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Beginning last Sunday, we began a sermon series which not only reflects on the ways Christian hospitality transforms our community and world, but also the ways in which it transforms our own families, relationships and lives. I hope you will join us for this exploration and consider how this might be lived out more concretely in our everyday lives!

*Grace and peace,
Darla*



Our new Music Director, **Dr. Sarin Williams**, was welcomed in worship on Sunday, October 29 and officially began her call this week including leading her first Choir practice on Wednesday. This is a wonderful time to join the choir as they gear up for Advent where plans are being made to present a **Christmas Cantata on Sunday, December 17**. More information will be coming soon! ALL are welcome to join the choir! Invite your singing friends and neighbors.

By way of background Sarin is a Missouri native who has worked in the Midwest her entire career (Missouri, Illinois, Texas, Ohio, and Indiana). She has advanced degrees in music education and choral conducting and has taught high school and collegiate music. This is Sarin's fourth year as the Glee Club Director at Wabash College. She is married to Bobby and they have a adorable six year old daughter, Lila, who began kindergarten this fall at Hose. Sarin loves to spend time with her family, read, and swim. She is looking forward to serving the congregation after a church hiatus with COVID and to recruiting everyone into the choir! What a joy and blessing it is to have Sarin join the church family and staff!



Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it.

HEBREWS 13:2

11/5
All Saints Sunday

Hospitality as Humility
Luke 15:11-32

Rev. Darla Goodrich

11/12
Veterans Day Wkend

Hospitality as Acceptance
Romans 15:5-7

Rev. Darla Goodrich

11/19
Thanksgiving Sunday

Hospitality as Thanksgiving
Matthew 5:43-47

Rev. Kevin Toth

STAFF

Updates



Thank you, Jerry!

We give thanks for **Jerry Whipkey's** wonderful leadership as our Interim Choir Director and celebrated the blessing he has been to us all on this past Sunday. The joy, light, commitment, care for people and love of music that he brought to this position has been a tremendous gift to the choir, the staff and the whole congregation! We are all so grateful for Jerry's willingness to step up in a pinch and go the extra mile! We look forward to continuing to hear Jerry's wonderful voice from the choir loft on Sundays and all the many other ways Jerry serves and blesses FCC!



Staff Announcement

We regret to inform the congregation that **Kelly O'Dell Stanley** will be stepping down as our outstanding Communications Administrator in mid-January due to shifting priorities with family—including new grandchildren, increased writing projects, travel, and her current business commitments! We have been so blessed, beyond measure, by her outstanding creative and administrative skills. More importantly it has been the offering of her whole heart and energy beyond the call of duty that has so blessed us with a true transformation in how we communicate with each other through all mediums. We will miss Kelly on staff but look forward to her continuing to serve in leadership with our adult education ministries, worship leadership and the other ways that Kelly blesses our congregation! Kelly, we are so grateful for your deep care and faithfulness as you served in this position, your outstanding creative talents, and we wish you many blessings and joy on your endeavors ahead! Thank you so much for your wonderful leadership on staff!



Decorating for Christmas!

Come one, come all, to prepare the church for the Christmas season! We'll start at **5 pm on Sunday, November 19**. Bring your favorite snack to share. Contact Leanah Brown (lmeb9975@gmail.com) with questions.

A WELCOMING Congregation

At the request of newer members of our church family, name tags are being introduced/re-introduced. We have ordered name tags with black lanyards for our entire community.

We'll start with those who are serving in leadership roles: Governing Board, Coordinating Council Committee Chairs/Members, Elders, Deacons, Children's Worship leaders. Our names will be printed with first names in a larger font than last ones. The exact location of storing/displaying them is still be determined, but will be near the entrance of the Narthex for ease of pickup and return. We will have them available for everyone in the near future.... because no one wants to be caught with a name, whether of a longtime participating worshiper or a newcomer—on the tip of the tongue but missing. If you'd like your preferred pronouns listed, please let Kelly Stanley, Kay Nannet, or Kate Lindsay know.



Learn about new outreach Nov. 19

Jennifer Shook, Chief Development Officer from LTHC (formerly known as Lafayette Transitional Housing Corp) will be speaking briefly at the November 19th Worship Service about their new outreach for our homeless neighbors in our Montgomery County.

Gospel of Mark Class

The Gospel of Mark Class, taught by Rev. Darla, continues Wednesday evenings from 5:30 – 6:30 through November 15. It will then resume in the New Year. We are currently in Chapter 9. **It's never too late to join** as each session is a conversation that stands on its own! If you have any questions, please reach out to Pastor Darla.



Wabash Thanksgiving Meal Opportunity

FCC will be participating in cooking and serving again this year at the Wabash Annual Thanksgiving dinner for the students who have nowhere to go. We will join Bethel AME, Second Baptist and Wabash Avenue Presbyterian churches in this wonderful ministry of service and hospitality at the Malcolm X Institute. This is a great opportunity to not only fellowship with the students at the Thanksgiving meal but to also fellowship among the churches as we serve and share a meal together. Leann Parrish, who organizes special activities for Wabash students and Pastor Joan Richardson (Bethel AME) will be the large-scale coordinators of this event. **A sign-up sheet is in the Welcome Center or you can e-mail the church office if you would like to donate food.** Here is a sample menu of what is needed:



- Turkey-3
- Ham- 2
- Dressing- 2 large pans
- Mac and cheese- 2 large pans
- Mashed potatoes-2
- Green bean-2-3 people bring
- Turkey gravy-2
- Cranberry sauce- 8 cans
- Tub of butter
- Rolls- 5 dozen
- Pumpkin pies-5
- Cool whip
- Apple pie-2
- Cherry pie-2
- Cookies
- Brownies

Community Thanksgiving Dinner

The Community Thanksgiving Dinner will be held on **Thursday, November 23rd** at First United Methodist Church, 212 E. Wabash Ave. From 12:00-12:30 pm there will be a Community Worship Service. Dinner will be served from 12:30 pm to 3 pm.

Donations of food, food and room preparation, meal delivery, servers and cleaners are needed, both before Thanksgiving and on Thanksgiving Day from 8 to 5.

Please contact Mark or Sheila Zachary at 765-376-9624 OR 765-376-4365 between 9 am - 10 pm to share how you are able to help. **Financial contributions** can be sent to: Community Thanksgiving Dinner, PO Box 23, Crawfordsville, IN 47933. Checks should be made payable to Community Thanksgiving Dinner.

Thanksgiving Special Offering Coming Soon

On Sundays, **November 12 and 19**, we'll be collecting the Thanksgiving Special Offering which benefits the Colleges, Universities, Seminaries, and Divinity Houses affiliated with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Higher education has been an important focus for Disciples since the very beginning of the movement. Throughout our history, Disciples have founded institutions of higher learning to educate students and form leaders to make a difference in the world. The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) is still committed to higher education. Your gift to the Thanksgiving Offering helps support the education of thousands of students at our fifteen colleges and universities as well as our seven seminaries and divinity houses.

The Colleges and Universities of the Christian Church provide quality education through classes offered by some of the nation's top undergraduate and graduate faculty. The Thanksgiving offering supports everything from scholarships, to religious life offices, to faculty growth and development. Each of our seminaries and divinity houses is committed to educating and forming Christian leaders for church and society. Generations of pastors, community leaders, and agents of social transformation have been educated at our theological institutions. They have flourished and made a difference in the world, thanks to gifts from Disciples congregations and individuals throughout the ages. By giving to the Thanksgiving Offering you are helping our institutions invest in students as they prepare themselves to become faithful leaders for a new age.

UPCOMING events

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.



Parent's Night Out

December 2, 2023
5:00-7:30pm
Ages 2-High School

Scan for the registration form!



Parents' Night Out

We are so excited to offer a Christmas party for our FCC children ages 2-high school seniors! This will also be a parent's night out...parents, you get to drop off your children and go enjoy some alone time!

December 2, 5-7:30 pm. Kids will be fed dinner and then get to do a craft, watch a video, decorate cookies, make cards for our shut-ins, and so on.

Parents and guardians, you can register your child(ren) online here: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdcsQCD0ZdAOiH-Q8g1pPswG3krVbq6T8c5TlbBNHwt1B3zvlA/view-form?usp=send_form

If you do not have access to a computer or internet, we can do a paper registration, just let Pastor Kevin or Tammy Meyers know.

Calling all other church goers: Would you be willing to donate some items or your time to help this party happen? We need a few food items and a few volunteers. This SignUp Genius link will show you what is needed: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0544ABA622A5F58-45688594-donations#/>.
Thank you for your consideration.

Singles to gather at Blue Cactus

The Good News/New Ministries committee will host a singles lunch after church Nov. 12 at Blue Cactus, next to Rent-A-Center at Crawfordsville Square. While the event is geared toward unmarried church participants, everyone is invited. RSVP to Ellen Oakes at erok41@aol.com by Nov. 10.

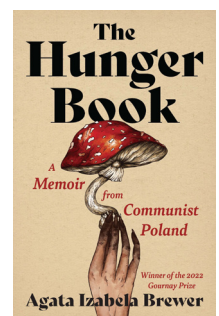
Ladies Lunch Bunch

will convene on **Thurs. Nov. 16** at 1 pm for fun & fellowship at **The Breakfast Co.!!**

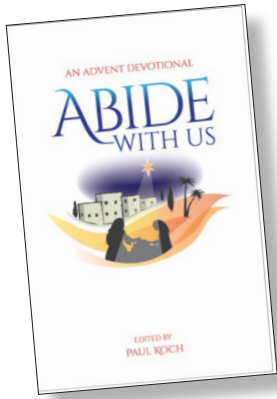
Also mark your calendars for the next get-together, too. We will dine at the CHURCH on **THURS. DEC. 21** at 1pm! Pls join us with your prebought or homemade meal and your favorite Christmas memory!! Any and all gals are welcome!!! Contact bonyund@hotmail.com for a seat at the table.

FCC BOOK CLUB

Even if you don't come regularly to book club, I hope you will plan to join us on Dec. 5, when 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 through Amazon but are also available from other indie sellers. One copy 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 Dec. 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.



Abide With Us: An Advent Devotional Order by Nov 13th - \$5

The Christmas carol “O Little Town of Bethlehem” closes the invitation, “O come to us, abide with us, our God, Emmanuel” — the hope, prayer and ultimately the knowledge that God is with us in our quiet moments, whether that’s in the holy manger of Jesus’ birth or

the sacred moments amid a frenetic season that calls us to do just about anything other than abide with our God. *Abide With Us* is a daily devotional walks us through the four weeks that lead to Christmas, reflecting on what we can do to create a welcoming space for God in our hearts and our world. Each devotion contains scripture, a short reflection, and a prayer.

Abide With Us is written by the regional ministers of the the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the United States and Canada. The Disciples’ 33 regions are intricately involved in congregational vitality, new church starts, key ministry operations, and outreach and mission activities. Regional ministers are the faces of these ministries and represent the diversity of the denomination. A sign-up sheet will soon be available in the welcome center or you can contact the church office.



Pub Theology on October 30

Looking for Extra Church Keys!



Over the years, we’ve given out a lot of keys when people have stepped into different FCC leadership roles. Our staff volunteer, Arleen Wilhite, is trying to account for all of them, so please return any keys you do not need, or if you have a key, contact her to let her know the key number. Thank you!

The Joy of Christmas
A concert of carols
presented by
Crawfordsville Community Chorus
Director Jerry Whipkey
Accompanist Tom Lowe
Tuesday evening December 12
7:30 pm
First Christian Church
Walnut & Wabash
Free concert All ages welcome

Pub Theology—Nov. 27th @ Backstep

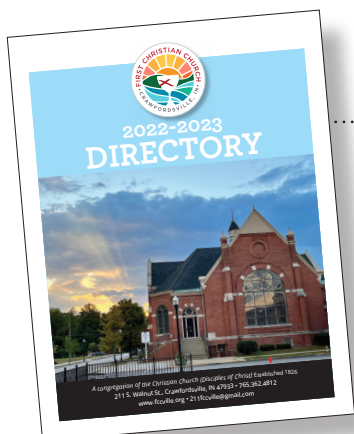
Please save the date for our next Pub Theology gathering on **November 27th!** The topic for conversation will be shared later in the month. If you have any questions about Pub Theology, you can reach out to Pastor Kevin.



I would like to express my thank you to everyone who turned out for our Turkey Run gathering and for the All Saints Soup Lunch! It was good to see everyone enjoying themselves in each venue. Twenty-eight brave folks came to Turkey Run despite the cool/damp day and enjoyed fellowship while sipping hot chocolate and munching on hot dogs and s'mores. Those who hiked—whether long or short—returned invigorated. 78 souls joined us for soup on Sunday as we remembered our Saints....and 104 folks celebrated worship with us.

—*Kate Lindsay*

Special thanks to Kate Lindsay and all her leadership in organizing the wonderful All Saints Soup Lunch and the fun picnic at Turkey Run State Park!! It's so lovely to see our church community enjoying each other and making memories together!



Get your new Church Directory!

The NEW Church Directory is hot off the press and ready for pickup. There is one for each member/family group. They will be available in the Church Office this week (between 10-2). After that, we will be mailing or delivering copies.

If you need an additional copy of the Directory, a list will be collected and copies made available in the near future. If you find an error in our database, please let the church office know so we can get make corrections and notifications.



YOUTH news from Rev. Kevin Toth

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Children's Church Update

On October 28th, the children's church team gathered together to discuss the children's church program. We decided that on the last Sunday of the month, we would not have children's church and the children will stay in worship with their families. We believe this will provide our children a chance to experience worship at least once a month as well as have an opportunity to lead in worship without missing children's church. We are so thankful to our amazing teachers, assistants, and all our fantastic children of the church!

-Kevin

Multi-Church Youth Group Gathering: November 26 @ 12:30-2:30 pm

Located at Whitlock Place

MULTI-CHURCH YOUTH GROUP Our next Multi-Church youth group will be hosted at Whitlock Place (1719 S Elm St, Crawfordsville). We will be assisting the staff and citizens by decorating Whitlock for Christmas! Be ready to trim the tree. We ask everyone to eat lunch before you come. There

will be some sweet treats to fuel your decorating energy. This event is for all youth grades 4-12. Pastor Kevin will meet everyone at the Whitlock parking lot at 12:30pm and the event will conclude around 2:30pm. Please contact Pastor Kevin if you have any questions.

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CHILDREN'S CHURCH SCHEDULE

Date	Bible Story	Teacher
Nov 12	The Temple & House for God	Diane McLaughlin
Nov 19	Exile and Return	Kate Lindsay
Nov 26	No Children's Church	None

All children ages 4 to 12 are invited to participate in our Worship and Wonder curriculum!

Children singing Dec. 10

On Sunday, December 10th, the children will be singing a Christmas song for the church during the Children's Moment.

Children's Art Show

We would love to encourage our children to share their art with us! We are taking submissions of children's artwork (ages 0 through high school) to be featured in our gallery in December. Attach a sticky note to the submission with the child's name and age. Submissions can be dropped off at the welcome table in the narthex or the church office.



Having fun for Halloween!



The WOW youth serving at FISH food pantry.



Volunteers for Mental Health

Dear First Christian Church Family, Volunteers for Mental Health in Montgomery County continue to be extremely grateful to First Christian Church for permitting us to have space in your church home for our inventory and Christmas program events! Last year, we were able to help over 350 adults in long-term care, group homes, homeless and recovery housing, and veterans in long-term care. We truly could not have done this without your support! Our efforts are already underway to serve over 300 individuals in need this year.

In November and early December, we have several events to complete our service. The students at Southmont High School will help us build individual toiletry kits.

We will be holding a “stuff-a-thon” at FCC during which high school students help us fulfill the gift requests by placing requested items in large bags. We will be holding the stuff-a-thon on **Monday, November 27**, so you may see us setting up in your Fellowship Hall.

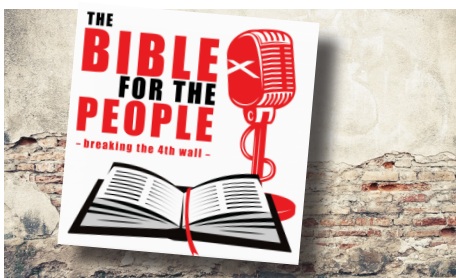
On **November 28**, we will be completing a quality check on each gift bag to make sure it has been filled accurately to the requests. We also hope we will be able to add a few extras to each bag.

We welcome anyone from the church family who wishes to join us in these activities! Even a few minutes of volunteer time is a wonderful gift to us!

The gift bags will eventually make their way to North Montgomery High School where additional student volunteers will wrap each gift before the gift bags are delivered to the facilities in time for Christmas.

Thank you again for helping us help others and instill more of the spirit of Christmas into their lives!

Volunteers for Mental Health in Montgomery County



Bible for the People Podcast

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 on Mondays. 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.

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.

KAREN VENIS, RYAN & ANDREA VENIS (EMERIE, LIAM & KENAN) and the whole family on the loss of **GEORGE VENIS**

MARLENE ELMORE—receiving hospice care at home

JOE & PHYLLIS BOSWELL, and their whole extended family, on the loss of their daughter, **CARRIE SAUNDERS**

RANDALL GARRETT—after two rounds of lengthy radiation treatments for cancer of the esophagus, the area has been damaged and Randall will have surgery soon in Indianapolis.

JERRI STEWART—recovering from hospitalization

SHEILA CLARK—now at home, recovering from hip surgery

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

AMY WOODALL—recovering from surgery s

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—just received the wonderful news that her cancer is in remission!

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

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

CHURCH STAFF, MINISTERS, AND LEADERSHIP

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

Dear Church Family and our Dedicated Staff,



Want to let you all know how much I have appreciated the extended prayers, cards and best wishes over these last four years of health challenges. All these efforts have helped me to still feel a part of this wonderful congregation even though I couldn't be present on Sunday or as active as I have loved to be. A Special Thank you to Judy Michel and the Congregational Care team. The meaningful surprise cards always arrived when I needed a lift in spirits and reconnection. You have blessed my life in so many ways.

With a Grateful Heart,
Sheila Clark

Hats/Gloves/Scarves

BSA Scout Troops 247 & 365 are collecting until **December 3rd**
Look for the barrel in the Narthex. Donations go to Youth Service Bureau,
Pam's Promise & Trinity Mission house for men.

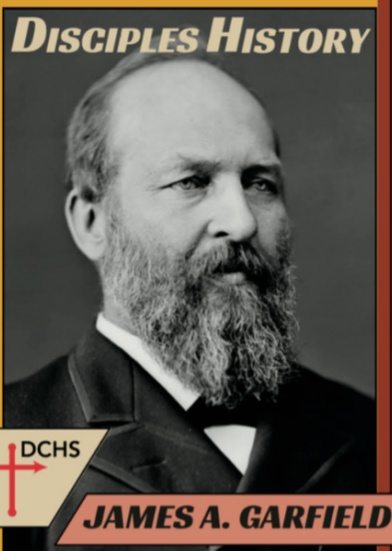


Vacation

Kelly Stanley will be on vacation November 20-24.

The church office will be closed Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday
(November 22-24) for Thanksgiving.

Disciples History Corner




DISCIPLES HISTORY

JAMES A. GARFIELD
1831-1881

James A. Garfield was a Disciples preacher, lawyer, educator, and the 20th President of the United States, the only preacher ever to occupy the White House. He was deeply influenced by the social, intellectual, and religious ferment of the early decades of the 19th century that helped to shape the Stone-Campbell Movement. Before entering politics, he taught at Hiram College, a Disciples academy, eventually becoming its President. Regarded as "a favorite preacher" among Disciples of the Western Reserve, Garfield was a close friend of Alexander Campbell, as well as his lawyer. He was assassinated in 1881.

DISCIPLES OF CHRIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY
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Learn More!




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



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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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*Distributes grocery items to meet
emergency needs.*

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