

September 14 , 2023

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FCC's 2023 LEADERSHIP RETREAT

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This past Saturday, September 9, thirty-five FCC Leaders met for our annual FCC Leadership Retreat. Customarily this is hosted in February or March each year, but it was decided we needed to reflect on our current life shortly after our collective experiences of the *Clergy and Congregational Renewal* time this past summer.

The core of the retreat was to focus on five key areas of our life together by prayerfully considering a vision that is in the best interest of the whole intergenerational community and the future of the whole congregation, rather than specifically just our own personal preferences. We considered

the questions with a spirit of inclusivity of the many kinds of ways people experience the presence of God in worship, service, prayer, fellowship, evangelism, and hospitality.

The five key areas we self-reflected on were: *Worship and Music Ministries, Evangelism and Hospitality, Spiritual & Relationship Formation, What Makes Us Who We Are*, and finally we closed by naming *our top priorities for the coming 1-5 years*. One of the key areas that arose was our continued emphasis and growth in fostering intergenerational relationships, worship and ministry opportunities for the sake

of growing the sense of meaningful belonging to one another in the body of Christ.

In the next Pathfinder, I look forward to sharing with you some of the specific ideas and goals that arose from the retreat. Most importantly I want to emphasize the high energy, hope and great enthusiasm showed at the retreat. There was a spirit of excitement about the future of FCC and leadership looks forward to continuing these conversations with each other and the congregation in the months ahead.

If you did not attend the retreat and would like to see the questions posed at the retreat and have the opportunity to respond, please reach out and I'll make sure you get a copy! We'd love to have your input as well! In the meantime, please keep the FCC Leadership and whole congregation in your prayers as we navigate this exciting time following the Clergy and Congregational Renewal experience.

**Grace and
Peace,
Darla**



New Directories Coming Soon— with your help!



You should have received an email asking you to fill out a questionnaire for our new church software. **You may fill out as much or as little of the questionnaire as you would like.** In order to have your information included in our FCC community directory, we at least need your basic contact information, but even that information can be designated as unlisted if you prefer.

We want you to know that the directory will only contain the usual info—name, phone, email, birthdays and anniversaries. **All other**

information will remain private and is for the use of the ministers in order to more effectively serve you and your family. Other users of the software do not have access to that information, so rest assured, confidentiality is important to us.

You may click here to complete the form online:

<https://na4.documents.adobe.com/public/>

You may also pick up a paper copy from the office or email the office manager, Kay Nannet, at 211fccville@gmail.org to request it via email.



Bible for the People Podcast is BACK!

After a summer break, we are excited to announce that Pastors Darla & Kevin and Chuck Ranspach are coming back to continue our bible podcast, starting with the books of 1st and 2nd Kings. We will be recording and releasing episodes every other week starting at the end of the September. All episodes will be shared on the church Facebook page and you can find the podcast on Apple, Spotify, and Google. As always, you can reach out to us and ask any questions you have at bibleforthepeople@gmail.com.

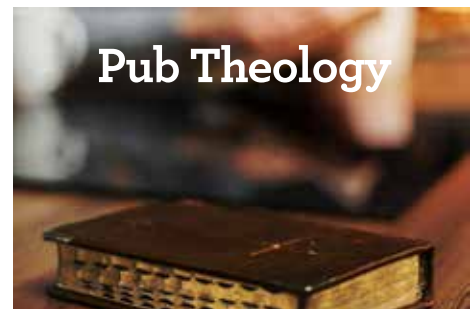


September Sermon Series

FACING FEAR

"Do not let your hearts be troubled." John 14:1

DATE	TEXT	TITLE	PREACHER
Sept 17	Mt 6: 25-34	Worrying About Worrying	Rev. Darla Goodrich
Sept 24	Mark 7: 24-30	Broken Dreams	Rev. Darla Goodrich



Pub Theology

Monday, September 18 @ 5:30pm at Backstep Brewery

Why is going to church so important? Does God care if we go to church on Sunday? These are some of the questions we will be engaged in at our next Pub Theology event! Everyone is invited to join Pastor Kevin and Father Christian Baron from St. John's Episcopal at Backstep Brewery for some amazing discussions on faith and living on September 18th @ 5:30pm.

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.

Service Opportunity with our Neighbors!

There will be another FOOD FINDERS EVENT on **Thursday, September 28 at 10:00 a.m.** at FCC's parking lot with volunteers to arrive at 9:30 a.m. for set up. Food Finders is inviting another faith ministry to join us in this effort.



If you are able and willing to help join others in checking in 100-150 families or would like to help distribute the food itself to each family, please let **Deb Vaught** know at tdvaught@mymetronet.net. These events usually run about an hour and a half.

Hope you will join me in serving with others to care for our neighbors in need in Crawfordsville!

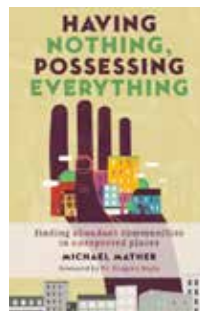
FCC BOOK CLUB

On October 3, Aaron Morrison from St John's will lead the discussion on ***Having Nothing, Possessing Everything: Finding Abundant Communities in Unexpected Places***, by a Methodist pastor from Indianapolis, Michael Mather.

November's book is ***The Leavers*** by Lisa Ko. And on Dec. 5, we welcome **Agata Szczeszak-Brewer**, author of ***The Hunger Book: A Memoir from Communist Poland***. She will be happy to sign books and answer questions.

One copy of each book is (or will be soon) available through our church library.

If you would like me to order a copy of any of the books for you, I would be happy to place the order and have it delivered straight to you. Remember, this group is open to the entire community. Feel free to invite friends! Questions? Reach out to Kelly Stanley, 765.366.6709 or fcc.comm211@gmail.com.



THE LEARNING CAFE, a weekly conversational class led by Pastor Darla, will take place during WOW, beginning on Wednesday, Sept. 13, from 5:30 – 7 pm in the Parlor (childcare provided upon request). The class will also retrieve a meal after 6 pm from the WOW spread and share it together in the parlor during class.

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. Please sign up in the narthex, call the church office or e-mail Pastor Darla at darla.goodrich@gmail.com if you wish to participate as you will receive ongoing communication and updates regarding the class. Let Pastor Darla also know if you need child care.

Ladies Lunch Bunch gathers at 1 pm on Thurs., Sept. 21 at Lil Mexico. All Gals & Guest Gals are invited!!! Pls email bonyund@hotmail.com for a seat!

Putting Food on the Table

It is so good to see how this congregation rises to the occasion. I'm referring to a notice in late August that the FISH Food Pantry was critically low on food and their next delivery was still a week away. Many of you didn't receive word of this until Saturday evening, Aug. 26th. But your food offering on Sunday morning was tremendous, and your generosity has continued these first two Sundays in September.

For the calendar year 2023, from January 1st through August 20th, our Sunday morning food donations averaged 43.5 pounds per week. But look at this:

Aug. 27 138 lbs

Sept. 3 117 lbs

Sept. 10 83 lbs

That last Saturday night in August, you must have emptied your cupboards at home, because the notice went out so late there wouldn't have been time to go shopping.

FISH is closed on Mondays, so I deliver our food offerings on Tuesdays, my day to volunteer there. When I went in on August 29th, I was shocked at how bare our shelves were. But food from several other churches and organizations was coming in, and by opening time at 3:00 we were able to handle the crowd. There are always limits on quantities, and we had to be a bit more limiting than usual that week, but we had food for everyone. Nonetheless, by the end of the day the shelves were looking pretty sparse again.

I want you to know that just about everything I deliver on Tuesdays goes home with a client that same day. Every family wants pasta and sauce; you can make it go a long way. Every family wants peanut butter and cereal and a mix of vegetables and fruits. Everyone needs toothpaste, brushes, and soap. The items you bring each week are in genuine demand, and they go straight home to become a family meal.

It's in the book. "I was hungry, and you gave me food."

We're doing a good thing here. Thanks for making it happen.
~Don Lindsay

Interested in becoming an office volunteer on Thursdays?

We're always looking for new volunteers to help in the office on Kay's day off. Please contact the office if you're interested!

Celebration of Unity on 9/16 at Pike Place 4 - 8 pm

FCC is a sponsor. Come join the fun!

Celebration of Unity

Saturday September 16 4-8pm Pike Place

Join your neighbors and friends as we celebrate what makes our community great - our sense of UNITY! All are welcome to join in and have fun!



Hosted by: **HUMANS UNITED FOR EQUALITY**

FREE HOT DOGS provided by Hoosier Heartland State Bank

FOOD & DRINK FOR PURCHASE available from Woburn's, Hoosier Ice Queen, 1832 Brew, Jesus Kettle Corn

ENTERTAINMENT by Crawfordsville Choirs under the direction of Jennie Swick Dance by Deborah Performance Dance Troupe

CRAFTS BALLOON ANIMALS BOUNCE HOUSE
TEMPORARY TATTOOS PINATA GAMES

FREE FAMILY FUN

SPONSORED BY



Voices for Peace t-shirts available

VFP will be selling shirts at the Celebration of Unity on Saturday, September 16th. There will be order forms available that day, or you can order before that by picking up or dropping off your order form and payment at the FCC office. We will be placing one order for shirts in mid to late September. The shirts will be ready sometime in October. This fall order will be available in time for holiday gift giving.

If you have any questions, please contact me by email (tdvaught@mymetronet.net). ~Deb Vaught



YOUTH news from Rev. Kevin Toth

Follow us on Instagram
@fccyouthcrawfordsville



As of yesterday, WOW is back for the fall, but it is not too late to sign up! All youth in 1st to 12th grade are invited to join us each Wednesday from 4:30-7pm for some fellowship, faith learning, food, and fun! You can complete a registration form online using this link: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScr9LjHr6X5t_Hsi_a2o2fHb91MLh2XhghTrOHKDY43Td5XQ/viewform

Physical registration forms also available upon request. If you have any questions about WOW, you can contact WOW Directors- Andrea Venis & Emily McLaughlin-Jenness or 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!



New Youth Bulletin Board!

Be sure to check out the new bulletin board by the parking lot doors! The new bulletin board will feature youth events at the church and in the community. A special thanks to Kym Bushong for taking the time to hang the board on the wall!



Scouts Update

In July the Crossroads of America Council decided to increase the cost of Scouting for our youth membership. Going forward the cost of Scouting has doubled and it will be \$160 per youth for 2024. So to help offset costs we are doing multiple fundraisers in and around the community this fall. Please help where you can, we certainly appreciate it.



On September 9th we were the only food vendor at the Crawfordsville Airport and we did really well. It was a nice day to be out there and the Scouts had fun doing it! They got to sleep in the hangar the night before too and even one of our scouts, Giselle Gohier, was on the radio.

Upcoming Events

- September 16th Relay for Life - Honor Guard-Flag presentation @ Noon
- September 16th - Car Show - Waynetown Fish Fry (free will donation) (flyer attached)
- October 7th - 8th - Feast of the Hunter's Moon
- October (fall break) - T247 Indiana Dunes trip-tentative
- November 18th - T247 Campout @ Bear Creek
- December 2nd - Christmas in the Park-Waynetown (free will donation)



Ministry Fair

The Ministry Team Volunteer Fair was a huge success! Special thanks to Nick Hedrick, Ellen Oakes, Sara Nicodemus, and all others who helped.

247/365 WAYNETOWN, IN FISH FRY AND CAR SHOW



SEPTEMBER 16th 2023 • 3^{PM} - 6^{PM}

(Registration 2:30 to 3:30)

Categories: Cars, Trucks & Open Class
Awards for Top 10, Best in Show, Best Car, Best Truck, dash plates
Door Prizes

Freewill Donation

Free T-shirt for a \$30 or more donation while supplies last.

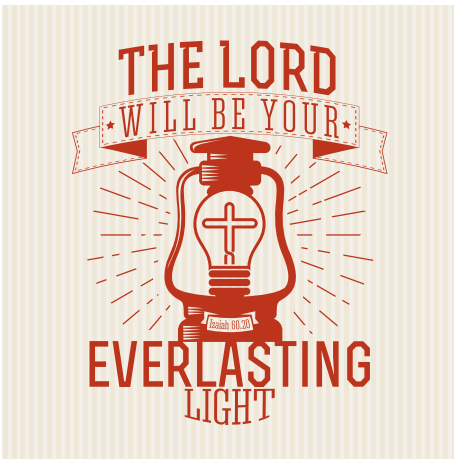
For more information contact:
troop247.365.acct@gmail.com



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**

AMY WOODALL—ongoing serious health challenge

MARLENE ELMORE—recovering at home

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

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

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

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

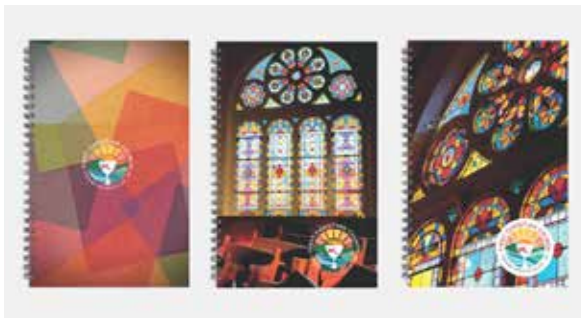


Find us on **Facebook (First Christian Church Crawfordsville)** for updates, news, and pictures of all of our happenings along with LIVE worship on Sundays. Also check out our website at www.fccville.org



Church merch!

Get your FCC shirts—in a wide variety of colors, including some fun new ones! Also available: youth, toddler, and baby sizes, plus adult crew-neck sweatshirts and long-sleeve tees. We also have brand new insulated tumblers and FCC journals. Pick up an order form in the church office. **Orders will be submitted on Sept. 28**, and should deliver within 1-2 weeks after that.



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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
765.267.1760 | dusk-to-dawn.org
info@dusk-to-dawn.org

FISH FOOD PANTRY

*Distributes grocery items to meet
emergency needs.*

Located at St Bernard's Church,
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Thank you for the prayers and cards after my plumbing leak. Just like the story, If You Give a Mouse a Cookie, this "accident" led down a long and winding road, but I am thrilled to say it is now complete and soon my house will be put back together! ~Kay Nannet

Vacation

Pastor Kevin will be attending his Fall Bethany Fellows retreat September 25th to September 29th. He will then take some vacation time to spend with family September 30th to October 7th.