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A REFLECTION FROM NICK HEDRICK

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Disciples don't bring as many covered dishes to church as the Methodists of my childhood, but one day in the Before Times there was a pitch-in after worship and the conversation at my table turned to music.

First Christian's incredible music director at the time, Richard Bowen, name-dropped Buffy Sainte-Marie. "Is she a drag queen?" I joked.

While the decades-long discography of the First Nations singer and activist had never found its way onto my playlist, I was discovering a welcoming and intellectually stimulating community at the "Church with the Windows" just after my thirtieth birthday in 2019.

The best part about turning thirty was no longer being in my twenties. Life was marinated with the grief of leaving behind the university campus where I had introduced myself to me. I

languished in a career that brought little joy.

As the milestone year arrived, I was on a mission to start living a less miserable life. A longing for human connection (without the deadline pressure) nudged me to give church a second chance.

Believers might say God led me to First Christian. I don't subscribe to the concept of a divine being; as I wrote in one of Gwynn Wills' storytelling workshops, God belongs to everybody else. But the influence of a holy spirit in a person's life is not trivial. Attending First Christian has exposed me to religious traditions in and beyond Christianity in ways that celebrate the many faces of faith.

As Peter Jennings said after years of living in the Middle East, "there is no one absolutely essential truth for all people, and... every time I look at a coin, I instinctively want to look at the other side."



Roots and Branches

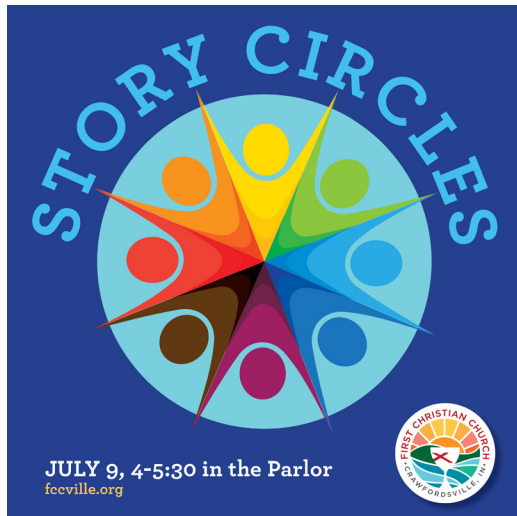
Speaking Schedule

July 9	Ben McCormick & Chuck Ranspach
July 16	Rev. Rick Spleth
July 23	Pastor Darla and Pastor Kevin

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

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.



This Sunday! Don't miss it!

Next Sunday afternoon, July 9, we will have our third and final story circle. This is your chance to look towards the future and imagine the role of the church.

What are you passionate about? What role has the church played in your development? What kind of legacy do we want to leave for future members?

We'll discuss all that and more in small groups, and what you have to say matters!

We hope those of you who haven't yet joined us for a story circle will come now, because this is an important part of the process of looking forward.

You may RSVP in the Narthex, by calling the church office, or by contacting Kelly Stanley. RSVPs are not required. Even if you decide last minute that you're just curious, we REALLY hope you'll come!!

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



On Wednesday evenings in July, everyone is invited to meet in the parlor to sing popular praise songs. We will meet at 7:00 pm and sing along with videos and make a joyful noise. We will not meet the week of Vacation Bible School. If we like it, the meetings will continue at least once per month.

Everybody has a different idea on what is good music. Growing up as an orchestra kid, I fell in love with classical music, and if we sang nothing written after Beethoven, I would be content. But, I understand everyone has different tastes, and I love good music from every style.

Roots and Branches is moving into the "branches" stage in which we talk about ideas for the future of our church. I believe the future will include updating our music. So, Praise Wednesdays will focus on music that was written this century – music being played on Christian radio and streaming channels -- music being enjoyed by Millennials and Generations X, Y and Z.

I am looking forward to singing with you.

~Jerry Whipkey, Interim Music Director

Ladies Lunch Bunch

Thurs. July 20 at 1pm on deck of Creekside Restaurant.
Pls contact bonyund@hotmail.com for reservation. All gals invited!

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Welcome Pastor Darla back with a brunch following the morning service on July 23

What better way to celebrate than by breaking bread together? Or in this case, brunch? Rick Warner, the fabulous chef that he is, has generously offered to prepare a brunch to follow morning Worship on Darla's first Sunday back. And you don't need to bring a thing!

RSVP info to come soon.

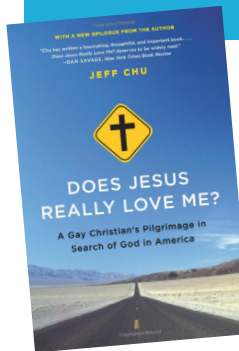
And if you're interested in helping with setup or cleanup, please email Kay at 211fccville@gmail.com to let us know.



Unity Worship Service on July 30th!

We are excited to announce that our unity worship is coming up at the end of the month, July 30th, @ **Christ Lutheran Church!** First Christian Church, Christ Lutheran Church, and Wabash Avenue Church created this new tradition of combining our worship services on the 5th Sunday of the month of 2023. We've done this twice this year: January 29th @ First Christian and April 30th @ Wabash Avenue.

FCC BOOK CLUB



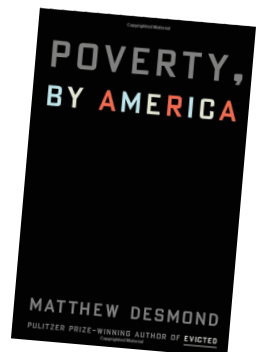
We will not meet in July since it's a busy month and our usual meeting date falls on a holiday.

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.



1 Thessalonians 5:12-13

CELEBRATING
PASTOR KENNETH & LADY DELL WILSON

29th
PASTORAL Anniversary





08 July, Saturday
5:00 - 8 PM
Dinner & Banquette
W. 257 Oak Hill Rd | Crawfordsville, IN 47933







09 July, Sunday
11:00 AM
119-2 S Washington St.
Crawfordsville, IN 47933

Guest Speakers
Rev. Eric Johnson | Evangelist Rose Johnson | LaDetrick Johnson | Pastor Gregory L. Squires Sr.



The Healing Power of Rhythm & Sound - July 12

Dusk to Dawn Bereavement Services announces its next Learning Series event, The Healing Power of Rhythm and Sound at **noon on Wednesday July 12 at Christ Lutheran Church**. Join professional musician, sound healer, and certified grief coach **Jai Miranda** who will discuss and demonstrate a variety of healing instruments including drums, singing bowls, specially tuned pipes, and other special instruments. They will also share recent research findings about how sound healing supports general wellbeing and talk about how drumming and sound healing can play a part in healing grief. The presentation will conclude with a short hands-on experience with the drums and sound healing Instruments. Free and open to the public, but as space is limited, we ask that you **register online at dusk-to-dawn.org or call 765-267-1760**.



YIG Crawfordsville

Youth Nights for Ages 12-18 Tuesdays, 4-8pm

YIG Youth Nights seek to provide a safer space to build confidence and foster community in LGBTQ+ young people and their peer allies who are 12-18 years of age.

Activities include:

- **Game nights**
- **Crafts**
- **Movie Nights**
- **And more!**

Free meal is served each week.

Location:

Montgomery
County Youth
Service Bureau
808 W. Pike St.

All programs and services are offered free of charge.

Questions?

Contact:

Journey Reabe | Youth Service Specialist
jreabe@indianayouthgroup.org
(317) 649-1085



Welcome Ellen Oaks as a New Member!

It is with great joy that on Sunday, June 25th, Ellen Oaks became an official new member of First Christian Church! Though she is already a member of Christ's universal body across time and space...she decided to give expression to that confession by joining hands with this church family, in the great mission we've been given—to love and serve in Christ's way for the healing, peace, and reconciliation of God's beloved world.

Ellen started attending First Christian Church online while living in Florida. She grew up in the Christian Church in Greenwood, Indiana where she was involved in many kinds of ministries. She's since lived in a variety of states including New Jersey, North Carolina, Florida, and made the decision to move back to Indiana and started attending our church in person. She has been involved in several ministries at the church, including the Wired Word class and Vacation Bible School, and has also been elected to serve as a deacon and co-chair of New Ministries! We are so excited to welcome Ellen to First Christian and are thrilled for the new opportunities we will have to serve and lead in this wonderful journey of faith we all share!

Pastors Darla & Kevin Away for General Assembly, July 29-August 1st

The Disciples of Christ General Assembly will be hosted in Louisville, Kentucky (just across the Ohio river!) this year! Both Pastor Darla and Kevin will be in attendance and look forward to sharing all the exciting news from our general assembly when we return.



YOUTH news from Rev. Kevin Toth

Follow us on Instagram
@fccyouthcrawfordsville



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



Please register your child by July 12th. 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>

VBS Donations Needed!

Thank you for all the food donations for VBS so far! We are still in need of the following items by June 18th. If you would like to donate, please email Tammy Meyers at tjmeyers@gmail.com.

- 5 lbs deli turkey
- Bottled water
- Sandwich bags (200)
- Snack bags (100)
- Kool-aid, already sweetened
- Grapes—red & green

Before you purchase food, please contact VBS Director, Tammy Meyers at tjmeyers@gmail.com so we do not get duplicates of donations. Thank you so much for your help!

Sunday, June 16th we will decorate after church.

Anyone who is able to stay will be provided with snacks and my undying appreciation.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH SCHEDULE

Date	Bible Story	Teacher
July 9	Exodus	Diane McLaughlin
July 16	The 10 Commandments	Mary Fossnock
July 23	No Children's Church-VBS Sunday	N/A
July 30	No Children's Church-Worship @ CLC	N/A

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



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!



Camp Blessings!

We are excited for our youth and adult who are attending camp next week!

Malachi Meyers is attending Middle School Camp at Camp Bedford, July 10-15!

Ashlyn Adams is attending Middle School Camp at Camp Bedford, July 10-15!

Justice Strietelmeier is attending Middle School Camp at Camp Bedford, July 10-15!

Justin Meyers is counseling Middle School Camp at Camp Bedford, July 10-15!

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





Prayer Requests

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.

Sam and Myrna Thompson and family for the loss of their sister-in-law (and Kristy Reese's aunt) **PAULA WADE**

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

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

DALLAS McDONALD—ongoing cancer treatment

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—treatment for cancer

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**



THANK YOU



Thank you for your acts of kindness as I recover from knee replacement. I am so thankful for orthopedic surgeons who repair and for physical therapists who strengthen my knee. It is a lengthy process, and I look forward to returning soon.
Sandy Henthorn

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.**

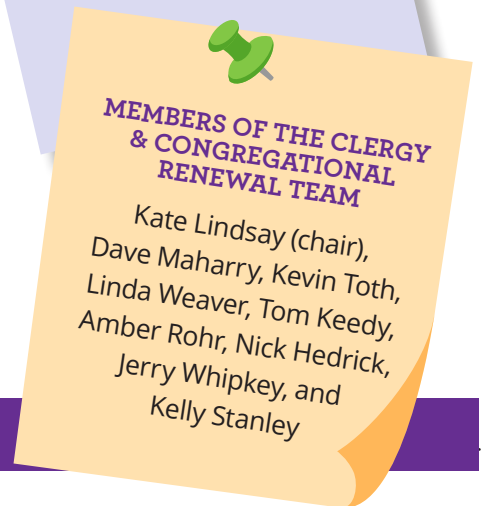
If Kevin is not available or you have questions, you may reach out to our lay leaders: **Dave Maharry** (Governing Board Chair), the **elders**, or the **leaders of any of the ministry teams.**

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	<i>Kay Nannet</i> , Office Manager, 211 S Walnut St, Crawfordsville IN 47933 765.362.4812 (voice mail checked on weekdays) Email: 211fccville@gmail.com
PROPERTY	<i>For general property issues</i> , call office and leave a message. <i>For urgent property issues</i> , call Tom Keedy Cell phone: 765.376.2699
GRIEF AND LOSS	<i>Jai Miranda</i> , Dusk to Dawn Bereavement Services Cell phone: 765.720.2829 (call or text) Email: jmiranda@coachj.com
FINANCIAL QUESTIONS & CONCERNS	<i>Andrew Nicodemus</i> , FCC Financial Administrator 765.362.4812 (leave a message) fccvillefinance@gmail.com
HAND IN HAND CREATIVE LEARNING	<i>Chantel Allen</i> , HHCL Director 765.367.1727 (leave a message) Email: hhcldirector@gmail.com
COMMUNICATIONS (including newsletter)	<i>Kelly Stanley</i> , Communications Administrator Cell phone: 765.366.6709 Email: fcc.comm211@gmail.com
OTHER LEADERS OR MINISTRIES	<i>For a full list of our leaders, go to www.fccville.org/our-lay-leaders or consult your church directory</i>