



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
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HOSPITALITY FOR A NEW DAY

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Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.

Romans 12:13

FCC and the whole Church on earth are living in ever changing times. Now, however, due to the pandemic, we have experienced extraordinary shifts that invite us to ask new questions about our life together. One of those questions is: what does practicing Jesus' hospitality look like in these new times?

We've learned that one of the ways is through live streaming worship that has enabled us to welcome and touch people's lives near and far, some who may have never attended worship in the sanctuary. We have reached people online who may have not felt welcomed by a church in the past or those whose circumstances keep them at home.

The more familiar patterns of hospitality also remain important

especially now as we are regularly back in the building. The spiritual discipline of simply being present is now more important, not only for our own connection to the body of Christ, but because someone else just might need us to show up. When we show up for each other, and our community, after a long separation, hope and hospitality abound. It is encouraging and encouragement for others.

Hospitality also flourishes when we create spaces that are welcoming to all ages. As you've no doubt noticed, the parlor is being renovated with new paint, flooring, furniture, and kitchen



area. This is thanks to three donors whose generosity has allowed our congregation to re-imagine a more hospitable community room in the parlor that will enhance educational opportunities, special events and small group worship—for groups within our church as well as outreach to the whole community. YOU continue to surprise and inspire me because of the faithful ways you honor Jesus' hospitality and for your courage to embrace it in new ways for these times!

Grace and Peace,
Darla



YOUTH news from Rev. Kevin Toth

Follow us on Instagram
@fccyouthcrawfordville



We hope you will join us next week for our first Wednesday of WOW! If you have not done so already, please send in your children's registration forms to the church, Pastor Kevin, or WOW Directors, Emily McLaughlin-Jenness and Andrea Venis.

Sunday Youth Group for Older Youth!

We continue to meet on Sundays at 11:45am-12:45pm. We hope you will join for some relaxed faith discussions and fun with Pastor Kevin!

CHILDREN'S CHURCH SCHEDULE

Date	Bible Story	Teacher
Sept 11	Genesis 37:1-36	Sara Nicodemus
Sept 18	Genesis 18:1-15, 21:1-7	Beth Daniel Lindsay
Sept 25	Exodus 2:1-10	Kate Lindsay
Oct 2	Ruth 1:1-19	Sara Nicodemus

We love to have your children, ages 4 to 12, join us for fun, fellowship, and great learning!



WOW Directors, Emily McLaughlin-Jenness and Andrea Venis, on a supply run for WOW! They can't wait to welcome all the youth back next week! :-)

WOW is doing a donation for relief buckets in the month of Sept. A separate email with details will be sent later this week.

ENCOUNTERING JESUS' LIFE LESSONS IN LUKE



HARD KNOCKS

DATE	SCRIPTURE	TITLE & PREACHER
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	Luke 12:35-40	With Two Hands <i>Rev. Sarah Reed-Jay</i>
10/02	Luke 14: 7-14	Honor or Disgrace? / World Communion Sunday <i>Rev. Darla Goodrich</i>



Sundays in Sept. from 11:45-12:30

On the Sundays on which Rev. Darla Goodrich preaches (all but Sept. 25), join us to explore deeper conversations and questions about that day's scripture and sermon. 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). While parlor is actively under renovations, we will meet in Fellowship Hall.

Creativity Circle—Thursdays at 1



This is time to draw, color in coloring books, paint, knit, crochet, embroider, do word finds or puzzles or other kinds of creative activities, all while socializing and getting to know others. (Parlor is under renovation so we will likely meet in the Fellowship Hall.)

Euchre

The Euchre players will continue to meet on the third Tuesday of each month, but with a new playing time of 1 pm. Next gathering times will be September 20 and October 18.

UPDATES

Oops! Your Sept. calendar was missing something! Logan Cass's birthday is on September 11th.

Andrew & Savi Kunze's new address:
6225 S. Kenwood Ave.
Unit 2N
Chicago, IL 60637

If you haven't picked up your copy of the new directory, please do so soon or contact Judy Michal, judy.michal@yahoo.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS

The calendar of events and activities is being emailed at the start of each month—but you can also always find an updated schedule online at fccville.org/events



Montgomery County Historical Society's COVID-19 Oral History Project

I am conducting interviews for the Montgomery County Historical Society's COVID-19 Oral History Project. Anyone who lived or worked in Montgomery County from March 2020 to March 2022 can participate. Written submissions and pandemic-related photographs are also being accepted. **Contact me at nhedrick1989@icloud.com if you are interested in participating.** MCHS received funding from the National Endowment for the Humanities and Indiana Humanities as part of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.



We are now in the book of Judges! Send us any questions you may have while reading this bible book @ bibleforthepeople@gmail.com. Be sure to check out all our previous episodes covering the Pentateuch and Joshua!

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

One Second of Hope

September is National Suicide Awareness Month. This month, Dusk to Dawn's Learning Series event, "One Second of Hope" features Leslie Weirich, suicide awareness advocate and mother of Austin Weirich, Wabash College student athlete who died by suicide in 2016. Bring your lunch, hear her story and learn more about how we all can prevent suicide. **Wednesday, September 14 at noon, Christ Lutheran Church, Crawfordsville.** RSVP at the Dusk to Dawn website, www.dusk-to-dawn.org or contact Jai Miranda, jmiranda@coachj.com.



Grief Support/Book Group

Dusk to Dawn begins a Grief Support/Book Group Thursday September 8, 6:30 pm at Christ Lutheran Church. Meeting once per month through December, the group will consider *It's OK That You're Not OK* by author Megan Devine. This book discusses how grief is treated in our culture, how we react to words of comfort and how to live in the midst of grief. Books are provided free of charge, though donations are appreciated.

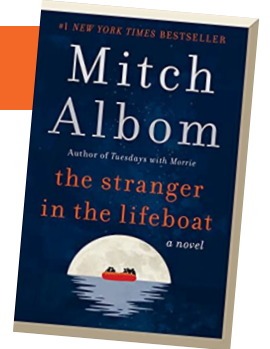


Contact Jai Miranda for more information and to receive a copy of the book: jmiranda@coachj.com.

FCC BOOK CLUB

Our first meeting was Sept. 6, and we had an excellent turnout and great discussion with Mark Frank about his book.

The book for our next meeting, October 4th, is *The Stranger in the Lifeboat* by Mitch Albom—a quick read that should lead to some good discussion. There is a copy available through the church's library (or the public library). Be sure you sign out books if you borrow them from the church.



Questions? Reach out to Kelly Stanley, kellyostanley@me.com, or call or text 765.366.6709. View the year's lineup of books or print and download the flyer at www.fccville.org/fcc-book-club



Linda and Brett Spencer are delighted to announce the birth of their first grandchild, **Clara Katharine-Anne Spencer**. Proud parents are Jessica and David T. K. Spencer, of Jersey City, NJ.

Clara was born on August 26, 2022 at the Jersey City Medical Center. She weighed 7 lbs 1 oz and was 19 inches long at birth. Clara is welcomed also by her paternal grandparents Margaret and Robert Ketterer of Iowa City, IA.

Thriving Faith Communities Update

As reported in the last issue, we received the grant for an energy audit from the Center for Congregations. That audit was conducted Tuesday, August 30 and the report should be in this week. One of the items mentioned by the auditor during his tour was that the roof of the education wing would be an excellent location for installing solar panels. Anyone interested in helping pursue this please let me know. Home energy tip of the month: Make sure your water heater temp is not set above 120 degrees. ~Dale Petrie

Scouts Update

Troops 247/365 will have a food booth at the **Community Airport Day on Saturday, September 10th, 10am-2pm**. Please come out and support our units! We will be serving Hamburgers/Cheeseburgers/Hot dogs and Pulled pork.

Get your car/truck all shined up for **Saturday, September 17th**, for the annual **Waynetown Car Show**.

Times have changed from years past. All funds raised will be for the Scout Troops 247/365 to help offset annual fees.

(Flyers for these events are being emailed with the digital Pathfinder newsletter.)

10th annual
ART WALK
Saturday, Sept. 24, 2022 • 10:00 AM 3:00 PM

CALLING ALL ARTISTS!

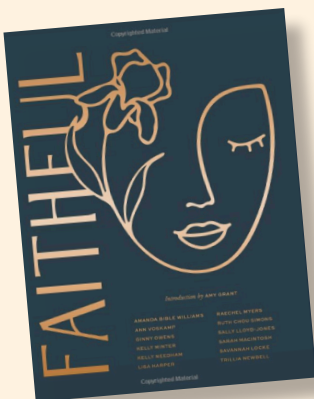
Featuring a range of artists' works on exhibit in the Athens Arts Gallery, Crawfordsville Public Library, Carnegie Museum, and more.

Works by local artists will grace shop windows all along the downtown route, and many local businesses will stay open for the duration.

If you would like to display your art please contact:
Linda Weaver (Art Walk Chair) at
CrawfordsvilleArtWalk@gmail.com by September 10

Learn more on Facebook by checking out @CrawfordsvilleArtWalk.

Come be a pART of it!



Wabash Avenue Presbyterian Church to Offer Ecumenical Women's Bible Study

This Bible study, hosted by the women of Wabash Avenue Presbyterian Church, is led by Gwynn Wills, whose daughter is featured as one of the singer/songwriters on the Faithful project. There are two meeting times available.

9/19/22 6:30-8:00 PM Monday / 9/20/22 10-11:30 AM Tuesday
10/17/22 6:30-8:00 PM Monday / 10/18/22 10-11:30 AM Tuesday
11/14/22 6:30-8:00 PM Monday / 11/15/22 10-11:30 AM Tuesday
12/19/22 6:30-8:00 PM Monday / 12/20/22 10-11:30 AM Tuesday

If you are interested, contact Gwynn Wills by phone (317-345-5306) or via email gwill6735@me.com ASAP.

Crawfordsville ARC* Update

Crawfordsville Afghan Refugee Coalition (ARC) will soon mark the sixth month of its endeavor to assist the R family after their February arrival in Brownsburg. As you may recall, the R family consists of “Ba” husband and father; “Be,” wife and mother; Sana, daughter; and “M,” young adult brother of Ba. They have settled into their two-bedroom apartment just south of Brownsburg. With the help of Exodus Refugee Immigration, the resettlement group, and ARC, they have been adjusting to life in Indiana, and planning and working toward their future.

ARC has supported the family in a variety of ways. We took them on an outing to the Children’s Museum and gave them a year’s pass to that wonderful place. We gave them a glimpse of what the Hoosier State has to offer (fried Snickers, dill pickle pizza, cotton candy) and what makes us special (a pioneer farming heritage, cows and pigs and horses, and so much more) at the Indiana State Fair. With the support of ARC churches, we have taken them shopping for food and clothes, helped them stay connected electronically to their families in Afghanistan and their other support in the US. And, we are trying to help them navigate American institutions—how to establish credit, where to find pre-school, how to get needed dental care, where to get CDL (Commercial Drivers License) training, etc.

Ba has, from the beginning, aspired to get his (CDL) and become a truck driver. This, however, requires a period of training that usually takes four to six weeks. After seeing the possibility of an Indiana state-supported CDL training disappear, he has accepted an offer from a friend who works for a trucking firm to train with the friend for the next four to six weeks, after which he will take the drivers test for the CDL. Ba has already passed the written and physical examinations to qualify for his CDL permit. To pursue this training he had to resign his position with an Avon, IN commercial bakery. His wife Be had been working at Goodwill Industries part time and he had been staying home with daughter Sana in the mornings while she worked. While he is away training to qualify for his CDL, Be cannot work. To help the family during this time when neither Ba nor Be can work for pay, ARC, with funds provided by our six churches, will help pay their rent, electric utilities, and groceries.

The R family has worked hard to begin to realize their dreams in their adopted homeland. Ba has reached out to friends and contacts he made while working as an interpreter for the US military in Afghanistan. He made numerous cold calls to find his jobs, first loading trucks, then loading ingredients into bakery mixers. Ba is committed to “risk it to get the biscuit” for which they aspire. Be has been learning to read and understand English by studying the Indiana driver’s manual, and

We have permission to share these photos with the local churches, but please do not share these photos online publicly.



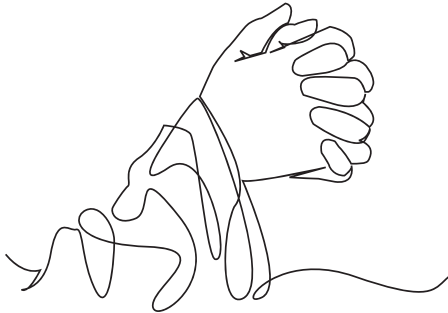
spoken English while working at Goodwill. ARC also has arranged for an English language tutor for her. Brother Ma has worked for Goodwill Industries since March and is learning English on the job.

ARC continues to work to find a preschool opportunity for Sana, language instruction for Be and Ma, connect them with available services, and figure out how to do things that come naturally to us, but are anything but easy for “a stranger in an a strange land.” (Exodus 2:22)

Thanks be to God and the ARC churches (Christ Lutheran, First Christian, First United Methodist, St. John’s Episcopal, St. Stephan’s Orthodox, and Wabash Avenue Presbyterian), we are helping this family begin to establish themselves in their new country. The Rs repeatedly express their deep appreciation for ARC’s assistance. In return they extend their hospitality to us, sharing with us lovingly prepared, delicious Afghan dishes, chai, and conversation about their lives, present and past.

**Crawfordsville Afghan Refugee Coalition (ARC) formed in November 2021 to support an Afghan refugee family who came to the United States after the Taliban takeover of that country in August of that year. ARC.*

prayer concerns



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.

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.

JOHN HUSTED—Unexpected life changes & moving into Whitlock Place

DW JAY (Jeff & Sarah Reed Jay's son) — at home recovering from recent hospitalization

DALLAS AND KAREN MCDONALD—Karen's health has declined leading to her being placed in hospice care and Dallas is being treated for cancer

BOB MASON—in hospice after receiving many rounds of treatments for cancer over a number of years

EMERIE VENIS—recovering from cochlear implant surgery

BARB FRYE—recovering from hip surgery

SANDY RUBY AND FAMILY on the loss of her husband, Russell Ruby

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

ALLEN GOFF (friend of the Keedys)—cancer

BOB AND BETTYE HUDSON—cancer

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

CATHY MOFFETT (Marilyn Moffett's daughter-in-law)—chemo for breast cancer

MATT RYKER (son of Ron Yund's friend)—beating victim, 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

Our shut-ins would enjoy visits.

WHITLOCK: **CAROLYN SIMPSON** (#151)

WELLBROOKE: **NANCY ROGERS**

HOME: **DALLAS & KAREN MCDONALD**

ST. ANTHONY'S, LAFAYETTE: **MARILYN MOFFETT**

THE LANE HOUSE: **BETTY CEDARS**

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 Darla will be away as follows:

Sept. 20 – 25 Continuing Education

Oct. 17 – 22 Vacation

Nov. 07 – 13 Vacation

Pastor Kevin will be away as follows:

October 3-11 Bethany Fellows Retreat and Vacation



HOW CAN WE HELP?

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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 765.362.4812 (leave a message) fccvillefinance@gmail.com
HAND IN HAND CREATIVE LEARNING	Chantel Allen , HHCL Director 765.367.1727 (leave a message) Email: hhcldirector@gmail.com
COMMUNICATIONS (including newsletter)	Kelly Stanley , 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>