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## ROOTS & BRANCHES

*A series of reflections for March and April about our upcoming Clergy and Congregational Renewal Time.*

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In the last edition of the Pathfinder, I provided a general introduction to what the congregation would

be doing and experiencing while I'm away during our Clergy and Congregational Renewal (CCR) time from April 17-July 17. In keeping with the CCR theme rooted in John 15:5, congregational activities during this time will be devoted to conversations and reflections about our **ROOTS (foundation of faith)** in the first month, our **CORE (current embodiment of faith)** in the second month, and our **BRANCHES (our growing edges & dreams for the future)** in the third month.

I will be following a parallel path with the congregation by engaging in activities that enable me to reflect on these three emphases as well. In order to reflect on my own ROOTS (the foundation of my faith and my call) I will be taking a deep dive into the memories of my life and reflecting upon God's blessings along the way. I will be doing this by spending time with family, organizing 60 years of photographs I haven't gone through and engaging in activities that have been a refuge for me through the years.

This will include spending a great deal of time outdoors, especially in the woods, hiking, running or painting. I plan to throw a tent, my paints and canvases in my trunk and see where the road takes me west—the place my family camped throughout my childhood. Mark and I will spend time in Liverpool where we will visit the home his mother grew up in during the height of World War II and we will visit Goodrich Castle in Wales where my family has roots from some 500 or more years ago. We will also be spending a weekend with the kids at a cabin at the YMCA of the Rockies in Estes Park, Colorado, a place my family has been going since my parents' honeymoon in 1950. Throughout this time, I will be journaling, reading, resting and welcoming a daily state of prayerful openness to the Spirit's wisdom and guidance.

This is only the beginning! In the next two pathfinder editions, I'll be sharing how I will be engaging, during the CCR time, in the CORE and BRANCHES of my life and faith as well.

I couldn't be more blessed to serve such a generous and gracious community that enables me to have this precious and sacred time to renew, recharge

**I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit.** JOHN 15: 5

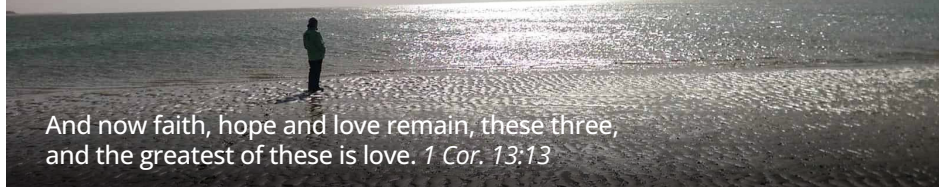


and invite a revisioning of our life together ahead! Thank you for your endless support, love and care through almost seven years together that has continually rooted, centered and offered endless branches of growth!

*Grace & Peace,  
Darla*

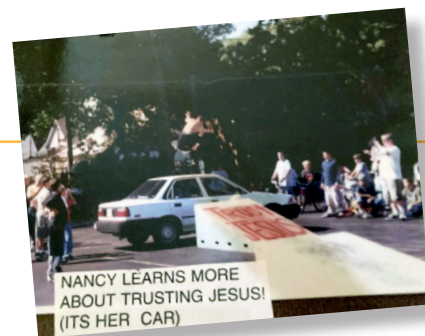
# Things That Matter

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

DATE	TEXT	TITLE/THEME	PREACHER
03/19	<b>Lent Four</b> John 9: 1-41	<b>Things That Matter:</b> "What Am I Missing?"	Rev. Darla Goodrich
03/26	<b>Lent Five</b> Camp Sunday	<b>Things That Matter:</b> "Church Camp!"	Rev. Cheryl Russell
04/02	<b>Palm Sunday</b> Luke 22: 29-36	<b>Things That Matter:</b> Whose Will Is It?	Rev. Darla Goodrich
04/09	<b>Easter Sunday</b> Matthew 28: 1-10	<b>Things That Matter:</b> It's Life & Death!	Rev. Darla Goodrich
04/16	<b>Renewal Leave Launch</b> Luke 24: 13-49	<b>Things That Matter:</b> Being A-part of the Way	Rev. Darla Goodrich
04/30	Hosted at Wabash Ave. Presbyterian	<b>5th Sunday Unity Service</b>	Pastor Kelly Nelson



## Remember when...

We had a skateboard ministry in our church parking lot. Before there was a skateboard park in our town, skateboarders were looking for a place to practice their techniques and chose our parking lot. Roger Beach was concerned about the kids' safety, so he would sit nearby and watch them. They learned they could trust him, so they would sit and talk with him.

Roger attended a conference in Ohio where he saw professional skateboarders performing and was able to get a group to come to Crawfordsville to share their skills with the local skateboarders. Nancy says there was a full day of "activities from the skateboarding to hearing the gospel and parents having fun with their little ones. A precious day for Roger and me!"

## Remember when...

The church had a softball team which included a doctor (Brett Spencer), a surgeon, and an anesthetist. They were at the right place at the right time and saved the life of a motorcyclist on 231.

## AFTER THE AMEN Discussions



Pastor Darla's "After the Amen" conversation class is continuing through the Lenten Season. **On certain Sundays 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 19 "What Am I Missing?" John 9: 1-41  
 April 02 "Whose Will Is It?" Luke 22: 29-36



## Save the Date: Graduation Sunday on May 21st!

Judy Michal and Pastor Kevin are **calling all our graduates for Graduation Sunday!** Please let us know if you are graduating this May/ Summer or have a family member graduating. We will share more details closer to May.



# 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](https://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

### PLEASE REGISTER IN ADVANCE!

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

Register and view route at [fccville.org/5k-dash](https://fccville.org/5k-dash)

**We need 2 volunteers to be at street corners where turns occur, a volunteer to follow the last person in a car, and volunteers to be in fellowship hall to man the breakfast table.**  
**Contact Carolyn Snyder if you can help.**

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



## 2023 Prayer Vigil— Time Alone with God

In between Good Friday and Easter morning we will maintain our annual Prayer Vigil. This is a time of reflection, meditation, and prayer. An opportunity for you and your family to have an uninterrupted time in the place where we worship, to be alone with God.

Whenever Christians “keep vigil” we give of our time that we normally spend doing other things, including sleeping, in order to devote ourselves to our relationship with God. When we participate in the Holy Week Prayer Vigil, we demonstrate our commitment to prayer and focus on the sacrifice Jesus Christ has made for us. We hope you will sign up for any hour-long time slot starting on Friday night, April 7, and ending early Easter morning. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Narthex as well as online by following the link below:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d45a9ab2cabfec34-prayer#/>

If you have trouble signing up using the link, please contact Pastor Kevin. If you have any additional questions regarding the prayer vigil, feel free to contact Dave Lunsford or Pastor Kevin. Peace and blessings be with you all as we continue through this Lenten season.



## March 28 Lenten Soup Supper

On **Tuesday, March 28, from 5:30-7:00**, we will be the host church for the Lenten Ecumenical Soup & Supper series. We need your help in providing pots of soup, bread (sweet or savory), crackers, and drinks as well as help setting up before the event and/or clearing up afterwards.

Please leave word in the church office or contact me with the way you would like to assist with this event. Thanks!

—Judy Michal  
(376-8255 or judy.michal@yahoo.com)



## The next Pub Theology: March 20th @ 5:30pm at Backstep Brewery

Father Christian Baron and Pastor Kevin are excited to host the next Pub Theology next week! Our topic of conversation will be on the impact of grace on our and our neighbors' lives. We hope you will come and join us and all our neighbors in the Crawfordsville community for some meaningful conversations!



## Lenten Ecumenical Soup & Supper Series

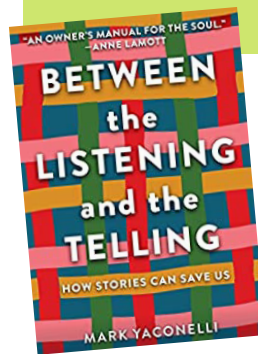
**Tues. 03/21** 6:30 – 8 pm (*time changed*)  
St. John's Episcopal Church  
Hear from the Rahami Family  
(the Afghan family we've been supporting)

**Tues. 03/28** 5:30 – 7 pm  
First Christian Church  
The Bible on Immigration / John Van Nuys

## 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
04/06	7 pm	Maundy Thursday	FCC
04/07	7 pm	Good Friday	St. John's Episcopal Church



## FCC BOOK CLUB

I'm so grateful for those who come out for these discussions! So much good stuff!

Those who were at the March meeting selected the following books for upcoming months:

APRIL 4: ***Between the Listening and the Telling: How Stories Can***

***Save Us*** by Mark Yaconelli

MAY 2: ***The Book of Longings*** by Sue Monk Kidd

JUNE 6: ***Freeing Jesus: Rediscovering Jesus as Friend, Teacher, Savior, Lord, Way, and Presence*** by Diana Butler Bass

One copy of each book is available in our church library. Contact Kelly Stanley if you need help locating a copy to read. **Hope you will join us next month, April 4th at 6 pm!** Questions? Reach out to Kelly Stanley, 765.366.6709.





# YOUTH news from Rev. Kevin Toth

Follow us on Instagram  
@fccyouthcrawfordville



## Where's Jesus? Easter Egg Hunt! April 9th!

Right after worship on Easter, Pastor Kevin will be inviting all our children to join him on a special search to Finding Jesus while also being on the lookout for some easter eggs! We are in need of some candy donations that will fit small to medium sized eggs (no nuts or peanut butter). If you like to donate a bag of candy, please contact Pastor Kevin and ask if donations are still needed. We greatly appreciate the support for this fun children's event!



## Palm Sunday! Calling all Youth!

Palm Sunday is less than a month away from today: **April 2nd!** 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 or worship chair, Leannah Brown, if you'd like your child to be involved. And we welcome any adult volunteers to join us as well.

## CHILDREN'S CHURCH SCHEDULE

Date	Bible Story	Teacher
March 19	Jesus & Zacchaeus	Gwen Carlson
March 26	No Children's Church: Camp Sunday!	
April 2 (Palm Sunday)	Jesus the King	Gwen Carlson
April 9 (Easter)	Jesus is Risen! At the Tomb	Kate Lindsay
April 16	Jesus is Risen! Road to Emmaus	Beth Lindsay

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



WOW youth spent time decorating cupcakes and cookies to give to our service workers in the community!



## Camp Sunday March 26th!

We are excited to have Rev. Cheryl Russell come join us for our annual Camp Sunday!

Rev. Russell currently serves as one of the Associate Regional Minister of Indiana and oversees all the camp programming over the summer. She will share all the exciting camp opportunities for our youth as well as invite any adults interested in counseling a camp! Camp Sunday will also be an opportunity to donate to our Camp Scholarship fund which will help our children attend any camp they wish. We hope you will join us for this special Sunday celebration!



## Men's Pool Fellowship

The Men's Pool Fellowship is preparing the after-Easter schedule for April & May.

They meet **every other week**

**at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursdays** for lively and fun competition. If there are men not currently attending who want to participate, either as a 'regular' or a 'substitute', we would love to have you for this last session before summer. A new schedule identifying who, and when they are playing, will be published soon. **Please let Rex Henthorn know on or before Sunday, March 26, if you want to be included.**



## Scouts Update

- We had 12 scouts work on their Reading Merit badge last Monday evening.
- The Troops will be a food vendor at the Darling Spring Fling this Saturday the 18th. Raising money to go to Red River Gorge
- There will be over 30 local vendors that will be set up, plus the troops.
- We are also selling small personal First Aid Kits for the Home & Auto for \$10 each. Deadline is March 20th.

### March Activities:

- **18th:** Food vendor for the Darlington Spring Fling Event at the Darlington Community Center
- **25th:** Eagle project work day for Eagle Candidate Sean Perkins (looking for donations for materials) <https://gofund.me/ad353c1f>

### Coming up Next:

- Citizenship in Society Merit badge
- Citizenship in the Community Merit badge
- Weekly meetings on Monday evenings at 6:30 pm
- No meeting March 27th - Spring Break

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 6:30 to 8 pm at First Christian Church.

## Hand in Hand Creative Learning

is currently fully enrolled! We are honored to continue serving the childcare needs of our community.

We are still looking for volunteers willing to help out in our classrooms, such as for a few hours to break teachers for lunch. If interested, please reach out director Chantel Allen (HHCLdirector@gmail.com) or Gwen Carlson (HHCLboard@gmail.com). A huge thank you to Linda Petrie, who's been a dedicated volunteer for quite some time! We're also continually in need of simple art supplies—crayons, tempura paint, pom poms. Thank you!

## Week of Compassion

### A Special Thank You

*(Dated February 23, 2023, before the benefit auction)*

Dear First Christian Church

During the Week of Compassion special offering time and all year long, FCC Crawfordsville, continues to show us what REAL partnership looks like! Our response to disaster survivors and those displaced by conflict was aided immeasurably by the good folks at FCC through your prayers and sacrificial giving. We want to extend to you our deepest thanks!!

In Christ, **Rebecca Smith**  
*Board of Stewards, Week of Compassion*



Several times a year our congregation, along with congregations across the miles, receive a special offering to support the ministries of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). These gifts are given above and beyond our regular core support of the general

Disciples Mission Fund. The Easter Offering, which will be received on April 2 & 9, 2023, supports a whole host of general ministries of the Christian Church. Your gift supports college students in leadership development programs, global mission partners, health and social service ministries here and abroad, the formation of new congregations, support for pastors and chaplains, and so much more. Your gift has the power to change lives at home, and around the world, in the loving way of Jesus Christ! Thank you!





Help us keep this list up to date! Please email [fcc.comm211@gmail.com](mailto: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 **ANN SKOMP** on the passing of her sister, **RUTH ELLEN ALLISON**, on March 11  
**JIM & CATHY MOFFETT & FAMILY**—the passing of **MARILYN MOFFETT** on March 7  
**JUDY NABORS**—recently hospitalized again  
The family of **GARY MEEK**, who passed away on Feb. 21  
**GERRY TURNER**—health issues  
**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  
**BETTYE HUDSON**—treatment for cancer

**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  
**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  
**CHURCH STAFF, MINISTERS, AND LEADERSHIP**

**Pray for our Shut-ins**  
*Our shut-ins would enjoy visits.*  
BICKFORD: **TIM NANNET, ROD GONSO**  
WHITLOCK: **CAROLYN SIMPSON (#151)**  
HOME: **DALLAS & KAREN MCDONALD, NANCY ROGERS (MOVING SOON), BETTYE HUDSON**  
THE LANE HOUSE: **BETTY CEDARS**





**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).

**VACATION**

**Pastor Darla** will be on vacation on the following dates: March 20-26

**Pastor Kevin** will be attending his Bethany Fellows ministerial retreat April 24 to 28.

**CLERGY RENEWAL LEAVE**

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



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