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FCC joins ecumenical sponsorship of Afghan Refugee family



For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in... For whenever you did it to the least of these, you did it to me.

MATTHEW 25: 35,40

After our FCC Outreach Team thoroughly explored a great opportunity with five others Crawfordsville congregations and after bringing the idea to our October council and board meetings, an exciting decision was made that First Christian Church will be a participating partner with the other congregations to resettle an Afghan family in the Indianapolis area.



The Exodus Refugee Immigration Services is the well-established overarching organization who will guide and support us in this mission project. This will be a wonderful opportunity to learn the process of how a new refugee family settles here and how to best support them as they navigate a new language and completely new

culture. Most of all developing new relationships and learning each other's stories will be one of the greatest gifts of all.

Several years ago, our church worked through Exodus in the resettlement of a Congolese family in the Indianapolis area. What a wonderful way for us to give expression to the impetus throughout the scriptures to love and care for any in need as Jesus reminds us when

he said: "For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in... For whenever you did it to the least of these, you did it to me." Matthew 25: 35,40

If you have a particular interest in this project, please contact Carolyn Snyder, carolynsnyder42@gmail.com or 765-362-7493.

Thank you! Grace & Peace,

Darla

The collaboration of churches to resettle an Afghan family in the Indianapolis area continues. Each church will be contributing \$1000 this week toward the expenses for the family for 90 days. It is hoped, by that time, the family will be self sustaining with employment of their own. Our \$1000 will be coming from our Local and Global Outreach budget. Linda Spencer and Kay Nannet will be a part of the Welcoming Team from First Christian Church, along with two team members from each of the other churches. Please pray for the family that will be resettled and for the team working to accomplish the move.

Carolyn Snyder, Sandra Ruby, and Linda Weaver, Local & Global Outreach Ministry Team



**EXODUS
REFUGEE**
The life ahead.

God-Talk Discussion Gatherings by Pastor Kevin starting November 29 @ 5:30 pm

While attending high school camp at Christmount, we engaged in an activity called God Talk. Throughout the week, campers and counselors had the chance to anonymously write any questions they had about God, faith, the church, etc. Before evening worship, we gathered to discuss the questions in a respectful manner. The purpose was not to solve the questions, but to listen to different perspectives and still remain as one community. These powerful and holy moments helped shape my faith.

I would love to offer this same opportunity to all of you to join me for God Talk discussions on the 4 Mondays of Advent. I will leave a box outside of the sanctuary where you may leave your questions for discussion. Your RSVP will help me prepare but is not required. Please feel free to participate any Monday you are available. I look forward in engaging with you all on some holy conversations!

Peace, **Pastor Kevin**

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 hope you'll enjoy them, so be sure to check out the last two devotionals and watch out for the next devotional on Nov 17.



Ever wondered what the book of Leviticus is all about? Check out our latest episodes to find out! We love you to be involved by sending your questions to us at bibleforthepeople@gmail.com.

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



Advance Care Planning Workshop

D2D LEARNING SERIES

Thursday, Nov. 18 at noon at Christ Lutheran Church

November is National Hospice and Palliative Care Month and an appropriate time to consider our wishes in advance. Join Certified ACP Facilitator, J Miranda, for an important conversation about you, your loved ones, and health care wishes. This brownbag lunch-and-learn conversation will discuss about how to ensure your healthcare wishes are honored when you can't speak for yourself. Participants will receive a planning packet. Please RSVP by Monday November 15 to info@dusk-to-dawn.org or give us a call at 765-267-1760.

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
NOVEMBER 18 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



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WWW.QFBWELLNESS.COM





Calendar of Upcoming Events

- Fri. 11/12 **New Bible for the People** podcast episode
- Sun. 11/14 **Seven Deadly Sins class** (parlor)—9:00-9:45
Shirt, Mug & Sticker Sales (narthex)
- Mon. 11/15 **Scouts** (Upper Room)—6:30-8
- Tues. 11/16 **Euchre** (fellowship hall)—1:30
Coordinating council meeting—7 pm
Church members welcome.
Governing Board meeting—8 pm
Church members welcome.
- Wed. 11/17 **WOW**—4:30-7:30
Stillness & Storytelling Circle (Chapel)—5:30-6:30
Choir practice—7-8:30
- Fri. 11/18 **New Bible for the People** podcast episode
Advance Care Planning Workshop at Christ Lutheran Church—noon
Grief Support Group (with Dusk to Dawn) at Quest for Balance—7 pm
- Sun. 11/21 **FISH Food Pantry Special Offering**
Decorating for Christmas—6:00 pm
- Mon. 11/22 **Scouts** (Upper Room)—6:30-8:00
- Tues. 11/23 **Choir practice**—7-8:30
- Wed. 11/24 **Thanksgiving Dinner** for Wabash International Students (Malcolm X Institute)—5:00 - 7:00pm
- Thurs. 11/25 **Thanksgiving Day** (office closed)

CELEBRATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

- Nov. 11 Myrna Thompson (80)
- Nov. 13 Brett Spencer
- Nov. 14 Austin Streitlmeier
Nathan Streitlmeier
Maxine Williamson
Gwen Carlson
- Nov. 15 Bettye Hudson (89)
Dave Lunsford
- Nov. 16 Anna Cedars
- Nov. 18 Jan Stout
- Nov. 19 Amy Weliver
Emily Weliver
- Nov. 20 Lennon Keedy-Merk
- Nov. 21 Anders Nicodemus
- Nov. 22 Carolyn Simpson (97)
- Nov. 23 Bill Collings (96)
- Nov. 24 Emerie Venis
- Nov. 27 Pastor Kevin
Doris Branstetter (104)
- Nov. 28 Lela Lofland (93)
Sawyer Ranspach

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.



DECORATE THE CHURCH

Please join us in decorating the church for Christmas on Sunday, November 21st at 6pm. Bring your favorite snack to share!





YOUTH news

from Rev. Kevin Toth

Follow us on Instagram
@fccyouthcrawfordsville



Baptism Celebrations! On October 31st, we baptized and welcomed 4 individuals into the church: Andie Nannet, Hope Taylor, Nina Kyger, and Josh Forrester!



WOW Painting Pumpkins!



WOW Fall 2021 Schedule

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



Fire Pit fun on Halloween!

We had so much fun passing out candy and dressing up on Halloween night all while huddling around the fire pit to keep warm! Thanks to everyone who helped donate candy for the evening and for everyone who came out and joined us for some great fellowship! We hope to plan more fire pit gatherings again so stay tuned for future updates!



MISSIONS & OUTREACH

Thanksgiving Special Offering

This 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. 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—from scholarships to religious life offices to faculty growth and development. By giving to the Thanksgiving Offering, you are helping our institutions invest in students as they prepare themselves to become leaders.



FISH Food Pantry Thanksgiving Initiative

On Thanksgiving Sunday, November 21, FCC will be blessing donated food during Worship for our local FISH food pantry. If you would like to donate dry or canned food, you may do that beginning today through Thanksgiving Sunday by dropping it off during office hours or on Sunday mornings. Together, let's show God's love and abundance to the community by helping to make everyone's Thanksgiving a true time for celebration and gratitude!



THANKSGIVING FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

I'm excited to announce that FCC is joining Bethel AME Church and Second Baptist church in providing, preparing and serving a **THANKSGIVING MEAL** to the **WABASH COLLEGE International students** (& other students) on **Wednesday, November 24 from 5 - 7:00 pm at the Malcolm X Institute** (which has a full kitchen and place to dine). **This is for students who are remaining on campus during the Thanksgiving break.** We are working with Amy Weir (Director of International Programs) and others at Wabash College. For anyone who would like to provide or prepare and/or serve food at this event, please see the list of the menu items needed below:

Turkeys (4 already provided)

<i>Turkeys (4 already provided)</i>	<i>Dressing/Stuffing</i>
<i>Mashed Potatoes</i>	<i>Green Beans</i>
<i>Pasta (of any kind)</i>	<i>Garden Salad</i>
<i>Desserts (Pies/Cakes)</i>	<i>Cranberry Sauce</i>
<i>Dinner Rolls</i>	<i>Cutlery / Plates / Cups</i>

**Please refrain from using any beef or pork and any broth or drippings from them.*

Please e-mail Nick at 211fccville@gmail.com with the item(s) you wish to prepare/provide and/or if you would like to be present to help reheat the food and/or serve the students. **Food donated is to be cooked in advance** and brought refrigerated or warm) to the event. Food will be reheated (if needed) at the Malcolm X Institute beginning at 4:00 pm. We are still waiting to hear back about the number of students that will be attending. It is likely somewhere between 20 - 40.

Any Questions? Reach out to me at darla.goodrich@gmail.com and copy Nick at 211fccville@gmail.com.

Volunteers for Mental Health Christmas Drive



Volunteers for Mental Health Christmas Drive committee members Ellen Ball and Kym Bushong roll out the barrels, boxes and bins to be placed in the community. First Christian Church will host a collection container this year. You should have received an email with specific needs. There is a flyer in the church office detailing specifics, as well, or you can go to vmhmc.org for more info.



If you are still thinking and praying about an annual pledge of offerings to FCC for 2022, it's not too late to submit your pledge. Pledges in advance help our board to best determine our budget each year and our leadership to faithfully plan our mission of witness and service. Thank you for all the many who have already turned in your pledges. It is much appreciated! Pledge cards are available in the church office and can be mailed to you upon request. Thank you!



This last Sunday we celebrated and honored the precious lives of the following Saints who passed in the last year and who faithfully witnessed to God's love in our lives through the many years they were with us:

Karon Apple • William Clifton • Carolyn Hacker • Jane Hart • Edna Krukewitt • Lela Lofland • Izzy Mattocks • Nancy Nash • Hulah O'dell • Barton Paddock

Let us give thanks for the gift of their lives by living ours to the fullest in Christ way!

THE WIRED WORD As Rex Henthorn's "Seven Deadly Sins" class wraps up this Sunday, the Wired Word will again begin to meet in the Parlor face-to-face, or more honestly, mask-to-mask, for discussion of the topic of the week, starting the 21st. All are welcome. Think about the weekly topic whether you can join us or not. We will start at 9:00am so that some of the choir members can leave at 9:30. ~*Dave Maharry*



SCOUTS UPDATE

FUNDRAISER UPDATE: The Feast of the Hunter's Moon in October was a success—we had terrific weather, learned a lot, and we're gearing up to do it again next year! We made Voyageur stew, split pea soup and Johnny cakes.

ACTIVITIES: Twelve of us went camping this past weekend at Camp Cullom in Clinton County. It got down to 25° but everyone came prepared and had a great time!! Planning a camp out in December and another on January 14th at Camp Krietenstein for the Klondike, a winter camporee put on by the Western Section of the Crossroads Council.

SERVICE PROJECT: We're participating in the annual Waynetown Christmas display and will be serving hot cocoa/coffee and cookies at the Lighting ceremony on Dec 4th. If we can be of service for the church, please just let us know.

NEEDS: We are looking for **new or gently used scout equipment** for the Scouts to purchase with their 'Scout Bucks' in Feb. during our annual planning lock-in. **We are also in need of another trailer** because we are outgrowing the one we have. If you know of an enclosed trailer for sale, please let us know.

NEXT MEETINGS: Monday November 15th @ FCC 6:30 pm. Opening Flag ceremony, November 22nd @ the Masonic Lodge 6:30pm—Eagle Court of Honor for Marshall Little. Court of Honor for other scouts ranking up.

CONTACT INFORMATION: Scouts BSA Troops 247 and 365 meet on Mondays at 6:30 pm. If you are 11-17 years old (or an adult) and are interested in being a part of our boys' or girls' organizations, we'd love to have you. Come to our meeting or contact us for more information: Scouting247.365@gmail.com

Michele Enlow, Scoutmaster, Troop 365, 765.401.6228
Rolf Samuelsen, Scoutmaster, Troop 247, 317.966.7609



prayer concerns

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.

- NICK HEDRICK'S FAMILY** on the loss of Nick's great-uncle Gary Austin
- NANCY BEACH**—ill and struggling with COVID-19 symptoms
- 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)—home from the hospital and recuperating but would love continued prayer
- ABBIE PLUNKETT**—recovering from surgery on her ankle
- RANDAL TURNER**—recovering from hip surgery
- 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**



HHCL NEWS

We are overwhelmed with the monetary donations given to us in memory of Hulah O'Dell. Thank you all so much. We will certainly purchase very special items for children that would represent her love and kindness to all people.

Also, we welcome two new staff to the Pre-K classroom, Raven Davis and Cadience Dildine. They have worked incredibly hard and their classroom looks great in one short week! We are very excited to have them on staff! And a big shout out to the ladies doing the laundry—you are so appreciated and you make our days run smoothly.

Lori McKinney

Director, Hand In Hand Creative Learning

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**

STAFF ANNOUNCEMENT

After a time of discernment and being with her family full time, before, during and after Liam's surgery, Andrea Venis has decided that she will not be returning to the position of Communications Administrator at FCC. We give thanks for Andrea's faithful, loving and gifted service with the whole congregation and staff over the past few years and especially through the thick of the pandemic!! We will miss you Andrea!

Kelly O'Dell Stanley has agreed to accept the permanent position as FCC's Communications Administrator! We give thanks for her many talents, devotion and care that has gotten us through this interim time with flying colors and are excited about her time with us ahead! Welcome Kelly!! Kelly's position is primarily remote, so she does not keep specific office hours, but you may call, text, or email her anytime. If it's a weekend or late night, please leave a message, but unless it's an emergency she may not respond until the next business day. You may also leave messages for her at the church office.

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.



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

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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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Pastor Kevin will be on vacation November 12-15. As always, contact Pastor Darla if you need anything during his absence.

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