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PASTORAL MESSAGE
CAMP SUNDAY—APRIL 3RD

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At the beginning of the month, Darla and myself traveled south to Camp Bedford in Bedford, Indiana. We attended the instillation service of the new Associate Regional Minister, Rev. Cheryl Russell. During the service, the keynote speaker shared how it seems a lot of ministers and lay leaders of the church received their faith callings by attending church camp. I know this is true for myself. I'm so thankful when I was a high school youth that my church took me to church camp, for it allowed me to connect with other youth at the time who were also exploring their faith in a safe, loving environment.

And I am so glad that camp continues to do the same thing for all our current youth and children! When I talked with two of our youth who went to camp last year, Justice Strietelmeier and Jacob Rangel, their eyes lite up with excitement and they immediately began to ask me when they can go back. Their excitement confirmed that God is still at work within our camps: fostering relationships with other youth exploring their faith and creating a safe environment for them to be themselves and grow closer to God.

I am excited to share that on April 3rd during our Sunday worship, we will have a chance to celebrate and promote our 2022 camp programs in the Indiana region:

Camp Bedford and Camp Geneva. These camps offer a variety of camps for all our children who are 5 to 18 years old. Camp Geneva even offers specialty camps such as You and Me camps for children and adults to attend together, as well as camps designed around the Arts and Sports!

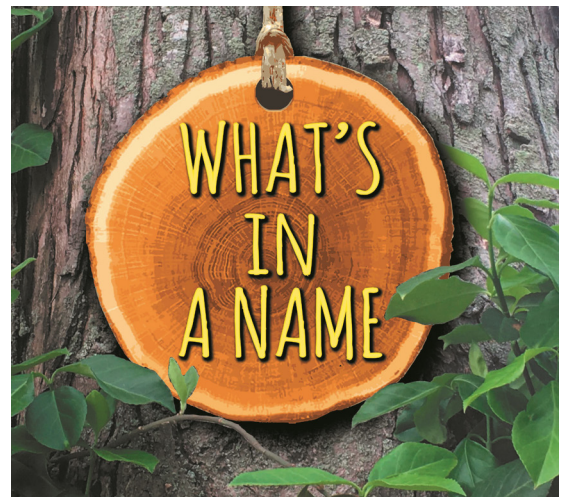
In the last several weeks, several of our youth have requested about attending camp this summer. I would love to ask for the church's support in helping fund our camp scholarship budget so we may assist youth who are unable to afford church camp this summer. The overwhelming support of the church last year changed the lives of several of our youth who attended camp and if you are able to provide a donation to help our scholarship fund, I and our children would be most thankful!

In addition, right after worship, we will have a Camp display with information about each campgrounds, camp schedules, and registration instruction sheets, so be sure to stick around after worship! I will also offer assistance with registration and answer any questions you may have about camps, transportations,

and additional questions you may have.

Thank you for supporting our camp programs, for they truly do make a difference in the lives of our youth!

Blessings,
Pastor Kevin



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.



WHAT DOES THE AGAPE FUND DO?

Do you know about FCC's Agape Fund? It's a line item in our budget as well as a fund in which members sometime provide special donations. The Agape Fund provides funds for individuals and families in and beyond the church who may be homeless, who need shelter for the night from the bitter cold, who need food or clothing, help with a rent payment, a ride to a rehabilitation center or transportation to a hospital in another town, among many other needs. Pastors Kevin & Darla use the Agape Fund to attend to many who happen to "walk in" during the week, to church families who are in need, or who those call the church office requesting assistance. Office staff keeps in close communication with the other agencies and churches in town, including MontCares, to help identify the individuals who are most in need and so we can share together in caring for our community. We especially give thanks to our office volunteer Arleen Wilhite who is the one who primarily is the first person to receive calls or in person requests from persons in need. She offers such a wonderful gracious presence to all! If you wish to provide a special donation, simply designate your gift for the "Agape Fund".

Our annual Easter prayer vigil is coming up in a few weeks! Starting right after our Good Friday service on April 15th at 9am, people will have a chance to reflect upon Jesus' death and resurrection as well as take time out of our busy lives to pray and sit with God in the church sanctuary. The prayer vigil time is a meaningful experience for so many in the church. When asked, "Why do you participate in the prayer vigil?" church members Rex Henthorn and Kelly Stanley responded:

"Why do I always attend the Easter prayer vigil? To be alone with God. Although one can be alone with God at all conscious times if they try and are able to ignore the noises, distractions, and time limitations of life, but it is particularly meaningful to sit in the sanctuary alone .. in God's house. It is difficult to describe the renewed awe of humanity's blessing arising from events over 2000 years ago as I engage myself in a contemplation of my personal relationship with God in silence, uninterrupted, void of distraction, and alone."—Rex Henthorn

"There's something powerful about being alone with God in this holy space. Last year, as I flipped through the written prayers left from previous participants, I was moved by each person's words. In this church, we talk a lot about community, and being part of the universal Church—but it's beautiful to realize that it is each individual's faith that inspires their collective actions. And it's humbling to be given the chance to add one more voice to the chorus of prayers going up during those days."—Kelly Stanley

We hope you will sign up for any hour-long time slot starting on Friday night and ending early Sunday morning. Follow the link below to see what times are available:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D45A9AB2CABFEC34-easter1>

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 Lundsford or Pastor Kevin.

Peace and blessings be with you all as we continue through this Lenten journey together,

Pastor Kevin

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 3/30

Dorothy Day, activist and founder of the Catholic Worker Movement

WED 4/06

Reinhold Niebuhr, public theologian and author of the Serenity Prayer

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

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

BOOKS RELATED TO THE LENTEN FILM FESTIVAL

The library has several books by Bonhoeffer and Niebuhr. These have been put on the table in the library along with several books from my home library. As you borrow the books, please remember to sign and date the cards and place card on the desk and for those books without cards, please leave title and your name on the clipboard.

Also on the table you will find a DVD, "Countdown to Calvary", which is about the political and religious events during the Holy Week. When I finish reading it, the book *The Last Week*, written by Marcus Borg, will also be on the table.

—Barbara Frye

Coming in May:

PRAYER REBOOT with Kelly Stanley

Does your prayer life ever feel stale? Do you get bored? Tired? Frustrated? Do you have doubts about whether this prayer thing is really all it's cracked up to be? When we get together and talk about our individual experiences with prayer, we can all learn from one another, and along the way, we might find a new type of energy or inspiration for our prayer lives.

Praying for each other is a way to build relationships and foster deeper connection. It's the most loving thing you can do for your neighbor—and when we commit to praying for someone, it changes the way we care for them. This group will help build and strengthen those connections with each other.

The Prayer Reboot will be a cross between a class and a prayer group. It will be an exploration and an interactive discussion, with me facilitating but not necessarily "teaching." I will encourage the group to talk about prayer—what it is, what our experiences have been and how it has sustained or failed us, different ways to practice, how our views on it have changed, whether we believe in an active God, and so on. We'll explore together and learn from each other.

The topics would not be formal, liturgical approaches to prayer (like breath prayers or meditation), but an expansion of what people may or may not do or experience as prayer in their everyday life. The lessons will be designed to take us out of our comfort zones (in a loving, gentle, unforced way!) and expand our concept of what prayer can look like.

Each session will begin with a brief discussion on a specific topic, followed by a brief time of prayer requests, followed by prayer. There will be a small homework assignment each time—something more experiential than intellectual (for instance, exploring different postures of prayer—how does it feel to stand vs kneel vs holding hands up, etc.), which will be discussed the following week.

Details:

- 4 weekly one-hour sessions during the month of May
- Time/day will depend on the interest. Options: Monday afternoons from 3-4 or Sundays at 11:30 (brown bag lunch session—assuming we are able to share food together by then)
- **Interested or have other questions?** Email Kelly (kellyostanley@me.com), text her (765-366-6709), or leave a note in the office with your name and which time slot you would prefer. We will announce the final decision on time in a couple weeks.

Comparative Religions

Comparative Religion study continues in the Parlor at 9:00 am Sunday mornings. Upcoming topics:

March 27 - Sacred Time, Sacred Space, Sacred Objects

April 3 - Sacred Signs and Sacraments

The church obtained a license agreement to use this Great Courses series for one year. Contact Dave Lunsford (davelunsford2604@gmail.com) for other opportunities for viewing this series.



CREATIVITY CELEBRATED!

What a wonderful day it was this past Sunday as we celebrated creativity with the opening of our FCC Gallery featuring renowned Indiana artist, the late Rob O'Dell. His daughter, Kelly O'Dell Stanley, offered an inspiring message in worship about the creativity of the human spirit as she reflected on the powerful and loving influence of her father and the power of our own creativity to bring hope to the world. Thank you so much, Kelly, for such a special day! Special thanks to Sandy Henthorn, Kym Bushong and Kelly O'Dell Stanley for creating such a beautiful gallery display and to Kelly for the heartfelt and meaningful Sunday message!

WATERCOLORS BY ROB O'DELL will be on display through the end of April, so be sure to set aside some time to view them before or after Sunday worship, during office hours, or anytime you are in the building!

WORK DAY ON THURSDAY, MARCH 31ST—HELP NEEDED!



Anyone with a little time and muscle to spare is welcome to join us at Hand in Hand on March 31st from 5-7 pm for a volunteer work day! Our preschool has been working with consultants and local early childhood

educators to rethink our room plans and purchase additional toys and equipment to help us better utilize our space and improve our program. These new items are also needed for our newly-purchased high-quality curriculum, The Creative Curriculum. Our new items will be arriving on Friday, April 1st, and we need help with moving some of our older equipment upstairs into storage before our new equipment arrives. Anyone interested, RSVP to Lori McKinney (HHCLdirector@gmail.com) to let us know you are coming and for additional details.

We also have two upcoming fundraisers—an online May Flower Basket sale and a Kid's Sale in the church parking lot later this summer. All proceeds will go towards scholarships for HHCL families. We will be looking for donations of gently-used children's clothing, equipment, and toys as the Kid's Sale approaches—please stay tuned for more details to come! And thank you!!



LEADERSHIP RETREAT

This past Saturday, FCC Leaders gathered for a Leadership Retreat. The last leadership retreat was held one week before the church building shut down for COVID 19 in March of 2020, so there was much to talk about! It was great to be able to “re-member” ourselves together and share our hopes and dreams for the future. Such meaningful insights, wisdom and vision were enthusiastically shared by all. A summary about the gleanings from the retreat will be in our next Pathfinder issue. Special thanks to Dale Petrie and Tom Keedy for helping with set up, venue & food!

MARK & JACI WOLLENBERG HERE THIS SUNDAY

This Sunday, March 27, Mark and Jaci Wollenberg will be joining us in worship coming all the way from their home in Reno, Nevada! This will be an opportunity to celebrate Mark & Jaci's leadership at FCC as we were not able to bid them farewell in person due to the pandemic. There will be a reception following worship to honor and celebrate all the many wonderful ways Mark and Jaci blessed our community through Jaci's leadership on staff as our Music Director and Organist as well as Mark's many leadership roles through the years! Hope you will join us Sunday!



LAUNDRY HELP NEEDED! Hand in Hand needs a person (or people) to help do our laundry. We usually put our bag of dirty laundry and soap in the narthex on Tuesday and Friday afternoons. If anyone is interested in helping, contact Lori McKinney, (765) 367-1727 or HHCLDirector@gmail.com

Who will speak for you?

Join j Miranda for this Brownbag Lunch and Learn Series hosted by Dusk to Dawn Bereavement Services. Each year, as part of National Healthcare Decisions Day, individuals and families are encouraged to have conversations about wishes and needs to ensure quality of life at end of life. Bring your lunch and learn more about how to start the conversation with your loved ones. **The event is hosted at Christ Lutheran Church in Luther Hall, Wednesday April 13 at noon.** Learn more and reserve your space at dusk-to-dawn.org

Thank You. Friends!

Thank you to all who have remembered me with prayers, cards, calls, and healing thoughts as I recovered from my hip surgeries. I continue recuperating at home, and look forward to seeing you all in person before long! —**Carolyn Tunin**

God provided a beautiful day as we celebrated the life of my dad, William Collings, on March 16th. I want to thank all of my church members who have supported me during this difficult time with calls, emails, cards, flowers, and other gifts. For those that came to the service and were pallbearers, your support for me meant so much. Thank you to Pastor Darla for her comforting words, for Pastor Kevin for coming to the visitation, to Sandy, Linda P., Pat, Judy, and Donna for their great snacks for the family, and to Bettye for her delicious cookies. It is going to be a hard adjustment for me now going on in life without any family, but I know God has given me a great support system to now lean on with my church family. For that, I am eternally grateful. God bless all of you. —**Cindy Grimes**

CALLING ALL GRADUATES!

Coming soon in May, we will be lifting up our high school and college graduates in worship and celebrate their fantastic accomplishments! Please inform Judy Michal or Pastor Kevin if you'd like your graduate to be included on the Graduate Sunday list. Details will be shared later in April.

SAVE THE DATE!

For our new/prospective member event on Sunday, May 1, from 5:00-6:30. A time to have fun while getting acquainted, learning about the church, and having some snacks. More details soon!

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



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| Fri. | 3/25 | New episode of Bible for the People podcast |
| Sun. | 3/27 | Comparative Religions Class (Parlor)—9-10 am
Worship (in sanctuary or online): Lent Week Four (Luke 6:39-42) with Rev. Darla Goodrich—10:15 am
Reception for the Wallenbergs —following Worship |
| Mon. | 3/28 | Scouts meeting (Upper Room)—6:30 pm |
| Wed. | 3/30 | No WOW (because of Spring Break)
Choir Practice —7 pm
Lenten Film Festival: Dorothy Day (Zoom)—7 pm |
| Sun. | 4/3 | Comparative Religions Class (Parlor)—9-10 am
Worship (in sanctuary or online): Camp Sunday (Mt. 14:22-33) with Rev. Kevin Toth—10:15 am |
| Mon. | 4/4 | Scouts meeting (Upper Room)—6 pm |
| Tues. | 4/5 | Cruisers (Pizza Hut)—11:30 am |
| Wed. | 4/6 | WOW —4:30-630
Choir Practice —7 pm
Lenten Film Festival: Reinhold Niebuhr (Zoom)—7 pm |
| Thurs. | 4/7 | Next Pathfinder newsletter |



YOUTH news *from Rev. Kevin Toth*

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Children's Church

Children's Church will not be meeting on April 3rd as children will be invited to be in worship for Camp Sunday.

The last two weeks, our WOW kids painted bird houses and enjoyed the warmer weather out on the playground!

VBS Save the Date July 13-15, 2022!

Details and registration information will be sent out after Easter



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.



WOW Schedule

No WOW March 30th
(Spring Break)

Apr 6, 13, 20, 27

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.

JOHN HUSTED—recovering from a fall

DALLAS MCDONALD—recovering from complications from eye surgery

CINDY GRIMES and family on the loss of Cindy's father, **BILL COLLINGS**

BOB SNYDER—Beginning kidney dialysis 3x weekly and heart issues

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

JACK WYATT—Rehabilitation after hospitalization for a brain bleed

DAVID KLINE—Ongoing health issues related to a stroke & cancer.

BEN McCORMICK—at home but still recovering

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

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: **FRANCES COLLINGS, RUSSELL & SANDY RUBY, DALLAS & KAREN McDONALD**

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

THE LANE HOUSE: **BETTY CEDARS**

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.

God answers our prayers in many different ways, whether big or small!

I reach out to my First Christian Church family in gratitude for those who have kept my sister Debbie in their prayers! It will be one year since her lung and brain cancer diagnosis this month!

We received great news from the neurologist yesterday, that the gamma knife radiation to her brain has been a success! She was given the result of treatment as 'in remission!' She has been given a reprieve of chemo for her lung cancer for a couple of weeks to let her body rest!

We are grateful for dedicated prayer on my sister's behalf! We will continue to pray her through her chemo!

With much gratitude,
Rebecca Lang



MASKS NOW OPTIONAL.

At last week's FCC Governing Board meeting, it was decided that those who are fully vaccinated and not at risk of severe Covid or influenza are welcome to show their smiles.

Masks are now optional for all church activities! It was also decided that food may now be served in the church.

We encourage those who are not fully vaccinated, who might have been exposed to someone who is ill, or who simply feel more comfortable wearing a mask, to continue to do so. Disposable masks are freely available in the Narthex in both adult and child sizes. Thank you for your continued care and concern for the health of our community!



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

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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

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GRIEF AND LOSS

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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

March 26 Mindy Suitors
Sam Vaught
March 30 Mark Brown
March 30 Tom Keedy
April 4 Sam Rohr
April 6 Emily Petrie
April 8 Melanie Dowd
April 13 Arleen Wilhite
April 15 Russell Ruby
Kris Rohr

ANNIVERSARIES

March 25
Joe and Phyllis Boswell
April 6
Mike & Nancy McCormick
April 8, 1960
Sam and Myrna Thompson
(their 62nd anniversary!)
April 8
Edward and Sarah Dowd

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



Tomorrow we finish the book of Numbers! Soon we will begin to examine the book of Deuteronomy so if you have questions about either of these books or the other books we have talked about so far in the Hebrew Bible, send them to us at bibleforthepeople@gmail.com.
<https://directory.libsyn.com/shows/view/id/bibleforthepeople>