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BETHANY FELLOWS A Pastoral Appreciation

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Two weeks ago, I attended my 7th Bethany Fellows ministerial retreat, this time located in Hickory, North Carolina. I have had the honor and privilege of being a part of this ministerial mentoring and spiritual leadership program since October 2020, almost as long as I have had the honor and privilege of serving as your associate minister. Bethany Fellows is a program that is specifically designed to support young clergy who are serving in their 1st or 2nd congregational settings as we transition from seminary into full time church ministry. The goal of Bethany Fellows is for young clergy to develop strong and healthy pastoral identities as well as form supportive communities that will help ministers navigate the beginnings of our vocations.



All clergy in Bethany Fellows are invited to two retreats each year. While three of my retreats were virtual during the pandemic, I have had the pleasure of being in retreats in Chicago, St. Louis, San Francisco, and Hickory, NC. At every retreat, we all gather for worship each day; engage in learning seminars on a variety of subjects that are relevant for young clergy



to succeed in our ministries; have time for fellowship, meals, and fun together; and perhaps my favorite part is on Wednesday, we are invited into a time of solitude, silence, and sabbath which lasts for almost 24 hours! Every time I have stepped into this intentional time of silence and rest, I have walked away feeling refreshed, renewed, and my relationship with God is stronger than it was before. These experiences have been life changing for me and I plan to share many of these experiences with you in future worship services soon.

The mission of Bethany Fellows is to also serve congregations by

supporting clergy. When ministers are able to take time for rest and be in a time of spiritual retreat, we become re-energized in the work we do. This is very true for me: by the end of every retreat, I am excited to return to the amazing work I get to do with you all through the church. So let me take this moment to thank you: Thank you for the chance to be in retreat and be a part of Bethany Fellows; and thank you for the opportunity to support each of you as we all do God's work in the world!

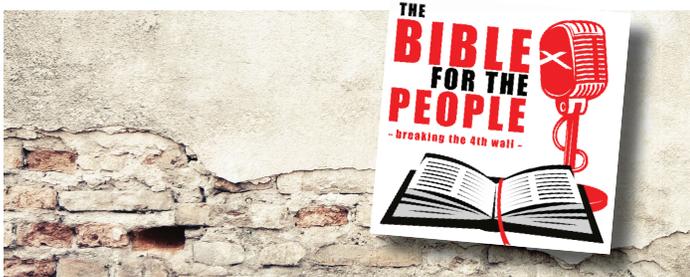
Blessings,
Kevin



No Livestream Sunday, Oct. 15

Due to both Dale Petrie and Vic Lindsay being out of town this coming **Sunday, October 15**, there will be NO livestream or recorded service. Special thanks to Brad Weaver who will be stepping in and operating the sound board during worship!

For those of you who live nearby, and are able to attend in person, **we hope you will join us at 10:15 for in person worship!** We miss getting to see all of our church family in the sanctuary! We also apologize for the inconvenience of not being able to livestream last Sunday, October 8. Work being done on the building late in the week unknowingly shut down the internet connection for our livestream service. We will be back in the **weekly Livestream** saddle again beginning **Sunday, October 22**. Thank you for your patience and hope we get to see you this Sunday!



Bible for the People Podcast is BACK!

Pastors Darla & Kevin and Chuck Ranspach are back with our bible podcast, starting with the books of **1st and 2nd Kings**. We will be recording and releasing episodes every other week, starting October 13th. 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.

October Stewardship Series

Last Sunday we began our stewardship series in worship entitled *Overflow*. During this preaching series we will consider, on a deeper level, the sources of a more meaningful and overflowing life (both personally and communally) no matter our stage or age, income level, or place in the world. This will invite us all to look at our overall life patterns as a congregation and as people of faith through the lens of a God overflowing with abundant grace and life. Each week's message will build on the last.

On **Sunday, October 22**, FCC Treasurer Brad Weaver will make a special presentation in worship about the FCC budgeted ministry priorities. The following week, on **Sunday, October 29, will be Pledge Sunday** where we will receive pledges for the 2024 year. They can also be mailed directly to the church. A letter and pledge cards are coming by mail soon. If you have any questions at all please reach out to Pastor Darla or Treasurer Brad Weaver.



Join us for our Stewardship Series as we explore the challenges, opportunities and great gifts of an overflowing life!

10/15 STEWARDSHIP 2	<i>Casting Our Fear</i> Luke 5:1-11	Rev. Darla Goodrich
10/22 STEWARDSHIP 3	<i>Hidden Generosity</i> Mark 12:41-44	Rev. Kevin Toth
10/29 PLEDGE SUNDAY	<i>My Cup Overflows</i> Psalm 23	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.



All Saints Soup Lunch NOVEMBER 5

Please join us for a time of laughter and fellowship on All Saints Sunday. We'll provide the soup, beverages, and tableware. Please bring veggies, cheese and crackers, and/or desserts. But even if you can't bring anything, you're invited to show up with only your appetite!

Events like this require lots of hands, so please contact Kate Lindsay (kate@donandkate.org) if you can volunteer to help make soup on Saturday or wash dishes on Sunday.

Ladies Lunch Bunch convenes at 1pm, Thurs. Oct. 19, in Ladoga's Emporium Restaurant. Pls contact bonyund@hotmail.com (362-8385), if you wish to meet at church to share rides!

State Park Outing SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29 AT 1 PM

Let's enjoy the restorative beauty of nature together! FCC has reserved a shelter at Turkey Run State Park and everyone is invited! There will be plenty to do for the whole family. We will have snacks and beverages or you can bring lunch.

We will provide: Cups, plates, utensils, napkins, hot chocolate mix, marshmallows, graham crackers, chocolate for S'mores, bottled water, and apple cider.

What to bring:

- Snack to share with others (ideas for finger foods: apple/orange slices, hot dogs, popcorn, peanuts, nuts, trail mix, sausage balls, carrots, stuffed celery, cheese, crackers, summer sausage, cookies, perhaps some candy).
- Lawn chairs, if picnic benches are not your cup of tea.
- Hot dog/marshmallow roasting sticks, if you'd like.
- Shoes for hiking (if desired) or games to share with others: corn hole, horseshoes, frisbees, soccer ball, etc.
- Admission to the park is \$7 per vehicle. Please carpool if you can or contact the church office if this is a hardship and we'll make sure that everyone can attend.

Contact Kate Lindsay (kate@donandkate.org) with questions.

Upcoming Art Display Featuring the Children

We want to celebrate the artwork of our church's youth in an upcoming exhibit. Start saving your kids' best or favorite pieces of artwork. WOW will also provide some creation time between now and then, so everyone should have a chance to be involved. In November, we'll share details for submitting artwork, probably by Thanksgiving, and then will host the display during the month of December.

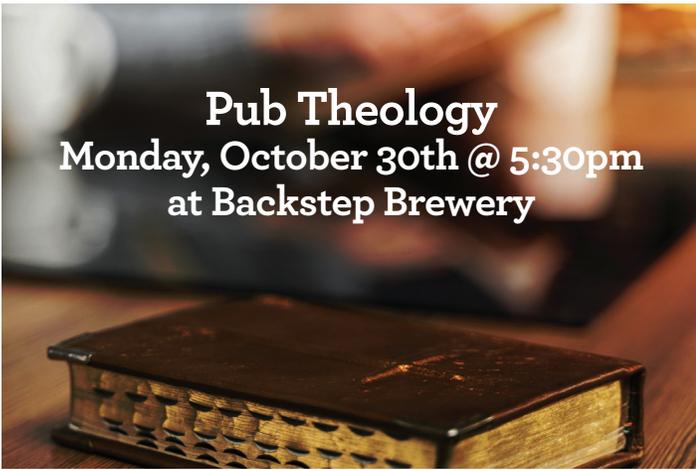
If you have art ideas for the children and would like to help, please contact Tammy Meyers at tjmeyers@gmail.com or (317) 224-8713.

Free COVID tests

Four free COVID tests per household are again available to order at <https://www.covid.gov/tests>. If you are unable to order these tests for your household, I would be happy to help you!

Send me an email at 211fccville@gmail.com, call me at 765-362-4812, or sign up on the list at the Welcome Center or in the Church office (open M-F from 10-2).

Kay Nannet
Office Manager



Pub Theology
Monday, October 30th @ 5:30pm
at Backstep Brewery

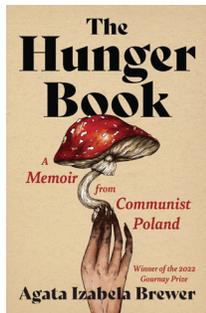
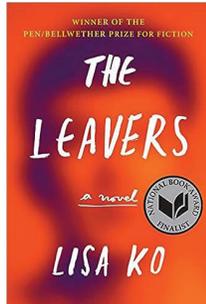
Unfortunately, we were unable to meet in September, so we will be keeping the same theme and questions for open discussion: *Why is going to church so important? Does God care if we go to church on Sunday?*

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 October 30th @ 5:30pm.

FCC BOOK CLUB

November's book is ***The Leavers*** by Lisa Ko. And on Dec. 5, we welcome **Agata Szczeszak-Brewer**, local author of ***The Hunger Book: A Memoir from Communist Poland***. She will be happy to sign books and answer questions, so place your order for a book soon (or contact me to request that I order one for you). Books are \$24.95 plus tax. One copy of each book is available to borrow through our church library.

Remember, this group is open to the entire community. Feel free to invite friends, particularly for the December event, because I think it will be amazing and because I want to have a good turnout for the author! Questions? Reach out to Kelly Stanley, 765.366.6709 or fcc.comm211@gmail.com.



Indiana Disciples
Fall Storytelling Retreat

Registration for Adult Retreat at Bedford Camp & Conference Center for all Indiana Disciples congregations and individuals is now open! Join us for a weekend at camp for rest, connection, sanctuary in the woods and storytelling. The cost is \$75.00. Register by clicking on the below link or call the Indiana Disciples Regional Office in Indianapolis at (317) 926-6051.

https://wmt.suran.com/tool/event_registration_v2/summary?guid=81cf0234-5d49-11ee-8a35-d0dbc82df89c

Available

Nancy Beach has three Canon 246 Color Cartridges for a printer that she can no longer use. She would be happy to give them to anyone who could use them.

Reindeer Project

It is time to think about the Reindeer Project for children at Christmas. Youth Service Bureau chairs this project for all of Montgomery County. First Christian Church will receive 16 names of children to be distributed to people in our congregation who would like to participate. We will get the names the week of **November 8**. The gifts will need to be delivered to the church by **December 17**. Carolyn Snyder is looking for an assistant for this project of Outreach from First Christian Church. Youth Service Bureau also looks for volunteers to assist in the distribution to parents. If you are interested in shopping for a child, suggestions will be provided, assisting with First Christian's participation, or volunteering in the distribution of gifts, please contact Carolyn Snyder, carolynsnyder42@gmail.com.



YOUTH news from Rev. Kevin Toth

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Lots of Fun and Community Service at WOW!

Reminder: **WOW will NOT be meeting on October 17th.** We will resume WOW on October 25th.



Multi-Church Youth Group Gathering: October 22nd @ 3pm

Hosted at Christ Lutheran Church

All youth 4th grade and older are invited to join the youth from Wabash Avenue Presbyterian Church and Christ Lutheran Church for an ecumenical youth gathering! Each month, a different church will host youth and have an opportunity for fellowship and provide service to the community! Next month in October, we will help with the community gardens at Christ Lutheran Church.

Please contact Pastor Kevin if you have any questions.



HELP US HELP OTHERS

The WOW youth are asking for your help by collecting donations. Over the past few weeks, they have organized and worked on a project they've named the **Agape Outreach Project**. The donations will be used to assemble care bags for individuals who come to the church seeking help. If you are able and willing to donate, here is a list of a few items they are needing for their care bags...

- Granola bars or trail mix
- Ziploc bags, gallon size
- Hats, gloves, and socks
- Hand sanitizer
- Small flashlights
- Travel size toiletries (body wash, deodorant, dry shampoo, bar soap, toothbrush & toothpaste)
- Combs or brushes

If you would like to help, you can bring your donations to the church until November 5th. There is a collection box located in the Narthex. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Andrea Venis (aalkavenis@icloud.com/765.366.4022) or Emily McLaughlin-Jenness (emilyd.mclaughlin@gmail.com).

You can still order FCC 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. The first batch of orders has already been distributed. **Kelly will place a second order near the end of October, so it's not too late to turn in your order form!** Orders should deliver within 1-2 weeks, and we'll let you know when your stuff is in!

NEW!

Bandanas now available!

Small pet bandana is 20" x 9.75" (\$12) and large bandana is 27" x 13" (\$16). Updated order forms are in the office.





Food Finders Distribution Event

FCC hosted another **Food Finders** food distribution event on Thursday, Sept 28. Special thanks to **Deb Vaught** for organizing it and to all who helped provide food for over 100 Families. There will be another event coming in the New Year. Look for the date and we hope you will join us in continuing to serve our neighbors in need!



Welcome Hahnstadts!

This past Sunday, October 8, **Pete and Crystal Hahnstadt, Gideon (5) and Laurel (3)** joined First Christian Church! Their visiting niece, Hailey, was also present for this wonderful occasion. Welcome Hahnstadts to FCC family!!

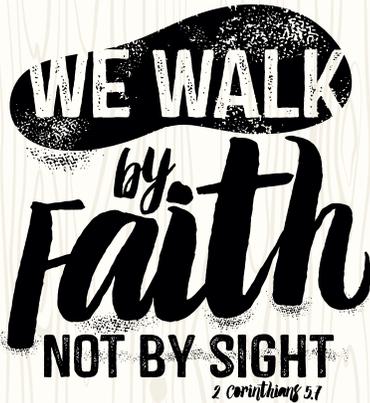
Pete and Crystal moved to Crawfordsville from east central Illinois about eighteen months ago. Pete works at International Paper, and Crystal is a stay-at-home mom who is homeschooling Gideon and Laurel. Crystal grew up in a Disciples of Christ congregation. Due to this background, and them both feeling congruent and at home with the many ways we give expression to our faith at FCC, they recently began attending worship. In his free time, Pete enjoys playing games with friends. Crystal is an avid reader who loves taking their children to the library for group activities. She also likes watching television shows, listening to music, and spending time with family and friends.

The Hahnstadts are very excited about joining this new church family and are looking forward to seeing what God has in store for them. We are also incredibly excited about this as well and look forward to getting to know the whole family better and walking together in this journey of faith! Cards of welcome may be sent to the Hahnstadts at 39 W. 500 S. Crawfordsville, Indiana 47933.

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

JERRI STEWART—at Lafayette Franciscan Hospital with lung issues

SHEILA CLARK—now at home, recovering from hip surgery

MARLYN DIMMICK—recovering from eye surgery involving her cornea

JORDAN TURNER (Gerry Turner's grandson) and family—recovering from surgery to repair broken bones following a motorcycle accident

AMY WOODALL—ongoing serious health challenge; surgery scheduled for Oct 25

MARLENE ELMORE—recovering at home

CARRIE SAUNDERS (daughter of Joe and Phyllis Boswell)—at home

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

DALLAS McDONALD—ongoing cancer treatment

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

Vacation

Kay Nannet (office manager) will be on vacation from October 13-22.



Dear Friends of Nourish,

Thank you so much for your support of the Youth Servie Bureau Nourish Program. Your gift of \$2,537.50 will provide 350 backpacks of food for food insecure youth in Montgomery County. With all the food the backpacks contain, this translates to more than 2,800 meals for our food insecure youth. Your gift will help feed hungry children and that will make an incredible impact in our community! We are so appreciative of individuals like you that support programs in their community.

Thank you again for your investment in Nourish and the children of Montgomery County. We continue to strive to make every donation count and you can be assured that we will use this gift wisely and continue to work tirelessly to make a difference in the lives of the children.

~Karen Branch, Executive Director



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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

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