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A REFLECTION FROM
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To stand together under a sky - that no matter how grey and uncertain - still holds room for butterflies, moths, dragonflies and things we once were too fearful to name; things like whispered hope.

~Kerri ni Dochartaigh - *Thin Places*

My faith begins in the grass where the overlooked resides or in the trees where birds land after flight on wings. Improbable, some say, to believe what can't be seen but I know with each breath inhaled, each keening cry from the woods, my God is here. He lives in the thin places and obscure spaces all around, bidding "come find me" where earth meets sky, or under the fallen log or on a creek bank scattered among the ruins of run-offs from a distant land. I want for nothing more than to see His face in the blades of green outside my back door.

Written by Gwynn Wills, 6/01/2023



As a youngster, I spent a lot of time in the alley behind Pike Street where I lived with my grandparents in Crawfordsville. I explored milkweed in search of Monarch butterfly larva. I ate the sour gooseberries growing through the chicken wire in our neighbor's yard. I trapped potato beetles and lined them up on my wooden front porch to race to the nightshade plants, strategically placed out of their reach. I collected praying mantises and kept them in my dollhouse. I gave little thought as to why I was so enamored with nature and the abundance of freedom I had to take it all in. I see now how immersion in the outdoors was my way of coping with the separation from my family of origin; my mom, newly remarried and living out of state and my dad, off chasing his Bohemian dreams to become the next Jack Kerouac. Perhaps I related to the small and seemingly insignificant creatures that inhabited the landscape off my back porch.

My faith formation was effortless. I believed in the magic of the unseen long before I understood completely what it meant to be a Christian. Although my grandparents didn't attend church regularly, I asked to be dropped off on Sundays at FCC and attended Vacation Bible School there in the summers. I took it upon myself to be baptized, especially since my ancient Grandma Luddington lived with us and walked around our house chanting, "The end is near." I figured I'd better get right with God or Heaven was not a place I was likely to visit. Reverend Paul Million held classes for those of us who were of age to have some understanding of what it meant to be "saved." I came up out of the baptistery dripping with joy and optimism; I was a new me!

As all gloss wears off after a while, I traversed through my teenage years, jaded and rebellious. But here's the thing, I still talked to Jesus. All the time. His promise, as I understood it, was He would always be with me, love me and be a stable force in my life which hadn't been all that stable. I cannot tell you how many times I envisioned the Great I Am muttering *tsk tsk* and shaking his head at some poor decision I'd made.

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Just when I thought I couldn't be a greater disappointment to my Heavenly Father, a thin place event would occur; an earthworm writhing on a dry sidewalk needing to be put near soil or a dragonfly encased like a mummy in a spider web, beckoning to me to release it and once released, landing at my feet for a few seconds before flying off. Simple as these events may seem, they always harken me back to the days of my youth when my faith was fresh and innocent, when insects were my connection with something greater than I understood.

The only difference is today, I do understand.



Rediscovering the Parables of Jesus

Join us in the parlor on Sunday at 9 am (instead of the Wired Word class) as we rediscover the Parables of Jesus.

June 11 - Grace of God

- Laborers in the Field .. Matthew 20:1-16
- Lost Sheep Luke 15:1-7
- Lost Coin..... Luke 15:8-10
- Prodigal Son and Elder Son Luke 15:11-32

June 18 - Parables of the Judgment

- Two Sons Matthew 21:28-32
- The Great Feast..... Luke 14:15-24 & Mt 22:1-10
- Wise and Foolish Bridesmaids..... Mt 25:1-13
- Vine Dressers Mt 21:33-41, Luke 20:9-16 & Mark 12:1-9
- Last Judgment Matthew 25:31-46



Speaking Schedule During Renewal Time

- June 11 Tammy Meyers
- June 18 Kelly O'Dell Stanley & Linda Spencer
- June 25 Rev. Kevin Toth
- July 2 Jackie McDermott & Nate Thompkins
- July 9 Ben McCormick & Chuck Ranspach
- July 16 Rev. Rick Spleth
- July 23 Pastor Darla returns!

We thank everyone for taking the time to share their faith stories with us during worship! Please contact Pastor Kevin with any questions.

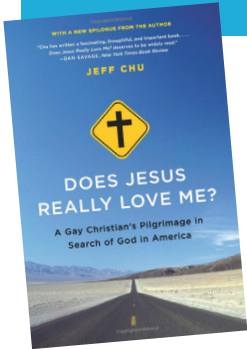


Don't miss our latest FCC art show:
A display of Bettye Hudson's needlework in our gallery hallway.

UPCOMING

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.

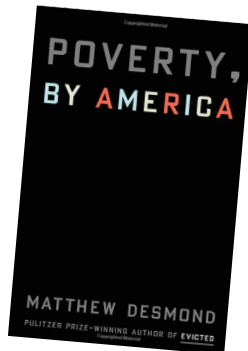
FCC BOOK CLUB



We will not meet in July since it's a busy month and our usual meeting date falls on a holiday.

We hope you will join us on August 1 from 6-7:30 pm for a discussion about *Does Jesus Really Love Me? A Gay Christian's Pilgrimage in Search of God in America* by Jeff Chu. Our book for September 5 will be *Poverty, by America* by Matthew Desmond.

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



History Helpers Needed

You are invited to join us on **Tuesday, June 27, from 10:00-12:00** in the church parlor as we work on preserving our church history. We will start by making sure the items we have in albums are protected by acid free coverings. We will also be assembling some archival boxes.

All necessary materials will be available, including gloves for handling the photos. We just need willing workers!

Contact Judy Michal at 765-376-8255 for more information. Hope to see you on June 27!

Ladies Lunch Bunch

Don't forget....Ladies Lunch Bunch meets at Applebee's Thurs. June 15 @ 1pm. All welcome!!



Praying in Motion with Pastor Kevin

Every Monday in June, Pastor Kevin invites all church members to join him for a 20-30 minute walk around Crawfordsville as a weekly prayer exercise. We will meet in the church parking lot at 9:30 am. If you are interested but are unable to meet at this time, please reach out to Kevin and another date and time may be arranged.

Congregational Meeting Sunday, June 25

All church members are invited to remain after worship on June 25 for a brief congregational meeting followed by an all-church potluck!

Here is the slate of new officers for the congregation to vote on at the Congregational Meeting immediately after worship on Sunday, June 25th.

July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024

Governing Board:

Chair - *Carolyn Snyder*
Vice Chair - Sara Nicodemus
Secretary to Governing Board (non-voting) - Linda Weaver
Treasurer - Brad Weaver
Property Chair - Tom Keedy
Trustee Rep - Dale Petrie
Elder Rep - Brad Plank
Deacon Rep - *Tammy Plank*
At-Large Reps - Kate Lindsay, Nate Tompkins

Ministry Team Chairs:

Adult Education - Kelly Stanley
Christian Outreach - *Amber Rohr, Linda Weaver* (Co-Chairs)
Congregational Care - *Kate Lindsay*
Good News and New Ministries - *Nick Hedrick, Ellen Oakes* (Co-Chairs)
Midweek Ministry - *Emily McLaughlin-Jenness, Andrea Venis*
Worship - *Leannah Brown, Cindy Grimes* (Co-Chairs)
Youth Education - *Tammy Meyers*

Trustees:

Class of 2024 - Rick Stout
Class of 2025 - Dale Petrie
Class of 2026 - *Ron Yund*

Elders:

Class of 2024 - Sharon Keedy, Amber Rohr, Gerry Turner, Brad Weaver
Class of 2025 - Daniel Petrie, Brad Plank, Bonnie Yund
Class of 2026 - *Tom Keedy, Dave Lunsford, Kim Mason, Andrew Nicodemus, Nick Reese*

Deacons:

Class of 2024 - Mark Brown, Nicole Kyger, Carole Pendleton, Linda Petrie, Tammy Plank, Nancy Rogers, Kelly Stanely, Don Thompson, Glenda Walther
Class of 2025 - Clara Brawner, Ed Dowd, Sarah Dowd, Jan Horner, Maxine Williamson
Class of 2026 - *Sara Nicodemus, Chuck Ranspach, Kaylynn Ranspach, Tammy Meyers, Arleen Wilhite, Ellen Oakes*

Personnel Committee:

Chair - Ryan Venis; Members - Kim Mason, Diane McLaughlin, Pat Hooper (Consultant)

Lay Leadership Committee:

Chair - Sara Nicodemus
Elder Reps - Daniel Petrie, Amber Rohr
Deacon Reps - Linda Petrie, _____
At-Large Reps - *Emily McLaughlin-Jenness, Bonnie Yund*

Senior Minister PRC Committee:

New Member: *Emily Petrie*

We will also recognize the members who have completed a term of office this past year. They include:

Governing Board - Ron Yund

Trustee - Rex Henthorn

Elder - Keith Strain, Leannah Brown

Deacon - Cindy Grimes, Judy Michal, Emily McLaughlin-Jenness, Debra Morrett, Ron Yund

Ministry Team Chairs

Outreach - Carolyn Snyder, Sandy Ruby

Congregational Care - Judy Michal

Good News - Jackie McDermott

Youth Education - Sarah Reed-Jay



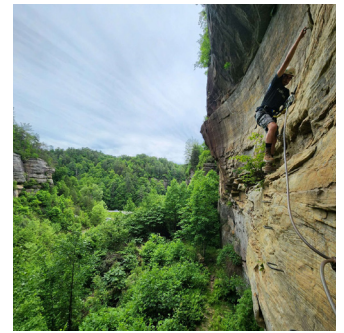
To help us plan, please sign up online at
www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C48ADAB2BA-6FAC16-potluck

or on the paper on the Welcome Center in the Narthex. The church will provide fried chicken, beverages, and tableware. To help us plan, please indicate what food item you will be bringing!

If you have questions, please contact Kate Lindsay at kate@donandkate.org or 817-564-4191.

Thank you to everyone who helped with FoodFinders on May 20!

. It went very well and 95 families were served!



Scouts Update

We took 16 youth and 12 adults to Red River Gorge over the Memorial weekend for some fun climbing, fishing, camping and hiking. A great time was had by all. We would love to go back again in the near future. Thank you to all of the adults, parents and youth who worked and paid their way to go.

Coming up Next:

- Weekly meetings on Monday evenings at 630pm
- **June 5th** we will be meeting in Darlington to unload the trailer from our last outing
- **June 12th** meeting at Sugar Creek Nature Park - discuss summer camp and next court of honor
- **Undetermined dates** (sometime in June/July): Eagle project work days - Drew Crosby / Cameron Enlow
- **June 17th** - Presentation of flags at Darlington - Rocky Ridge 9am
- **June 18-24** - Summer Camp @Camp Cullom - Frankfort
- **June 24th** - Flag Ceremony - Waynetown Freedom Festival - just before fireworks
- **June 26th** - no meeting
- **July 4th** - making and selling popcorn at New Richmond, partnering with Pack 909
- **July 15th** - Pancake breakfast at American Legion 730am-11am - fundraiser for registration fees for 2024 scouting year

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 6:30pm to 8pm. During the summer months watch the Pathfinder for location or give us a call... we like to be outdoors during the summer.





YOUTH news from Rev. Kevin Toth

Follow us on Instagram
@fccyouthcrawfordsville



Invite your friends!
Vacation Bible School is July 19-21!



Registration is now open! Follow the QR code to sign up online or follow the link. If you need a physical registration form, please contact Pastor Kevin or Tammy Meyers.



<https://tinyurl.com/HeroHotlineFCC>

CHILDREN'S CHURCH SCHEDULE

Date	Bible Story	Teacher
June 11	The Light	Beth Lindsay
June 18	Creation	Kate Lindsay
June 25	Noah	TBD
July 2	Abram & Sarai	Kate Lindsay

All children ages 4 to 12 are invited to participate in our Worship and Wonder curriculum!

Camp Blessings!



We are excited for our youth who are attending camp the next two weeks:

Anna Lindsay is attending Explorers Camp at Geneva Center, June 12-17!

Addie Lindsay is attending New Beginnings Camp at Geneva Center, June 15-17!

Hailey Lobough is attending Explorers Camp at Camp Bedford, June 19-24!

We send our prayers and blessings to these campers and look forward to hearing their stories when they return! You may also send our campers a card for them to receive while at camp!

Write their name, the camp they are attending, and the camp's address:

Camp Bedford: 33 Church Camp Rd, Bedford, IN 47421

Geneva Center: 5282 N Old US 31, Rochester, IN 46975



Youth Pool Party! July 22nd!

Come join us for a fun day at the Milligan Park pool after Vacation Bible School on Saturday July 22nd! All age children (from Children's Church, WOW, VBS, and youth group) are invited! Please RSVP to Pastor Kevin if you are planning to attend. We look forward to a wonderful fun day in July!



VBS Volunteer Meeting

We are having a VBS volunteer meeting on Monday, June 19th from 5:30-6:30 in the Parlor.

Dusk to Dawn Learning Series

The next Dusk to Dawn Learning Series Event: **Preserving Memories Through Photography with John Zimmerman** will be Wednesday June 14, 2023 Noon-1:00pm

John will use audience interaction to personalize the process of gathering, refining and archiving personal image collections. In 1959, after his wife gave him a camera as a wedding present, John began documenting family trips and Wabash sponsored trips throughout the US and abroad. Program is free, please register online at dusk-to-dawn.org and of course bring your lunch if you like!



Dusk to Dawn Bereavement Services



10th Anniversary Celebration

Summer Fun & Fitness

Saturday June 17 8:00-noon

Christ Lutheran Church
300 West South Blvd, Crawfordsville

Fun Run, Pet Adoption, Blood Drive family-friendly events, and more!

Reflecting on Your Own Story

We hope you're enjoying the reflection prompts in each week's bulletin—and also posted on Facebook on Mondays. The most important part is our own personal reflection and growth, but this is a reminder that if you feel you have an interesting answer to one of the questions that you'd like to share in a future Pathfinder, feel free to email fcc.comm211@gmail.com or leave it in the church office. Let Kelly Stanley know if you have questions.

Dusk to Dawn is also hosting its next 10th Anniversary Event that includes a Fun Run, Pet Adoption, Blood Drive, and family-friendly wellness activities. Saturday June 17 beginning at 8am. Learn more at our website, www.dusk-to-dawn.org



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.

Family and friends of **CRIS MANKER**, who recently passed away

DARLENE GOODRICH has been hospitalized at Crawfordsville Franciscan Hospital due to an abdominal infection

Family and friends of **DAVID DUNLAP** (friend of Don and Kate Lindsay), who recently passed away

WESTSIDE CHRISTIAN CHURCH in New Orleans for discernment and compassion as they deal with the sale of their Sanctuary and Mission Station

The family of **BETTYE HUDSON** as they mourn her loss

DALLAS McDONALD and family as they mourn the loss of **KAREN** and for Dallas's continued cancer treatment

The family of **CAROL AIREY BANDY** on the loss of Carol's mother, Catherine (Kit)

FRIEDA COSBY—recovering from a fall

ELIZABETH MORTON—recovery from arm surgery

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

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.

GAIL MERRIMAN—health issues

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

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 (Ron Yund's friend's son)—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 McDONALD, NANCY ROGERS, BOB DIXON, PAUL & MARIAN CASS
THE LANE HOUSE: BETTY CEDARS



Don't forget to bring FISH Food Pantry donations for the children to collect during our weekly worship services!

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 adding events to the calendar and for **assistance with anything other than pastoral care.**

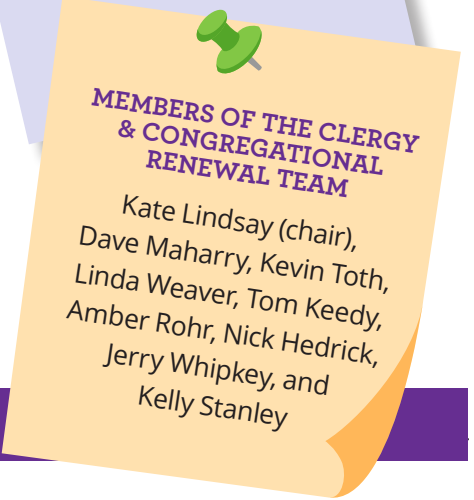
If Kevin is not available or you have questions, you may reach out to our lay leaders: **Dave Maharry** (Governing Board Chair), the **elders**, or the **leaders of any of the ministry teams.**

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.



Find us on **Facebook (First Christian Church Crawfordsville)** for updates, news, and pictures of all of our happenings along with LIVE worship on Sundays. Also check out our website at www.fccville.org

HOW CAN WE HELP?



- OFFICE** *Kay Nannet*, Office Manager, 211 S Walnut St, Crawfordsville IN 47933
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- 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
- FINANCIAL QUESTIONS & CONCERNS** *Andrew Nicodemus*, FCC Financial Administrator
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- HAND IN HAND CREATIVE LEARNING** *Chantel Allen*, HHCL Director
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- COMMUNICATIONS (including newsletter)** *Kelly Stanley*, Communications Administrator
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- OTHER LEADERS OR MINISTRIES** *For a full list of our leaders, go to www.fccville.org/our-lay-leaders or consult your church directory*