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A REFLECTION FROM JUSTIN MEYERS

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While some people's journeys have included painful church experiences, I am thankful to look back at all the ways the local church has been there for me.

I was born in Indianapolis in August 1980. My family attended Heather Hills Baptist church on the east side from when I was a newborn to fifth grade. I accepted Jesus Christ as my Lord and savior on July 24, 1989 when I was eight years old (though we had not yet met, the date is also Tammy's 5th birthday). It was after a youth group meeting when I went to my mom and told her I believed and wanted to accept Christ.

As an infant I was denied baptism by the Catholic church. Though my grandparents wished for me to be baptized, the priest refused because my parents did not attend mass there. My grandparents had enough and left the Catholic church then. When I was old enough to understand and decide for myself, I was baptized at Gray Road Baptist Church on June 12, 1994. I appreciate how the Christian Church extends the welcome for all to be baptized and take communion.

I have many great memories growing up in church and feeling loved, welcome, and the sense of community they provided. Starting in 1992 at age 12, my family and I were part of a new church plant called Friendship Baptist church in Greenwood. We helped set up the church in a community center each Sunday morning for a couple years



until we built a building. Many great memories and friendships were established which continue to this day. I had a great childhood and a loving family. My large family of six struggled financially for many years though and relied on a patchwork of government assistance, free school lunches, WIC, and food stamps to make ends meet. I recall several times when the local Christian church dropped off food and presents at Christmas.

When I was 13 my appendix ruptured and I was hospitalized for 7 days extremely ill with an infection. My life was saved by the incredible doctors and nurses at St. Francis hospital. It was several months before I fully healed and regained my strength. My family did not have health insurance at the time, and several anonymous donors from church generously stepped up and helped my parents cover the substantial medical bills. Going without,

living paycheck to paycheck, and food insecurity were frequently part of my life growing up. This experience is why I feel drawn to serve in programs like FISH, Meals on Wheels, and Foodfinders. It's great that the church places such a strong emphasis on supporting these programs and serving our neighbors with love, compassion, generosity and dignity.

I met my best friend and partner Tammy in 2000 at Friendship Baptist Church in Greenwood, and we were married there in 2002. We welcomed Harrison in 2003. In June 2009, our second son Sullivan was stillborn. Our church family was there for us with their presence, meals, and prayers as we tried to begin to grieve this profound loss. In May 2010 we welcomed Malachi.

We moved from Indianapolis to Crawfordsville in 2010 after I took a position at Purdue University. We knew little about the community other than it being a nice stop and pleasant community on our previous trips to Turkey Run and Shades. With our families in Indianapolis and work in West Lafayette, Crawfordsville was a logical middle point. It's been a wonderful place to live and have our kids grow up. We found a great Christian church in Waynetown and attended there for several years. After the pastor left, it became clear it was time for us to move on too. Being a part of a church and faith community was important to us but

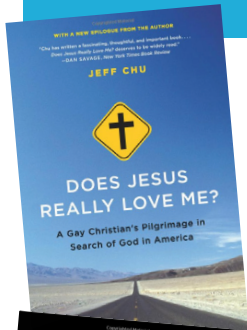
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A reflection from Justin Meyers, cont'd.

we could no longer agree with many of the teachings about science and about the LGBTQ+ community. It left us longing and searching for something more in line with our values. We were seeking a church home more inclusive, where the free offer of salvation was extended to all, seeking unity and healing, not divisions.

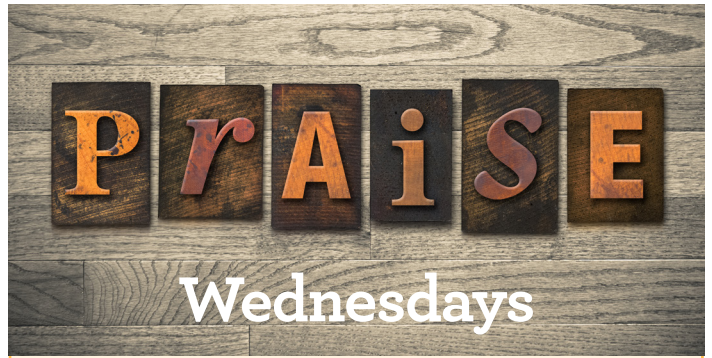
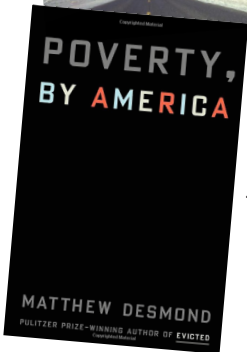
We have been attending FCC since December 2021 and members here since December 2022. We got to see Malachi baptized here in March. We are so thankful to have found this loving and welcoming faith community at FCC and look forward to learning, growing, and serving with you all in the years ahead.

FCC BOOK CLUB



Our next meeting, for which we hope you will join us, will be on Tuesday, August 1 from 6-7:30 pm. We'll discuss *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.

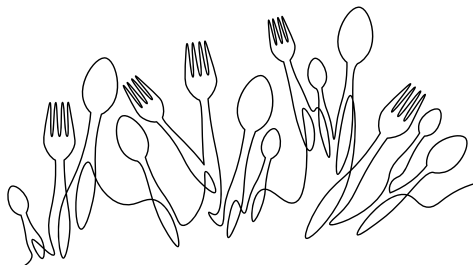


Roots and Branches is in the "branches" stage in which we talk about ideas for the future of our church. I believe the future will include updating our music. So, Praise Wednesdays will focus on music that was written this century – music being played on Christian radio and streaming channels -- music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

We will not meet this week because of Vacation Bible School. But Praise Wednesdays will resume next Wednesday, July 26.

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!

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.



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!

Please RSVP as soon as possible so Chef Rick knows how much food to buy and prepare! There's a sign-up sheet at the Welcome Center in the Narthex or you may RSVP at this link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c48adab2ba6fac16-welcome>

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

Fellowship Hall Cleaning

Kym is going to be doing a deep cleaning of the floors from **5 pm on July 25 through August 2nd**. She has asked that, if possible, no events should be planned in the fellowship hall during that time.

The Clergy and Congregational Renewal committee will meet on Tuesday, July 25, at 6:30 pm.



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.

Christ Lutheran's Church's worship begins at 9am. The worship service will be livestreamed on CLC Facebook and YouTube pages (info will be sent to the church closer to that date). Our choirs will be coming together to provide a wonderful Sunday anthem! Rev. Kim King, Assistant Director of the Malcom Institute at Wabash College, will be the morning preacher. We hope you will be present that Sunday at Christ Lutheran for worship!

Meals on Wheels



Kitchen Packer and Driver Needed

Kitchen packer needed on Fridays from 8:30-10:45 am. Call Linda, 765-918-2630 if interested. They also need a full-time driver to deliver on the 2nd and 3rd Tuesday of the even months for Route 2. No drivers = no food for our clients! This starts in August and it's an easy route. Check in at 10:30 and you're done in less than an hour. Contact Wendy Pritchett, wendy.mow21@gmail.com

THANK YOU to Pastor Darla's Clergy Renewal Team!

These last three months while Darla has been away on her clergy renewal team have been a huge blessing and I am so thankful for the opportunity to serve as one of your pastors. I especially want to thank all the members of the clergy renewal team, who did tons of behind the scenes work these last several months and have been a huge support to me and to the whole congregation. Some of the work included but is not limited to: Creating and Organizing all our story circle gatherings; organizing our June 25th fellowship lunch and our upcoming July 23rd "Welcome Back Darla" Brunch; supporting everyone who shared their stories in worship and in our Pathfinder; and supporting our Elders, ministry team leaders, governing board, and staff.

We greatly appreciate all the hard work this team has done and give thanks for their dedication and guidance while Pastor Darla has been away. Please take a moment when you can to thank the following members:

- Kate Lindsay (Team Chair)
- Dave Maharry
- Tom Keedy
- Nick Hedrick
- Kelly Stanley
- Linda Weaver
- Amber Rohr
- Jerry Whipkey

~ Pastor Kevin



Darla's New Office!

We welcomed Darla back by surprising her with a new office space! While work continues on Darla's office (new ceiling tile and soundproofing plus drywall and refinished cabinets), a huge team of people came together to prepare an upstairs room for her to work in temporarily.

Darla will use the Parlor to meet with anyone who has difficulty with stairs, and you can still drop things off for her in the main office.



We'll keep you posted on the progress in the downstairs space. The plan is to move these furnishings back into her original office once the work is complete downstairs—OR, if she loves being upstairs with real windows and lots of daylight, then we will transform her old office into a meeting room for Darla, Kevin, office staff, and others.

A huge thanks to everyone who was involved, and in particular, the Board for approving the work and funds. Thanks also to Pastor Kevin, Tom Keedy, Kay Nannet, Jerry Whipkey, Kate Lindsay, Tom and Deb Vaught, Joshua and Madelynn Fossnock, Arleen Wilhite, Andrew Nicodemus, and all the office volunteers who helped pack the books and other items from Darla's old office and move them upstairs. It was certainly a team effort! And a special thanks to David Williams, who dropped everything to come paint and do assorted odd jobs on practically no notice!

Once the downstairs office is drywalled, we will need more volunteers for the next steps, so keep your eyes open for announcements if you'd like to help!





YOUTH news *from Rev. Kevin Toth*

Follow us on Instagram
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Youth Pool Party! July 22nd! RSVP by Friday, July 21!

FREE ADMISSION TO POOL

Come join us for a fun day at the Milligan Park pool after VBS on Saturday July 22nd from 1-3 pm! All youth are invited to attend! RSVP to Kevin is appreciated but even if you do not RSVP, you can still come.

No Children's Church July 23 & 30th

Children will be invited to **stay in worship on July 23rd** and we will have a special VBS presentation that Sunday!

On July 30th, families and children are invited to join us at Christ Lutheran Church for our combined Ecumenical service. The service is at 9 am. There is a nursery space folks can take kids to play right down the hall from the sanctuary. The nursery space has the service piped in so folks can keep up with the service.

Church Camp 2023

This summer, 10 of our amazing youth experienced church camp at Camps Bedford and Geneva!

2 of our youths experienced camp for the first time!

3 adult members of the church also experienced the joy of camp as well!

It's been a huge joy hearing the many stories people have shared of their time at camp and how they experienced the love and joy of God while reuniting with old friends and making new friends!

I want to take a moment to say THANK YOU to every person who donated to our camp scholarship fund this year. 7 out of our 10 youth benefited from a scholarship, allowing them to enjoy the wonders of camp this summer! Your support and love for our youth continues to enrich their spiritual lives that will impact them throughout their whole lives.

In addition, I want to thank every person who supported our youth by offering transportation to/from camp as well as offered camp supplies to our youth.

I am so blessed to be part of a amazing community that loves our youth so much. Thank you and God bless you all :-)



VBS Prep



Middle School Camp @ Camp Bedford

From Your Office Manager

Dear Church Family,

It is a privilege, honor, and growing experience to serve as your Office Manager. If there are administrative needs you have, please contact me at 362-4812 or 211fccville@gmail.com. **That includes scheduling to use various spaces in our beautiful property so that I can get them on the calendar that our staff uses for planning purposes.** I attended the Council meeting also so that the Committee Chairs know that I am available to serve them on their mission of service. I am thrilled to be part of the roots, branches and hopefully the fruit of this congregation as we follow the Spirit.

~ Kay Nannet

Scouts Update

In the month of June we put on our own summer camp. We had 12 of our local scouts attend. We had 6 scouts advance in rank and all earned multiple merit badges.

We have also done 3 flag presentations. One for the Shriners at Rocky Ridge Golf Course, Waynetown Freedom Festival & New Richmond 4th of July festival.

Coming up next:

Weekly meetings on Monday evenings at 630pm

August 12th Pancake breakfast - funds benefit Eagle Scout projects (moved out from July)

August 13th - Court of Honor - celebrating 2 Eagle scouts and rank advancements for troop members

August/Sept Activities:

August 1-4, T365 boys will be hiking in the Hoosier National Forest to finish out their summer.

August (date TBD) T247 are planning a trip to the Dunes

September (date and location TBD) Membership night

September 9th - Food vendor and parking cars at Community AirPort day

September 16th - Car Show at Waynetown Fish Fry

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.

Contact information: troop247.365.acct@gmail.com
Michele Enlow 765.401.6228



”At Disciples Church Extension Fund, we’re not back to ‘normal’, because we are not going back. We’re going forward!”

With that affirmation in the Annual Report of Disciples Church Extension Fund (DCEF), Belinda R. King marks the end of 2022 and the beginning of her second year as the president and CEO.

Her review of DCEF's 2022 accomplishments highlights a number of inspiring pieces in the 28-page publication now available online:

<https://online.fliphtml5.com/vzjz/rygv/#p=1>



Besides an overview of a solid financial performance and multiple thank yous to DCEF donors and investors, the publication features stories from Disciples congregations in a variety of transformation stages, from recovering after climate disasters to shifting focus to accommodate a new context for ministry.

The 2022 Annual Report also introduces the newly configured Advisor Team and the new Minister of New Church Strategies, as well as a long-time Disciples leader who now serves in development for DCEF.

In short? It's well worth the read.



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



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.

FRIEDA COSBY—has recovered from her fall and will be staying at Brookville Healthcare Center.

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

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

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**

New address:

Freida Cosby
Brookville Healthcare Center
11049 St Rd 101
Brookville, IN 47012



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PASTOR DARLA

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

CELL: 314-805-0347
darla.goodrich@gmail.com

PASTOR KEVIN

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

CELL: 724-825-0997
katoth112792@gmail.com

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.

Pastor Kevin on Vacation—August 10-20.



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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?



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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
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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