



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
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**PASTORAL MESSAGE
HE IS RISEN INDEED!**

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What a wonderful Holy Week and Easter Worship celebration we were able to share together! It was such a blessing to be able to gather in person with clergy colleagues and church family from Christ Lutheran Church, St. John's Episcopal Church, and Wabash Ave. Presbyterian Church after a two-year pandemic to share in the Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services. All of this was topped off by our meaningful prayer vigil that enabled a great number of church members to spend time in quiet prayer between Good Friday and Easter sunrise.



in this celebration. The beautiful weather, getting to fellowship together, and the lively Easter egg hunt was the icing on the cake of such an blessed day. Thanks be to God for our Lord Jesus Christ, whose love has sustained us through almost 200 years together, through this pandemic, and whose Spirit lifted our hearts this Easter Sunday!



Rev. Kevin Toth, Rev. Darla Goodrich, Pastor Kelly Nelson, Rev. John Van Nuys, Fr. Mark Van Wassenhove

Grace & Peace,
Darla

The greatest hope, however, seemed to come alive when we celebrated on Easter Sunday that "CHRIST IS RISEN INDEED!" as nearly 150 church family, friends, and new friends, including nearly 20 children, gathered to remember what God has done in Jesus Christ!

I particularly give thanks for all the many church members who helped prepare, serve, and lead



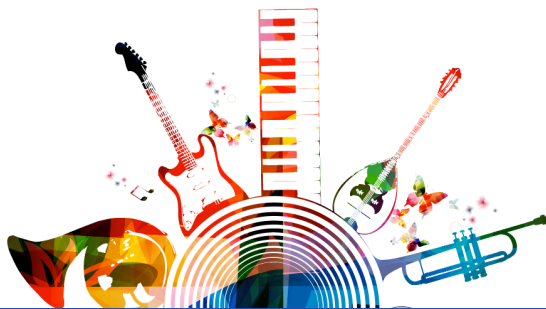
Interested in a PRAYER REBOOT ?

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.

The Prayer Reboot will be a cross between a class and a prayer group. It will be an exploration and an interactive discussion, facilitated by Kelly O,Dell Stanley.

Details:

- 4 weekly one-hour sessions during the month of May
- Time/day will depend on the interest—*either Monday afternoons from 3-4 or Sundays at 11:30* (brown bag sessions—bring your own lunch!)
- **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 timing in a couple weeks.



Still looking for a Director of Music

We are looking for a **Director of Music** that will work with the Senior Minister and other staff to plan music for worship and other special services.

- ✓ Requires about 10-12 hours per week
- ✓ Choir serves from late August through early June
- ✓ Responsible for weekly rehearsal with the Chancel Choir
- ✓ Directs the Chancel Choir for Sunday Worship and other special services
- ✓ Recruits all special music as needed which would include finding volunteers to sing or play an instrument during the summer season when Choir not serving in Worship
- ✓ Should have experience in choir directing, knowledge of Christian music, a natural leader with a collaborative leadership style

Celebration of Unity
Saturday April 23 4-8pm Pike Place
Join your neighbors and friends, as we celebrate what makes our community great - our sense of UNITY! All are welcome to join in and have fun!

Hosted by: **HUMANS UNITED for EQUALITY**

provided by Hoosier Heartland State Bank

FREE HOT DOGS

FOOD & DRINK FOR PURCHASE available from Norvell's, Aki Les Voy, Hoosier Ice Queen, 1832 Brew

ENTERTAINMENT by McGovern Irish Dancers of Lafayette, Mariachi Band Zelaya, Dance By Deborah Performance Dance Troupe

FACE PAINTING, BALLOON ANIMALS, BOUNCE HOUSE, GAMES, ROCK WALL, CRAFTS

FREE FAMILY FUN

HHSB Hoosier Heartland State Bank
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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
CITY OF CRAWFORDSVILLE
Walsh's ATHLETICS
Christ Lutheran Church
Second Baptist Church

Celebration of Unity April 23rd from 4-8 at Pike Place

Join your neighbors and friends at the 4th annual Celebration of Unity, as we celebrate what makes our community strong—our sense of unity!

- FREE hot dogs provided by Hoosier Heartland State Bank
- tacos by Aki Les Voy Takiera
- Hawaiian shaved ice by Hoosier Ice Queen
- bbq by Norvell's
- coffee by 1832 Brew
- dancing by McGovern Irish Dancers
- mariachi band Zelaya
- performance by Dance By Deborah performance dance troupe
- bounce house
- rock wall
- face painting
- balloon animals
- games & crafts
- ...and more FREE FAMILY FUN!



- Fri. 4/22 New episode of **Bible for the People** podcast
Bob Snyder's Celebration of Life—1 pm
- Sat. 4/23 **HUE Celebration of Unity** event (Pike Place)—4-8 pm
- Sun. 4/24 **The Wired Word** (Parlor)—9:15 am
Worship/Earth Sunday (in sanctuary or online): Good and Pleasant Work (Psalm 133) with Rev. Kevin Toth—10:15 am
- Mon. 4/25 **Scouts meeting** (Upper Room)—6:30 pm
- Tues. 4/26 **Ending Hunger: What's God Got to Do with it?**—7-8:45 pm
Second Presbyterian Church, 7700 N. Meridian St., Indpls.
- Wed. 4/27 **WOW**—430-630
Choir Practice—7 pm
- Fri. 4/29 New episode of **Bible for the People** podcast
- Sun. 5/1 **The Wired Word** (Parlor)—9:15 am
Worship (in sanctuary or online)—10:15 am
New Member & Visitor Fellowship Gathering (Parking Lot)—5-6:30 pm
- Mon. 5/2 **Scouts meeting** (Upper Room)—6 pm
- Tues. 5/3 **Cruisers** (Pizza Hut)—11:30 am
- Wed. 5/4 **Choir Practice**—7 pm
- Thurs. 5/5 **Next Pathfinder newsletter**



We are continuing to examine the book of Deuteronomy! Be sure to send us any questions you may have about this book or any of the books of the bible you may have at bibleforthepeople@gmail.com.
<https://directory.libsyn.com/shows/view/id/bibleforthepeople>

SCOUTS

Hello, my name is Matthew Barnes. Currently I am working on a cemetery restoration for my Eagle project at First Baptist Church. I am adding a couple of benches at the outdoor chapel as well. I am looking for donations for my project. Thank you in advance!

Donations can be made to BSA Troop 247-365 or to Matthew Barnes. They can be dropped off at the church office.

Troop Information:

We have found an enclosed trailer!! Prayers have been answered!

Next, some of our Scouts will be working on their woodworking merit badge to put in shelves in it to help organize the trailer.



GRADUATION SUNDAY: SAVE THE DATE—MAY 15th!

We are calling all our high school and college graduates! We'd love to celebrate your hard work and accomplishments in worship, so please inform Judy Michal or Pastor Kevin if we can include your name on our graduate list.

NEW ADDRESS

Please make note of this new address for Frances Collings:
318 W. Kennedy Place,
Crawfordsville



New Member & Visitor Welcoming Event

If you are new to First Christian, we want to invite you to our “getting to know you” gathering on May 1. Even if you are a longtime member of FCC, you can help by encouraging our new members and visitors to attend! (You can come, too, if you would like.) We want to help those who are new to First Christian learn more about the church and the people.

When: Sunday, May 1, from 5:00-6:30 pm

Where: Church parking lot (next to the playground)

Other: Light supper and childcare provided; playground available

We will start with hot dogs (or veggie brats), chips, and cookies; then gather for a time:

To meet and get to know the ministers and others new to the church.

For the ministers and others to get to know a little more about you.

To learn a little about FCC and to share thoughts and questions you may have.

Please contact Judy Michal at judy.michal@yahoo.com or call or text her at 765-376-8255 if you plan to attend and/or if you have any questions.

Hope to see you on Sunday, May 1!

Ending Hunger: What’s God Got to Do with it?



Former General Minister and President of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Dick Hamm, will be giving a presentation on Ending Hunger in our own communities and has invited us to join him for this event. Dick Hamm now serves as lead denomination ambassador for Bread-Indiana. He and his family were also members of FCC during his early childhood years!

**Ending Hunger: What’s God Got to Do with it?
Tues., April 26, 7 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.**

Second Presbyterian Church, Common Room (2nd floor), 7700 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis, IN

Registration is free, but required: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/ending-hunger-whats-god-got-to-do-with-it-tickets-315575694397>

This workshop is designed to help lay leaders and clergy alike consider the call on faithful Christians to speak up for those who face food insecurity. As you know, churches often address hunger through food pantries and the like. But research shows only 15% of the need around us is met by all the charitable sources combined. Most folks don’t want to be 15% Christians. So, they are working hard to understand the root causes of hunger — how to change the systems that cause hunger in the first place. This workshop begins to name what our faith has to do with our advocacy: How and why we are called to get involved through more than simply charity. It’s a great way to introduce your congregation to this kind of public witness.

GREAT COURSE ADDED

The church library has added another Great Course, The Triumph of Christianity, to our collection. Lectures given by Bart Ehrman cover the history and growth of Christianity from its beginnings of 20 followers to the millions it has today. It calls upon the writings of ancient historians to tell the story of conflicts between the pagan and Christian followers, how a war led to the influence of Rome from the time of Constantine, the politics, the Jews, etc. There is much to learn about the triumph of Christianity.



YOUTH news from Rev. Kevin Toth

Follow us on Instagram
@fccyouthcrawfordsville



VBS DONATION SUPPORT

Vacation Bible School will be here in two months! VBS Director Leanah Brown and Kym Bushong are working on the decorations but would like to ask for the following donations:

- Tissue paper—packages of 100 sheets each of the following colors: Hot Pink, Purple, Turquoise, and Dark Green
- #9 Wire



If you are able to purchase any of these items, please click on the Sign-Up Genius link below and select the item you plan to donate. Donations can be dropped off by the church by May 8th.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D45A9AB2CABFEC34-vbs2022>

We greatly appreciate your support as we prepare for an amazing Vacation Bible School. Registration form will be sent out in the next few weeks. Be sure to save the date: July 13-15th!



WOW—Last Day April 27th!

Next Wednesday, April 27th, will be the last WOW gathering for the 2021/2022 school year. It's been a wonderful year! Each week, the youth gathered to play games, hang out, learn about the different parts of God's story, and share their prayers at the end of the day. We hope all the youth of the church will come join us for a wonderful fun day next Wednesday before the summer break begins!

A huge thanks to WOW Directors, Emily McLaughlin and Sharon Keedy, for all the hard work they did the past several years in keeping WOW going! And a special thanks to all our amazing teachers and volunteers who also made WOW possible: Emily Petrie, Raven Davis, Linda Weaver, Richelle Jefferies, Andrea Venis, Linda Petrie, Kate Lindsey, Beth Lindsey, Daniel Petrie, Tom Keedy, Rick Warner, Kay Nannet, Tim Nannet, and Ben McCormick!



The children had a wonderful time collecting eggs after Easter worship! Each egg held a special message to remind the kids that "Jesus Lives" and "Love Wins!"

Camp Celebrations!

Check out some of these amazing pictures and testimonies church members at church camp! Deadline to register for camp is May 15th! Reach out to Pastor Kevin if you plan to register for camp and need any assistance.



Pastor Kevin at his first church camp at Camp Caroline in 2009. He's in the back row with the long hair!



Vic Lindsey at camp as a youth.



MAY BASKET SALE

Here's a beautiful way to support Hand in Hand Creative Learning—and spread random acts of kindness in the community! The HHCL May Basket Sale is online only this year, so feel free to share this Facebook post or email the info to friends and family. The baskets can be ordered and paid for online at <https://neartail.com/us/handinhand> (or you may pick up a paper order form from the HHCL office), and the baskets must be picked up on May 1st from noon - 2 pm in FCC's parking lot. Orders are due April 27th. Thanks!



HHCL updates



The staff at Hand in Hand Creative Learning were very saddened to hear of Carolyn Snyder's husband's passing away on Easter. Carolyn has been a very valuable volunteer of ours and has spent many weeks doing loads of our laundry. We appreciate her so much and are praying for her during this difficult time. May the peace of God give her comfort.

Upcoming News: We are in the process of organizing a work day for the upstairs storage room. We will need volunteers to help. We will post a date as soon as possible. Our center is starting to look pretty nice with all the new additions. We are slowly getting things in order. Thank you!

prayer concerns

“We have to pray with our eyes on God, not on the difficulties.”

OSWALD CHAMBERS

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 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.

- BETTYE HUDSON**—recovering from a heart catheterization procedure
- CAROLYN SNYDER** and family on the loss of **BOB SNYDER**
- RUSS RUBY**—health concerns, recovering from three falls
- ARLEEN WILHITE**—recovering from a stent procedure
- OWEN SIDDENS**—recovering from tonsilectomy
- 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**
- 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
- 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
- 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
- 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**



HOW CAN WE HELP?



CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

- 5/1 Ruth Hester (92)
- 5/2 Gretchen Stewart
- 5/6 Gerry Turner (86)
- 5/7 Andrea Venis
- 5/9 Tammy Plank
- 5/11 Betsy Strain (80)
- 5/12 Nicole Kyger
- 5/16 Linda Spencer
- 5/19 Joshua Fosnock
- 5/26 Arlene Slaughter (84)
- 5/26 Sandy Henthorn (82)
- 5/26 Mary Ellen Fields (81)
- 5/2 Cindy Grimes
- 5/26 Amy Woodall
- 5/27 Gary Meek
- 5/29 Mark Frank
- 5/31 Shari Lovold

ANNIVERSARIES

- 5/3 Jesse and Hannah Scott
- 5/17 Carl and Carol Lamb
- 5/26 Kevin and LaDawn Priebe
- 5/28 Dallas and Karen McDonald (61st)
- 5/29 Mark and Jaci Wollenberg
- 5/31 Dale and Linda Petrie
- 5/31 Merlin and Sandy Guthrie (53rd)

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



PASTOR DARLA

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

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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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Those who are fully vaccinated and not at risk of severe Covid or influenza are welcome to show their smiles. **Masks are optional for all church activities!**

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!

OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday 10-1
Wednesday 10-1
Thursday 10-1

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!

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