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ART SUNDAY!



trees, moved a fenceline, placed it on a hill, altered the seasons, or invoked a different mood in the sky.

Naturally, each of us will prefer some paintings over others, and we all like different styles and approaches.

But I think the best thing about Dad's work is that he found beauty everywhere he looked. He didn't try to make things perfect, but he looked at what was there—whether it was deserted and abandoned, or strong and still useful, whether it was nature that is objectively breathtaking or a mundane scene we might be tempted to overlook—and he showed us the beauty inherent in it. Looking at Dad's paintings, I see the peace he found in doing what he loved, every day of his life, surrounded by the places he loved to paint.

I think we can all agree that we need more of that in the world. More joy, more beauty, more peace. And I believe we'll find it, if we'll just take a minute to notice that which is all around us.

I hope you'll find time to stop by and view the artwork between now and the end of April. And I look forward to talking more about creativity and faith on Sunday, March 20.

~Kelly O'Dell Stanley

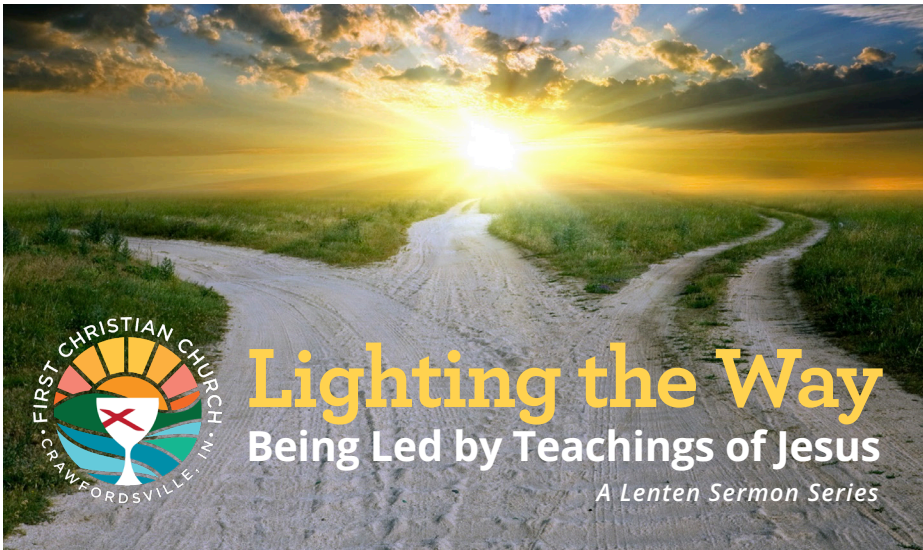
One of the things I love about this community is its appreciation for the arts. Pastor Darla has been wanting to start having art shows again in the gallery/hallway by the Narthex, and I'm excited to announce we are starting on Sunday, March 20!

In the first of what we hope to be many shows, we will be featuring the paintings of Rob O'Dell—a well-known Indiana watercolorist who just happens to have been my dad. He painted mainly rural Midwest scenes—barns, trees, fences, flowers—although he also had phases in which he painted Southwest cliffs, Maine boats and rocks, and Irish fields and castles. Dad painted professionally for 50 years before he passed in 2017. The paintings we're showing are from the family's personal collections, a variety of subject matter painted at different points throughout his long career.

Dad was known for what I now know is called Magical Realism—it looks incredibly detailed and realistic, and yet the effect is created not by painstakingly rendering every single detail, but by different techniques, like salt crystals that bring out a lacy pattern in the weeds along a fenceline, or barn siding created by dragging a strip of matboard through the paint.

When I was growing up, even though I knew he was talented, I thought Dad's paintings were more of the "same ol' same ol." I mean, really, how many different barns or hollyhocks can there be?

As an adult, and now arguably the world's foremost expert on Rob O'Dell's art, I've realized that every one of Dad's paintings was unique. Even if he painted from the same photograph again and again, he changed the



Lighting the Way

Being Led by Teachings of Jesus

A Lenten Sermon Series

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



There's still room for more!

We are so pleased that our FCC "family" tree now has many leaves! When you are in the building, stop by the narthex and take a look; it will refresh your memory about what name goes with what face.

There's still room for more leaves/pictures on that tree! If yours is not there, you may email a photo to fcc.comm211@gmail.com, mail it or drop it by the church office. (You can also give a friendly nudge to someone whose picture you don't see.)

Thanks for helping to make our FCC tree grow!

INDIANA DISCIPLES LENTEN BOOK STUDY!

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 groups, each meeting weekly for 60-90 minutes

for 6 weeks via Zoom. When you register, you will be sent a Zoom link by email. Questions? Contact Sandy Kincaid at the Indiana Disciples Regional Office or one of the ministers below at: (317) 926-6051 or info@indianadisciples.org

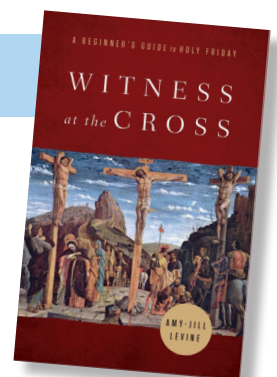
Monday Evenings with Rev. Rick Spleth
March 7-April 11
7:30 pm ET (6:30 pm CT)

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

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

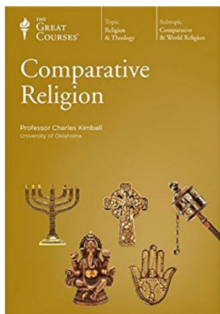
To Register CLICK HERE:
<http://indianadisciples.org/event/len-ten-book-study/>

To learn more about Amy-Jill Levine click here: <https://divinity.vanderbilt.edu/people/bio/amy-jill-levine>





The church has obtained a license from The Great Courses Teaching Company to use a unique DVD study series on Comparative Religion. The lectures are led by Dr. Charles Kimball, Presidential Professor and Chair of the Religious Studies Department, University of Oklahoma. Throughout this coming year we will study various topics from this series on a 3-4 week cycle.



Quoting from the course overview, "These lectures offer an opportunity to gain a grasp of the key ideas of religion itself—the issues that repeatedly surface when you look at any faith's beliefs, practices, and organization. Using five major religions—Judaism, Christianity, Islam, Buddhism, and Hinduism—as illustrations of how religions can address the same core issues in parallel and in significantly different ways. Comparative Religion compares and contrasts major religions and gives significance to religious rights, rituals, and thought in religious traditions. This course looks at the common threads found in religious faiths worldwide and also how each faith is unique and powerful in its own tradition."

Starting Sunday, March 13, and continuing for four weeks, we will meet at 9 am on Sundays in the Parlor. The Wired Word class will pause during this time. Each session will begin with a 30-minute video followed by discussion. For those unable to attend in person, the lectures will also be shown again via Zoom (with discussion to follow) at 3:00 pm on the following Thursday.

Contact Dave Lunsford at davelunsford2604@gmail.com for Zoom password.

Dr. Charles Kimball is Presidential Professor and Director of Religious Studies at the University of Oklahoma in Norman, Oklahoma. An ordained Baptist minister, he received his Th.D. from Harvard University in Comparative Religion with specialization in Islamic studies. He is a frequent lecturer in universities and church-related settings as well as an expert analyst on issues related to the Middle East, Islam, Jewish-Christian-Muslim relations, and the intersection of religion and politics. From 1983-1990 he was the Director of the Middle East Office at the National Council of Churches. He has lived in Egypt, frequently visits the Middle East, and has worked closely with Congress, the White House and the State Department during the past 25 years.

LENTEN FILM FESTIVAL

Join Christ Lutheran, First Christian, St. John's Episcopal, and Wabash Avenue Presbyterian Churches for a weekly study of five spiritual giants from the twentieth century. Each Wednesday at 7 we will gather via Zoom to screen the 50 minute documentary, discuss for 30 minutes and conclude by 8:30 p.m. We hope you will join us!

WED 3/09

Dietrich Bonhoeffer, the German pastor who defied Hitler

WED 3/16

Howard Thurman, mentor to the Civil Rights Movement

WED 3/23

Abraham Heschel, "America's rabbi" and key ally of Martin Luther King

WED 3/30

Dorothy Day, activist and founder of the Catholic Worker Movement

WED 4/06

Reinhold Niebuhr, public theologian and author of the Serenity Prayer

For a preview of these award-winning films, go to www.journeyfilms.com and click the screen at the bottom of the homepage.

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88444923873>

For more information, please contact John Van Nuys: jvcchurch@att.net





YOUTH news *from Rev. Kevin Toth*

Follow us on Instagram
@fccyouthcrawfordsville



These last two weeks, our WOW kids have learned about their relationships with God and other people, enjoyed a fun game of crab volleyball, and learned to walk a labyrinth on Ash Wednesday!



Palm Sunday! Calling all Youth!

Palm Sunday is exactly a month away from today: April 10th! We would love to invite all our youth to join us that Sunday morning to wave the palm branches into the sanctuary to begin our time of worship. Please reach out to Pastor Kevin and worship chair, Leanah Brown, if you'd like your child to be involved. And we welcome any adult volunteers to join us as well.



Youth supporting Week of Compassion!

Did you know that our youth collected coins to donate for Week of Compassion last month! They raised in total \$25! That's amazing! It is a gift to be surrounded by our youth who care so much about giving to others.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH SCHEDULE

Date	Bible Story	Teacher
March 13th	Luke 8:40-56	Beth Lindsey
March 20th	John 6:1-15	Sarah Jay
March 27th	Luke 17:11-19	Diane McLaughlin
April 3rd	No Children's Church; stay in sanctuary for Camp Sunday	
April 10th	Luke 22:1-20	Sara Nicodemus

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



WOW Schedule

March 16, 23
Apr 6, 13, 20, 27



- Fri. 3/11 New episode of **Bible for the People** podcast
- Sun. 3/13 **Comparative Religions Class** (Parlor)—9-10 am
Worship (in sanctuary or online)—10:15 am
- Mon. 3/14 **Scouts meeting** (Upper Room)—6:30 pm
- Tues. 3/15 **Euchre** (Fellowship Hall)—1:30 pm
Coordinating Council (Fellowship Hall)—7 pm
Governing Board (Fellowship Hall)—8 pm
- Wed. 3/16 **WOW**—4:30-6:30
Choir Practice—7 pm
Lenten Film Festival: Howard Thurman (Zoom)—7 pm
- Thurs. 3/17 **Comparative Religions Class** (Zoom)—3-4 pm
Food Finders Truck (Parking Lot)—11 am-1 pm
- Fri. 3/18 New episode of **Bible for the People** podcast
- Sat. 3/19 **Leadership Retreat** (offsite)
- Sun. 3/20 **Comparative Religions Class** (Parlor)—9-10 am
Worship (in sanctuary or online)—10:15 am
Rob O'Dell Art Show Begins
- Mon. 3/21 **Scouts meeting** (Upper Room)—6 pm
- Wed. 3/23 **WOW**—4:30-6:30
Choir Practice—7 pm
Lenten Film Festival: Abraham Heschel (Zoom)—7 pm
- Thurs. 3/24 **Next Pathfinder newsletter**
Comparative Religions Class (Zoom)—3-4 pm

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

LOCAL & GLOBAL OUTREACH



**Food Finders
Food Bank, Inc.**
fighting hunger, giving hope

We need 10 volunteers for the Food Finders Driveby Food Distribution on Thursday, March 17 from 10:30 am - 1 pm. We will pack boxes and put in trunks of cars. Please contact Carolyn Snyder if you are available.



We still need someone to greet visitors and church members, answer phones, and respond to email. It's just 10 hours a week and it's a great way to be involved and help the staff, volunteers, and church community. Necessary attributes include:

- Hours: Monday and Tuesday: 1-3 p.m.; Wednesday and Thursday: 1-4 p.m.
- Familiarity with Word, Excel, and PowerPoint
- Self-initiative plus strong organizational and people skills
- **If interested, please send resume to 211fcville@gmail.com.**

Communications Survey



Thanks to all who shared their opinions about the ways in which we communicate with this community! We had about 50 responses, so thank you for taking time to help us! We have not made any decisions about any potential changes, but we value all of your thoughts and comments and will keep you posted! In the meantime, we wanted to share a few findings.

What you said:

- Most people read the newsletter by email, and everyone who responded said they skim it at a minimum but mostly read it all. To be fair, if they didn't read the newsletter, they wouldn't know about the survey :-).
- The newsletter is especially valuable to shut-ins as it helps them feel connected with the church and community.
- About 50% read it on their phone; 40% on a laptop, and 35% on a desktop. (That adds up to more than 100% because multiple answers were allowed.)
- 90% said the frequency of every two weeks is perfect.
- The most-read/valuable sections, in order, are: Info about worship, prayer list, front-page messages from pastors; ministry team updates, birthday and anniversaries, fellowship opportunities, calendar, youth updates, basic info about the church, and educational opportunities.
- Regarding content, a large majority felt the amount of info is just right, although 15% would like it to be shorter. 25% of readers think there is too much repetition.
- Many people would like to see more human interest stories included, and about half would like to have the calendar of events emailed weekly rather than included in the Pathfinder.
- About 2/3 of respondents are 65+ years of age. Each other age group had between 5 and 15% of respondents.

What you asked:

- **Why don't we update prayer list more often?** We ask people to tell us when the prayer needs change because we've hurt some people in the past by removing them from the list. If people want prayer for themselves or those they care about, we want them to have it.
- **Why do you try to limit the length to 8 pages? And if you must do that, why not simply remove the graphics?** The reason we strive for 8 pages is that we print and mail about 40 copies each week to people who cannot read it on a computer. Printer toner is expensive, and that length of newsletter can be mailed for 58 cents apiece. Any more pages will increase postage. We try to be good stewards financially and environmentally. Also, while graphics are not critical information, we think it makes it easier to read by breaking up large blocks of content, so we try not to lose that if we don't have to.

Don't forget!



Daylight Savings Time begins Sunday



Updates:

- Continued thanks to Carolyn for doing our laundry.
- Thanks to Dale Petrie for hanging some bulletin boards and teacher profiles to make our hallway look nice.
- Thanks to Gwen Carlson and Preston Bost for their assistance with daycare personnel, advertising, and positive support.
- Thanks to all the staff and children for a surprise birthday party for the director, Lori.
- All staff are getting ready to attend training on our new curriculum and we are expecting a new shipment of toys and equipment from Lakeshore Learning on April 1st.

Exciting things happening here!





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.

CARTER AND DEB MORRETT AND FAMILY on the loss of Carter's mother, **EILEEN MORRETT**

JACI AND MARK WOLLENBERG AND FAMILY on the loss of Jaci's dad, **HENRY VAN LEEUWEN**

RAYLENE BUSSE (friend of Nancy Beach)—5-year old with leg pain, numbness, and possible back surgery

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**

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)

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**

Thank You, Friends!

I am filled with gratitude for so many of you who cared and supported me these last eight months.

♥ Ginny Maharry



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.)
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GRIEF AND LOSS

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Minister for Bereavement Care

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Gwen Carlson, HHCL Board

Lori McKinney, HHCL Director

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HAVE INFO FOR FUTURE NEWSLETTERS?

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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
March 23 Kim Mason
March 26 Mindy Suitors
Sam Vaught
March 30 Mark Brown
March 30 Tom Keedy

ANNIVERSARIES

March 1 Ken and Carol Bandy
March 8 Bob and Kim Mason
March 9 Tim and Kelly Stanley
March 25 Joe and Phyllis Boswell

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



PODCAST

We are almost through the book of Numbers! If you have a question about this interesting and sometimes difficult to understand book of the bible, be sure to send in your questions and feedback to us at bibleforthepeople@gmail.com.

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