



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
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PASTORAL MESSAGE:
Finding Rest

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**“Come to me, all you that are weary
and are carrying heavy burdens,
and I will give you rest.
Take my yoke upon you,
and learn from me;
for I am gentle and humble
in heart, and you will find rest
for your souls. For my yoke is easy,
and my burden is light.”**

MATTHEW 11:28-30

Greetings Everyone!

As I am writing this letter, I am preparing myself for my Bethany Fellows ministerial retreat that I am currently attending this week. I am truly thankful for the opportunity to step away and find some time for rest and renewal.

However, I openly admit that I struggle taking time for rest. Instead of taking time off, I will take time to check my emails or respond to phone calls or work on a pressing project that I am working on. I'm the type of person who will metaphorically drive their car with less than half of gas in their tank until I am borderline empty. It's a habit I have continued for most of my life including throughout college, seminary, and during my time working at the hospital. However, working at the hospital with less than half a tank

of gas helped me to see that is not healthy and can impact my life, my health, and my ministry.

In preparation for my time away this week, I was reading a devotional and came across the Matthew 11:28-30 text, where Jesus is inviting people to find rest within him and God. I find this scripture to be a source of comfort, knowing that we can find rest in God's beloved son. And I find this scripture to also be an invitation and a challenge. I think Jesus knew how difficult it is to find time for rest. After all, Jesus was preparing his disciples to continue his work on earth after he left and we, the present day disciples of Christ, are continuing this great movement that Jesus had started. The work of the church can be very busy and may take a lot of time from our lives.

But despite all the long important work that we are called to do as the Church, Jesus in this passage reminds us to find time for rest so we can re-fuel our metaphorical gas tanks and take care of our bodies, minds, and spirits.

Again, I thank you for allowing me the opportunity to step away and re-charge my energies so I can continue my work in serving this church community.

I pray that if you are in need of rest, that you remember that Jesus invites you to make time to replenish your souls and may we find rest and renewal in the God who loves us unconditionally.

Many Blessings,

Pastor Kevin





Church Budget Update

As we approach our annual stewardship campaign in October, we can celebrate some facts:

- August giving: \$11,821.00
- Through August, our current-year expenses (excluding one-time costs) are about 2%, or \$4600, below budget
- We project tithes and offerings will be slightly above budget.
- However, with a considerable shortfall built into our budget, we're still projecting a deficit for the year, and the Governing Board continues to work on ways to close this gap.

As we begin to prepare the 2022 budget, let's keep in mind what a budget does for the Church.

- It helps us keep track of income and expenses, of course, but it is much more than that.
- It is aspirational, reflecting what is most important to us as a congregation.
- It also assigns each and every dollar we give to FCC a specific job, whether paying our wonderful staff, maintaining our marvelous building, supporting local and global ministries, or providing for our church programs.

Your tithes and offerings are doing great things, both here at First Christian and for the larger Church. If you have questions, let me know.

Brad Weaver, *Treasurer*
weaverb@wabash.edu or 362-6013

Hosted by the worship team,
in collaboration with
Pastor Kevin and J Miranda

Prayer Vigil

MONDAY, OCT. 18 TO
FRIDAY, OCT. 22

Come spend time alone in the sanctuary to reflect, meditate, and pray. We pray this will be a time in which you reconnect with God and feel God's loving embrace and comfort hold you close in these stressful times we are living in.

- Times: From 1 pm until sometime between 6 pm-9 pm, depending on the day.
- Optional prayer stations will be set up in the chapel area.
- Sign up for one or two half-hour time slots (for a combined one-hour session) at www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D45A9AB2CABFEC34-fccoctober
- For help signing up, contact Pastors Kevin or Darla, J Miranda, or the church office.

A Sermon Series on Whole Life Stewardship

Our Annual Stewardship campaign begins October 10

DATE	SERMON TOPIC	PREACHER
10/3	World Communion Sunday	Rev. Darla
10/10	Stewardship of Our Whole Body	Rev. Darla
10/17	Stewardship of Our Whole Mind	Rev. Kevin
10/24	Stewardship of Our Resources	Rev. Darla
10/31	Stewardship of Our Whole Lives <i>Pledge Sunday / Baptisms</i>	Rev. Darla



On Sunday, October 31, the concluding week of our stewardship campaign, we will be celebrating Christian Baptism during our Pledge Sunday Worship. This will be an opportunity to pledge our resources for the sake of service with one another and God's beloved world. In addition, we will also be celebrating baptismal candidates making a pledge with their whole lives to follow Jesus as they confess their faith.

If you or your child/youth are considering baptism and want to learn more about what it means and what this commitment is all about, there will be a **special educational gathering immediately following worship from Noon - 2:00 pm on Sunday, October 17**. Please reach out to Pastor Darla if you are interested in signing up or learning more about the process to baptism.

Stole Stories Corner

Stoles are worn by clergy as a symbol of their ordination and their office of ministry, as well as a visual representation of when Jesus wiped the Disciples' feet during the last supper (representing that we, too, are servants of the church). Each of Rev. Darla and Kevin's stoles has a story, which we will be sharing over the next few weeks.

Pastor Darla's "Colorful" Stole

In July 2016, I received this stole from the last church I served at in St. Louis, MO: Community Christian Church. For eight years, I served as their Associate Pastor and the church wanted to thank me for my service to their church community through this stole. They chose this stole specifically because of the many years I traveled to different places in the world including India, Bosnia, and South Africa. The stole reflects my passion for diversity and service to people in need of care and support in the world. I love the multitude of colors that the stole shines and among the designs interwoven in the stole are the ancient Christian symbol of the Fish. Early Christians would use the Fish symbol to identify one another in the community. For me, the Fish, along with this stole, reminds me of Jesus feeding the multitudes in the gospels. As Jesus fed the people, I too am called to feed and serve the hungry in the world and this stole represents my calling as a minister. I am thankful to Community Christian Church for this wonderful gift and that I get to share this stole, along with my gifts and calling, with you and the world!



Stillness and Storytelling—"Be Still and Know that I am God"

Please consider joining the Stillness and Storytelling conversation facilitated by j this coming **Wednesday, October 6 at 5:30** in the Chapel. By sharing challenges, joys, and concerns in a meditative and prayerful way, we create a community of support and care. This is not a class. Instead, j offers a reading or other centering text that they find meaningful in moments of difficulty as a point of discussion in which all can join, then we explore thoughts about it and ways that we all need support and care from one another.

If you need a place to share your needs, or simply want to rest in the companionship of others, this mindful care circle invites all to come and share. ~ J Miranda, Minister for Bereavement Care





YOUTH news from Rev. Kevin Toth

Follow us on Instagram
@fccyouthcrawfordsville



CHURCH FELLOWSHIP EVENT THIS SUNDAY
Intergenerational Fire Pit Nights
Starting October 3rd from 5-7 pm!

Hosted by Pastor Kevin, these fellowship gatherings will be informal and will include some snacks, games for the children and a fire pit for warmth and fun! Everyone (not just youth) is invited to meet us in the church parking lot. Come right at 5 or stop by anytime. Some chairs will be provided but you may want to bring your own comfy chairs. We hope you will join us for some great conversations and relaxing fun every Sunday through October 24!

Scouts

Thank you, FCC, for blessing us and enabling us to be here. We are gearing up for a major fundraiser and would love to see you at our booth at the **Feast of the Hunter's Moon on Oct 9th-10th.**

Scouts BSA Troops 247 and 365 meet on Monday evenings at 6:30 pm. If you are 11-17 years old (or an adult) and are interested in being a part of our boys' or girls' organization, we would love to have you. You can come to our meeting or contact:

Scouting247.365@gmail.com
Michele Enlow, 765.401.6228, Scoutmaster, Troop 365
Rolf Samuelsen, 317.966.7609, Scoutmaster, Troop 247



Appreciation!

WOW is off to a great start! Each Wednesday, we've been gathering in the church parking lot for fun games, amazing bible lessons, and tons of fellowship! We even helped the Local & Global Outreach team by assembling all the collected items for the CWS Emergency Bucket drive last week.

And speaking of donations, I want to personally thank the following people for donating food for our WOW youth in the month of September. We greatly appreciate your support and our youth appreciate each of you as well!

- Judy Michal
- Bettye Hudson
- Pat Hooper
- Arleen Wilhite
- Barbara Frye
- Tom Keedy
- Donna Coats
- Cindy Grimes
- Barb Foster
- Sandy Henthorn
- Sara Nicodemus

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Mark your calendar!

WOW Fall 2021 Schedule

WOW will be meeting at the church on these Wednesdays:
October 6 • October 13 • October 27 • November 3rd • November 10th • November 17th • December 1st • December 8th • December 15th



Calendar of Upcoming Events

- Fri. 10/1 **New Bible for the People** podcast episode
- Sun. 10/3 **Seven Deadly Sins class resumes** (parlor)—9:15-9:45
The class may be dedicated to help its leader deal with the anger that he has accumulated during the past 2 weeks isolating.
Reconciliation Special Offering (see pg. 6)
Intergenerational Firepit Night (parking lot)—5 pm
See pg. 4 for more info. Everyone is welcome!
- Tues. 10/5 **Cruisers "Cruise In"** (Pizza Hut)—11:30
All you amazing "Nifty-Over-Fifties" come for fun, food, and fellowship! Card-playing available afterwards. Bring a friend and join-in!!
- Wed. 10/6 **WOW** (parking lot)—4:30-7:30
Stillness and Storytelling (chapel)—5:30-6:30 (see pg. 6)
Choir practice—7-8:30
- Sun. 10/10 **Seven Deadly Sins class** (parlor)—9:15-9:45
Intergenerational Firepit Night (parking lot)—5 pm
See pg. 4 for more info. Everyone is welcome!
- Tues. 10/12 **Ladies Lunch Bunch** (Creekside)—12:30
All you wonderful gals are invited. Lively conversation and healing laughter are guaranteed!! Please notify bonyund@hotmail.com of your attending and a happy seat will be waiting!
Faith and Culture Class—3 pm
Elders Meeting—7 pm
Church members welcome.
- Wed. 10/13 **WOW** (parking lot)—4:30-7:30
Choir practice—7-8:30
- Thurs. 10/14 **Next Pathfinder**
- Tues. 10/19 **Card Sharks** (Fellowship Hall)—1:30
Call Marilyn Patton, 765-362-6107, with any questions

Baby Shower Invitation to our FCC Family

You're invited to help the **family of Kelly Plank/Jones** celebrate the coming of a baby boy!!! Hope to see you at Whitesville Christian Church (Tammy's mom's church), 3603 S Ladoga Road, on October 24 at 1:00.



Faith and Culture

Exploring today's challenges through the lens of faith

2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month in the Parlor from 3-4:00 pm.
Contact Pastor Darla if you have questions or would like to join us!

UPCOMING TOPICS:

- Oct 12 Whose side is Jesus on?
- Oct 26 What's the Bible got to do with it all?
- Nov 9 What about faith and the issues of our day?
- Nov 23 Where do we go from here?



Need Yarn?

Do you knit/crochet/do crafts? The church knitters have a variety of yarn weights and colors which we would love to pass on. If interested, please call the church office at 765-362-4812 or Arleen at 765-361-9441. Leave a message and she will be happy to meet with you to supply your yarn needs.

MISSIONS & OUTREACH



Thank you

Thank you to you all for being a part of this project. It indeed takes a village to care for others.

- 22 orange buckets filled (est. value \$75 each)
- Congregation donated supplies and money, plus we used \$350 from Outreach budget
- Rev. Kevin and the WOW students filled 12 buckets; Pat Hooper, David Maharry, and Dale Petrie assisted taping and preparing the buckets to take to the Emergency Management office, from which Sherry Harrington will deliver them to Church World Service in Elkhart.
- Church World Service is sending 500 buckets, 3500 hygiene kits, and 1500 school kits this week to New York, where flooding occurred earlier this month.



**RECONCILIATION MINISTRY
SPECIAL OFFERING 2021**



**REVEALING
GOD'S JUSTICE**

"The time is always ripe to do what is right."
- REV. DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

ISAIAH 56:1

SEPTEMBER 26TH AND OCTOBER 3RD

RECONCILIATIONMINISTRY.ORG



OCT. 3: This church-wide mission fund supports programs and program partners that enable full human flourishing for everyone in every community. Your giving promotes our capacity to respond and to reveal God's love and justice in such a time as this! Learn more at www.reconciliationministry.org



The Search is On—Director of Music

As you know, Richard will be leaving our community this fall as he and Eileen move to Cincinnati to be near family. He has agreed, thankfully, to continue to be a part of our staff through the end of the year.

This is a very important position for our congregation so we must begin the search as soon as possible. The general responsibility is to coordinate with the Senior Minister a comprehensive music program for the church as well as directing the Chancel Choir.

The qualifications are:

- BA or equivalent experience in music education;
- Experience as choir director (or understudy);
- Sound knowledge in Christian music/hymns;
- Ability to interpret various styles of music;
- A natural leader with good listening skills;
- Possesses a collaborative leadership style

If you know of someone that fits these qualifications and might be interested in joining our staff at First Christian, please forward their name to either Kim Mason (masonkbr@mymetronet.net) or Pat Hooper (jhooper1@hotmail.com). We will forward them a copy of the job description.



Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for your very generous donation to the Dr. Mary Ludwig Free Clinic in late July. Helping those without adequate healthcare coverage is our mission and has been for 50+ years. We are able to do this with the support of our wonderful faith communities in Montgomery County.

*Sincerely,
Julie Ludwig Bergfors*

Thank you so much for your generous support of Dusk-to-Dawn Bereavement Services! Your gift will go a long way to helping folks suffering with losses among us during this most difficult time.

Cheryl Fuhrmann

Hand in Hand Creative Learning wants to thank the ladies of FCC for doing our laundry!! You are a blessing to our center and we appreciate the act of kindness! Also, thank you to those who have registered to be volunteers at our center when we are short staffed. God bless you all for helping with the caring of our little ones.

*Lori McKinney, Director,
Hand In Hand Creative Learning*

Harvest Festival
 Saturday Nov. 6, 9:00am-2:00pm
 Masks strongly encouraged

Christ Lutheran Church
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 Crawfordsville, IN

Proceeds benefit
 Dusk-to-Dawn
 Bereavement Services

CRAFTS, VENDORS, and SILENT AUCTION

We also have opportunities for folks to volunteer. For more information on how you can help as a volunteer, please contact Cheryl Fuhrmann 765-376-5644 or ckfdusk2dawn@gmail.com. Thank you!

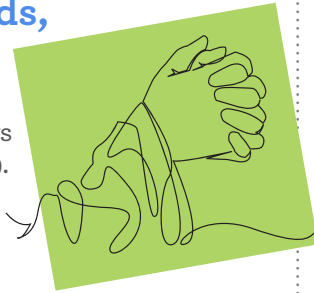
Pray for our Shut-ins

Long-term care facilities are open again to visitors, even without vaccination. Our shut-ins would enjoy visits.

- WHITLOCK: HULAH ODELL (#158) , CAROLYN SIMPSON (#151)
BICKFORD: EILEEN MORRETT
WELLBROOKE: BARTON PADDACK (#102),
MARGE KOPERSKI (Margie Michael's mother)
HOME: BILL & FRANCES COLLINGS, DORIS BRANSTETTER
ST. ANTHONY'S, LAFAYETTE: MARILYN MOFFETT
THE LANE PLACE: BETTY CEDARS

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.



- ABBIE PLUNKETT—outpatient surgery on her ankle
RANDAL TURNER—has hip surgery Oct. 12
ED AND SARAH DOWD AND FAMILY—Sarah's grandmother passed away
MARCELLA "MARCY" MILLS—well on the mend from surgery (and wants to thank everyone for their thoughts, prayers and cards)
MATT RYKER (son of Ron Yund's friend) — victim of a beating
DARLENE GOODRICH—ongoing health concerns
GARY AND DEE ISENBERG—both were ill with Covid but are improving
RUSSELL RUBY—health issues
CAROLYN BAER (and family) on the passing of Ann Mitchell
BARTON PADDACK (brother-in-law) AND ENTIRE FAMILY on the passing of Edna Krukewitt
DEBBIE (REBECCA LANG'S SISTER)—treatment for lung cancer
SANDY & KEN BROWN—he had pacemaker replacement procedure and she's recovering from broken arm
JERRI STEWART—breast cancer; recovering from mastectomy
BOB MASON—energy is low from tests and treatments for cancer
CATHY MOFFETT (Marilyn Moffett's daughter-in-law)—chemo for breast cancer
HULAH O'DELL—hospice/declining health
BETH & CHRIS & SON ALEX (friends of Sarah Jay)—Alex has tumor on his spine
KAY NANNET—recovering from car accident
MYRNA THOMPSON—breast cancer and radiation treatments
CARSON COLLINS and family (friends of Kym Bushong's)—leukemia
JENNIFER (FRY) KREKELER (daughter of Daryl & Mary Helen Fry)—chronic fatigue syndrome
JOE CARTER—friend of Keedys, cancer
GARY MEEK—ongoing health concerns
SHEILA CLARK—Chronic Lymphatic Leukemia
CHURCH STAFF, MINISTERS, AND LEADERSHIP

BIRTHDAYS

- Oct. 2 Hannah Scott
Nora Carlson
Oct. 4 Jerri Stewart
Oct. 5 Nina Kyger
Freida Cosby (102)
Oct. 10 Marian Cass
Oct. 12 Andrew Plunkett
Oct. 16 Gerry Hargrove
Brad Carlson
Oct. 17 Rex Henthorn
Ron Yund
Jeff Stewart

ANNIVERSARIES

- Oct. 7
Larry and Mary Ellen Fields
Oct. 13
Bob and Bettye Hudson
Oct. 26
Chuck and Kaylynn Ranspach

If you would like your birthday and anniversary included in the bi-monthly Pathfinder newsletter, please let Kelly know.



We hope you'll continue to listen as we explore the Bible together. Currently we're in the book of Exodus. New episodes are released every Friday.

WE WANT YOU TO BE INVOLVED! Send us any questions you'd like for us to discuss (bibleforthepeople@gmail.com). https://directory.libsyn.com/shows/view/id/bibleforthepeople



OFFICE HOURS:

Mon. & Wed. 12 – 5:30 p.m.
Tues., Thurs., Fri. 12-3 p.m.

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 staff will be delighted to “buzz” you in!

PASTOR DARLA

Monday is Rev. Darla's day off.
Please contact Rev. Kevin with any questions, concerns or emergencies when Darla is unavailable.
Cell Phone: 314-805-0347
Email: darla.goodrich@gmail.com

PASTOR KEVIN

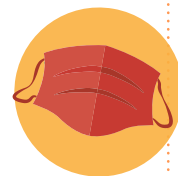
Friday is Rev. Kevin's day off.
Please contact Rev. Darla with any questions, concerns or emergencies when Kevin is unavailable.

Cell: 724-825-0997
(If no answer, please leave a voicemail)

Email:
katoth112792@gmail.com

YOUR SAFETY IS IMPORTANT TO US

Masks should be worn by everyone, regardless of vaccination status, for all church activities and classes. All church staff and childcare givers are fully vaccinated, and we continue to practice social distancing in addition to mask wearing. Thank you for your cooperation and ongoing commitment to the health and safety of all.



Sharing our Facebook posts helps us grow! On our **Facebook (First Christian Church Crawfordsville) page**, we share updates, news, and pictures of all of our happenings along with LIVE worship on Sundays.

FCC LEADERS FOR 2021-22

Governing Board Chair: Dave Maharry
Governing Board Vice Chair / Coordinating Council Chair: Linda Spencer
Elder Chair: Brad Weaver
Personnel Co-Chairs: Kim Mason and Pat Hooper
Kevin's PRC Chair: Amber Rohr
Darla's PRC Chair: Linda Weaver

For full list of leaders for 2021-22, go to www.fccville.org/leaders

HOW CAN WE HELP?

GRIEF AND LOSS

j Miranda, Minister for Bereavement Care
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FINANCIAL QUESTIONS & CONCERNS

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HAND IN HAND CREATIVE LEARNING

Sara Nicodemus, HHCL Board Director | **Lori McKinney**, HHCL Director
Phone: 765.362.4812 (leave a message) | Email: hhclboard@gmail.com

OTHER QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS

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