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FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
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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 Toth	<i>Silence as Peace</i>	1 Kings 19:1-9
Jan 28	Rev. Kevin Toth	<i>Silence as Rest</i>	Mark 6:31

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!



YOUTH news from Rev. Kevin Toth

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 4th 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!



UPCOMING Events

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!



Join us for
FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3
6:30PM**

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

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CINEMA

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*

Happy Retirement

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 family 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 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

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 every other week** (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 bibleforthepeople@gmail.com.

A MUSIC FESTIVAL CELEBRATING 200 YEARS OF WABASH AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sanctuary WAPC, 307 S. Wshibngota, Crawfordsville, IN



CONCERTS ON THE CORNER FREE

SPRING 2024



THE ABEL FAMILY QUARTET

The Abel Family Quartet, an Indiana favorite chamber music string quartet based in Indianapolis, performing chamber masterworks music from Haydn, Bevel, Brahms, and Schubert.

Feb. 2, 7:30pm



ECHOING AIR

Echoing Air, Inc., a chamber music ensemble presenting "A Season of Penitence: Music for Lent. This program offers a contemplative musical Journey featuring sacred Baroque compositions from France, England, Germany, and Italy.

Mar. 17, 4:00pm



CAM AND JAMES

Cam and James Live—Cameron Cody and James Kelly, Texas vocal and recording artists, dueling piano and organ, and international internet sensations. With their entertaining personalities Cody and Kelly perform traditional and contemporary gospel music and beyond! — — Apr. 19, 7:00pm



FREETOWN VILLAGE SINGERS

Freetown Village Singers, from Indianapolis. Experience the joy and dynamic power of music preserving African American traditions and culture through storytelling, folk songs, and spirituals.

Crawfordsville's Second Baptist Praise Dance Group will open the show!



THE TAD ROBINSON BAND

The Tad Robinson Band—Robinson, a Severn records recording artist who tours widely in US and performs at some of the most important international blues festivals. "Robinson's lyrics go for the soul, and his old-school balladry is lovely and lush...a soulfulness plucked out of the anywhere airwaves of decades past." —Living Blues Magazine

Nov. 17, 3:00pm

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 & 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 arohr4@yahoo.com or Lind 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.



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.

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.

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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