about the year to come, as we welcome new people into membership, serve the community in ever more creative and transforming ways, and as we continue to live into the reality of having a wonderful new choir director and a growing choir!

May we give thanks to God for these transitions as God travels ahead of us and leads the way! Grace & Peace, Darla

#### JANUARY SERMON SERIES CONTINUES



Date	Preacher	Title	Scripture
Jan 21	Rev. Kevin	Silence as Peace	1 Kings
	Toth		19:1-9
Jan 28	Rev. Kevin	Silence as Rest	Mark 6:31
	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

4! 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. Her work has focused on relationship building among pastors and congregations, which includes Search and Call designing a variety of congregational transformation and conversation processes and giving support to the Commission on Ministry. There will be a reception for Carolyn following 10:5 Worship on Feb 4. Hope you will join us!



# **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



#### Hosted at FCC Sunday, Jan 21st @ 3pm

We are excited to announce our next multi-church youth group for 4<sup>th</sup> grade and older youth, hosted here **at First Christian Church**. We will be making fleece blankets to give out to the local community and have a small meal, games, and time to hang out and check in with one another. Contact Pastor Kevin for further details. We hope you will join us for this fun ecumenical event!

# WOW is back for another great semester of fun, fellowship, and faith learning!









# Jevento G

Mark your calendar and join us for a free family movie night! No RSVP needed. We'll be watching a Disney movie (TBD). Feel free to wear pajamas and bring your pillows, blankets, anything you and kids want to get cozy with. Families come in all shapes and sizes and we welcome all to join us!



On **Sunday, January 21, 2024**, the congregation will meet immediately after the service for the purpose of approving the 2024 church budget.



Brad Weaver, Treasurer Carolyn Snyder, Board Chairperson



Congratulations **Paul Hutson** on your retirement from Lakeside Books!! We wish you many blessings upon your "repurposing" ahead 😳!



Canceled this month due to weather and church famiy funeral during the same time.

# **FOOD FINDERS OPPORTUNITY!**

On **Tuesday**, **January 30th** we will do a joint service project with our friends at St. John's Episcopal. We need 7-8 volunteers from FCC to help serve our food insecure neighbors. The Food Finders truck will be in the **FCC parking lot at 211 S. Walnut** that morning where our **St. John's friends** will join us.



Volunteers are needed at 10:30 am to help get organized and receive their assignments. We will start serving at 11:00 am.

FCC hosted at least 3 times in 2023, and the average distribution was about 90-100 households each time. This is such a worthwhile service and will be an excellent ecumenical activity that helps promote unity among our friends at St. John's. Please text Deb Vaught at 765-376-9207 or email her at tdvaught@mymetronet.net to express your ability to help. 7-8 volunteers are needed from each church. Thank you for your consideration.

## FCC BOOK CLUB



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

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 <u>kellyostanley@me.com</u>). 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

# **Men's Pool Fellowship**



Pairings for games have been set and the Men's Pool Fellowship will meet in January, February & March of the new year. Another session will be scheduled to begin after Easter for an April - 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** <u>every other week</u> (starting the first week of January) at **7 pm**.



Pastors Darla & Kevin and Chuck Ranspach will be examining the book of Hosea followed by the minor prophet, Micah. 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 <u>bibleforthepeople@gmail.com</u>.



# **NEXT PUB THEOLOGY!**

What does the Afterlife look like & Why do we think that way?



Pastor Kevin and Father Christian Baron (from St. John's Episcopal Church) will be facilitating a discussion on heaven and the afterlife for our next pub theology event. We hope you will join us for some meaningful conversations on Monday, January 29 th @ 5:30pm at Backstep Brewery.

# SAVE THE DATE - SUN, FEB. 25!



Get out your wood crafting tools, recipes, knitting needles, sewing machine, paintbrushes and easels, and prepare for the 2024 Week of Compassion Sugar & amp; Spice auction! This is a chance for you to share your creative talents and/or your generosity while at the same time helping those in need around the world. Look for more information in the next newsletter or contact Linda Weaver at weaverl@wabash.edu or Judy Michal at judy.michal@yahoo.com.

#### HUMAN TRAFFIC FORUM

A forum on Human Trafficking, facilitated by the Crawfordsville Chapter of INF-PDW (Indiana Federation of Business and Professional



Women) will be hosted at **First Christian Church** on **January 25, 2024** at **6:00 pm** in the **Sanctuary.** There will be presenters from Indiana State Police Missing Persons Division and Indiana Trafficking Victims Assistance Program (ITVAP) which is part of Indiana Youth Services Association (IYSA). The Youth Services Bureau is affiliated with IYSA.

# **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 <u>arohr4@yahoo.com</u> or Lind Weaver at <u>weaverl@wabash.edu</u> There are many ways you can help! We are looking forward to a great event to raise money for Global Ministries.



# **Rev. Dr. Williams Has Arrived!**



Rev. Dr. Christal Williams began her ministry with the Christian Church in Indiana as our new Regional Minister on Monday, January 8, 2024. She looks forward to developing relationships across the region. You can e-mail her at drchristal@indianadisciples.org and also connect via Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/pastorchristal Welcome, Dr. Williams!



THANK YOU FROM THE STAFF!

The church staff would like to thank our church family for your generous gifts to each of us! We all feel so privileged and honored to get to serve this most loving, caring and amazing congregation! We thank you for your support through the whole year – your love, your prayers, your patience, your leadership and your witness that keeps us going and inspires us every day! We appreciate and love ALL of you!

#### **NEW BUILDING USE POLICY**

At the December board meeting, a new facility policy and procedure were approved for First Christian Church. The policy and procedure are available in the office. Eventually, the application to use our facility by outside groups and will be available online. Our church is always available for our church sponsored gatherings, ministries and functions. It is with joy we utilize our beautiful building for our community of faith. **Carolyn Snyder, Board Chairperson** 



- 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



# Pastor Darla will be on Vacation Monday, Jan 29 – Sunday, Feb 4

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



Help us keep this list up to date! Please email <u>211fccville@gmail.com</u> 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.

- **TIM NANNET:** Rehabilitation at Ben Hur **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 & Carolyn's wedding anniversary is Feb 1.
- **TANYA WILHITE** (Arleen Wilhite's Daughter) home recovering after hospitalization / UTI, Flu, pneumonia & dehydration.
- **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
- The family of **JERRI STEWART** who passed away on Dec. 20
- **JUDITH SMITH'S** husband **RICK** had open heart surgery (12/23). 2 mos 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 &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** 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 HEALTH ISSUES JACK WYATT MOVED HOME 12/27/23



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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.

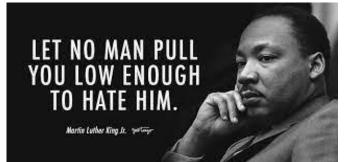
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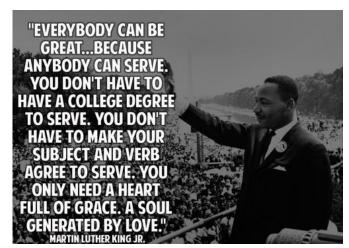
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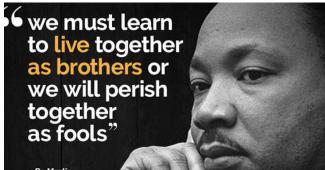
Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that.

Martin Luther King, Jr.



INJUSTICE ANYWHERE IS A THREAT TO JUSTICE EVERYWHERE. WE AR CAUGHT IN AN INESCAPABLE NETWORK OF MUTUALITY, TIED IN A SINGLE GARMENT OF DESTINY. WHATEVER AFFECTS ONE DIRECTLY, AFFECTS ALL INDIRECTLY.





– Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.



We must develop and maintain the capacity to forgive. He who is devoid of the power to forgive is devoid of the power to love. There is some good in the worst of us and some evil in the best of us. When we discover this, we are less prone to hate our enemies.

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O God... help us to walk together, pray together, sing together, and live together until that day when all God's children, Black, White, Red, and Yellow, will rejoice in one common band of humanity in the kingdom of our Lord. Amen.

