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A few weeks ago, during the Advent season, my father was simply moved by seeing so many old friends, and new, sharing in worship after this long pandemic. In response, he joyfully created a list of all the many reasons why it's so meaningful and uplifting when people of faith worship together in community. Moved by his list, I decided I wanted to share it with you. We adapted it a bit and I added some of my own. Together, we hope these offer encouragement as we all consider the great gift and privilege it is to get to worship God together! Here are 18 of about 35 we came up with:



WHY WORSHIP TOGETHER

— Psalm 95:1-7 —

Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to God with songs of praise! PSALM 95:2

WORSHIPPING TOGETHER IS:

1. An Affirmation of Jesus unconditional love with caring Christian friends!
2. An offering to God, and to the struggling & suffering world God so loves!
3. Embodying the Good News together, thereby building up Christ's body!
4. Life beyond self, yet for self and others – the Jesus way!
5. A sign of Christ's reconciliation when we, who may differ, share and celebrate in common the gift of God's love!
6. God's calling, learnings, meaning of life shared & sacred love poured out!
7. An opportunity for children to encounter & discover God's love for them and the value of their own spiritual gifts for others!
8. Showing up for our children so they come to believe Christ's love is really possible when they are lovingly received in community...as they are!
9. Showing up as encouragement for others who yearn for our presence!
10. Life beyond sameness, me, my, myself, secular traps & troubled times!
11. Hearing the emergency call of our time for Christ's loving presence!
12. Life where others care for us with our common Christian calling!
13. Life where meaningful life patterns & hope are reminded and enriched!
14. Where we experience, deep down, this is where God is calling us to be!
15. Increasing loving Christ-like presence in a more difficult America!
16. Responding as thankful people for the privilege of freedom to gather!
17. A prayerful offering of our whole selves and a reality check of our own lives before God, for our own healing, and the healing of the world!
18. Devoting ourselves to the apostles teaching, to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and prayer! (Acts 2:42)

In the coming Pathfinders I will continue to share more reasons why worshipping in community is so uplifting and meaningful. If you have some reasons you would like to have shared in the Pathfinder, feel free to send them to me! I look forward to the gift of getting to Worship with you!

Grace & Peace, Darla

Upcoming Events

The calendar of events and activities is emailed on the first of each month— but you can also find an updated schedule online at fccville.org/events or call the church office to request a copy.

UNITY WORSHIP SERVICE on JANUARY 29!



It is a joy to announce that, together with other Crawfordsville church partners in ministry, the leadership of each has decided to celebrate our unity as Christians by worshiping together on the (four) fifth Sundays throughout the year at each of our sanctuaries. Each of the congregations will take a turn hosting a fifth Sunday worship service. A minister of another congregation will be the guest preacher at the host congregation's worship. FCC will be hosting the first combined ecumenical worship on **Sunday, January 29** in the sanctuary and Rev. John Van Nuys, from Wabash Avenue Presbyterian Church will be the preacher that day. The other dates for 5th Sunday worship are **Sundays, April 30, July 30 and October 29, 2023.**



Find Your Voice Workshops with Gwynn Wills

As part of preparing for the church's sabbatical while Pastor Darla is away, we're hosting three workshops. **Two of them are today (the day this newsletter was emailed) and one is on Sunday. It's not too late to sign up for tonight or Sunday!**

- Thursday, Jan. 19 • 9–10:30 am
- Thursday, Jan. 19 • 6:30–8 pm
- Sunday, Jan. 22 • 4–5:30 pm

You may register here, up to the last minute!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4FA9AD2FAAFDC16-tell> or contact Kate

Lindsay (email kate@donandkate.org or 817-564-4191) or Kelly Stanley (765-366-6709).



The Wired WORD

Join us for lively discussion of scriptural topics inspired by current events—every Sunday at 9 am in the parlor.

After a break over the holidays, we are back! We hope you join us by listening in to our discussions on 1 Samuel this month. And we love to address any questions you have so please send them our way by emailing bibleforthepeople@gmail.com. <https://directory.libsyn.com/shows/view/id/bibleforthepeople>

A HOSPITALITY MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY!



SACRED GROUNDS

A number of folks have already signed up to serve in creating hospitable and “sacred grounds” on Sunday morning by preparing coffee and setting out some goodies to welcome worshippers as they arrive. We still need a few more people who are willing to serve in a rotation that will likely be about 4 times a year. **If you feel called to join this meaningful ministry of hospitality with others, please reach out to Pastor Darla!**

Once there’s a good group everyone will meet and decide together the timing, placement, routine, and kind of simple goodies you’d like to have available (in our refrigerator/freezer). If you are a single person, you may be joined, if you so desire, by another ministry partner to share the joy of fellowship while serving. Hope you will join in envisioning and implementing a new way to create an inviting and welcoming space for those arriving for worship and those staying for fellowship after worship!



Service opportunity with our neighbors!



Mark your calendars! There will be another FOOD FINDERS EVENT on **Tuesday, February 28 at 11:00 a.m.** at FCC’s parking lot. Food Finders is inviting another faith ministry to join us in this effort.

If you are able and willing to help join others in checking in 100-150 families or would like to help distribute the food itself to each family, please let Pastor Darla know! These events usually run about an hour and a half. Hope you will join me in serving with others to care for our neighbors in need in Crawfordsville!



LET’S WORSHIP, SERVE & FELLOWSHIP TOGETHER!

Join Disciples friends and be part of the worship to bless the builders, the resources, and the homeowners, and then help frame a house right in the Exhibit Hall during the 2023 General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)! Join Week of Compassion on Sunday morning at General Assembly, or stop by afterward to write words of blessing within the walls. Add this to your General Assembly registration and more information will follow soon! (Register at ga.disciples.org, and find us in worship/other sessions.). **Let Pastor Darla know by March 1 if you plan to attend General Assembly with her and Pastor Kevin, and/or will be joining her in this Week of Compassion build, if you wish to caravan to Louisville together, and if wish to book a group of rooms in the same hotel so that FCC can share the whole GA experience together!**

FCC BOOK CLUB

The book for our February 7th meeting is **Learning to Walk in the Dark** by Barbara Brown Taylor.



We will be reading Michelle Obama's **The Light We Carry** for our meeting March 7th. At least one copy of each is available in the church library. Contact Kelly Stanley if you need help locating a copy to read.

Plan to join us February 7th at 6 pm for a light snack and a good discussion! Questions? Reach out to Kelly Stanley, 765.366.6709.



Don't forget to bring FISH Food Pantry donations for the children to collect during our weekly worship services!

Updated food needs for FISH

FISH needs canned fruit, spaghetti noodles, macaroni, plain Spaghetti-Os and ravioli. They are experiencing a much higher demand for food. Thanks for doing what you can!



DATE	SERMON TITLE & SCRIPTURE	PREACHER
01/08	Imagine More Forgiveness Acts 6: 8-15 & 7: 54-60	Rev. Darla Goodrich
01/15 MLK	Imagine More Justice Isaiah 58: 6-9	Rev. Darla Goodrich
01/22	Imagine More Community Acts 2: 42-47	Rev. Darla Goodrich
01/29	5th SUNDAY ECUMENICAL COMBINED WORSHIP At FCC	Rev. John Van Nuys
02/05	Imagine More Beauty & Creativity - Psalm 19: 1-6	Rev. Darla Goodrich
02/12	Imagine More Hope Week of Compassion Heb 10: 22-25	Rev. Kevin Toth
02/19	Imagine More Compassion Week of Compassion Mt 25: 31-44	Rev. Darla Goodrich
02/22	ASH WEDNESDAY Ecumenical Worship - Location TBA	Shared Leadership

New book

Linus Teaches Safety at School by authors **Sandra Lofland-Brown and Luther Lofland, Jr.** is a charming tale of a friendly dog named Linus, who uses his past experiences of trauma to help teach children about safety rules. Sexual abuse continues to increase in Indiana including our own community. Their book creates an easier way to begin discussing this difficult topic with children. Pictures and illustrations brings Linus's tale to life. This book helps readers discover handy tips tailored around one's own personal safety.



You can contact Sandy Lofland-Brown to purchase the book by phone at 765-918-6045 or Luther Lofland, Jr. at 317-966-6565. The publisher is Christian Faith Publishing and can be contacted at: <https://www.christianfaithpublishing.com/books/?book=linus-teaches-safety-at-school>



YOUTH news from Rev. Kevin Toth

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YOUTH RETREAT * FEBRUARY 17-19
BEDFORD CAMP & CONFERENCE CENTER

All middle and high school youth are invited to a weekend retreat at Camp Bedford! It will be like going to camp but just over a brief weekend. The theme is "Finding Rest" based on Matthew 11:28-29. You can register online with the link below. Pastor Kevin will be attending with all registered youth and if you have any questions, you can reach out to him anytime.

https://wmt.suran.com/tool/event_registration_v2/attendees?guid=c-30308308c6211ed9e6fd0cdd32df89c&fbclid=IwAR3FR3MSRFRRL2Vxxj8xK-bGreBEZQYHmKFvJDHzd0m8YXbNG-B3QEgImGI



Pastors Darla and Kevin would like to invite youth interested in baptism for the Spring. Please contact either Pastor if your child is interested or if you have any questions regarding the Baptism process.



Children's Church has a new cabinet for curriculum materials! A special Thanks to Don Lindsay for assisting in assembling the cabinet for the youth room.



WOW is back and we are having lots of fun each Wednesday evening!



Middle and High school youth are invited to youth group with Pastor Kevin!

The next youth group is this Sunday, January 22nd @ 11:45am.

Youth group will be meeting the 2nd and 4th Sundays of every month.

prayer concerns

Pray for Our Church Family, Friends, and Other Concerns

Continue to pray for the protection, health, and well-being of those people who are serving in various ways that put them at higher risk of exposure to COVID-19. We give thanks for their service.

The family of **MARTHA BAUSCH**, who passed away on January 9

Janene Plunkett and family on the loss of Janene's brother-in-law **JAMES "MAC" MCLAUGHLIN**, who passed away on January 12

GERRY TURNER—at Wellbrooke (room 204) for rehabilitation after hospitalization for an infection

SETH & JENNIFER NUNAN, DARYL & MARY HELEN FRY and their family on the loss of Seth's grandfather and Mary Helen's brother-in-law, Robert Nunan

SANDY RUBY—battling what is likely pneumonia

JUDY NABORS—at Durham home healing from hospitalization

JACK WYATT—Rehabilitating at Restoracy of Whitestown, 6712 Restoracy Dr, Whitestown, IN 46075

ERIK & ANNA KILE (Kelly Stanley's daughter & son-in-law)—he's deployed with the military while she is due to have their baby in late Jan.

Marlyn Dimmick's son-in-law, **CLINT**—kidney cancer (has only one kidney)

BETTY CEDARS—ongoing health concerns

DALLAS AND KAREN MCDONALD—Karen's health has declined leading to her being placed in hospice care and Dallas is being treated for cancer

ALLEN GOFF (friend of the Keedys)—cancer

BOB AND BETTYE HUDSON—cancer

DEBBIE (REBECCA LANG'S SISTER)—treatment for lung cancer

SANDY & KEN BROWN—ongoing health concerns

JERRI STEWART—breast cancer

MATT RYKER (son of Ron Yund's friend)—beating victim, long recovery ahead

ALEX (and parents, Beth & Chris, friends of Sarah Jay)—tumor on his spine

JENNIFER (FRY) KREKELER (daughter of Daryl & Mary Helen Fry)—chronic fatigue syndrome

GARY MEEK—ongoing health concerns

CHURCH STAFF, MINISTERS, AND LEADERSHIP

Pray for our Shut-ins

Our shut-ins would enjoy visits.

BICKFORD: **TIM NANNET**

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

HOME: **DALLAS & KAREN MCDONALD, NANCY ROGERS, BETTYE AND BOB HUDSON**

ST. ANTHONY'S, LAFAYETTE: **MARILYN MOFFETT**

THE LANE HOUSE: **BETTY CEDARS**



Help us keep this list up to date!

Please email fcc.comm211@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.

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Wednesday 10-1
Thursday 10-1

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Monday is Rev. Darla's day off.
Please contact Rev. Kevin with
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when Darla is unavailable.

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PASTOR KEVIN

Friday is Rev. Kevin's day off.
Please contact Rev. Darla with
questions, concerns or emergencies
when Kevin is unavailable.

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VACATION

Pastor Darla will be on vacation on the following dates:

February 6-12
March 20-26

Pastor Kevin will be on vacation February 13-16.

Kelly Stanley will be working remotely (from Greenfield) helping her daughter with her new baby for a few weeks, starting anytime between now and Jan. 26, depending on when she decides to arrive! Email, text, or call me like always, but I won't be on-site often.



Find us on **Facebook (First Christian Church Crawfordsville)** for updates, news, and pictures of all of our happenings along with LIVE worship on Sundays. Also check out our website at www.fccville.org

TYPYST NEEDED / \$15 HOUR

A very part-time typist is needed. Contact Howard Goodrich at home 765-323-3158 or on Darlene's Cellphone at 314-520-4324.



From the Library

The book cart is no longer receiving books to distribute for others to read. If you took books from the cart, they are yours, please do not return to the church library. Instead take them to the public library or Goodwill or Trinity Thrift Shop or wherever. The same goes for magazines. Puzzles are still good to take and return if you wish, just place on cart.



HOW CAN WE HELP?

OFFICE

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GRIEF AND LOSS

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OTHER LEADERS OR MINISTRIES

For a full list of our leaders, go to www.fccville.org/our-lay-leaders