



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
211 South Walnut Street
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PASTORAL MESSAGE:

All In!

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I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

ROMANS 12:1-2

Have you ever been in a circular huddle of athletes right before an athletic meet or game? Many times, in these pre-game huddles athletes will place their palms upon each other like the spokes of a wheel coming together at the center. Then, in unison they will press their hands upon each other before lifting their arms to the heavens with the shout of a unifying motivational phrase like, "Go Team!" or "Let's do this!" While this may initially inspire team members, still, we all know that the success of the whole team is dependent on every person giving their **all** for the team, and the group trusting that everyone is **all in** for the long haul – that everyone will go the distance even when it seems all has been lost.

Without this mutual trust or faith in each other's commitment, team members may decide it isn't worth giving their all for a team who isn't in it for the long haul.

I couldn't be more inspired by the **all in** faith of the First Christian Church family who has gone the distance through the long haul of what seems like an unending pandemic overtime! Your **all in** faith for the sake of one another, for the needs of our community, for **all in** the family across God's creation and for the good news of Jesus saving love, has and will continue to enable each of us to trust more fully the power of what God's Spirit is doing among us and beyond!

So I invite you to join me, as we

move deeper into our stewardship focus over the weeks ahead, to consider the question: *How might I best express my "all in" faith for the sake of the whole community and God's good news through the offering of my time, my talents, my resources and my heart, so that together we all might throw our hands up to the heavens with one voice and one faith saying: "We're All In!"?*

Grace and Peace,

Darla



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.



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.



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 the Heart	Rev. Kevin
10/24	Stewardship of Our Resources	Rev. Darla
10/31	Stewardship of Our Whole Lives <i>Pledge Sunday / Baptisms</i>	Rev. Darla



YOUTH news

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The first five weeks of WOW have been non-stop fun for our youth and adult volunteers! We will be taking a break the week of October 18-22 as the youth will be away on fall break from school. We look forward to starting WOW back up on October 27th! Enjoy the amazing pictures from the last several WOW gatherings!

WOW Fall 2021 Schedule

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



CHURCH FELLOWSHIP EVENT THIS SUNDAY Intergenerational Fire Pit Nights Continue! October 17 and 24: 5-7pm

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 pm 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 24th!

Stole Stories Corner

We have so much to be thankful for!



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.

Darla's "Children" Stole

On the occasion of my ordination to Christian ministry in November of 2007 at Webster Groves Christian Church, in St. Louis, Missouri, I received this stole as a gift from a colleague who was serving there. Later, my mother, Rev. Darlene Goodrich, graciously gave me a small version of the same stole, which she wore throughout her ministry.

The woven pattern of the stoles displays people of different races, ethnicities, age, gender, attire, and culture. This represents the diverse body of Christ across our world of which we are all a part and the diversity of humanity God created. When wearing this stole, it reminds me that God's inclusive love is meant for all human beings. The children on the stole are also a reminder that Jesus especially welcomes children as precious members of God's kingdom. For this reason, I love to wear this stole during children's moments and when celebrating the diversity of God's children in worship, such as on World Communion Sunday, or any Sunday!

I am grateful to Webster Groves Christian Church for their support and care throughout my journey towards ordination and also for my mother's love which I feel every time I place this stole upon my shoulders.

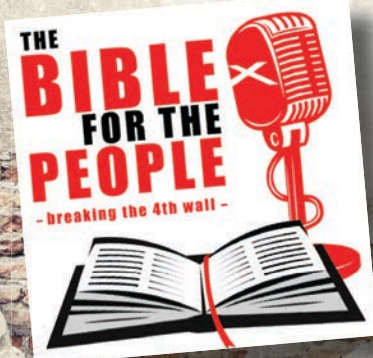


Stewardship Sunday is October 31.

Watch for your Stewardship letter and estimate of giving card next week!

Next week we start a new book—Leviticus! We hope you'll continue to listen as we explore the Bible together.

WE WANT YOU TO BE INVOLVED!
Send your questions to bibleforthepeople@gmail.com.



PODCAST

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



Calendar of Upcoming Events

- Fri. 10/15 **New Bible for the People** podcast episode
- Sun. 10/17 **Seven Deadly Sins class** (parlor)—9:00-9:45
A special learning session on baptism for all youth 3rd to 12th grade—pizza provided—Noon - 2:00 pm
Intergenerational Firepit Night (parking lot)—5 pm
See pg. 3 for more info. Everyone is welcome!
- Mon. 10/18 **Prayer Vigil**—1 to 9 pm
- Tues. 10/19 **Prayer Vigil** —1 to 7 pm
Card Sharks (Fellowship Hall)—1:30
Call Marilyn Patton, 765-362-6107, with any questions
Coordinating Council meeting—7 pm
Church members welcome.
Governing Board meeting—7 pm
Church members welcome.
- Wed. 10/20 **Prayer Vigil** —1 to 6 pm
Choir practice—7-8:30
- Thurs. 10/21 **Prayer Vigil**—1 to 9 pm
Grief Support Group—Dusk to Dawn
at Quest for Balance Wellness—5:30-7:00
- Fri. 10/22 **New Bible for the People** podcast episode
Prayer Vigil—1 to 9 pm
- Sun. 10/24 **Seven Deadly Sins class** (parlor)—9:00-9:45
Baby Shower for the family of Kelly Plank/Jones
to welcome a baby boy, Whitesville Christian Church, 1:00
Intergenerational Firepit Night (parking lot)—5 pm
See pg. 3 for more info. Everyone is welcome!
- Tues. 10/26 **Faith and Culture Class** (What's the Bible got to do with it all?)—3 pm
- Wed. 10/27 **WOW** (parking lot)—4:30-7:30
Choir practice—7-8:30
- Thurs. 10/28 **Next Pathfinder**

CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

- Oct. 16 Gerry Hargrove
Brad Carlson
- Oct. 17 Rex Henthorn
Ron Yund
Jeff Stewart
- Oct. 22 Carrie Siddons
Grace Suitors
- Oct. 23 Vic Lindsay
- Oct. 24 Maxine Williamson
- Oct. 25 Jaci Wollenberg
- Oct. 26 Abigail Nunan
Chuck Ranspach
- Oct. 27 Karen McDonald
- Oct. 28 Randall Garrett
- Oct. 29 Ben McCormick
- Oct. 31 Karon Smith
- Nov. 2 Nora Carlson
- Nov. 4 Janice Sands
Addie Lindsay



ANNIVERSARIES

- Oct. 26
Chuck and Kaylynn Ranspach

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



Because of the Prayer Vigil, the Stillness and Storytelling circle **will not meet this Wednesday, October 20** but will resume in two weeks on November 3.

The staff of Hand in Hand Creative Learning want to send a warm thank you to those who brought Joshua Cup coffee, Jack's Donuts, Panera Bread, Chick Fil-A tea, Maxine's on Green spooky cake, and the Chamber Bucks! We were treated like queens and appreciate your thoughtfulness very much. Blessings to all! We love our jobs!

Hand in Hand Creative Learning has been getting in the fall spirit this week with employee appreciation! We are so grateful for our amazing staff, who work hard every day loving and nurturing children. We also want to give a very warm welcome to our new director, **Lori McKinney**. Lori comes to us with a degree in Family Studies and Early Childhood Education from Purdue University, and many years of experience in the field, not to mention her experience as a mother and grandma! We are excited for the expertise, passion and vision she brings to Hand in Hand.



Grief Support Group

This 90 minute open group welcomes all who are experiencing grief as a result of the death of a loved one. The group meets once per month at 5:30pm on the 3rd Thursday of each month.

This group meets at Quest for Balance Wellness, 2886 S. US HWY 231 in Crawfordsville. Visit our websites for more information.

NEXT MEETING: Thursday October 21 5:30 - 7:00pm

Donations gratefully accepted

J MIRANDA, PCC

Group facilitator and Staff Counselor, Dusk to Dawn Bereavement Services & Owner, Quest for Balance Wellness



HHCL would be grateful if you are able to donate any of the following supplies:

Must-haves for the preschool classroom

- Ziplock bags
- Paper towels
- Cookie sheets
- Wax paper & foil
- Label stickers
- Plastic silverware
- Masking tape
- Cotton balls
- Q-tips
- Muffin tins
- Sheet protectors
- Post-it notes
- Pens
- Food trays
- Plastic bowls
- Food coloring
- Scrap paper
- Clothespins
- File folders

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

Christ Lutheran Church
 300 W. South Blvd.
 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: **CAROLYN SIMPSON** (#151)
BICKFORD: **EILEEN MORRETT**
WELLBROOKE: **MARGE KOPERSKI** (Margie Michael's mother)
HOME: **BILL & FRANCES COLLINGS, DORIS BRANSTETTER**
ST. ANTHONY'S, LAFAYETTE: **MARILYN MOFFETT**
THE LANE PLACE: **BETTY CEDARS**

Thank you

Gary and I want to thank all the loving friends that sent cards and food during our COVID illness. We are slowly improving but are surprised at how quick our strength wanes. Love to all of you.

~ Gary & Dee Isenberg

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.

BRAD PADDACK and family on the passing of Brad's father Barton Paddack
THE KEEDY/RANSPACH FAMILY on the passing of Hulah O'Dell
LIAM VENIS and family—Liam is recovering from surgery
MAXINE WILLIAMSON—recovering from surgery to repair a broken arm
DAPHNE REED (Sarah Reed Jay's mother)—hospitalized with critical declining health
ABBIE PLUNKETT—recovering from surgery on her ankle
RANDAL TURNER—recovering from hip surgery
ED AND SARAH DOWD AND FAMILY—Sarah's grandmother passed away
MATT RYKER (son of Ron Yund's friend) — victim of a beating
RUSSELL RUBY—health issues
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
ALEX (and his parents, Beth and Chris, friends of Sarah Jay)—Alex has a tumor on his spine
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

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

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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

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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, 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.

YOUR SAFETY IS IMPORTANT TO US

We continue to wear masks and practice social distancing for all church activities in order to create a welcoming, safe environment for all. All church staff and childcare givers are fully vaccinated.



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.



HOW CAN WE HELP?

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!

OFFICE STAFF

Nick Hedrick, Secretary

Arleen Wilhite, Volunteer

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