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PASTORAL MESSAGE:

Remembering the Saints

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all Saints' Day

When you hear the word “saint,” what is the first thing that you think about? For many, a saint is a person within a faith community who is portrayed as a perfect model of what it means to be a Christian. Some may even think about the traditional saints of the Catholic Church, such as St. Peter, St. Francis, or St. Patrick. I used to think of saints as perfect individuals that could do nothing wrong. However, as I have grown over the year, my view of sainthood has shifted slightly. Now, whenever I when I hear the word “saint,” I immediately think of one person: My mother, Doreen Toth. My mother was far from being perfect. She was loving, yet stubborn; kind, yet very direct; compassionate, yet wasn't afraid of yelling to make her point known.

The point I'm making is that my mother had her flaws and had her gifts; however, my mother's negative traits did not keep her away from sainthood any more than her positive traits rose her to sainthood. I saw my mother as a saint because she impacted my life in a loving way and I'm a better person because of her.

We all have saints in our lives: people who cared for us, loved us, and blessed us just simply because of who they are. And many of our saints are a part of our church community. This is why every year, on the first Sunday in November, the universal church celebrates All Saints' Day. This day was recognized so that each individual church in the world

may remember all the members of their faith community who passed away within the last year. Since November 1st, 2020, we at First Christian Church have lost many faithful members who were our dear friends, neighbors, and even family members. So, we hope you will join us on November 7th as we not only remember these saints of our church, but also cherish the many ways in which they blessed each of our lives and blessed our entire church family.

Peace and
Prayers,

Pastor
Kevin





Baptism and Pledge Sunday this week!

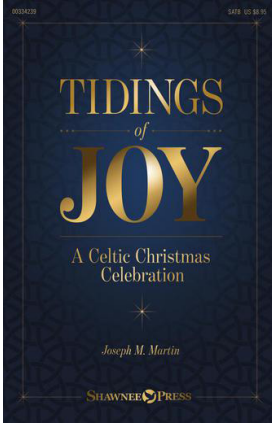
We hope you will join us for the very special worship this Sunday, October 31, which is both Pledge Sunday and Baptism Sunday! Four of our youth will be baptized during the service and all of us will have an opportunity to privately offer an annual pledge of our resources to First Christian Church. Both are expressions of our response to God's call upon our lives to pledge ourselves in following "the way" of Christ in mind, body, spirit and with our resources. Pledging our resources and our lives to God in Christ is also a faithful expression of gratitude for all the ways God blesses us and the world through Christ's unconditional and transforming love. Hope to see you there and look forward to pledging our lives once again to God as we remember and reflect on the first time we said "I believe."

So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.
GALATIANS 3:26-27



First Christian Choir to present Tidings of Joy on Friday evening, December 17

On December 17, the First Christian Choir will present this year's Christmas cantata, *Tidings of Joy*. Inspired by Celtic music traditions and time-honored carols, composer Joseph M. Martin's cantata wraps the Christmas story in jubilant and meaningful music. *Tidings of Joy* features illuminating narration, inspirational choral numbers, moving solos, and expressive instrumental music.



Several community singers will join the Choir for the work, which will be accompanied by an instrumental ensemble. The Chancel Choir is led by Richard Bowen, Director, and j Miranda, Pianist.

So, mark your calendar and join us for *Tidings of Joy* on Friday, December 17, at 7:00 PM in the First Christian Church sanctuary, or online on our Facebook or YouTube pages.



We just started the Book of Leviticus! Check out our first episode exploring this interesting book of the bible. We want you to be involved! Send questions to bibleforthepeople@gmail.com.

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

November Mid-Week Devotionals by Pastor Kevin

Each Wednesday in November, Pastor Kevin will offer a mid-week devotional video on the church Facebook page. These 5- to 10-minute videos will offer time for prayer, reflection, and stillness during your week. We think you'll enjoy them, so be sure to watch for the first one on Nov. 3—and let us know what you think!



Calendar of Upcoming Events

- Fri. 10/29 **New Bible for the People** podcast episode
- Sun. 10/31 **Seven Deadly Sins class** (parlor)—9:00-9:45
Pledge Sunday
Firepit Gathering (parking lot)—5 pm
- Mon. 11/1 **Scouts (Upper Room)**—6:30-8
- Tues. 11/2 **Cruisers 'Cruise-In'** —join the fun fellowship at Pizza Hut at 11:30 am
- Wed. 11/3 **WOW**—4:30-7:30
Stillness & Storytelling Circle (Chapel)—5:30-6:30
Choir practice—7-8:30
- Fri. 11/5 **New Bible for the People** podcast episode
- Sat. 11/6 **Dusk-to-Dawn Harvest Festival** (crafts, vendors, silent auction)—Christ Lutheran Church, 300 W. South Blvd.—9 am-2 pm
Karon Apple Memorial Service—2:30 pm
- Sun. 11/7 **All Saints' Day**
Seven Deadly Sins class (parlor)—9:00-9:45
- Mon. 11/8 **Scouts (Upper Room)**—6:30-8:00
- Tues. 11/9 **Ladies Lunch Bunch** (Little Mexico)—1 pm (note time change). All gals invited! Send reservations to bonyund@hotmail.com.
Faith and Culture Class ("What about faith and the issues of our day?")—3 pm
Elders meeting—7 pm
Church members welcome.
- Wed. 11/10 **WOW**—4:30-7:30
Choir practice—7-8:30
- Thurs. 11/11 **Next Pathfinder**

CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

- Oct. 29 Ben McCormick
- Oct. 31 Karon Smith
- Nov. 2 Nora Carlson
- Nov. 4 Janice Sands (81)
Addie Lindsay
- Nov. 5 Donna Rogers
- Nov. 6 Raymond William (86)
- Nov. 7 Elijah Morrett
- Nov. 8 Parker Ranspach
- Nov. 10 Barbara Tibbets
- Nov. 11 Myrna Thompson (80)
- Nov. 13 Brett Spencer
- Nov. 14 Austin Streitmeier
Nathan Streitmeier
Maxine Williamson
Gwen Carlson
- Nov. 15 Bettye Hudson (89)
Dave Lunsford
- Nov. 16 Anna Cedars

ANNIVERSARIES

- Nov. 21
Kris and Amber Rohr
- Nov. 22
Steve and Diane McLaughlin
- Nov. 26
Joe and Kristy Reese
- Nov. 28
Paul and Marian Cass (68th)

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





YOUTH news

from Rev. Kevin Toth

Follow us on Instagram
@fccyouthcrawfordsville



Youth saying "Love" in American Sign Language as they learn about God's love and spread it to everyone they see!



WOW Fall 2021 Schedule

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

WOW Updates and Meal Volunteers Requested

Starting November 3rd, we are resuming one of our favorite parts of WOW—the fellowship dinners. And we need your help! The following volunteers are needed:

- **MEAL ASSEMBLY:** Deliver the pre-made meals to the church before WOW begins and pass out food to attendees
- **TABLE PARENT:** sit with four youth during dinner from 6 - 6:30 and engage in conversation

If you would like to be involved in this amazing ministry, contact Emily McLaughlin, Sharon Keedy, or Kevin Toth. Thanks for your support of our youth!



Check out the Chapel Playground!

We got some great new books for children and youth to read! Interactive coloring pages and crayons are available on the tables each Sunday along with children's worship bags. We hope you and your children enjoy these updates!

Fire Pit Gathering October 31: 5-7pm

We extended our Fire Pit gatherings to include Halloween night! Join us for some s'mores, fellowship, and an opportunity (if interested) to pass out candy to all the youth trick or treating! Costumes are optional. Hope you will join us!





MISSIONS & OUTREACH

Olive Hoke CTS Scholarship

Rev. Olive Hoke was the first Director of Christian Education at First Christian Church in the late 60's and 70's. Olive directed the design of the Education Building, welcomed new babies into our church with parenting information for parents, and directed youth activities. Many of us served as Youth Group sponsors under her supervision. Our children grew in faith under her direction. When Olive retired, a scholarship at Christian Theological Seminary was begun to celebrate her faith and care. That scholarship principal has grown to \$41,716. We will be sending another \$500 from Outreach to this scholarship fund in November. Each year a scholarship to honor Olive is presented to a CTS student. This past year, the amount of the scholarship was \$1881.91. **CTS would like our church to send anecdotes of Olive's life with this congregation when we send our contribution this year.** If you have a remembrance or two, please send to Carolyn Snyder, carolynsnyder42@gmail.com or 765-362-7493.

Exciting Outreach News

First Christian Church will be a participating partner with five other Crawfordsville churches to resettle an Afghan family in the Indianapolis area. Rev. John Van Nuys, pastor of Wabash Avenue Presbyterian Church, sent information from the Exodus Refugee Immigration Services in September to churches asking for interest in the project. Several years ago, our church worked through Exodus in the resettlement of a Congolese family in the Indianapolis area. Our church expressed an interest, along with six other churches. Our Outreach ministry approached the October Council and Board Meeting. to explain what we know of the process. At a zoom meeting on October 25, with the other interested churches, it was decided to commit to talk with Exodus to determine the next step in welcoming an Afghan family from our collaboration. We will keep you informed as we receive more information. If you have a particular interest in this project, please contact Carolyn Snyder, carolynsnyder42@gmail.com or 765-362-7493.

THANK YOU

THANKS FOR FIRE PIT

For some time, Tom & Sharon Keedy donated their fire pit for WOW and church gatherings. Pastor Kevin decided it was time to pursue the purchase of one with the help of New Ministries funding—but word got out and a very caring, generous person donated a new stainless steel fire pit for church use! In addition, hot dog roasting sticks and a firewood holder were purchased for use at church activities. Thank you so much, Keedys and our very thoughtful donor, for keeping our Fire Pit Ministry going!!! ~ *Bonnie for New Ministries*

THANK YOU

I have already expressed my thanks from the board members for coffee, tea, goodies and an amazing halloween cake to show staff appreciation—but oh my goodness, we were spoiled and loved on!

Also, continued thanks for those who help out with laundry. We appreciate your service very much. We've also received many memorial donations to HHCL from family and friends of Hulah O'Dell. We will purchase very special items for our day care in her memory.

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



Get your FCC logo shirt now!

We have t-shirts available in multiple colors and sizes, as well as long-sleeved tees and hoodies—and even t-shirts for youth and onesies for babies! We're researching sources for athletic shirts, polos, hats, and visors and expect to offer those at some as-yet-undetermined point in the future. A portion of the proceeds will go to the church's Agape Fund, which supports local families and individuals in need.

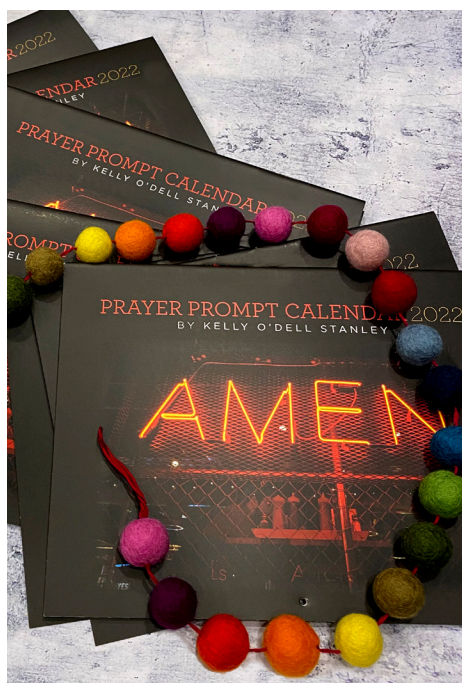
How to order—two options:

1) **Go online to www.kellystanley.com/fcc** to place your order online using PayPal (or a credit card). Kelly Stanley has created a page just for our church on her website since the structure was already in place, but the proceeds from these items will be deposited into the Agape Fund.

2) **Fill out a paper order form** (print the one included with this newsletter or pick up form in the church office) and return to the office with cash or check made out to First Christian Church.

Shirts will be printed in batches. We will submit orders to the vendor on November 11 and weekly thereafter, and production takes about one week. We will notify you once your shirts are in and you can pick them up at the church office.

If you have questions, contact Kelly Stanley (text or call 765.366.6709 or email fcc.comm211@gmail.com).



Calendars

Prayer can be fun and creative and colorful. Check out Kelly Stanley's new Prayer Prompt Calendars for 2022. They make great gifts for friends and family during the holidays. Calendars are \$15 apiece, and \$5 from every calendar sold will go the Local and Global Outreach Ministry Fund. Find calendars and other prayer resources at www.kellystanley.com/store or contact Kelly directly (765.366.6709 or kellystanley@me.com). Thank you for your support!



Stickers

We now have 4" round vinyl stickers for sale with our new First Christian Church logo on them. At just \$2 apiece, they're a bargain! Place on your car's back window, your laptop, a journal, or more! Available from Kelly Stanley or in the church office.



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

I would like to thank my church family for the prayers offered for my sister Debbie who was diagnosed with lung cancer and brain metastasis in March of this year.

As of one week ago, Cleveland Clinic reports the brain lesions have been eradicated! And there is one small spot on her lung, which they are not concerned about. There will not be further chemotherapy due to the harshness, but Debbie will be on immunotherapy every three weeks for the rest of her life. This is a testimony to answered prayer!! Philipians 4:6

I am certainly grateful for my FCC family!

~ Rebecca Lang

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.

THE APPLE FAMILY on the passing of Karon Apple

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

MISSING ANY DISHES?

We've accumulated an abundance of dishes in our basement, so if you have provided food for funerals or fellowship events, please check and see if we have any of your dishes. You may **pick up on Sunday, November 14**, after church in the narthex or come to the church during office hours and Arleen will help you.

NEED A RUG?

We have several extra bound carpets and rugs we'd love to share. Help yourself to one or more of the rugs at the top of the stairs in the Education wing, or see Dale Petrie if you need to have him deliver it. Whatever is left will be donated to the Mountie Mission.



A BOUNTY OF BLESSINGS

As this time of year rolls around and we reflect on our bounty of blessings, Meals on Wheels is especially thankful to the league of drivers who deliver much more than a hot meal. They offer a warm smile and a listening ear. They may deliver the mail or a newspaper. They might chat about the weather. They are always a wellness check on our most vulnerable population struggling to maintain their independence. And they are ALWAYS appreciated!

With gratitude,
Meals on Wheels



HOW CAN WE HELP?

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

EMAIL:

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

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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.

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!

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For a full list of our leaders, go to www.fccville.org/our-lay-leaders