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Things That Matter

A sermon series for the Journey towards Easter



And now faith, hope and love remain, these three, and the greatest of these is love. *1 Cor. 13:13*



The journey of faith we share together is about to turn and take us by the way of the Lenten Road of discovery! Walking the path of Lent and Holy Week together will be an opportunity for us to explore and take stock of the **Things That Matter** most in our life; the preaching theme of this season. It will enable us to take a closer look at our personal and communal lives, through the lens of Jesus' journey into the wilderness, through his steps in ministry, and his final days as he faced the realities of the cross. It will prepare us for the time of our renewal leave when we will walk the path of faith, both separately and together, as the Spirit enables, from April 17 – July 17.

We will explore what all of this means through preaching,

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DATE	TEXT	TITLE/THEME	PREACHER
02/26	Lent One Matthew 4: 1-11	Things That Matter: "Who Am I?"	Rev. Darla Goodrich
03/05	Lent Two Matthew 17: 1-9	Things That Matter: "Where Am I Going?"	Rev. Darla Goodrich
03/12	Lent Three: Invite-A-Friend Sunday John 15: 12-17	Things That Matter: "Who Do I Call Friend?"	Rev. Darla Goodrich
03/19	Lent Four John 9: 1-41	Things That Matter: "What Am I Missing?"	Rev. Darla Goodrich
03/26	Lent Five Camp Sunday	Things That Matter: "Church Camp!"	Rev. Cheryl Russell
04/02	Palm Sunday Luke 22: 29-36	Things That Matter: Whose Will Is It?	Rev. Darla Goodrich
04/09	Easter Sunday Matthew 28: 1-10	Things That Matter: It's Life & Death!	Rev. Darla Goodrich
04/16	Renewal Leave Launch Luke 24: 13-49	Things That Matter: Being A-part of the Way	Rev. Darla Goodrich
04/30	hosted by Wabash Ave. Presbyterian	5th Sunday Unity Service	Pastor Kelly Nelson

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Pathfinder articles, and conversations following worship (see below). All will be guided by the scripture for this season: *And now faith, hope and love remain, these three, and the greatest of these is love.* 1 Cor. 13:13.

I look forward to journeying with you!

Grace and Peace,
Darla



AFTER THE AMEN Returns!

Pastor Darla's "After the Amen" conversation class is returning for the Lenten Season. **Beginning Sunday, March 5 from 11:30 -12:00** in the Parlor, Pastor Darla will lead discussions based on the Sermon scripture and question of the day. This is an opportunity for all gathered to ask questions of each other, share their own insights, and to grow together in faith! Snacks, coffee, and tea will be provided.

March 05	"Where Am I Going?"	Mt. 17: 1-9
March 12	"Who Do I Call Friend?"	John 15: 12-17
March 19	"What Am I Missing?"	John 9: 1-41
April 02	"Whose Will Is It?"	Luke 22: 29-36

WEEK OF COMPASSION BENEFIT AUCTION:

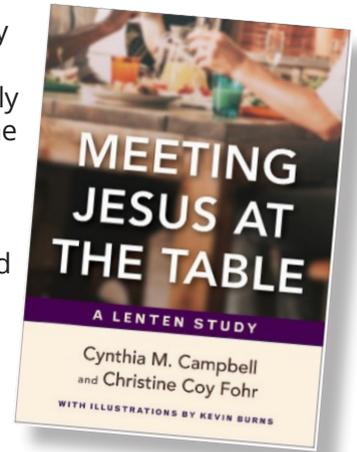
Sugar and Spice and Everything Nice!

After worship on **February 26**, we will hold our annual First Christian auction to benefit the Week of Compassion! By donating items for or purchasing from the auction, we are helping people in our country and in other parts of the world whose lives have been devastated by floods, hurricanes, tornadoes, earthquakes, tsunamis, famine, war, disease, and other disasters. In the past, thanks to your donations of "sugar and spice and everything nice," as well as your generous bids, you have made it possible for our church to send a sizeable check to WoC. So, we hope you will be thinking about the cooking, baking, sewing, carving, painting, writing and other ways you enjoy creating, then let us know what you would like to contribute to the auction!

Please contact Linda Weaver at weaverl@wabash.edu or Judy Michal at judy.michal@yahoo.com or leave word at the church office.

LENTEN STUDY WITH INDIANA DISCIPLES!

Disciples, friends and family across the Indiana Region are invited to gather virtually for a Lenten study led by the regional clergy staff. They will be using the resource, *Meeting Jesus at the Table*, by Cynthia M. Campbell and Christine Coy Fohr. Obtain a copy of the book from your favorite bookseller/library and learn alongside us as we share in the time together.



There are three opportunities, with each group meeting weekly for 6 weeks via Zoom as listed below. Registration links for the sessions are below. You will be sent a Zoom link in your registration confirmation email. Each session will last around 60 minutes.

We look forward to these conversations. If you have any questions, please contact Krista Hunter at info@indianadisciples.org or (317) 926-6051 or one of the ministers below.



Sunday Evenings with Carolyn Reed, Associate Regional Minister
Starting February 26h, 5:00 pm ET (4:00 pm CT)

REGISTER HERE: https://wmt.suran.com/tool/event_registration_v2/attendees?guid=b67d9e60-a0ba-11ed-8d5f-c539d32df89c



Monday Afternoons with Rick Spleth, Regional Minister
Starting February 27th
4:00 pm ET (3:00 pm CT)

REGISTER HERE: https://wmt.suran.com/tool/event_registration_v2/attendees?guid=b8d0c8ec-a18a-11ed-87dc-6725ab2df89c



Tuesday Mornings with Cheryl Russell, Associate Regional Minister
Starting February 28th
10:00 am ET (9:00 am CT)

REGISTER HERE: https://wmt.suran.com/tool/event_registration_v2/attendees?guid=24d8bf8e-a0c0-11ed-9baf-fe65a72df89c

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.



JOIN US FOR OUR 5K WALK/RUN!

First Christian Church parking lot
March 19, 2023 beginning at 8 am

Registration \$25 per individual or \$50 per family
Includes shirt and light breakfast following walk/run

Register and view route at fccville.org/5k-dash

Questions? Please contact Rev. Kevin Toth
or Carolyn Snyder.

Contributions accepted to assist with cost of shirts and/
or contributions to this Global Ministries Project.



Pub Theology Fun!

On February 6th, 27 people from First Christian, St. John's Episcopal, Wabash Avenue Presbyterian, and First United Methodist churches all joined at Backstep to engage in conversation on the topic of prayer. Everyone had such a wonderful time, and we plan to have another Pub Theology event on **March 6th!** Details will be sent out later about the theological topic. Reach out to Pastor Kevin if you have any questions.

Remember When...

Interim minister Claudia Grant encouraged us to think bigger about the Week of Compassion offering and initiated the WOC bake auction. At that first auction, smells of baking cookies (thanks to the youth group) lured us to the chapel where all sorts of goodies were waiting for us and where people bid outrageous amounts for the deliciousness provided by our FCC bakers. With the proceeds, we were able to help people in need around the world. Fortunately, this has become an annual event—mark your calendars for February 26—and now includes all sorts of crafted items.

A camel (puppet) named Humphrey, with his own version of wit and wisdom, "assisted" minister Frank Everett with the moment for children.



In just a few weeks, Ash Wednesday will be upon us and the beginning of our Lenten journey towards Easter! Here is a calendar of coming events:

Lenten Ecumenical Soup & Supper Series

Mark your calendars! This year in Lent we will get to return in person and celebrate our ecumenical friendships by sharing in a weekly Tuesday evening Lenten Soup and Supper Series hosted by each congregation. The series will be focusing on a conversation around immigration presented and facilitated primarily by Wabash professor **Joyce Burnette, Professor of Economics, John H. Schroeder Interdisciplinary Chair in Economics**, along with other presenters, including pastors. A free will offering will be received each week to support the Rahimis, our Exodus Refugee family.



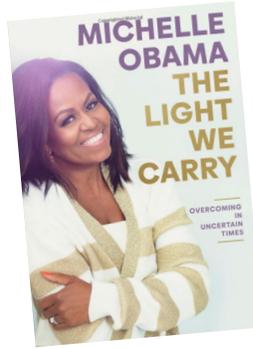
DATE	TIME	HOST CONGREGATION
Tues. 02/28	5:30 – 7 pm	St. John's Episcopal Church
Tues. 03/07	5:30 – 7 pm	Wabash Avenue Presbyterian Church
Tues. 03/14	5:30 – 7 pm	Christ Lutheran Church
Tues. 03/21	5:30 – 7 pm	St. John's Episcopal Church
Tues. 03/28	5:30 – 7 pm	First Christian Church

Ecumenical Worship during Lent / Holy Week

In the past few years, FCC has hosted the Good Friday Service. This year we have the wonderful opportunity of getting to create a brand-new meaningful service for Maundy Thursday! Ash Wednesday and Good Friday will be hosted by our ecumenical friends and partners. Here's the schedule:

DATE	TIME	WORSHIP SERVICE	HOST CONGREGATION
02/21	7 pm	Mardi Gras Celebration	St. John's Episcopal Church
02/22	7 pm	Ash Wednesday	Wabash Avenue Presbyterian Church
04/06	7 pm	Maundy Thursday	First Christian Church
04/07	7 pm	Good Friday	St. John's Episcopal Church

FCC BOOK CLUB



On Feb. 7th, we had another great discussion about **Learning to Walk in the Dark** by Barbara Brown Taylor.

For the March meeting, we will be reading Michelle Obama's **The Light We Carry**. There is one copy available in the church library. Contact Kelly Stanley if you need help locating a copy to read.

Plan to join us next month, March 7th at 6 pm for a light snack and a good discussion! we will also select the book for April, so be thinking about what you'd like to read and discuss! Questions? Reach out to Kelly Stanley, 765.366.6709.



Wabash College Vigil

There will be a vigil taking place in front of Wabash Chapel on **Thursday, February 16, from 7 – 8 pm**. The vigil, organized by Wabash College's Asian Culture Club and Asian Studies Committee, is in response to the hate crime that took place at IU Bloomington, on January 11, when an 18-year-old Indiana University student was stabbed several times in the head by an assailant who thought the victim was Chinese. The event is to call for people's awareness of the toxic situation happening here and there targeting Asian and Asian Americans, and call for unity, integrity, and ACTION from the Wabash campus to the broader community to prevent and stand up against such incidents. This is a powerful way for the church community to support and stand side by side with Wabash students, staff, professors, and all those who carry deep concern over these violent hate crimes.





YOUTH news from Rev. Kevin Toth

Follow us on Instagram
@fccyouthcrawfordsville



Camp Sunday Service Opportunity!

On **March 26th**, we will be celebrating and promoting our camp programs. Associate Regional Minister, Rev. Cheryl Russell, will also be our guest preacher. We would love to invite any youth are who are interested in assisting in a part of worship, such as reading scripture, setting the communion table, lighting candles, or sharing a story they had about their time at camp. We will not have children's church this Sunday, so children of all ages are invited to participate!

If your youth is interested, please let Pastor Kevin know.

Children's Church

Children's church will be starting a whole new curriculum called WORSHIP & WONDER on February 26th. This curriculum style will invite the children to listen and wonder about each of the bible stories that will be presented. Our children will have a chance to check in with each other; experience the bible story through hands-on materials and objects; explore the story afterwards through interactive activities; and then finish their time together with prayer. The children will still come back to the sanctuary during communion.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this new curriculum model, you can reach out to Pastor Kevin.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH SCHEDULE

Date	Bible Story	Teacher
Feb 19	Solomon Builds the Temple	Sarah Reed-Jay
Feb 26	What is Lent?	Kate Lindsay
March 5	Jesus & Children	Beth Lindsay
March 12	Jesus & Bartimaeus	Diane McLaughlin
March 19	Jesus & Zacchaeus	Gwen Carlson

We love to have your children, ages 4 to 12, join us for fun, fellowship, and great learning!



Baptism Class: February 24th @ 4pm

Pastors Darla and Kevin will lead a class for any youth (4th grade and older) interested in learning more about baptism! Please let them know if you would like to attend by Monday, February 20th.



Wow!



WOW youth made blankets and had some fun with cups!

FAMILY & FRIENDS

Do you know how many windows are in your house?

**BETHEL A.M.E. CHURCH
CRAWFORDSVILLE, IN
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Rev. Joan Wright-Richardson, Pastor



Checks/money orders can be sent to:
213 North St, Crawfordsville, IN 47933

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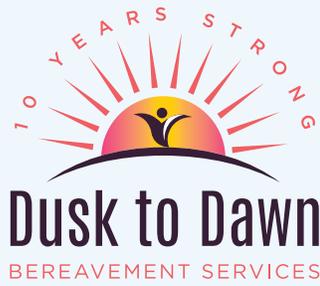
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Can you give \$5 for every window in your house? Any donation is greatly appreciated!

Donations will be accepted through March 25, 2023.

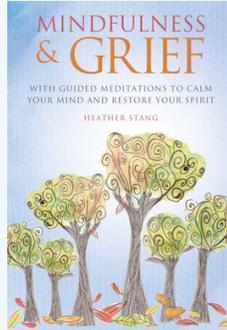


Pastors Darla & Kevin and Chuck Ranspach continue to discuss 1 & 2 Samuel! We hope you will listen in to some great conversations and send us your questions about these or any biblical texts you have by emailing bibleforthepeople@gmail.com. <https://directory.libsyn.com/shows/view/id/bibleforthepeople>



Mindfulness and Grief Group Starts March 1

Join Jai Miranda for an 8 week exploration of Heather Stang's book, *Mindfulness and Grief*, starting Wednesday, March 1 at 7:00 pm. The study explores the intersections of grief, being fully present through mindful practice, and how yoga can be helpful to the healing process. Books are provided by Dusk to Dawn Bereavement Services and the group meets at Quest for Balance Wellness. Group is free and open to any adult. **Learn more and register at dusk-to-dawn.org.**



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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 with volunteers to arrive at 10:30 for set up. 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!



Suicide Prevention Training March 8 from 12 - 2 pm at Christ Lutheran Church

Dusk to Dawn Bereavement Services, in partnership with Indiana Center for Prevention of Youth Abuse & Suicide, is hosting a **QPR Gatekeeper training** on Wednesday, March 8. *Question, Persuade, Refer* is a practical model anyone can learn to help prevent suicide. The training, which is from noon-2 on the 8th, is free and open to any adult 18 years or older. **Learn more and register at dusk-to-dawn.org. All participants must register in advance.**



TYPIST NEEDED / \$15 HOUR

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

Did you know children/youth are welcome at General Assembly?

The General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), held from **July 29-August 1** in Louisville, Kentucky is offering all-day (10 am-5 pm) age-appropriate programming and activities for children ages three months through completing 12th grade. Below you can find the information about children and youth programming with more details forthcoming. **Let Pastor Darla or Pastor Kevin know if your family wishes to attend! We will be trying to get a block of hotel rooms by March 1 for all FCC folks attending.** We hope we get to share some meals, worship and workshops with our church family!!

CHILDREN'S PROGRAM INFORMATION

- Fellowship with new and old friends
- VBS-style stories, crafts, music, and fun – following the Assembly theme of God's Kingdom in the World
- A professional magic show with magician Ron Diamond (for school-age children)
- On Monday afternoon, we will have the Kentucky Science Center come to us for a special hands-on activity!
- A safe and loving environment for kids
- Opportunities for families to engage in Assembly together!
- Changes and/or additional information will be email to you later.



YOUTH PROGRAM INFORMATION

- Fellowship with new and old friends
- Learning with Rev. Sarah Griffith Lund, author of mental health resources: Blessed Youth and the Blessed Youth Survival Guide. (Every youth participant will receive a copy of the Blessed Youth Survival Guide as part of their registration)
- Assembly worship services that include youth leadership and participation
- Intro Session on how General Assembly and business sessions work, as well as opportunities to craft statements of youth support for business resolutions.
- Opportunities to meet with denominational leaders
- Free time to explore exhibit hall, including a digital scavenger hunt
- Opportunities to attend info sessions and luncheons for Disciples colleges and universities.
- A professional magic show with magician Ron Diamond
- Recreation opportunities including areas for board games, yoga, relaxation, and art.
- Field trip to the Louisville Slugger Museum
- Service opportunities (more info coming soon!)

Scouting News



February Activities:

17th-18th: Lock-in at First Baptist Church (planning meeting and Merit Badge classes)

Coming up Next:

- Weekly meetings on Monday evenings at 630pm
- Feb 19th: Eagle Court of Honor - Masonic Lodge of Crawfordsville
- No meeting Feb 20th
- Pack 909 Crossover Ceremony (American Legion) 1 scout crossing to T365

As always, if you are interested in being involved in Scouting, 11-17 years old, or even as an adult leader, please let us know. We meet on Monday evenings 6:30pm to 8pm at First Christian Church.

Contact information:

troop247.365.acct@gmail.com
Michele Enlow 765.401.6228
Rolf Samuelsen 317.966.7609
Melissa Myers 765.366.7514



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.

The family of **CAMERON JENNESS**, whose aunt and grandmother passed away due to a car accident on Feb. 1

The family of **ROBERT (BOB) HUDSON**, who passed away on Jan. 29th

DALE PETRIE—recovering from shoulder surgery on Jan. 27th

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—home continuing to recover from an infection

SETH & JENNIFER NUNAN, DARYL & MARY HELEN FRY & their family on the loss of Seth’s grandfather & 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

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

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



Thank you to my First Christian family for all of your prayers, kind thoughts, comments and cards concerning my recent shoulder surgery. So far recovery is going well.

Blessings,
Dale Petrie

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 HUDSON**

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

THE LANE HOUSE: **BETTY CEDARS16**





We are still looking for people to fill these positions:

Music director will be needed for 10-12 hours per week.

The **office manager** will work approx. 20 hours/week (from 10-2, Monday through Friday).

If you know a potential candidate, please ask them to reach out to Ryan Venis (rrvenismd@icloud.com) or Darla Goodrich (darla.goodrich@gmail.com).



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

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 darla.goodrich@gmail.com

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: March 20-26

CLERGY RENEWAL LEAVE

Pastor Darla's Clergy Renewal Leave will take place from Monday, April 17 – Monday, July 17.



HOW CAN WE HELP?

OFFICE	211 S Walnut St, Crawfordsville IN 47933 765.362.4812 (voice mail checked on weekdays) Email: 211fccville@gmail.com
GRIEF AND LOSS	Jai Miranda , Dusk to Dawn Bereavement Services Cell phone: 765.720.2829 (call or text) Email: jmiranda@coachj.com
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OTHER LEADERS OR MINISTRIES	<i>For a full list of our leaders, go to www.fccville.org/our-lay-leaders</i>