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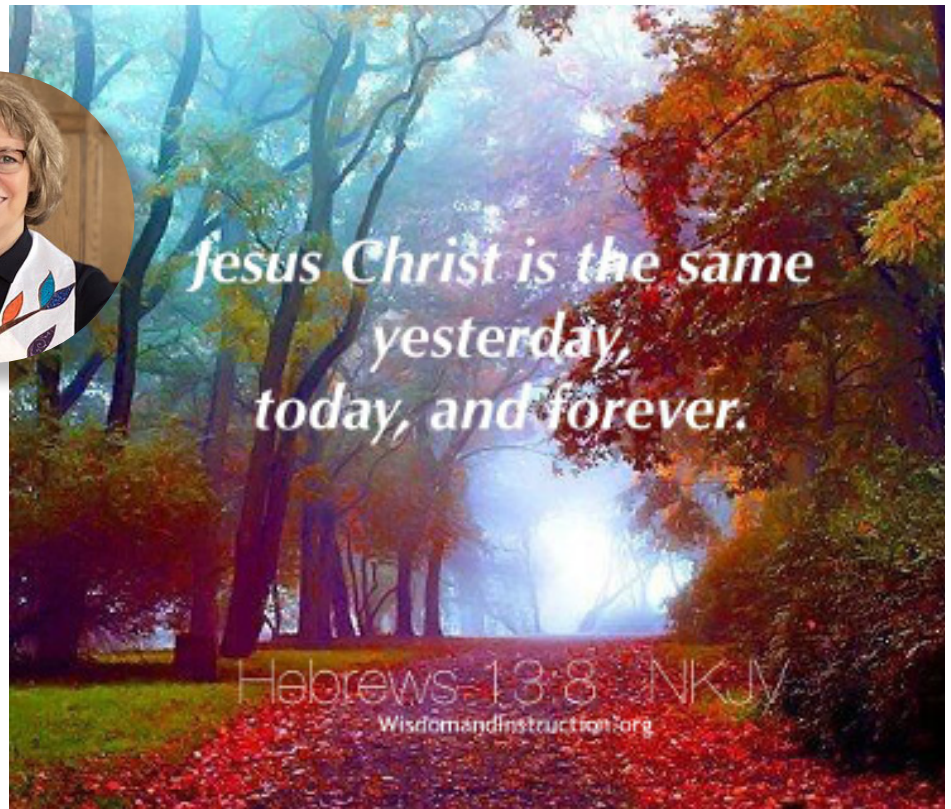
## PASTORAL MESSAGE

This fall the changing colors all around seem more beautiful and brilliant than any other I can remember. Still, I suspect it's possible that the splendor of the leaves this year aren't all that different from some other years past. Maybe they haven't changed so much as I have. As I get older, I find myself wanting to take everything in, all the more, as if every day is an opportunity to behold the extraordinary magnificence of the ordinary—to bask in an appreciative moment of it all even as I bittersweetly bid farewell to its passing reality.



Change is inevitable. We see it in the latest fad, the landscape of our town, the years we've lived, the strength of our bodies, the life of our families, the rhythms of the world and our perspective of it all. Everything changes—even Christ's church!

Still, we can continue to count on the seasons to come and go, the sun to rise every morning and the earth's rivers to carve new canyons in the landscape of our planet. We can count on new generations being born, children continuing to embody an innate sense of wonder, and human struggle and triumph to weave its story into the landscape of time. Still, it's strange how these constants are constants of change!



Amid this is the unchangeable Good News of Jesus Christ, that informs every season and shift in human history, in the church, and in our own lives. As the psalmist reminds us *God's love endures forever*, so much so that, as the Gospel of John proclaims, God gave the whole world *God's only son*—an unchanging gift of Love for all the ages.

Our sanctuary might change, our hymns and prayers may shift, our leadership and

ministries will be different, the worship time and where we worship might change. But Christ's love that informs our life, renews our hearts, and replenishes our hope, in every generation, endures forever! It's ironic how the unchangeable love of Jesus Christ is the one thing that changes everything and truly makes all things new! Now that is something to behold! Thanks be to God!

Grace & Peace, Darla  
**Darla**



# YOUTH news from Rev. Kevin Toth

Follow us on Instagram  
@fccyouthcrawfordville



WOW returned last week for some Halloween fun!



Youth Group for 6th-12th grade is back on Sundays at 11:45 am - 12:45 pm. We hope you will join us!

# Upcoming Events

The calendar of events and activities is being emailed near the start of each month—but you can also always find an updated schedule online at [fccville.org/events](http://fccville.org/events)



## 2022 Indiana Regional Assembly

**Saturday, November 5**

Geist Christian Church  
Promise Road Campus  
12756 Promise Road,  
Fishers, Indiana

Gathering & Exhibits: 9:00 am | Plenary: 10:00 am |  
Worship Service: 2:30 pm |  
Assembly will conclude at 4:00 pm



## Decorate the church for Advent!

We will be decorating on November 20th (not Nov. 27th, as previously announced). Please bring your favorite snack to share and plan to join us at 6 pm on Nov. 20th!



**Mark your calendars and register!** Come and join Disciples from across the state of Indiana after a two year pandemic to reconnect and celebrate our life together in the Indiana Region! Rev. Darla Goodrich is the Chair of the Regional Assembly Planning Team. The theme for the Assembly will be “On Promise Road.”

We are delighted that Disciples author and minister **Rev. Sandhya Rani Jha** will be our keynote speaker and **Rev. Janae Pitts-Murdock**, senior pastor at Light of the World Christian Church (Indianapolis) will be our worship preacher. Both speakers will help us unpack the Emmaus text: Luke 24:13-35.

The Regional Assembly will be a “hybrid” event, meaning that you may register to attend in person for \$45 (which includes a box lunch), or you can register to attend on-line for \$25. You can register here: [https://wmt.suran.com/tool/event\\_registration\\_v2/attendees?guid=be1f58b2-a637-11ec-9f8a-a2186f91aabb](https://wmt.suran.com/tool/event_registration_v2/attendees?guid=be1f58b2-a637-11ec-9f8a-a2186f91aabb)



## Saints and Soup

We hope you will join us for lunch on Nov. 6. We will provide the hot soup and cold drinks; we would be pleased if you would bring sandwiches, finger foods, or dessert, along with your appetite.

After lunch, we will continue the Saints theme with a quick game which will acquaint you with some of our long gone saints.

~*Judy Michal for the Congregational Care Team*



Don't forget to bring FISH Food Pantry donations for the children to collect during our weekly worship services!

## PARLOR UPDATE

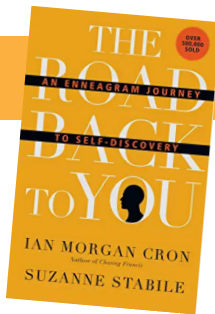
Thanks to a lot of hard work, the seating area of our parlor is now available! The new furniture is in, the curtains and pictures are coming, and all the appliances will be hooked up soon! Already, the Thursday morning men's group, and Wired Word class have met there!

It so happens that, at the same time, our old 2014 *Building Use Policy* is being reviewed and will be updated by the church board. Until that time, **feel free to arrange FCC ministry meetings and events in the parlor by notifying the church office or emailing Kelly at [fcc.comm211@gmail.com](mailto:fcc.comm211@gmail.com)**. Please do not use the kitchen until there's notification that all the appliances have been fully installed.

With that said, in order that we set a consistent pattern and understanding of use, we need to wait until the new year to schedule any outside groups in the parlor so that the new Building Use Policy is finished. Outside groups may continue to use fellowship hall for their events by contacting the church office.

If you have any questions please contact Property Chair, Tom Keedy; Board Chair, Dave Maharry; or Pastor Darla. We thank you for your patience as we continue to give thanks for our three very generous anonymous donors for enabling us to enhance this space for new and creative ministry possibilities!

## FCC BOOK CLUB



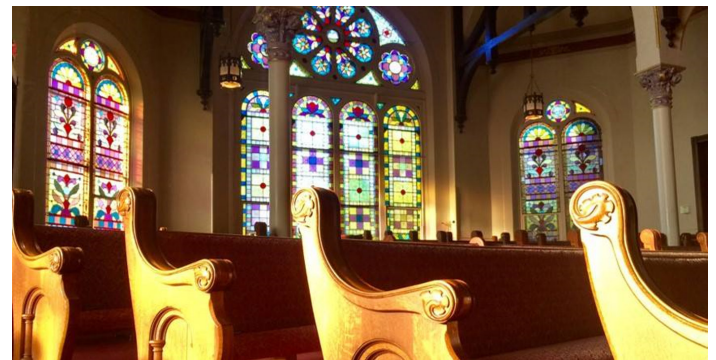
Thanks to all who came on Nov. 1 to discuss *We Are Called to be a Movement* by Rev Dr William J Barber II.

December's book is *The Road Back to You* by Ian Cron and Suzanne Stabile.

There are a couple copies circulating around the congregation, but if you'd like to own a copy, contact Kelly Stanley and she can order one for you.

Suggestion: read the opening chapters explaining the premise, and then scan only the opening page of each Enneagram type until you find a description or descriptions that resonates with you. Read those chapters to see if the type "fits." Then, if you have time and are interested, read about the other types to gain understanding into some of the other people in your life. See you on December 6th!

**Questions?** Reach out to Kelly Stanley, [kellyostanley@me.com](mailto:kellyostanley@me.com), or call or text 765.366.6709.



## EUCHRE UPDATE

The Euchre Group has decided to take a "break." With holidays, cold and snow approaching, we decided to wait until March to play euchre again. So friends, remember on the third Tuesday of that month, March 21, 2023, we will again meet at FCC at 1 pm to play euchre. Everyone is welcomed. Come and enjoy the fellowship of playing euchre together.

~Marilyn Patton

## AFTER THE AMEN Update

Due to the coming special services, ministry events and celebrations in the season of Thanksgiving, Advent and Christmas, the *After the Amen* class, which meets at 11:30 – noon every Sunday, is being postponed until January.

Pastor Darla is also contemplating a new focus for the class that invites the participants to explore a question about our life and faith each week. Stay tuned and watch for coming information about *After the Amen* returning in January!

Dusk to Dawn Bereavement Services

# LEARNING SERIES



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### NOVEMBER 9

Harpist Sabrina Falls  
Therapeutic Music at the  
Bedside



### DECEMBER 14

Artist Carol Baird  
Healing Through Art



### JANUARY 11

Writer Gwynn Wills  
Each One of Us is a Writer



### FEBRUARY 8

Grief Counselor Jai Miranda  
The Healing Power of Rhythm



### Dusk to Dawn Bereavement Services

Our learning series events include lunch and learn presentations on the second Wednesday of each month, community presentations, and other events that promote awareness and understanding of a wide variety of bereavement topics. We are also available to speak at meetings and events. Our full calendar is available online.

#### LEARN MORE

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(765) 267-1760  
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## REGISTRATION

[dusk-to-dawn.org](http://dusk-to-dawn.org)



## Car Needed

The Afghan family supported by a group of Crawfordsville churches is in dire need of reliable transportation for work and for school. Do you own a functional/safe car in good condition and with reasonable mileage that you are willing to donate or sell for a reasonable amount as part of this ministry? Please contact Carolyn Snyder ([carolynsnyder42@gmail.com](mailto:carolynsnyder42@gmail.com) or call 765-362-7493) if you do. Thank you so much for discerning. This could make a significant difference in this hard-working family's life.



## Sunday morning adult education classes

On November 6, we will have one more Comparative Religion DVD and discussion (Ritual Sacrifice in the World's Religions) and then the Wired Word class will begin meeting again on November 13. All classes begin at 9 am in the Parlor.

# Harvest Festival

Saturday Nov. 5, 9:00am-2:00pm

Christ Lutheran Church  
300 W. South Blvd.  
Crawfordsville, IN

Proceeds benefit  
Dusk-to-Dawn  
Bereavement Services

## CRAFTS, VENDORS, and SILENT AUCTION



Back row - Dan & Richelle Jeffries, Me, Rick & Brianne Pack  
 Front row - Caitlin & Caroline Jeffries, Ellie & Emma Pack

## WEAVER FAMILY ART SHOW

The Weaver family is very proud to display our artwork at FCC. We have a growing family of artists including Brad & Linda Weaver; Richelle, Caitlin & Caroline Jeffries; Rick, Brianne, Emma & Ellie Pack; Betty Coyle Rightsell; and Inez Coyle.

Brad is a self-taught woodworker who makes decorative and functional pieces from a variety of domestic hardwoods, with cherry being a favorite. Linda works in a variety of media, including paint, clay, glass, ceramics, and fabric. Many children who grew up in FCC will remember painting Easter eggs with Linda during Sunday School.

Rick's art career began as soon as he could hold a crayon. He graduated with a BFA from the Academy of Art University in 2021. He works in charcoal, paint, clay, metal, wood, and computer design and animation. Brianne is the Assistant Director at Rainbows & Rhymes Preschool, where she has the opportunity to work with children on their own creative projects, in addition to her own work in paint, glass, chalk, and ceramics. Emma and Ellie love to paint and dance. The family creates an elaborate Halloween display at their home on Water Street every fall.

Richelle, Caitlin, and Caroline enjoy creating art with paint, clay, and ceramics. Caroline won the Most Creative Artist Award at the Sommer Elementary Awards Ceremony last spring. Richelle is very talented with art and design.

Inez was a well-known artist in Van Nuys, CA. In 1958, she painted the Coyle family farm located in Bowers, IN. Betty was an excellent seamstress, making beautiful quilts, embroidery, and cross-stitch.



## 2023 PRAYER PROMPT CALENDARS NOW AVAILABLE!

Kelly O'Dell Stanley's new calendars will help you take a leap of faith into a refreshed prayer life. Available in the church office as well as by contacting Kelly directly (765-366-6709 or [kellyostanley@me.com](mailto:kellyostanley@me.com)) or through her website.

[kellyostanley.com/product/2023-calendar/](https://kellyostanley.com/product/2023-calendar/)

Calendars open to 11x17" and are professionally printed in full color. Sample is available in the church office or you can see interior layouts at:

**Especially for FCC, the price of each calendar is reduced to \$15—and of that, a donation of \$5 per calendar will be given to Dusk to Dawn Bereavement Services.**



We are about finished with the book of Judges! Be sure to check out all our episodes and be ready for our Ruth and Samuel episodes coming up! Send us your questions so we can add them into our discussions. <https://directory.libsyn.com/shows/view/id/bibleforthepeople>

# prayer concerns

## Help us keep this list up to date!

Please notify the office or email [fcc.comm211@gmail.com](mailto:fcc.comm211@gmail.com) if you wish to have a name removed or provide an update. Otherwise, the prayer requests will remain on the list. Thank you for your help with this—and for your ongoing dedication to holding each other in prayer.

Prayer does not fit us for the greater work. Prayer is the greater work.

Oswald Chambers

## 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.

Marlyn Dimmick's son-in-law, **CLINT**—kidney cancer (has only one kidney)  
The family of **STEPHEN WADE** (Myrna Thompson's brother), who recently passed away

**BETTY CEDARS**—ongoing health concerns

**ALL THOSE WHO ARE DEALING WITH THE EFFECTS OF HURRICANE IAN**, including **ALAN AND JANENE PLUNKETT**—their home in Florida was heavily damaged

**DARLENE GOODRICH**—Recovering at home after choking & lengthy CPR  
The family of **ROBERT (BOB) MASON**, who passed away on 9/20

**CHRIS MICHAL** (Judy's son)—recovering from surgery

**JOHN HUSTED**—Unexpected life changes & moving into Whitlock Place

**DALLAS AND KAREN MCDONALD**—Karen's health has declined leading to her being placed in hospice care and Dallas is being treated for cancer

**GINA TURNER** (Gerry Turner's daughter-in-law)—recovering from heart attack and heart surgery

**ALLEN GOFF** (friend of the Keedys)—cancer

**BOB AND BETTYE HUDSON**—cancer

**JACK WYATT**—ongoing health concerns

**BEN McCORMICK**—ongoing health concerns

**DEBBIE (REBECCA LANG'S SISTER)**—treatment for lung cancer

**SANDY & KEN BROWN**—ongoing health concerns

**JERRI STEWART**—breast cancer

**CATHY MOFFETT** (Marilyn Moffett's daughter-in-law)—chemo for breast cancer

**MATT RYKER** (son of Ron Yund's friend)—beating victim, long recovery ahead

**ALEX** (and his parents, Beth & Chris, friends of Sarah Jay)—tumor on his spine

**JENNIFER (FRY) KREKELER** (daughter of Daryl & Mary Helen Fry)—chronic fatigue syndrome

**GARY MEEK**—ongoing health concerns

**CHURCH STAFF, MINISTERS, AND LEADERSHIP**

## Pray for our Shut-ins

*Our shut-ins would enjoy visits.*

WHITLOCK: **CAROLYN SIMPSON** (#151)

HOME: **DALLAS & KAREN MCDONALD, NANCY ROGERS, BETTYE AND BOB HUDSON**

ST. ANTHONY'S, LAFAYETTE: **MARILYN MOFFETT**

THE LANE HOUSE: **BETTY CEDARS**

## OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday 10-1  
Wednesday 10-1  
Thursday 10-1

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 volunteers or staff will be delighted to "buzz" you in!

## 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  
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  
katoth112792@gmail.com

Those who are fully vaccinated and not at risk of severe Covid or influenza are welcome to show their smiles. **Masks are optional for all church activities!**



We encourage those who are not fully vaccinated, who might have been exposed to someone who is ill, or who simply feel more comfortable wearing a mask, to continue to do so. Disposable masks are freely available in the Narthex in both adult and child sizes. Thank you for your continued care and concern for the health of our community!

**Need Covid tests?** Mark Allen, through his volunteer work with the Health Department, obtained some free Covid test kits for the church. They're simple to do at home—just follow the written instructions. If you need tests to keep at home, stop by the church office during office hours, call 765-362-4812, or email 211fccville@gmail.com and we'll set them aside with your name on them.



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](http://www.fccville.org)

## Vacations

**Pastor Darla** will be away as follows:  
Nov. 07 – 13 Vacation



## HOW CAN WE HELP?

OFFICE	765.362.4812 (voice mail checked on weekdays). Email: 211fccville@gmail.com
GRIEF AND LOSS	<b>Jai Miranda</b> , Dusk to Dawn Bereavement Services Cell phone: 765.720.2829 (call or text)   Email: jmiranda@coachj.com
FINANCIAL QUESTIONS & CONCERNS	<b>Andrew Nicodemus</b> , FCC Financial Administrator 765.362.4812 (leave a message)   <a href="mailto:fccvillefinance@gmail.com">fccvillefinance@gmail.com</a>
HAND IN HAND CREATIVE LEARNING	<b>Chantel Allen</b> , HHCL Director 765.367.1727 (leave a message)   Email: <a href="mailto:hhcldirector@gmail.com">hhcldirector@gmail.com</a>
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