



April 27, 2023

PASTORAL MESSAGE

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Hello Everyone!

I pray you are well at the time you are reading this Pathfinder. In each Pathfinder edition, we will be featuring a new story and share the many ways in which our faith has grown and how First Christian Church has impacted us.

I remember the first time I heard of the name FCC Crawfordsville. I was completing my second year of Hospital Chaplain residency in Mansfield, Texas. At the time, I was searching for my next ministry opportunity and was open to working at another hospital or at a church. The previous year, I had put my name in search and call and was unsuccessful in finding a new church home. That changed when I received an email from a Mr. David Maharry. He had received my ministerial portfolio and requested an interview. Several weeks passed before I was virtually face to face with several of the members on the search team: Sara Nicodemus, Ray Cedars, Barb Foster, Daniel Petrie, Carrie Siddens, Linda Spencer, Dave Maharry, and Darla Goodrich. It was a pleasant interview and before I knew it, I was asked for another interview. After the 2nd interview, Dave asked me to journey to Crawfordsville, Indiana.



I arrived on March 13th and was given a tour of the town, of the church, and had a wonderful fellowship dinner with the entire team at Darla's home. I was thankful for the hospitality of everyone and also for the chance to see and experience a part of Crawfordsville before everything shut down just a day later on March 15th.

Ever since this church called me as your associate minister almost three years ago, I have been blessed. A minister from my Bethany Fellows group once asked me why I said yes to coming here. My answer was simple: This church reminds me of my home church in North Carolina. Like my home church, everyone truly cares about one another

and is dedicated to serving our neighbors. Like my home church, we are a diverse group of people and yet we are still dedicated to being a community with each other. And like my home church, we support the ministries of our youth and children. Being called to First Christian Church feels like I am being called home again and for that I am thankful for you all!

This is one of many ways in which First Christian Church has impacted my faith journey thus far. I look forward to hearing your stories of your time in the church as we continue to become renewed and connected with one another through our storytelling!

Many Blessings
Pastor Kevin

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 or call the church office to request a copy.



**April 30, May 21, and July 9
(Sunday afternoons) from 4-5:30 pm**

As part of our congregational renewal time, First Christian Church is holding three “Story Circles” over the next three months. **These small group discussions about our lives and faith are an important part of the overall theme and planning for this renewal time.** We think they’ll also be fun! When we gather together, there is always laughter and connection and kindness.

How will this work? Each gathering will start at 4 pm in Fellowship Hall, where the topics for the afternoon will be introduced. Everyone will get copies of the questions we’ll discuss. No advanced prep is required, because these are questions about your life. Then we’ll divide into small groups, or “story circles.” The groups will gather in different areas (parlor, chapel, library, etc.) to discuss the prompts and share a bit about ourselves in the process. We’ll wrap up at 5:30.

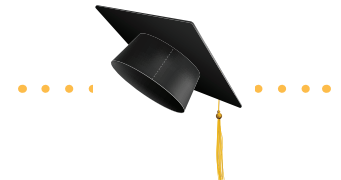
Why should I come? These times of intentional sharing in safe spaces will help us build our relationships with each other, strengthen our bonds within this church, and provide an opportunity to reflect on our individual spiritual lives.

Who’s invited? Everyone who is or wants to be part of our church community is welcome. **Childcare** is available, but please be sure to indicate that child care is needed when you sign up.

Which Story Circle should I come to? All of them, if possible! Each gathering will be different so please come to as many as you can!

How do I sign up? Signup sheets are on an easel in the narthex, near the stairs to the sanctuary. You may also email fcc.comm211@gmail.com or call the church office (765-362-4812) to tell us which sessions you can attend. **Pre-registration is not required** but is helpful to us in planning.

Questions? Contact Kelly Stanley (fcc.comm211@gmail.com).



Celebrating our Graduates: May 21st!

Thanks to all of you who have contacted Kevin or me with information about 2023 graduates! We are looking forward to celebrating all of those graduates associated with our church and will be honoring them in worship on May 21 and/or in the church newsletter.

If you haven’t contacted us and you or someone in your family is graduating from high school, college, or other studies, please send us their name, degree achieved, institution, and future plans. We need this information by May 14.

Thanks for your help!

Judy Michal – email judymichal@yahoo.com or text 765-376-8255



Roots and Branches

Speaking Schedule During Renewal Time

- April 30 Ecumenical Service at Wabash Avenue Presbyterian Church
- May 7 Judy Michal, Carolyn Snyder, Rex Henthorn
- May 14 Rev. Sam Vaught
- May 21 Kay Nannet, Linda Spencer
- May 28 Rev. Kevin Toth
- June 4 Ellen Oaks, Nancy Beach
- June 11 Tammy & Justin Meyers
- June 18 Rick Warner
- June 25 Rev. Kevin Toth
- July 2 Jackie McDermott & Nate Thompkins
- July 9 Ben McCormick & Chuck Ranspach
- July 16 Rev. Rick Spleth

We thank everyone for taking the time to share their faith stories with us during worship!

Please contact Pastor Kevin with any questions.



Dusk to Dawn Bereavement Services' next Learning Series event is **Healing Harp: Therapeutic Music at the Bedside on Wednesday, May 10, from noon to 1 pm.**


Certified Music Practitioner and harpist Sabrina Sigal Falls plays live therapeutic music for seriously ill patients at home, in hospitals, or in hospice settings. In this interactive session, Sabrina will play her harp, demonstrate the instrument and talk about how she supports others through this healing practice. Session is in the sanctuary at Christ Lutheran Church, 300 West South Blvd. *Please RSVP at www.dusk-to-dawn.org or by calling 765-267-1760.*



We are excited to announce that our unity worship is coming up **this Sunday @ Wabash Avenue Presbyterian Church!** First Christian Church, Christ Lutheran Church, & Wabash Avenue church created this new tradition of combining our worship services on the 5th Sunday of the month for 2023. Back in January, we hosted the three churches for our combined worship together.

Wabash Avenue's **worship begins at 10:40am.** We are welcome to join their educational classes at 9:30 am. Our choirs will be combining together to provide a wonderful Sunday anthem! Rev. Kelly Nelson will be our morning preacher. We hope you will join us this Sunday at Wabash Avenue Presbyterian Church for worship!

FCC BOOK CLUB



Looking forward to seeing everyone in May to discuss **The Book of Longings** by Sue Monk Kidd. See you on May 2 at 6 pm in the Parlor.

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

This meeting will be led by Aaron Morrison from St John's, right here at FCC, hopefully with members from both churches present.

One copy of each book is available in our church library. Questions? Reach out to Kelly Stanley, 765.366.6709.

Ladies Lunch Bunch

LADIES LUNCH BUNCH to dine at the Crawfordsville Country Club Thursday, May 18, at 1 pm. All gals are invited to be a part of this group!!



YOUTH news from Rev. Kevin Toth

Follow us on Instagram
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WOW Spreading Affirming Messages to the People of Crawfordsville on the corner of Walnut & Wabash!




FruitFULL Faith

A Spirit-filled Life!

2023 CAMPS

Geneva

- June 12-14 **You & Me 1** (age 5+ and an adult)
- June 12-17 **Explorers** (completed grades 4-5)
- June 15-17 **New Beginnings** (completed grades 1-3)
- June 19-21 **You & Me 2** (age 5+ and an adult)
- June 19-24 **M.A.D.** (Music Art & Drama - completed grades 6-12)
- June 26-July 1 **High School Traditional** (completed grades 9-12)
- June 26-July 1 **Middle School Traditional** (completed grades 6-8)
- June 26-July 1 **C.R.O.S.S.** (Christian Recreation and Outdoor Sports Skills - completed grades 6-12)

Bedford

- June 19-24 **Explorers** (completed grades 4-5)
- June 26-28 **New Beginnings** (completed grades 1-3)
- June 29-July 1 **You & Me** (age 5+ and an adult)
- July 3-8 **High School** (completed grades 9-12)
- July 10-15 **Middle School** (completed grades 6-8)



Camp 2023: Register ASAP!

Please make sure to register your child for camp as soon as you can and please let Pastor Kevin know if your child is attending church camp this summer. Also let Pastor Kevin know if you wish to counsel a camp. Scholarship support is available upon request.



Save the Date- Vacation Bible School: July 19-21!

Registration is coming in May! If you are looking to volunteer, reach out to VBS Director, Tammy Meyers.

Office Manager

Kay Nannet has been an active member of FCC since 1991, and has served as committee chairs, deacon, elder, youth leader, children's church leader, and Worship leader over the years. Her husband Tim, and children Quinton and Andie, have also been active over the years.



By education, Kay is a Nurse Practitioner, and works a few hours/mo helping at the Wabash College Health Center. Currently she is lucky enough that her primary job is overseeing the care of her husband, daughter, parent-in-laws, home, and pets. Kay also serves on the Board for Dusk to Dawn Bereavement Services, and in committees with the local League of Women Voters. She is looking forward to serving FCC members, lay leaders, and our pastors to the best of her ability as our new office manager. Thank you to all who have welcomed Kay and are helping her learn how to best be of service.

MAY BASKET SALE

SPREAD RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS & SUPPORT LOCAL CHILDCARE!



Celebrate the beginning of May by surprising friends and loved ones with an anonymous basket of flowers on their door.

TO PURCHASE: Order online at <https://neartail.com/us/handinhand>

OR fill out order form, attach payment, & put in outdoor drop box @ First Christian Church. *A limited number of baskets will be available for cash purchase during pick up hours.

Orders due Wed, May 3rd
PICK UP 10-12 Saturday, May 6th & 12-2 PM, Sunday, May 7th
At First Christian Church (211 S. Walnut St)

Order forms were emailed to the Pathfinder mailing list—but you may also pick one up in the church office.

All proceeds go to
Hand in Hand Creative Learning
(501(c)3 nonprofit)



BUY A MAY BASKET

\$8.00



Too busy?
Out of town?
PAY IT FORWARD! We will deliver a basket to local nursing home residents and shut ins.

THANKS TO KROGER & OTHER SUPPORTING BUSINESSES

Scouts Update

We would like to welcome Giselle Gohier to T247 and Viktor Miller to T365. On April 3rd, some of our scouts took part in spreading mulch for the church playground and the other 1/3 took part in a merit badge class that they needed.

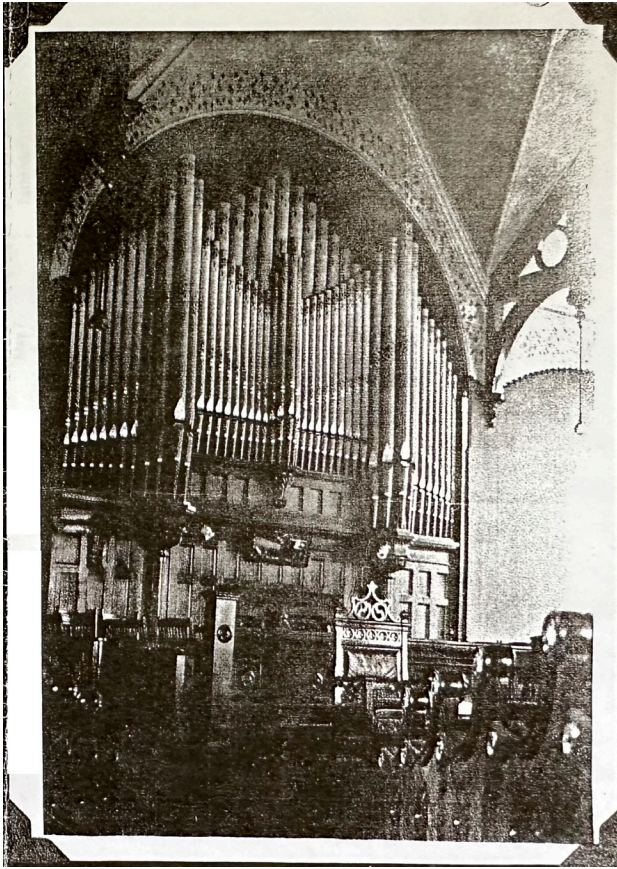
Coming up next:

- Weekly meetings on Monday evenings at 6:30 pm
- April 29th: helping the Master Gardeners at the 4-H building
- May 1st: working on the Emergency Prep merit badge
- May 10th: meeting at Rolf's house to be sure we have the needed gear for our upcoming camping trip
- May 26th: traveling to Red River Gorge in Kentucky to camp/fish/climb/hike—prayers welcomed

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 pm to 8 pm at First Christian Church.

Contact information: troop247.365.acct@gmail.com
Michele Enlow 765.401.6228
Rolf Samuelson 317.966.7609
Melissa Myers 765.366.7514





Bit-o-history

In 1960, when the church's pipe organ was about to be replaced with an electronic organ, Ken Buser wrote "The Old Pipe Organ." In this poem, he shares his memories of the organ when he first came to the church as a boy of six and his regret many years later to see it as "a pile of debris." Here are some of the verses:

*When Sunday School was over, into the church we marched.
And I got all squirmy, like my undershirt was starched.
Then all at once I saw it, with the greatness of its size
And huge pipes all gleaming gold, as if reaching for heaven's skies.*

*I stared at it in wonder, then it began to play;
Softly at first, then swelling, 'til it thundered like a stormy day.
To a small boy, it seemed so splendid, this great organ in the loft.
Yet such a giant wonder, could play so sweetly soft.*

*Even when it stopped playing, I could hardly move my stare,
While a man down front was talking, what he said I didn't care.
As we left, I still remembered how the low notes would feel,
Pounding in my chest, during the organ's peal.*

After sharing his memories of the pipe organ through the years, he concludes with these verses:

*Now I know it's not an organ that I mourn so tenderly,
It's my own selfishness, to bring back a memory.
So when the new organ plays, the sweet music will mean to me
That a good life isn't built without first rising from its own debris.*

The electronic organ was replaced with our current organ which was purchased from a bequest from Francis Scott who was the organist at First Christian for 46 years.

Cris Manker Update

Thanks to Raymond Williams for getting permission to share this message from Cris's son with all of you. Cris celebrates her 95th birthday this week!

I will certainly pass along your good wishes for a Happy Birthday! Mom is doing well but slowing down. She still walks in the patio everyday but she is having more difficulty with balance and seems to eat less each week. She still does her crossword puzzles and loves to play games with the great grandchildren when they visit. Mom remembers First Christian fondly and misses the services and music.



Meals on Wheels is looking for an additional driver—starting May 4, every other month, and each Thursday during that much. Meals must be picked up at the hospital at 10:30 am. Safe driving record is required. If interested, please contact Wendy Pritchett, Driver Coordinator, 765-366-5611, wendy.mow21@gmail.com.



Help us keep this list up to date! Please email 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.

BETTYE HUDSON—in hospice care
THOMAS MAY (Sandy Brown's son-in-law and Lisa Lofland-May's husband)—suffering from Stage 4 Cancer and is taking chemo but is seriously ill. Lisa and Thomas have a 12 year old son, Connor.

JOHN HOOPER—ongoing Parkinson's issues

GAIL MERRIMAN—health issues

The family of Nick Hedrick on the passing of his grandmother, **MARGE BOWMAN**, on March 25

QUINTON NANNET and family—Quinton continues to remain in New Zealand, is physically safe, but is facing a lot of uncertainties ahead. Please pray for Quinton's resilience, courage, hope and wisdom, amid the challenges he's facing.

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

CHURCH STAFF, MINISTERS, AND LEADERSHIP

DARLA GOODRICH—for a meaningful and rejuvenating time of clergy renewal

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, BOB DIXON**
THE LANE HOUSE: **BETTY CEDARS**

Thank you

Thank you to my church family for your prayers and concerns as our son Quinton is navigating some difficult and uncertain circumstances, in a beautiful country that is very far from home. In order to protect his privacy I cannot share details of what he's experiencing. He is physically safe, he is with people who love him, and he has lots of support from his family and friends in the US. Prayers for strength, faith, hope, courage, and wisdom for all of us are requested.

Peace,
Kay Nannet

Thank you to everyone who extended condolences after my sister passed away. Your cards, notes, calls and prayers were all appreciated very much. Thank you for your love and expressions of kindness.

Ann Skomp

PASTOR KEVIN ON RETREAT APRIL 24-28

I will be away on my Bethany Fellow's ministerial retreat the last week of April. **For pastoral emergencies and concerns**, please reach out to **Raymond Williams** (williamr@wabash.edu). You can also reach out to the **Clergy Renewal Team** for other concerns regarding the church. I will be back in town Saturday, April 29th and will return to emails, texts, and phone calls then. Thank you for allowing me the time to experience some rest and renewal and for the opportunity to serve as one of your pastors!

Who to contact during the clergy renewal time

Rev. Kevin Toth is lead pastor during this time. He will fulfill all of Pastor Darla's normal duties.

Contact the church office (765.362.4812 or 211fccville@gmail.com) for **assistance with anything other than pastoral care**.

If Kevin is not available or you have questions, you may reach out to our lay leaders: **Dave Maharry** (Governing Board Chair), the **elders**, or the **leaders of any of the ministry teams**.

If you need information about church activities or have news for the congregation, reach out to our **communications administrator, Kelly Stanley**.

You may also reach out to the **members of the clergy renewal team**: Kate Lindsay (chair), Dave Maharry, Kevin Toth, Linda Weaver, Tom Keedy, Amber Rohr, Nick Hedrick, Jerry Whipkey, and Kelly Stanley.

All contact information can be found in the church directory. If you need a copy of the directory, contact the office.

We ask that you respect Pastor Darla's time away by not contacting her directly during this time. She will not be answering her phone or email so that she can return rested and recharged.

FCC OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday 10-1

Wednesday 10-1

Thursday 10-1

New hours effective May 1:
Monday through Friday, 10-2

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Email: 211fccville@gmail.com

PASTOR KEVIN

Friday is Rev. Kevin's day off.

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MEMBERS OF THE CLERGY & CONGREGATIONAL RENEWAL TEAM

Kate Lindsay (chair),
Dave Maharry, Kevin Toth,
Linda Weaver, Tom Keedy,
Amber Rohr, Nick Hedrick,
Jerry Whipkey, and
Kelly Stanley

HOW CAN WE HELP?



OFFICE	Kay Nannet , Office Manager, 211 S Walnut St, Crawfordsville IN 47933 765.362.4812 (voice mail checked on weekdays) Email: 211fccville@gmail.com
PROPERTY	For general property issues , call office and leave a message. For urgent property issues , call Tom Keedy Cell phone: 765.376.2699
GRIEF AND LOSS	Jai Miranda , Dusk to Dawn Bereavement Services Cell phone: 765.720.2829 (call or text) Email: jmiranda@coachj.com
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COMMUNICATIONS (including newsletter)	Kelly Stanley , Communications Administrator Cell phone: 765.366.6709 Email: fcc.comm211@gmail.com
OTHER LEADERS OR MINISTRIES	For a full list of our leaders , go to www.fccville.org/our-lay-leaders or consult your church directory



May Calendar

See calendar online at www.fccville.org/events
To add something to the schedule, email fcc.comm211@gmail.com

- Mon. 5/1 **Scouts**—6:30 pm
- Tues. 5/2 **FCC Book Club**—6-7:30 pm—*The Book of Longings* by Sue Monk Kidd
Pool Fellowship—7 pm
- Wed. 5/3 **Choir Practice**— 7:15 pm
- Thurs. 5/4 **Men's Coffee**—9-10 am
Cruisers (Pizza Hut)—11:30
Pool Fellowship—7 pm
- Sat. 5/6 **HHCL May Basket Fundraiser** (parking lot)—10 am to noon
- Sun. 5/7 **The Wired Word**—9 am
Worship (in sanctuary or online) w/Rev. Kevin Toth, Judy Michal, Carolyn Snyder, and Rex Henthorn —10:15 am
HHCL May Basket Fundraiser (parking lot)—12-2 pm
- Mon. 5/8 **Scouts**—6:30 pm
- Tues. 5/9 **Elders Meeting**—7 pm
- Wed. 5/10 **Dusk to Dawn Learning Series: Healing Harp** (Christ Lutheran Church)—12-1 pm
Pub Theology (Backstep Brewing Co.)—5:30 pm
Choir Practice—7:15 pm
- Thurs. 5/11 New Pathfinder newsletter
Men's Coffee—9-10 am
- Sun. 5/14 **The Wired Word**—9 am
Worship (in sanctuary or online) w/Rev. Kevin Toth and Rev. Sam Vaught— 10:15 am
- Mon. 5/15 **Scouts**—6:30 pm

- Tues. 5/16 **Euchre** (Parlor)—1 pm
Coordinating Council—7:00 pm
Governing Board Meeting—8:00 pm
- Wed. 5/17 **Choir Practice**— 7:15 pm
- Thurs. 5/18 **Men's Coffee**—9-10 am
Ladies Lunch Bunch —1 pm at Crawfordsville Country Club
Pool Fellowship—7 pm
- Sun. 5/21 **The Wired Word**—9 am
Worship (in sanctuary or online) w/Rev. Kevin Toth, Kay Nannet, and Linda Spencer and Graduation Sunday—10:15 am
Story Circles—4-5:30 pm
- Mon. 5/22 **Scouts**—6:30 pm
- Tues. 5/23 **Clergy/Congregational Renewal Team Meeting**—6:30 pm
HHCL Board Meeting—7:30 pm
- Wed. 5/24 **Choir Practice**— 7:15 pm
- Thurs. 5/25 New Pathfinder newsletter
Men's Coffee—9-10 am
- Sun. 5/28 **The Wired Word**—9 am
Worship (in sanctuary or online) w/Rev. Kevin Toth—10:15 am
- Mon. 5/29 **Memorial Day**
Scouts—6:30 pm
- Wed. 5/31 **Choir Practice**— 7:15 pm

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

MAY BIRTHDAYS May 1—Ruth Hester • May 5—Jackie McDermott • May 6—Gerry Turner • May 7—Andrea Venis • May 9—Tammy Plank • May 11—Betsy Strain • May 12—Nicole Kyger • May 16—Linda Spencer • May 19 Joshua Fossnock • May 21—Malachi Meyers • May 26—Arlene Slaughter, Sandy Henthorn, Mary Ellen Fields, Cindy Grimes, Amy Woodall • May 29—Mark Frank • May 31—Shari Lovold

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES May 3—Jesse and Hannah Scott • May 17—Carl and Carol Lamb • May 26—Kevin and LaDawn Priebe • May 28—Dallas and Karen McDonald • May 29—Mark and Jaci Wollenberg • May 31—Dale and Linda Petrie; Merlin and Sandy Guthrie