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PASTORAL MESSAGE
MENTAL HEALTH MATTERS

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At the beginning of the month, I traveled to my first (in-person) Bethany Fellows retreat located at Mundelein Seminary in Chicago, IL. While I have been a part of Bethany Fellows since September 2020, I have not had the pleasure of being in the same physical space of other ministers in this program due to the pandemic. For anyone who may not be aware, Bethany Fellows is a ministry program designed to mentor and support young clergy as they enter their first four years of congregational service. Bethany Fellows indirectly serves congregations by assisting pastors within the program and offers two retreats a year, as well as year-round counsel and support. Each retreat is filled with fellowship time with other ministers across the country as well as educational and spiritual workshops and even time in silence to renew our spirits and energy.

While the purpose of each retreat is for us to walk away feeling more refreshed and energized than when we began the retreat, another purpose of the retreats includes being educated and empowered in our ministry setting. During this past retreat, we engaged in dialogue regarding Mental Health. I thought this was very relevant for many reasons. For one, May just happens to be Mental Health awareness month. But also, mental health is often not talked about enough in our society and lives and our presenters, Rev. Sarah Griffith



Lund and Rev. Julian DeShazier, spoke with us about the stigma around mental health and how we as Pastors can break the stigma in our congregations. Rev. Lund just happens to be the senior pastor of First Congregational UCC in Indianapolis and recently wrote a book called, "Blessed Youth" which goes into detail in how we can care for our wonderful youth who are struggling with their mental health. I received a free copy of her book and thus far, I have gained a lot of insight into this very important topic.



I believe our mental health is just as important as our physical and spiritual health. It's one of the reasons I personally see a therapist because my mental health is invaluable to me. The

same reason I see my doctor for my physical health and a spiritual director for my spiritual health; my holistic health is important to me. And I hope your holistic health is important to you as well. It can be easy to be caught in the shame when trying to take care of our mental health. I'm here to say that it is alright to take care of your mental health, because you matter, just as much as your physical and spiritual health matters.

I will continue to talk more on this important topic the next time I preach on May 29th. But if you like to share your thoughts or be dialogue with me about mental health or my involvement in Bethany Fellows, I am more than happy to speak with you.

As always, many blessings be with you all,
Pastor Kevin



Helping “Seeds of Hope”

The “Seeds of Hope” garden at Christ Lutheran Church (CLC) is planted and they’re hoping it will grow happily until harvest time. CLC started the garden two years ago with a grant fund from Center for Congregations. They’ve expanded and now have 4 raised beds, an in-ground plot, 8 apple trees and blueberry bushes! Last year they put in an arbor to provide some shade that has a table and chairs under it. All produce goes to the Free Clinic and FISH food pantry. FCC has an older congregation and their two most dedicated gardeners could really use some new recruits to help, especially as maintenance/weeding comes along. If you are interested in helping out, please let CLC know! **CLC’s next planned work day is Saturday, May 21, at 9 am.**

If you’d like to learn more or are interested in helping out please contact Mary Lou Dawald 765-401-4564 artteacher1974@gmail.com or Linda Cherry lindascherry@comcast.net.

UPCOMING EVENTS

The calendar of events and activities for June will be emailed on June 1—but you can also always find an updated schedule online at fccville.org/events

It’s not too late to reboot your prayer life!

Do you get bored? Tired? Frustrated? Do you have doubts about whether this prayer thing is really all it’s cracked up to be? Prayer doesn’t have to be dry or serious. It can be creative and new if you just open your hearts and minds. 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 is a cross between a class and a prayer group—an exploration and a casual, interactive discussion facilitated by Kelly O’Dell Stanley. We had our first meeting on Monday the 16th, but **it’s not too late to join in!**

Join us on Mondays from 3–4 pm in the Parlor on May 23, June 6, and June 13. (We will not meet on Memorial Day.)

Interested or have other questions?

Email, call, or text Kelly (765-366-6709 / kellyostanley@me.com).



Hi FCC Family-

We would be so blessed if you could join us for our wedding ceremony on Saturday May 28, 2022. While we are unable to host everyone at our reception, we plan to be present for a coffee/tea hour before the ceremony from 3pm - 4pm in the First Christian Church Parking lot (with the 1832 Brew Food Truck).

Please join us for our wedding ceremony from 4pm - 4:45pm! You can also find an evite to RSVP and with more information here: <http://evite.me/z7xhAGdeAm>

If you have any questions, then please email us at tompkinn@gmail.com.

Love, Jackie McDermott & Nate Tompkins
theknot.com/nateandjackiewedding



YOUTH news *from Rev. Kevin Toth*

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2022 GRADUATES!

This past Sunday, we had the chance to celebrate and honor the graduates who have been a part of our church and graduates who are relatives of many of our church members. Be sure to extend your congratulations to the graduates and their families listed below (in alphabetical order).

Kara Beckman – graduating from Maryville University; will be continuing career as therapist; daughter of Darla Goodrich.

Ben Brown - graduating from Crawfordsville High School; plans to attend Franklin College; grandson of Ron and Bonnie Yund.

Charles Estrada – graduating from Rutgers University (School of Dental Medicine); will be pursuing career in dentistry; grandson of Sam and Myrna Thompson.

Ian Gale – graduating from Wabash College; plans to teach in Armines region of France through TAPIF program for 2022-2023 academic year; has attended FCC while studying at Wabash

Megan Glynn – graduating from University of Missouri; will be pursuing career as 4th grade teacher; daughter of Darla Goodrich.

Megan Hooper – graduating from Carlton University; plans to attend University of Toronto for Master of Health Sciences; granddaughter of Pat and John Hooper.

Eric Hutson – graduating from IU School of Medicine; plans to attend Stanford University; grandson of Paul and Jutta Hutson.

Aiden Keller - graduating from Edgewood High School; plans to play trumpet in the Blue Coats Drum and Bugle Corp over the summer; grandson of Marilyn Patton.

William Maharry - graduating from University of Chicago Lab School; plans to attend Boston University; grandson of Ginny and Dave Maharry.

Ethan McKinney – graduating from Crawfordsville High School; no definitive plans at this time; grandson of Susan and Rick Hodges.

Harrison Meyer – graduating from North Montgomery High School; plans to attend IUPUI for political science; son of Tammy and Justin Meyer.

Andrew Powell - graduating from Marian University College of Osteopathic Medicine; pursuing four-year residency at Children’s Hospital of Peoria, IL and OSF Health Center; previously attended First Christian while at Wabash College.

Parker Rea – graduating from Rush Medical College and receiving his white coat as a doctor; will be serving in the Navy after graduation; grandson of Ruth Hester. and son of Dick and Tracy Rea.

Bobby Stanley – graduated from Galloup School of Lutherie; pursuing new career in Nashville, TN; son of Kelly and Tim Stanley.

Harmony Taylor – graduating from Crawfordsville High School; plans to attend Denison University for psychology major; daughter of Ann and Patrick Taylor.

Emma Teague – graduating from University of Reading (London); pursuing career in publishing business; granddaughter of Arleen Wilhite.

Mackenzie Thompson – graduating from Indiana University; pursuing career in nursing. Granddaughter of Sam and Myrna Thompson.

Shannon Treese – graduating from Rasmussen University; pursuing career in nursing; daughter of Kristy and Joe Reese and Granddaughter of Sam and Myrna Thompson.



Parker Rea with his parents, Dick and Tracy Rea.



VBS REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

We are excited to announce that YOU can start to register your children for Vacation Bible School now! Our registration form is online. Follow the QR code to get to the registration form. Please contact Pastor Kevin if you need any assistance in signing your child up for VBS.



The dates are July 13-15th, from 5:30 pm-7:30 pm each night.

We still are in need of #9 wire for our decorations. If you are able and willing to donate this to assist with the VBS decorations, please contact Pastor Kevin or VBS Director, Leanah Brown. It's going to be a fantastic VBS!



Flourish Academy— Thanks!

I want to thank Brad Weaver and Ron Yund for participating with me in my Flourish Academy financial literacy workshop on May 7th! My 2 year participation in the Flourish program through the Indiana region of Disciples of Christ requires congregational leaders to join me for each of the required retreats and I am so thankful for all the support I have received from the church since I joined this program.

Pastor Kevin

NEW! HATS AVAILABLE— ORDER NOW FOR FATHER'S DAY!

As we head into summer, wear our new logo with pride! Photo color may not be completely accurate, but photos show an actual sample we ordered. (Come see it in the office if you would like.)

To receive your hat before Father's Day (June 19), place your order no later than June 3rd.

Proceeds will go toward the Agape Fund. Print and fill out the order form to the right or pick one up in the office.

At a later date, we may also offer visors, but they are currently unavailable from our source.

Payment is due at time of order. You may pay with cash or check (made payable to First Christian Church). Sales tax and shipping costs already included.



HAT ORDER FORM

Name: _____

Number of hats ordered: _____ x \$25 each = \$ _____

How should we notify you when the hats arrive?

email: _____

phone: _____



Cville ARC Update

Modified from David Hadley's email with names omitted to keep the family's relatives safe from the Taliban:

Representatives from 7 Crawfordsville churches (the Crawfordsville ARC – Afghan Resettlement Coalition) gathered on Saturday May 7 with our family for a fun picnic in Milligan Park. The Afghan family, which resides in Brownsburg, thoroughly enjoyed the picnic and meeting for the first time their Crawfordsville friends. B_____ (the husband) told us that they consider us their family in America. B_____ (the wife) got in the pitch-in picnic mode by bringing four delicious Afghan dishes. S_____ (the daughter) made new friends quickly with the children who came to welcome her. It was a very special event for the family and for all of us.

B_____ (the husband) is working five days a week at a distribution facility in Plainfield and really appreciated a day off from the physical work that he does. We are still working to solve the transportation issue. Uber is much too expensive for his daily commute, but that has been the stopgap solution. We have access to a motor scooter and will see if that can be a good weather option. He remains concerned about getting legal help to get permanent residency and has been contacted by an attorney from Exodus Refugee Immigration (the Indianapolis agency with which the family and we are working).

B_____ (the wife) and S_____ seem to be doing well. B_____ and B_____ are interested in enrolling four-year-old S_____ in preschool. We will help them contact the Brownsburg schools to explore the possibilities. After watching S_____ today, we are certain she will thrive in preschool.

Again, thank you all for supporting the family. Please continue to keep them in your prayers.



Stories of struggle are nothing new to the church. The COVID-19 pandemic is just one chapter in a long history of struggles the church has faced through the ages. Through it all, Disciples have been steadfast in our time. By launching emerging congregations, we have stepped up to care for communities in need. But we don't do it alone. With God's help and the help of regional and general ministries, our courageous leaders have been provided with facilities to conduct their outreach activities and with online educational opportunities to grow their ministries. By making a gift to the 2022 Pentecost Offering, received in most congregations on Sundays, **May 29 and June 5**, you can ensure that the new church movement continues to prosper in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Each year, half of these gifts go to your own region to support local new church development. The other half goes to New Church Ministry, which trains, equips, assists, and multiplies new church leaders across the United States and Canada. Planning, nurturing, and sustaining new places of worship is part of the Disciples' vision – participation in this Special Day Offering helps this vision come to life! Please consider giving generously. Your offering may be designated as "Pentecost Offering." To learn more visit: <http://disciplesmissionfund.org/special-offerings/pentecost>.



Congregational Meeting

Mark your calendars! There will be a congregational meeting immediately following worship on Sunday, June 26, to approve the new slate of leadership for the 2022-23 year. Watch for more info to come about voting procedures and the meeting.



SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES IN OHIO & KY!

DAYTON, OHIO - Tornado Recovery

In response to the May 2019 tornado outbreak, **Week of Compassion** is supporting an innovative collaboration called the Tornado Survivors' Pathways to Homeownership, which helps families displaced from tornado-damaged rental housing become first-time homeowners.

In partnership with the Christian Church in Ohio, the Heartland Conference United Church of Christ, and the United Church of Christ Disaster Ministries, we are hosting **volunteer teams of 4-10 people through July 2022** to finish interiors of new/rehabbed homes and address an affordable housing shortage. Volunteers must be 14 years of age or older (mixed age groups must have 1 adult for every 4 volunteers under 18).

Housing is provided, if desired, (\$50/person/week) at United Christian Church, where teams will have access to a kitchen to prepare meals. Showers will be at the YMCA across the street. Preferred work schedule is Monday-Friday, but other schedules can be accommodated as availability allows.

MADISONVILLE, KENTUCKY - Tornado Recovery

An historic tornado outbreak on Dec. 10, 2021 cause severe damage in multiple communities. We are partnering with FCC Madisonville and Fuller Center Disaster Rebuilders to receive volunteers during spring/summer 2022. Additional volunteer opportunities are in development across the affected areas. Fill out the volunteer interest form for registration information and to be notified of future opportunities.

If you or your family are interested in volunteering or you would like to coordinate a volunteer group from FCC contact Pastor Darla. Click on the following links to learn more:

<https://www.weekofcompassion.org/volunteer.html>



Hope you will join us in celebrating the dedication of **Vivian Belle Cass**, daughter of Logan and Ellen Cass, this coming **Sunday, May 22** during our 10:15 Worship! What a wonderful opportunity to surround this family with God's love and be a living sign of Christ presence with our prayers, commitment and affirmation!



We are almost finished with the book of Deuteronomy! As we get near the end, we are contemplating what biblical book we would like to explore next. Please give us your feedback on what bible book you like us to examine by completing this survey below. We greatly appreciate your feedback!

<https://forms.gle/PfTwpNVKeArp7tXu8>

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



CELEBRATIONS



Birthdays and anniversaries are now being emailed at the beginning of each month (with paper copies of the list sent to all who receive the Pathfinder by mail), so watch your email inbox around June 1 for all the birthdays and anniversaries in June!

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.

KAREN KELLER & KATHY (KELLER) LEE (daughters of the late Max & Sally Keller—FCC church members) and family in your prayers—Karen & Kelly's brother Keith Keller passed away

BOB HUDSON—cancer

BARB FOSTER and family on the loss of Barb's sister, Marilyn Marilys Miller

NANCY ROGERS—recovering from heart attack/receiving a pacemaker and having pneumonia

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

JOHN HUSTED—recovering from a fall

DALLAS MCDONALD—recovering from complications from eye surgery

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, SANDY RUBY, DALLAS & KAREN MCDONALD**

SIGNATURE HEALTHCARE PARKWOOD: **RUSS RUBY**

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.

Address Update

Please make note of this new address:

Russell Ruby

Signature Healthcare Parkwood
1001 N. Grant St.
Lebanon, IN 46052



HOW CAN WE HELP?

Vacation/ Out of Office

Pastor Darla will be on vacation with her family from Wednesday, June 1–Friday, June 10.

Another Great Course DVD Added

Another Great Course has been added to our collection, *A History and Archaeology of the Bible*. This study uses historical records and uncovered archeological sites to explore the history of the biblical Old Testament. This is a companion to the *Triumph of Christianity*, which was recently added exploring New Testament history. Through the addition of maps, we can see how wars and the resultant politics effected the Hebrew people and later, Jesus.



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!

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

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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
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