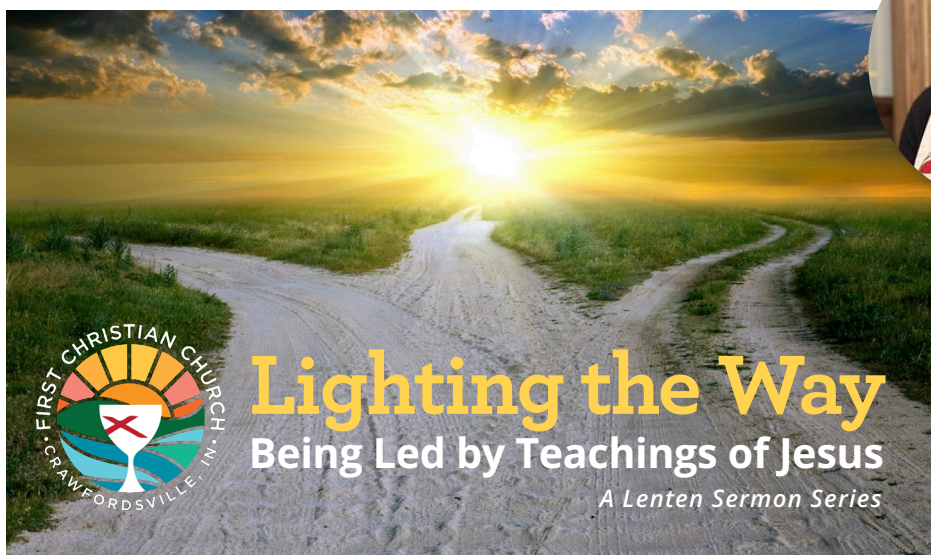




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February 24, 2022

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 MESSAGE**

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Lent is a season of forty days, not counting Sundays, which begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Saturday. Lent comes from the Anglo-Saxon word lencten, meaning

“lengthen,” and refers to the lengthening days of spring. The forty days also represent the time Jesus spent in the wilderness, where he was tested and prepared himself to begin his ministry.

Much like Jesus’ time in the wilderness, Lent is often observed as a special time of honest self-reflection, introspection, and prayerfulness not only in our personal faith journeys but also communally as the body of Christ. It is also a time of preparation, and I can’t think of a more fitting time than right now to prepare ourselves for the hope filled landscape ahead with the changing tide of COVID restrictions possibly loosening up this spring.

Before doing that, I thought what better way to honor this moment in time than to dig deeply into the foundations of our life together by examining Jesus’ teachings in worship and preaching throughout Lent. This creates an opportunity for us to faithfully and intentionally invite Jesus himself to “Light the

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Lighting the Way
 Being Led by Teachings of Jesus
A Lenten Sermon Series

02/27	Luke 5:1-11 <i>Be Careful What You Hope For!</i>	Rev. Darla Goodrich
03/06	Lent Week One Luke 6:17-26	Rev. Darla Goodrich
03/13	Lent Week Two Luke 6:27-38	Rev. Darla Goodrich
03/20	Lent Week Three (Scripture TBA)	Kelly O’Dell Stanley
03/27	Lent Week Four Luke 6:39-42	Rev. Darla Goodrich
04/03	Lent Week Five Camp Sunday • Mt. 14:22-33	Rev. Kevin Toth
04/10	PALM SUNDAY Luke 19:28-40	Rev. Darla Goodrich
04/15	GOOD FRIDAY Jesus’ Last Words	Ecumenical Taize Service
04/17	EASTER Luke 24:1-12	Rev. Darla Goodrich

“The time is fulfilled,
and the kingdom of
God has come near;
repent, and believe in
the good news.”

MARK 1:15

Way” towards our future together!
“The time is fulfilled, and the
kingdom of God has come near;
repent, and believe in the good
news!”

Besides the emphasis on Jesus’
teachings in Worship, here are
other ways to grow in our faith
together during Lent as preparation
for the future ahead:

- 1) An Online **Zoom Book Study**
hosted by the Regional
Ministerial Staff of the Christian
Church (Disciples of Christ) in
Indiana (see article to right)
- 2) An **Ecumenical Ash Wednesday
Service** on Wednesday, March
2 at noon at Wabash Avenue
Presbyterian Church that
includes 4 congregations,
including FCC.
- 3) An **Ecumenical Good Friday
Taize Service** at 7:30 at FCC with
our ecumenical church partners.
- 4) FCC’s annual **Easter Weekend
Prayer Vigil** in the FCC Sanctuary
that will begin after the Good
Friday Service and end early
Easter morning.

I’m looking forward to growing
with you in our faith together as we
prayerfully invite Jesus to “Light the
Way” through Lent!

Grace & Peace,

Darla

INDIANA DISCIPLES LENTEN BOOK STUDY!

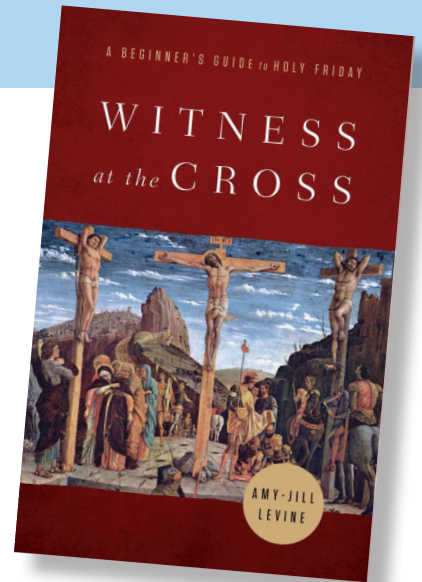
Disciples of Christ congregations
across the Indiana Region are
invited to gather virtually for a
Lenten study led by the regional
staff clergy. The book, *Witness at
The Cross* by Amy-Jill Levine will be
used for the study. You can obtain
a copy of the book from your
favorite bookseller/library (options
include Amazon and Thrift Books).

In *Witness at the Cross*, Amy-Jill
Levine shows how the people at
the cross each have distinct roles
to play. Each Evangelist presents
a distinct picture of the death
of Jesus. Each portrays different
individuals and groups of people
at the cross, each offers different
images and dialogues, and so from
each, we will learn and discuss how
those meanings and messages
across the centuries speak to our
own lives and communities in
these times.

There are three opportunities with
each group meeting weekly for 6
weeks via Zoom as listed below. A
registration link for the sessions is
below. You will be sent a Zoom link
in your registration confirmation
email. Each session will last around
60-90 minutes. If you have any
questions, please contact Sandy
Kincaid at the Indiana Disciples
Regional Office or one of the
ministers below at : (317) 926-6051
or info@indianadisciples.org

**Monday Evenings
with Rev. Rick Spleth**
March 7-April 11
7:30 pm ET (6:30 pm CT)

**Wednesday Afternoons with
Rev. Cheryl Russell**
March 9-April 13
2:00 pm ET (1:00 pm CT)



**Thursday Mornings with
with Rev. Carolyn Reed**
March 10-April 14
10:30 am ET (9:30 am CT)

To Register CLICK HERE:
[http://indianadisciples.org/
event/lenen-book-study/](http://indianadisciples.org/event/lenen-book-study/)

Who is AMY-JILL LEVINE?

Amy-Jill Levine is University
Professor of New Testament
and Jewish Studies, Mary
Jane Werthan Professor of
Jewish Studies, and Professor
of New Testament Studies
at Vanderbilt Divinity School,
Graduate Department of
Religion, and Department
of Jewish Studies; she is also
Affiliated Professor, Woolf
Institute, Centre for the Study
of Jewish-Christian Relations,
Cambridge UK.

To learn more about Amy-Jill
Levine click here: [https://
divinity.vanderbilt.edu/
people/bio/amy-jill-levine](https://divinity.vanderbilt.edu/people/bio/amy-jill-levine)



LOCAL & GLOBAL OUTREACH

Week of Compassion Benefit Auction



Pies, cakes, cookies, and more, oh my! We asked, you responded!

In addition to baked goods galore, we had canned tomatoes and green beans, a cutting board, note cards, crackerjack, granola, wreaths, a quilt, raspberry jelly, photos, paintings, figurines, pot holders, kitchen towels, snack crackers, peanut butter fudge, candied pecans, and even a birdhouse!



Even if you couldn't be at our annual auction to raise money for Week of Compassion, many of you provided items to sell and/or had someone bid for you! We are so thankful for your generosity!



We also want to thank our auctioneer Amber Rohr, record keepers Brad Weaver and David Maharry, auction assistant Pat Hooper, tech person Vic Lindsay, and Ginny Maharry, Kevin Toth and everyone else who helped behind the scenes to prepare for, set up before, and clean up after the auction.

Late breaking news! We raised \$4376.35 from the auction, the second highest amount since we began having a WOC auction some twenty years ago!

Judy Michal & Linda Weaver



Love remains

Week of
Compassion

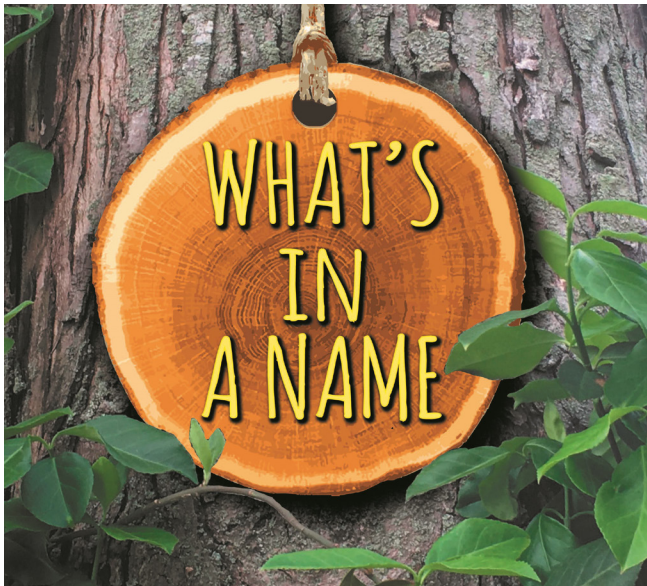
Special Offering
FEBRUARY 20-27

It's not too late to give to Week of Compassion, the relief, refugee and development mission fund of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the United States and Canada. We'll take up this special offering again on February 27. You can learn more at www.weekofcompassion.org.



YOUTH news from Rev. Kevin Toth

Follow us on Instagram
@fccyouthcrawfordsville



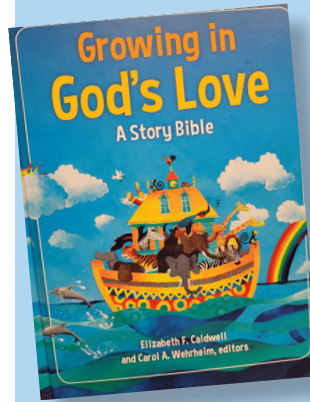
2022
Summer Camps
Christian Church in Indiana (Disciples of Christ)

	GENEVA	BEDFORD	
You and Me 1 (3 days)	June 13-15		(age 5+ and an adult)
New Beginnings (3 days)	June 13-15	June 27-29	(completed gr. 1-3)
Explorers	June 13-18	June 20-25	(completed gr. 4-5)
You and Me 2 (3 days)	June 20-22		(age 5+ and an adult)
M.A.D. (Music Art Drama)	June 20-25		(completed gr. 6-8 & 9-12)
Middle School	June 27-July 2	July 11-16	(completed gr. 6-8)
High School	June 27-July 2	July 4-9	(completed gr. 9-12)
CROSS (Recreation/Sports)	June 27-July 2		(completed gr. 6-8 & 9-12)

Early Bird Fees: 6-day camps: \$415; 3-day camps: \$235 (add \$25 after May 15th registrations)
Visit genevacenter.org for Geneva camp registration/info. Visit indianadisciples.org for Bedford camp registration/info.
Scholarships for Disciples campers at Bedford and Geneva camps are available. Visit indianadisciples.org to download.

**Join us on April 3rd
for Camp Sunday!**

It will be a great chance to learn more about camps this summer and how you can support our youth in attending!



WOW Schedule

Mar 2, 9, 16, 23
Apr 6, 13, 20, 27

Join us each Sunday morning for Children's Church!



VBS: Save the Date—July 13-15, 2022!

Reach out to Director, Leanah Brown, and Pastor Kevin for questions and if you would like to volunteer!



Save the date!

First Christian will provide 10-15 volunteers for the Food Finders Drive-By Food Distribution on March 17. Volunteers should be at the church by 10:30. More information will follow in the next Pathfinder.

SCOUTS

Scouts BSA Troops 247 and 365 meet on Monday evenings at 6:30.

If you are 11-17 years old (or an adult) and are interested in being a part of our boys' or girls' organization, we would love to have you.

You can come to our meeting or contact:

247.365fundraising@gmail.com or michele.enlow@gmail.com

- Fri. 2/25 New episode of **Bible for the People** podcast
- Sun. 2/27 **Wired Word class** (Parlor)—9:00-9:45
Worship (in sanctuary or online)—10:15 am
"Coming Together for Civil Rights in 1950s-1960s America" Event at Bethel AME—7 pm
- Mon. 2/28 **Scouts meeting** (Upper Room)—6:30 pm
- Tues. 3/1 **Cruisers** (Pizza Hut)—11:30 am
- Wed. 3/2 **Quilters** (Parlor)—9 am-3pm
WOW—4:30-630
Choir Practice—7 pm
- Fri. 3/4 New episode of **Bible for the People** podcast
- Sun. 3/6 **Wired Word class** (Parlor)—9:00-9:45
Worship (in sanctuary or online)—10:15 am
- Mon. 3/7 **Scouts meeting** (Upper Room)—6:00 pm
- Tues. 3/8 **Ladies Lunch Bunch** (Harry's Hideout, 101 E. Main St.)
1 pm (Send reservation to bonyund@hotmail.com)
Elders Meeting (Fellowship Hall)—7 pm
- Wed. 3/9 **WOW**—4:30-630
Choir Practice—7 pm
- Thurs. 3/10 **Next Pathfinder newsletter**



Want to know more about the book of Numbers? Be sure to check out each of our episodes and send in your questions, comments, and feedback at bibleforthepeople@gmail.com.

<https://directory.libsyn.com/shows/view/id/bibleforthepeople>



Communications Survey

It's not too late to share your preferences and suggestions for the ways we share news and updates with you.

If you haven't already completed the survey, please use this NEW link:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SXFJXYN>

Thank you to all who have shared your input. We'll give you a summary of the responses in the next Pathfinder!

SPECIAL EVENT AT BETHEL AME!!

LWVMC Presents:



Coming Together for Civil Rights in 1950s - 1960s America



Presented by
Dr. Shamira Gelbman
 Social Sciences Professor at Wabash College and Author of *The Civil Rights Lobby: The Leadership Conference on Civil Rights and the Second Reconstruction*

With a Special Introduction by AME's Own
Vicke Elmore Hudson-Swisher

All Are Invited
Sunday
February 27th
7 pm

Join us at
Bethel AME Church
 213 W North Street
 Crawfordsville



Proud Sponsors of This Event:









We are looking for an Office Secretary to greet visitors and church members, answer phones, and respond to email. Necessary attributes include:

- Available to work 10 hours per week: Monday and Tuesday: 1-3 p.m.; Wednesday and Thursday: 1-4 p.m.
- Familiarity with Word, Excel, and PowerPoint
- Self-initiative
- Strong organizational and people skills
- Desire to work closely with the office staff, congregants, volunteers, Communications Administrator, and the general public. Position reports directly to the Senior Minister.

If interested, please send resume to 211fcville@gmail.com.



We are looking for an 18+ individual to look after our young children, infants to 5 years old, on Sunday mornings from 9:15-11:15 am. Vaccination and approved background checks are required. Please contact Pastor Kevin if you are interested.

“God never tires of forgiving us; we are the ones who tire of seeking his mercy.”

Pope Francis



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.

TERRI KRUTZCH and family on the loss of her father, **JOE KRUTZCH**
JENNY SAYLER (daughter of Joe & Deb Carter)—heart attack and seizure
CAROL KNAPP and the whole Knapp family on the passing of **KENNETH THE REED JAY FAMILY** on the passing of Sarah's mother, **DAPHNE REED DALE & LINDA PETRIE** and the whole Petrie/Laetsch family on the passing of Dale's mother, **MARILYN PETRIE**, and Linda's father, **W. BRUCE LAETSCH**
JACK WYATT Rehabilitation after hospitalization for a brain bleed.
DAVID KLINE—recovering from a stroke he suffered this spring after having a brain tumor removed
HENRY VAN LEEUWEN (Jaci Wollenberg's dad)
ALAN & JANENE PLUNKETT—recovering from illnesses
CAROLYN TUNIN—recovering from a third surgery on her right hip
BEN MCCORMICK—at home but still recovering
RANDAL TURNER—recovering from hip surgery
RUSSELL RUBY—health issues
DEBBIE (REBECCA LANG'S SISTER)—treatment for lung cancer
SANDY & KEN BROWN—he had pacemaker replacement procedure and she's recovering from broken arm
JERRI STEWART—breast cancer; recovering from mastectomy
BOB MASON—energy is low from tests and treatments for cancer
CATHY MOFFETT (Marilyn Moffett's daughter-in-law)—chemo for breast cancer
MATT RYKER (son of Ron Yund's friend)—victim of a beating
ALEX (and his parents, Beth and Chris, friends of Sarah Jay)—Alex has a tumor on his spine
CARSON COLLINS and family (friends of Kym Bushong's)—leukemia
JENNIFER (FRY) KREKELER (daughter of Daryl & Mary Helen Fry)—chronic fatigue syndrome
JOE CARTER—friend of Keedys, cancer
GARY MEEK—ongoing health concerns
SHEILA CLARK—Chronic Lymphatic Leukemia
CHURCH STAFF, MINISTERS, AND LEADERSHIP

Help us keep this list up to date!

Please notify the office or email fcc.comm211@gmail.com if you wish to have a name removed or provide an update. Otherwise, the prayer requests will remain on the list. Thank you for your help with this—and for your ongoing dedication to holding each other in prayer.

Pray for our Shut-ins

Long-term care facilities are open again to visitors, even without vaccination. Our shut-ins would enjoy visits.

WHITLOCK: CAROLYN SIMPSON
(#151)

FOUNTAIN SPRINGS ADULT COMMUNITY IN COVINGTON:
EILEEN MORRETT

WELLBROOKE: MARGE KOPERSKI
(Marge Michael's mother)

HOME: BILL & FRANCES COLLINGS,
RUSSELL & SANDY RUBY,
DALLAS & KAREN McDONALD

ST. ANTHONY'S, LAFAYETTE:
MARILYN MOFFETT

THE LANE HOUSE: BETTY CEDARS



HOW CAN WE HELP?

PASTOR DARLA

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

CELL: 314-805-0347

EMAIL:

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.

CELL: 724-825-0997

EMAIL:

katoth112792@gmail.com

YOUR SAFETY IS IMPORTANT TO US

We continue to wear masks and practice social distancing for all church activities in order to create a welcoming, safe environment for all. All church staff and childcare givers are fully vaccinated.



Sharing our Facebook posts helps us grow! On our **Facebook (First Christian Church Crawfordsville) page**, we share updates, news, and pictures of all of our happenings along with LIVE worship on Sundays.

NEW OFFICE HOURS

Monday & Tuesday 10 - 3
Wednesday & Thursday 10 - 4
Friday 11 - 1

The FCC doors will remain locked during office hours in order to maintain safe space for our Hand in Hand children and staff, and our FCC staff who may be in the office by themselves. Please simply ring the bell during office hours (at either the Walnut Street or Parking Lot doors) and FCC staff will be delighted to "buzz" you in!

OFFICE STAFF

Arleen Wilhite, Volunteer

765.362.4812 (Leave a message.
Voicemail is checked on weekdays.)
EMAIL: 211fccville@gmail.com

GRIEF AND LOSS

j Miranda

Minister for Bereavement Care

CELL: 765-720-2829 (call or text)
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FINANCIAL CONCERNS

Andrew Nicodemus

FCC Financial Administrator

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HAND IN HAND CREATIVE LEARNING

Gwen Carlson, HHCL Board

Lori McKinney, HHCL Director

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HAVE INFO FOR FUTURE NEWSLETTERS?

Kelly Stanley

Communications Administrator

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



CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

Feb. 24 Carolyn Tunin (85)
Feb. 25 Matthew Fossnock
Oliver Fossnock
Feb. 28 Rebecca Lang
March 2 Liam Venis
March 6 David Scott
March 9 Mary Fossnock
Sara Nicodemus
March 12 Jamie LaMaster
March 15 Bev Cunningham
Rev. Darla Goodrich
March 16 Alan Plunkett
March 17 Anna Lindsay

ANNIVERSARIES

March 1 Ken and Carol Bandy
Keith and Betsy Strain
March 8 Bob and Kim Mason
March 9 Tim and Kelly Stanley

If you would like your birthday and anniversary included in the bi-monthly Pathfinder newsletter, please let Kelly know.

