



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
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ISLAND ADVENTURE @
FCC! VBS REFLECTIONS

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My heart has been overjoyed with the wonderful Vacation Bible School we had two weeks ago! This summer we welcomed 33 children, ages 2 ½ to 12, into our church doors as we embarked on a journey of Adventure Island! The theme this year focused on our "Explorers" searching for God's Light in the world. To join our amazing youth, we had around 30 adults volunteer their time and talents to making VBS an amazing experience along with 5 middle and high school youth as well! In addition, so many people assisted through donations and special offerings. I want to thank each and every person who supported VBS this summer! Your compassion and love for our children and youth continues to be a gift that I deeply appreciate.



Many Blessings,

Pastor Kevin



A special thanks to Ronnie Walters who painted these beautiful beach and sunset for us! He is a local professional artist and is available if you are interested in his work.





YOUTH news from Rev. Kevin Toth

Follow us on Instagram
@fccyouthcrawfordsville



Interested in Baptism?

Pastors Darla and Kevin are planning to host another Baptism class for the fall. If you and/or your child is interested, please reach out to them as we will be working on setting a class date for August.

Save the Date: WOW Begins September 14th!

Registration and details will be sent out in August. Contact WOW Directors Emily McLaughlin and Andrea Venis with any questions.





After the Amen

**Sundays in August from 11:45-12:30
in the Parlor**

Explore deeper conversations and questions about the scripture and sermon our pastor offered in worship that day. We will share questions, comments, challenges, or reflections with each other and reflect upon what the scripture means for our daily lives. **Feel free to bring a brown bag lunch** (optional).



Join us **Thursdays at 1 in the church Parlor** for our new Creativity Circle. This is time to draw, color in coloring books, paint, knit, crochet, do word finds or puzzles, or other kinds of creative activities, all while socializing and getting to know others. Contact Kelly Stanley at fcc.comm211@gmail.com if you have questions, but no need to RSVP—just show up on Thursday!

It's Almost Time...

for the 2022-23 First Christian Church directory! We hope the new directory will be as up-to-date, accurate, and useful as possible, but we need your help!

If you have recently moved, have a new phone number or email address, or have discontinued an old one, please let us know by Sunday, August 7.

Please send this information to me at judy.michal@yahoo.com or phone or text me at 765-376-8255. Thanks for your help!



Education for Ministry—starting this fall

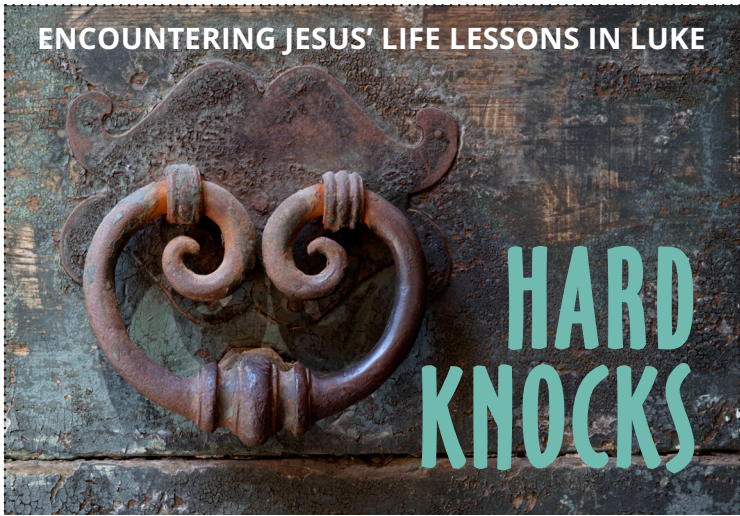
From Helen Hudson at St. John's Episcopal Church:

Our spiritual lives as Christians are quirky, complex things. Sometimes it's as simple and clear as children singing, "Jesus loves me this I know/For the Bible tells me so." Other times it's a thicket of doubt—or a shock of wonder and awe. Sometimes the mind just gets curious and wonders how the faith has endured and changed across the last 2000 years (and more).

Yes, I'm writing to see if YOU might like to be part of EfM (Education for Ministry) starting this fall. I know you will have heard about the big reading assignments but that's not the heart of EfM. The central idea is for you as an individual to take a bit of time to ruminate and reflect on your personal theological journey. The books we read serve as our guides and prompts for discussion and rumination. There are no tests or quizzes! EfM is a national (even international) program run out of our Episcopal seminary at the University of the South. Last year there were 1600 groups operating in churches and communities across the nation.

We start after Labor Day; we meet Sunday afternoons from 2-4 in Whitlock Hall. Please email me (HUDSONH@WABASH.EDU) if you have questions.

ENCOUNTERING JESUS' LIFE LESSONS IN LUKE



HARD KNOCKS

DATE	SCRIPTURE	TITLE & PREACHER
08/07	Luke 12: 13-21	Trash or Treasure? <i>Rev. Darla Goodrich</i>
08/14	Luke 10: 38-42	Hurried & Harried <i>Rev. Darla Goodrich</i>
08/21	Luke 19:1-10	Labels that Cause Separation <i>Rev. Kevin Toth</i>
08/28	Luke 10: 25-37	Once a Priest, Always a Priest <i>Rev. Darla Goodrich</i>
09/04	Luke 14: 25-33	The Cost of Love <i>Rev. Darla Goodrich</i>
09/11	Luke 13: 10-17	Bent on Tradition <i>Rev. Darla Goodrich</i>
09/18	Luke 11: 1-12	Oh Bother! <i>Rev. Darla Goodrich</i>
09/25	to come	<i>Rev. Sarah Reed-Jay</i>
10/02	Luke 14: 7-14	Honor or Disgrace? / World Communion Sunday <i>Rev. Darla Goodrich</i>



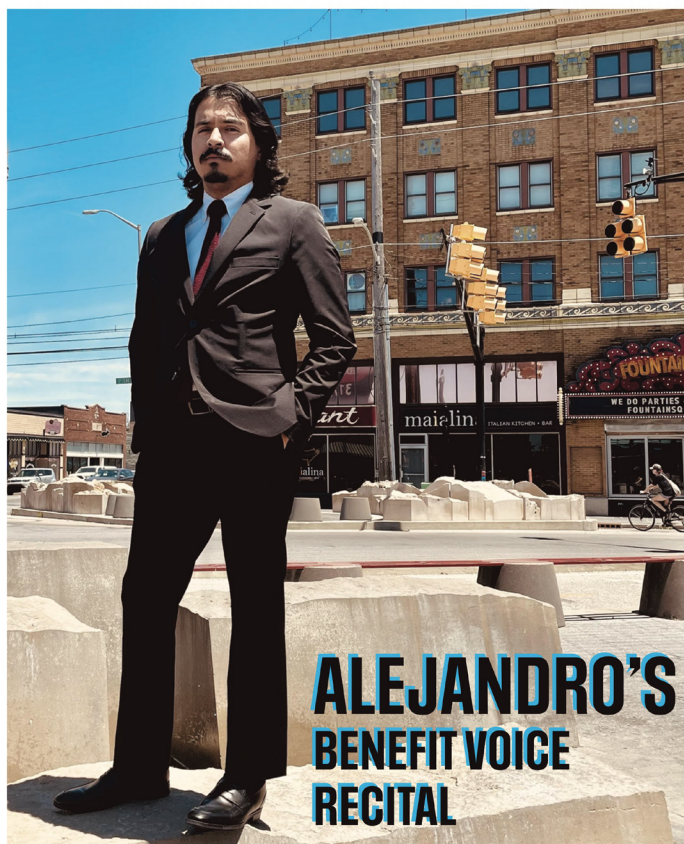
**Bible for the People
is back!**

After a few month break, we are excited to announce that our bible podcast, "Where we ask the questions for you," will return next week! We are continuing into the book of Joshua with 4 episodes covering the entire book. If you have any questions you like us to address on the podcast, you can email bibleforthepeople@gmail.com or reach out to Chuck Ranspach or either Pastor. Be sure to check out all our previous episodes covering the entire Pentatuch!

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

The calendar of events and activities for July is being emailed with this Pathfinder—but you can also always find an updated schedule online at fccville.org/events



INCLUDING WORKS BY G.F. HANDEL, J. HAYDN, G. VERDI, A. LARA, AND SEVERAL MUSICAL THEATRE NUMBERS
FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH ★ **WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 3, 6:30 PM**
 OPEN ADMISSION. DONATIONS ACCEPTED.

**Wednesday, August 3 at 6:30 pm
in our sanctuary**

Through free-will donations, concert goers will help fund Alejandro's special honor of being accepted to the **Aspen Music Festival for Seraphic Fire's Professional Choral Institute**, August 6-22. The concert, which will take place in the FCC sanctuary, will feature works by G.F. Handel, J. Haydn, G. Verdi, A. Lara, and several musical theatre numbers! All are welcome!



Join Global Ministries for a 5K for climate justice!

Creation care efforts by international partners evolve with each natural disaster and shift in weather patterns. Partners cope with the negative impacts of climate change by protecting and nurturing the natural world, preserving resources, and seeking to ensure food security.

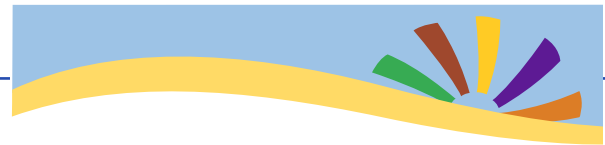
You are encouraged to walk, roll, run, jog, or spiritually sprint wherever you are! You may choose to do the 5K with neighbors, friends, family, church, or on your own. The cost is \$25 per person, and each registrant will receive a collapsible water bottle and magnet. You can also purchase a Mission Dash t-shirt when you register (see link below).

Throughout the 5K month of August, there will be opportunities to participate in advocacy actions in solidarity with international partners. Part of the registration fee will also support the work of international partners in their climate justice efforts and additional fundraising opportunities are available.

Registrants may do the 5K anytime between August 1 and August 31, 2022. **LEARN MORE at <https://www.globalministries.org/global-ministries-mission-dash-5k/>.**

Volunteers Needed for Thriving Faith Communities Energy Team

FCC has joined with other churches in our community and throughout the Midwest in a coalition that has pledged to reduce our energy consumption by 25% over the next 3 years. This group is affiliated with Interfaith Power & Light, a national organization that empowers people of diverse faiths and spiritualities to take bold and just action on climate change. IPL encourages churches to share best practices and resources in the area of energy savings through newsletters, online meetings, and providing grant information for things like energy audits. **If you would like more information or to become part of this effort, please contact Dale Petrie at 765 366-3240 or petriedale1952@gmail.com.**



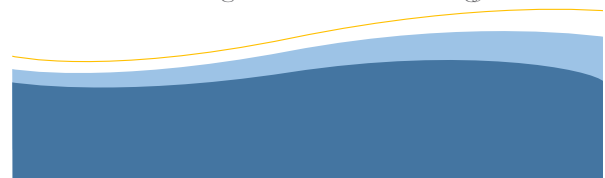
Saturday, August 27 Free "Sale"

From 8am - 1pm
Free Lunch from 11am-1pm

Bring your gently used items that need a second wind & we will give them away!

If folks want to give a financial donation, all funds will go to Dusk-to-Dawn

*Brought to you by your CLC CORE Team:
Conserving Our Resources & Energy*



CORE (Conserving Our Resource & Energy) is Christ Lutheran Church's ministry that works with the Energy Stewards program to find ways to creatively cut back on unnecessary energy use. Did you know the average cotton t-shirt takes 2700 liters of water to make? That's enough water for one person for 2.5 years.

The "sale" is at Christ Lutheran Church on Saturday, August 27th from 8 am-1 pm. There will be clothes, linens, hobby items, kids clothes, toys, housewares, decor and much, much more—all FREE for the taking. Because we know folks are hesitant to take things for free, if people do decide they want to give something in response to their treasures, we will be giving any financial gifts to Dusk-to-Dawn, another FREE service that is worthy of support.



Don't forget—if you sign in to **smile.amazon.com** whenever placing an order, they will donate 0.5% of your eligible purchases to our church (at no additional cost to you!). If you haven't signed up yet, you may do that at **smile.amazon.com** (go to Your Account, select Change Your Charity, and then select First Christian Church).

NEW ADULT ED OFFERING: FCC BOOK CLUB!

When and how often? Beginning on Sept. 6, and continuing on the first Tuesday of each month from 6-7:30

What's it about? The focus will be on books that can lead to spiritual, personal, or community growth, mostly nonfiction but not all. They will also hopefully inspire interesting conversations. This book club is a time of fellowship and community growth. The books are accessible and most are reasonably short.

How do I sign up? You don't have to sign up, just show up. While we'd love to have you every month, you're not obligated to come every time. In fact, if you're only interested in one or two books, you may choose to come to just those meetings.

Who chose the books? Kelly Stanley, as adult education coordinator, compiled a list after talking to several leaders and members of the community. The group will choose books for two of the months, and the topics are subject to change based on the interests of the group. But in order to allow people plenty of time to get the reading done, we're giving you a fairly complete list up front.

What will be expected of me? All you need to do is show up (and preferably be part of the discussion, if you're so inclined). However, if a particular book or topic really speaks to you, you may volunteer to lead or facilitate that discussion. We will have the book's authors present for at least two of the meetings.

Where can I find the books? The church library has one copy of each of the books that you may borrow and pass around. Most are also available at our library. Also, **the church office will have copies of Mark Frank's book (for September) available during office hours for \$10 apiece.** In addition, that book can be purchased at Quest for Balance or on Amazon. Watch for a display to come in the Narthex so you can take a peek at these titles.

How do I get more info? Reach out to Kelly Stanley, kellyostanley@me.com, or call or text 765.366.6709.

Schedule

- September 6, 2022 *That Which We Already Know*
by Mark Robert Frank
(author will be present for the discussion!)
- October 4, 2022 *The Stranger in the Lifeboat*
by Mitch Albom
- November 1, 2022 *We Are Called to be a Movement*
by Dr William Barber
- December 6, 2022 *The Road Back to You: An Enneagram Journey to Self-Discovery*
by Suzanne Stabile & Ian Morgan Cron
- January 3, 2022 **BOOK CLUB CHOICE**—Group will select one of these (or possibly others):
Almost Everything: Notes on Hope by Anne Lamott
The Furious Longing of God by Brennan Manning
Wholehearted Faith by Rachel Held Evans & Jeff Chu
- February 7, 2022 *Grateful: The Transformative Power of Giving Thanks* by Diana Butler Bass
- March 7, 2022 *Lose, Love, Live: The Spiritual Gifts of Loss and Change*
by Dan Moseley
- April 4, 2022 *I'm Still Here: Black Dignity in a World Made for Whiteness* by Austin Channing Brown
- May 2, 2022 *Praying Upside Down* by Kelly O'Dell Stanley—author present :-)
- June 6, 2022 **BOOK CLUB CHOICE**



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.

LINDA SPENCER and family on the loss of her father, **EDWARD VAUGHT**

RUSS RUBY—in hospice care at home

WARREN HARTMAN—recovering from aortic valve replacement surgery

GINA TURNER (Gerry Turner’s daughter-in-law)—recovering from heart attack and heart surgery

MAXINE WILLIAMSON—recovering from a stroke

ARLEEN WILHITE—recovering after heart related hospitalization

ALLEN GOFF (friend of the Keedys)—cancer

SANDY RUBY—recovering from a heart catheterization procedure

NANCY ROGERS—at Wellbrooke

BOB HUDSON—cancer

DALLAS MCDONALD—recovering from complications from eye surgery

JACK WYATT—ongoing health concerns

BEN McCORMICK—ongoing health concerns

DEBBIE (REBECCA LANG’S SISTER)—treatment for lung cancer

SANDY & KEN BROWN—ongoing health concerns

JERRI STEWART—breast cancer

BOB MASON—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, long recovery ahead

ALEX (and his parents, Beth & Chris, friends of Sarah Jay)—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

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: **DALLAS & KAREN McDONALD**

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.



Join us for lively discussion of scriptural topics inspired by current events—every Sunday at 9 am in the parlor. Childcare available.



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 volunteers or staff will be delighted to "buzz" you in!

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

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!

Need Covid tests? Mark Allen, through his volunteer work with the Health Department, obtained some free Covid test kits for the church. They're simple to do at home—just follow the written instructions. If you need tests to keep at home, stop by the church office during office hours, call 765-362-4812, or email 211fccville@gmail.com and we'll set them aside with your name on them.



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

Vacations

Pastor Kevin will be on vacation July 26 to August 5th

Pastor Darla will be away as follows:

- Aug. 15 – 21 Vacation
- Sept. 20 – 25 Continuing Education
- Oct. 17 – 22 Vacation
- Nov. 07 – 13 Vacation



HOW CAN WE HELP?

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GRIEF AND LOSS	<i>j 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</i>