

August 17, 2023

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New September Class & Mission Begins!

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While recently on clergy renewal leave, I realized how much I missed being in the classroom and sharing in rich conversations around

our faith and life together. It's such an integral part of being a disciple to engage in lifelong learning as a means for strengthening our faith, informing our mission as disciples in this world, and to cultivate deeper listening skills and relationships with each other. So, in addition to the weekly "Bible for the People" podcast, which should start up again in the near future (stay tuned), I've decided to create new space for a weekly in person class!

I'm excited to begin **THE LEARNING CAFE**, a **weekly conversational class** that will take place during WOW, beginning on **Wednesday, September 13, from 6 - 7 pm** in the **Parlor** (child care provided). In this class we will explore different parts of scripture and have discussions around how it may inform our own lives and the challenges of our time. We are going to begin with the **Gospel of Mark**, the oldest gospel, as a means for considering different ways of interpreting the overall bible and how our interpretation of it impacts our vision for today's living.

I will also be inviting the class to consider, for those who are **able and willing**, to occasionally rotate in every 4-6 weeks or so to help with WOW's dinner preparation

or clean up, or to fill in as a table parent during dinner. This will be the "missional" part of this class and will enable WOW volunteers to occasionally attend the class should they desire. This may mean leaving the class a little early, arriving a little late, or being willing to miss an occasional class to support an entire intergenerational night of learning!

Please sign up for the class by e-mailing me at darla.goodrich@gmail.com or sign up on the clipboard in the Parlor. Please let us know if you need childcare and the name and age of your child(ren). Feel free to bring a sack dinner. Snacks provided.

I look forward to exploring and learning with you this fall!!

*Grace & Peace,
Darla*



Weekly conversational class

Wednesdays during WOW beginning September 13

6 - 7 pm in the Parlor (child care provided)

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CONGREGATIONAL LEADERSHIP RETREAT

September 9, 2023

Mark your calendars! The Congregational Leadership retreat will take place on **Saturday, September 9 from 9 am – 2 pm (childcare provided) at Fusion 54.**

If you are serving in leadership in the congregation (Elder, Board, Council, Personnel, Deacons, Office and Music Staff, Lay Leadership, Congregational Renewal Team) this will be a very important time, after our Clergy and Congregational Renewal experience, to re-imagine and plan our future together through small and large group conversations. Lunch and continental breakfast will be provided.

In addition, to provide a broader generational perspective to our conversations, if you are a young adult or young family in the congregation, we invite you to join us in sharing your experiences and vision as well.

Please **RSVP by September 1** to 211fccville@gmail.com or sign up in the Narthex.



5th Sunday Ecumenical Worship Update

FCC will **NOT** be hosting a 5th Sunday Ecumenical Worship Service on Sunday, October 29. Since all 3 congregations have hosted one service this year, and since Rev. John Van Nuys is currently on Clergy Renewal Leave, we will be regrouping, reimagining as we plan ecumenical mission, education, and worship for the future when John returns. This planning will also include St. John's Episcopal, who was unable to participate in the past 3 worship services. Other congregations may also be joining this ecumenical partnership. Stay tuned for new opportunities to be shared as plans are made!



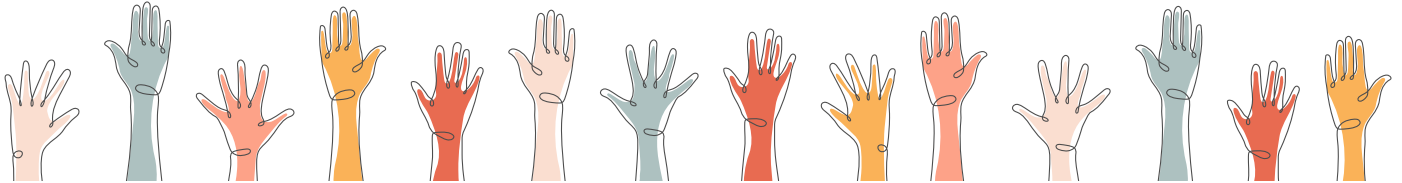
August Sermon Series

WITHIN, AROUND, AND BEYOND

DATE	TEXT	TITLE	PREACHER
08/20	Genesis 11:1-9	Eyes Wide Open	Rev. Darla Goodrich
08/27	Mark 4:30-32	Look Beyond	Rev. Darla Goodrich

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.



Ministry Team Volunteer Fair | Save the Date

Save the date for the Ministry Team Volunteer Fair immediately following worship **Sept. 10** in Fellowship Hall. Find more information in an upcoming edition of The Pathfinder.

A SPECIAL MUSIC SUNDAY!

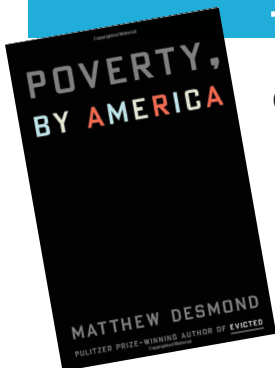
Special music this Sunday, August 20 will feature 2 duets with **Richard Bowen**, our former Music Director, and **Emily Petrie**, and special prelude and postlude played by **Eileen Bowen** and **Sandy Henthorn** on keyboard and piano. **Tom Lowe** will be playing the service hymns and Richard will be our song leader. It will be good to celebrate Richard and Eileen's return visit with us from Cincinnati and all the wonderful music they will offer with Sandy, Tom and Emily! Hope you will join us!!

The word I keep hearing about the direction of our music ministry is "variety." To continue offering variety in our music, we are offering several opportunities in the near future.

Our next **Praise Sing** will take place at **7:00 pm on Thursday, August 31**, in the parlor. A new activity will be **Classic Hymn Sing** which will begin at **7:00 pm on Thursday, September 14**, in the parlor. If there is interest, we will offer these once per month.



FCC BOOK CLUB



Our next meeting, for which we hope you will join us, will now be on **Tuesday, September 5 from 6-7:30 pm**. Our book is *Poverty, by America* by Matthew Desmond, and Dr. Warren Rosenberg has offered to lead the discussion.

One copy of the book is available through our church library. Questions? Reach out to Kelly Stanley, 765.366.6709.

Future book selections and dates will be announced soon.

Choir rehearsals will begin on Wednesday, August 30, in the sanctuary. We'll gather before for a potluck reception (light snacks) at 6:30 pm in the parlor followed by our 7:15 pm rehearsal. New members are welcome and needed. If you don't have a lot of experience, we will patiently and gently help you learn your part. Child care is available, if there is a need.

Also, if you feel called to lead congregational singing or provide special music or liturgical dance, contact Jerry Whipkey at jeromewhipkey@gmail.com or (765) 401-4399. Opportunities abound to provide variety in our music ministry.



Worship Bags for Children AND Adults

Did you know every Sunday for worship we have worship bags that contain interactive activities like coloring pages and crayons? Originally, these worship bags were designed for children to take to their seats during worship. **We would like to also invite any adults who would like to have a worship bag during worship as well!** A brand new sign on the worship bag table explains that some bags are designed for children while the other bags are designed for adults. We hope you feel welcome to take either bag with you if you would like some hands-on activities during our worship services on Sundays.

Book Cart is Back

Check out the selection of books from the library and donors. If you wish to pass on a book, place it on the cart. If returning a borrowed book from the library, place it in the box in the library (Not the cart). Some puzzles are also available and you can add to the selection.

Book Club books are on the table in front of the desk. As always, please sign the card and leave it on the desk and don't forget to return the book. (All library books have a white label on the spine.)

Rick Spleth's Retirement Celebration

WHERE: Indiana Interchurch Center: Krannert Hall, Second Floor, 1100 W. 42nd St., Indianapolis, IN 46208

WHEN: Saturday, August 26, 2:00-4:00 p.m. with a program at 3:00 p.m.

WHO: ALL ARE WELCOME!

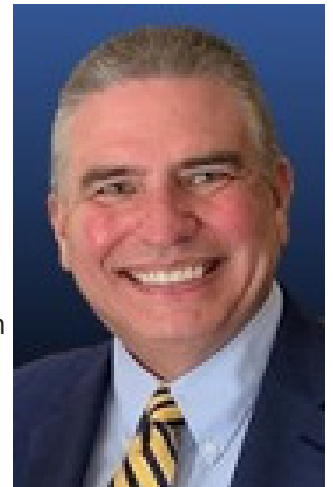
SEND A LETTER:

You are invited to share your appreciation of Rick by sending a letter to be presented to Rick in a collection of greetings. Mail to the regional office, c/o Sarah Riester, or email to sarah@indianadisciples.org before August 15.

Christian Church in Indiana
Attention: Sarah Riester
1100 W 42nd St, Suite 150
Indianapolis, IN 46208

SUBMIT A VIDEO: You are also invited to send a video of yourself or your congregation or other assembled group simply saying "Thank You." Again, these should be submitted to sarah@indianadisciples.org by August 15 to allow time for compilation.

MAKE A GIFT: If you'd like to make a gift in celebration and honor of Rick's ministry, he has requested that gifts in his honor support the Indiana Region's FLOURISH! Program. FLOURISH! supports Indiana Disciplesclergy and their families. <http://indianadisciples.org/donate/>





YOUTH news from Rev. Kevin Toth

Follow us on Instagram
@fccyouthcrawfordsville



WOW begins on September 13th @ 4:30pm!

All youth in 1st-12th grade are invited to WOW next month! You can access the online registration form with this link below: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScr9LjHr6X5t_Hs_a2o2fHb91MLh2XhghTrOHKDY43Td5XQ/viewform

We will also be inviting families to meet with WOW Directors and Pastor Kevin on August 31st 5:30pm at the church if you have any questions about WOW this year, like to learn what the youth will be learning during group time, and like to complete a registration form in person instead of online. If you are unable to come to this event but have questions, you can reach out to Andrea Venis, Emily McLaughlin-Jenness, or Pastor Kevin.

WOW Volunteers

Are you interested in supporting our WOW youth this year? We have many opportunities for you then! We are needing help with the following tasks:

- Set Up Crew: On Wednesdays before WOW starts at 4:30 depm, you can help set up the fellowship hall by wiping down tables, setting up chairs (if necessary), putting out crafts, games, and other activities, and preparing snacks for when the kids arrive.
- Welcome Crew: Children arrive at WOW between 4:30-5 pm. During that time, we invite anyone who would like to welcome the children to WOW, help supervise until WOW officially begins, and interact with the kids like engage in conversation or play games.
- Clean Up Crew: At 6 pm, the children have dinner. We would like some volunteers to help clean up the kitchen and wash dishes.

Please know that if you are not able to volunteer every week, that is alright! We would love your support if you are able to volunteer every other week, once a month, or whenever you are available. Please contact WOW Directors- Andrea Venis and Emily McLaughlin-Jenness or Pastor Kevin if you are able to volunteer, what you like to volunteer for, and how available you will be. Please let us know by August 31st. Thanks so much everyone!

~Pastor Kevin

Middle & High School Youth Gathering: September 17th at 3 pm

Pastor Kevin would like to invite all the middle school and high school youth of the church for a fun ice cream gathering @ Ice Creams La Michoacana! This will simply be a fun outing as we enjoy some ice cream and check in with the start of the school year. RSVP is not required, and ice cream costs will be covered! Hope to see you there!

Pastor's Class Invitation

Pastors Darla and Kevin are inviting all youth 4th grade and higher who are interested in learning about baptism and becoming a member of the church. If you and/or your child is interested in attending this class, please let the Pastors know by August 31st. We will contact everyone interested regarding class dates in September.



Folks, You're Doing a TON of Good

In case you've been wondering just how much food we've donated to the FISH Food Pantry since our every-week food donations began on October 2, 2022, here are some numbers for you.

From that very first week through Sunday, August 13th, we have donated:

2,425 items of food
(cans, boxes, etc.), weighing a total of
2,444 pounds.

That's well over a **ton of food!**

Our biggest categories of giving include **Canned Vegetables and Fruit, Pasta and Sauce, Breakfast (cereal, oatmeal, peanut butter), and Soups.** Very appropriate, because these are consistently among the Food Pantry's greatest categories of need. We also deliver many cans of tuna, boxes of crackers, containers of fruit juice, jello, cake mixes, bars of soap, tooth brushes and tooth paste, can openers, and so much more — all of which is needed and gratefully received.

I'm also keeping track of our giving for calendar year 2023. Up to this point in the year, we have given **1,450 items of food** weighing in at **1,522 pounds.** So we're on our way to recording a ton of food in 2023. That's something we can build on.

Last Sunday, Darla based her sermon on a passage from Isaiah 58, in which the people complain to God that *"we fast, but you do not see, . . . humble ourselves, but you do not notice."*

God replies to the people, *"Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day. . . . You fast only to quarrel and to fight. . . ."*

Then God explains to the people how to fast in a manner in keeping with their faith. This includes working for justice and against oppression, clothing the naked, freeing the prisoners. And this . . . *"Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house . . . ?"*

Darla hit the nail on the head. Again. These weekly food offerings and the other ways in which we serve the needs of others aren't just Outreach projects that we do in addition to worship. What we do for others is the foundation of our worship and the essence of who we are as God's people.

So praise the Lord! And keep the beans and minestrone coming. Thank you all so much for your faithfulness to this ministry to the food insecure. We do this every week because it is needed every week. Hunger never takes a vacation.

~Don Lindsay

MORE INFO ABOUT FISH FOOD PANTRY

LOCATED AT ST. BERNARD'S CHURCH (drive around the back of the church),
1306 E. MAIN STREET, CRAWFORDSVILLE Phone: 765-362-3474 | 765-362-FISH

The FISH Food Pantry distributes grocery items to meet emergency needs.

Hours: (Food donations will be accepted during these times, also.) Monday: CURRENTLY CLOSED ON MONDAYS • Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. • Wednesday from 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Monetary donations may be mailed to: F.I.S.H., P.O. Box 261, Crawfordsville, IN 47933. Located at St Bernard's Church, 1306 E. Main St., Crawfordsville, 765.362.3474

PRAYER

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.



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

CARRIE SAUNDERS (daughter of Joe and Phyllis Boswell)—facing the challenge of an uncertain cancer diagnosis and treatment plan

SHANNON & DOUG HUDSON—on the loss of Shannon's mother

KAY NANNET—in process of cleaning up after upstairs pipes in their home burst and flooded multiple areas

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

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

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

GAIL MERRIMAN—treatment for cancer

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.

GERRY TURNER—health issues

JACK WYATT—Rehabilitating at Restoracy of Whitestown

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



Pastor Kevin on Vacation—August 10-20.



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



Thank you from Malachi Meyers and family for the many cards while he was recovering from an appendectomy. It really brightened his, and our, spirits to hear from you.

Dear Ladies of First Christian Church,

Thank you for the wonderful lunch. Your caring and thoughtfulness meant so much to our family. Please accept this donation for the lunch and your help during the services. Sincerely,

The McDonald Families

Dear Carolyn and First Christian Family,

What amazing hospitality you all generously give! Thank you so much for the delicious lunch and for providing a gathering place for us to tell stories about my wonderful parents.

May the Lord return your kindness 100 fold! My parents considered First Christian their home church and I guess the Iglesia Bautista was their mission/service church. Thanks again for everything.

Blessings, *Sally Manker Bernshausen & family*

We can't begin to thank you adequately for your kindness and friendship you have shown our family. My mother always felt so fortunate for the friendships and family that developed through the FCC and Crawfordsville. We have all been so blessed. Prayers and thanks to you!

All the Hudsons



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Monday is Rev. Darla's day off.

Friday is Rev. Kevin's day off.

On their days off, please contact the other pastor or the Church Office with questions, concerns or emergencies.

COMMUNITY RESOURCES

DUSK TO DAWN BEREAVEMENT SERVICES

Cheryl Furman and Jai Miranda

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info@dusk-to-dawn.org

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Distributes grocery items to meet emergency needs.

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