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PASTORAL MESSAGE

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Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, they are a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. 2 COR. 5:17



It's hard to believe that Advent is right on the edge of the horizon! It seems to have come faster this year than the year before,

and the year before that, as it does every year! One thing is for sure, it will continue to be a season that is always birthing something new in our lives; not because God's love has changed, or because the Good News of new birth has more power this year than last, but because we have all changed! All our experiences over the past year have changed us in some way, perhaps even without us knowing. Have you noticed any change in your life in the past year or in our congregation? Has it shifted your perspectives about your own life or the world in any way?

This year we will travel through Advent by walking with our four Gospel writers and the prophets, as we consider their particular perspectives, and that of those they write about, in the face of change in their own lives and communities. *(continued on next page)*

DATE	TEXT	ADVENT WORSHIP & PREACHER
Sun. Nov. 27 10:15 am	Mt 1: 1-17	The Advent of Seeing Hope 1st Sunday of Advent / Rev. Darla Goodrich
Sun. Dec. 04 10:15 am	Mk 1: 1-8	The Advent of Seeing Peace 2nd Sunday of Advent / Rev. Darla Goodrich
Sun. Dec. 11 10:15 am	Luke 1:5-20, 57-64	The Advent of Seeing Love 3rd Sunday of Advent / Rev. Kevin Toth
Sun. Dec. 18 10:15 am	Jn 16: 16-24	The Advent of Seeing Joy 4th Sunday of Advent / Rev. Darla Goodrich
SPECIALTY WORSHIP SERVICES		
Wed. Dec. 21 7 pm	Healing Scriptures	Ecumenical Longest Night Service Service held at Christ Lutheran Church Shared Leadership
Sat. Dec. 24 5:30 pm	Is 65:17-25 (selections)	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service The Birthing of Living Dreams Rev. Darla Goodrich
Sun. Dec. 25 10:15 am	The Birth Stories	Christmas Communion Service (30 minutes / Family Friendly) Includes Cake & Birthday Party for Jesus Rev. Darla Goodrich
Sun. Jan. 1 10:15 am	Mt 2: 1-12 Isaiah 43:19	Epiphany / New Year's Day Do You Not Perceive It?/ TBA

Upcoming Events

The calendar of events and activities will be emailed on Dec. 1 with the next Pathfinder—but you can also find an updated schedule online at fccville.org/events

Pastoral Message *(continued from previous page)*

Each week through worship and preaching we will have an opportunity to prayerfully consider what our own inner change this year has meant for our relationship with God and others, and what the Good News of Jesus Christ might unveil to us as hope is birthed on the horizon before us! I look forward to this journey of discovery with you as we awake together to the surprising lessons of the season and Love's power to invite new life in each and all of us!

Grace & Peace,
Darla



Thanksgiving Dinner for Wabash

Greetings in the matchless name of Jesus Christ!

I am writing to you to solicit your support in this outreach to the students at Wabash who have nowhere to go for Thanksgiving. We want to show our love and support by once again having a Thanksgiving dinner for these young men. We would like to have a traditional dinner on Tuesday, November 22, 2022. This will be held at the MXIBS on Wabash campus. We will begin serving at 6 pm.

If you would like to make a contribution or give a donation please do not hesitate to contact me.

May the Lord bless you richly and keep each of you.
Your servant in the vineyard,

Rev. Joan Wright Richardson
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Come one, come all! Help us decorate the church for Advent!

We will be decorating on November 20th. Please bring your favorite snack to share and plan to join us at 6 pm on the 20th!



LOCAL & GLOBAL OUTREACH

Three updates to share:

1. FCC has been given the names of 15 Reindeer children to distribute. Information about ages, sizes, needs and wants will be available in the narthex this Sunday. Gifts should be brought to the church by Sunday, Dec. 11. One or two families may go together to buy for a child. If you need info before Sunday, contact Carolyn Snyder. Thank you for your support of what has become a Christmas tradition for some of us at FCC.
2. **A 5K walk/run for Global Missions** is in the planning for Sunday, March 29, 2023. Details will be announced later, but right now we are looking for a few great people for the Steering Committee. Contact Outreach Ministry Team if you are interested. We are planning a zoom meeting in the next two weeks.
3. We are all overjoyed that the Afghan husband has completed his training as a truck driver, passed the necessary exams, and will start a job on Nov. 21. It will be a while before the family is self sufficient, but they are progressing with our assistance. The car has been repaired and is drivable. Our prayers are for this family as they assimilate into our culture.

Carolyn Snyder, Sandra Ruby, and Linda Weaver



In this season of Advent,
let us create holy conversations
by speaking holy words from one to another,
between child and parent,
between God and humanity,
between and among one another.

**Advent Devotional
from Phillips Seminary**
Online Now

ptstulsa.edu/devotionals



Advent Devotional

Phillips Theological Seminary, a seminary of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), has prepared an Advent devotional and are inviting us to join them, and Disciples congregations across the miles, in reflection and thoughtfulness as we celebrate the Good News of Christ's love being birthed over and over in every age. This can be used as a resource with your family, in small groups at our church, or in your own quiet spiritual time. Phillips hopes this devotional will inspire and deepen our faith together in the unchanging, sacrificial love of God, love of each other, and the love that births equality and justice in the world through Christ.

You can access daily Advent devotions (and print them) at <https://ptstulsa.edu/devotionals/>. Each devotion is also available as a podcast that you may access through your preferred podcast provider. If you want a printed copy but do not have computer or printer access, please contact the church office by e-mail or phone.

A CHRISTMAS WEDDING

DECEMBER 2, 3, 4 & 9, 10, 11

KEITH STRAIN, DIRECTOR
KYM BUSHONG, PRODUCER

Sponsored By Jessica's on Main

You will thoroughly enjoy the upcoming play at the Vanity. The play is the second part of Santa Diaries presented by the Vanity in 2018 and like that show, this will be the Indiana premier.

Five years ago Will Hawes and his high school sweetheart moved to Hollywood. Everyone assumed they would be married, but they quickly became the hottest couple in town. So now they return seeking a simple, small-town, Christmas Wedding.

However, to get time away they had to agree that their wedding would be filmed for a TV special. The wedding quickly consumes everything, even replacing the town annual Christmas Eve production of Dickens's *A Christmas Carol*.

Of course, when Hollywood and TV get involved a simple, small-town, Christmas Wedding becomes a big production so that there is nothing either simple or small-town remaining. Did we mention this would be a Reality TV show?

Finally, everyone has had enough and a revolt against the AHollywooding@ of everything and everyone, and then returns us to a simple, small-town, Christmas Wedding.

Tickets available at sugarcreekplayers.org!

54th
**Christmas
Festival of
Music & Readings**

Wednesday, 7 December 2022
Pioneer Chapel 8:00pm

Wabash College
Glee Club ~ Wamidan ~ Carols
Prelude at 7:30pm
Livestream available at wabash.edu/live

Art and the Journey Through Grief Dusk to Dawn Learning Series Event

Wednesday December 14 noon @
Christ Lutheran Church



When it comes to grief, how does art help and how do you get started? Painting, drawing, photography, crafts, and other forms of art can help a person find an outlet for their feelings. Research has shown that the actual act of making art can be soothing and calming. It relaxes the nervous system and helps the healing process. Through the creation of art there's an avenue for emotions like anger, fear and anxiety. Art offers a sense of control that is missing in the life of someone who is grieving.

Wednesday, December 14 at noon, join Artist Carol Baird as she talks about her journey. Don't miss out, bring your lunch and learn about art as a therapy for dealing with grief. The event is free and open to the public, but participants should preregister at dusk-to-dawn.org/learning-series/



JOIN DISCIPLES NBA WELLNESS LIVESTREAM!

Join the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) National Benevolent Association's (NBA's) Mental Health & Wellness Director, Joselyn Spence, along with other guests as we share a moment to pause, process, and care for ourselves this holiday season on December 14 at 7:30 pm EST. We encourage you to grab your favorite mug, something soothing to sip, and a cozy chair as you prepare for an evening of Soul Care focused on wellness practices. Want to share the moment? Schedule a 'watch party' with your family, Bible study group, or congregation!

NBA would like to offer you some hearty hospitality to prepare for this event! If you register yourself or your group by Monday, November 21, 2022, the NBA will send you or your group hot cocoa, stickers, pens, and a small journal to use in your wellness practice. Groups are encouraged to register, and watch live via Zoom, YouTube Live, or Facebook Live!

Register Here: <https://www.nbacares.org/event/soulcare-warmth-wellness/>



Thank you so much for your continuing support of the FISH Food Pantry. The cans of vegetables, fruits, tuna, and soup you bring to worship in your weekly food offerings are making a difference. FISH's Ellen Simpson says our regular deliveries are a needed boost for the many clients who rely on the Food Pantry for food security for their families.

A few additional suggestions:

- bags of egg noodles, which are always requested during the holiday season;
- cake mixes and icing to add that special touch to a child's birthday;
- a can opener! many cans have pop tops these days, but regular cans can still present a barrier if you lack even the most basic utensils.

If you wish to participate in our food gathering, but are worshipping with us online or find it inconvenient to shop for groceries, you may contribute with a check. Make your check payable to FISH Food Pantry and mail it to FCC Crawfordsville. All funds received will be promptly delivered to FISH along with our weekly delivery of beans, pasta, soap, and Cheerios. Cash offerings give FISH the flexibility to purchase foods that are in short supply.

That's all folks. You guys are the greatest! Keep those Spaghetti-Os and corn bread mixes rolling in.

Don Lindsay

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

Thanks to all who have returned your Estimate of Giving card following our October Stewardship Campaign. We are truly a blessed congregation! If you've not yet returned your giving card, it's never too late – you can drop it in the offering plate any Sunday morning, mail it to the Church office, or complete the form online at: <https://tinyurl.com/FCCGivingEstimate>.

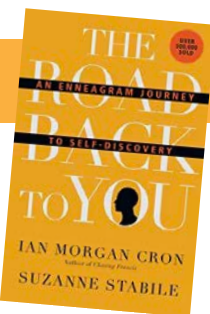
Brad Weaver, Treasurer

FCC BOOK CLUB

December's book is *The Road Back to You* by Ian Cron and Suzanne Stabile. There are a 3 or 4 church copies circulating around the congregation or in the church library. Contact Kelly Stanley if you have trouble locating one.

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, or call or text 765.366.6709.



FCC LIBRARY

The library staff of the church has two questions born of curiosity: 1) What happened to the books in the boxes labelled "To Go"? They disappeared and left their boxes behind. Please inform. 2) The book cart is down to the last of the books. I have heard from only one person who found the book cart beneficial. Are there others? I am not asking about a place for your unwanted books but about the books that were taken home to be read. If you are wanting the book cart to continue, please let the staff know. Thank you.

Barbara Frye, Head Librarian



Join us for lively discussion of scriptural topics inspired by current events—every Sunday at 9 am in the parlor.

MESSAGE FROM DARLA'S PRC

Our church has been through many changes over the past months as we have emerged from pandemic-style programming and continued to thrive as a vital congregation. We have been short-staffed in the office and music ministry, and at the same time, we have been growing! – the children's programs are blossoming, new small groups like Book Club and Creativity Club are feeding our souls, the choir loft is full, and a rehabbed parlor is paving the way for more life-giving time spent together. As always, change and growth bring challenges – even the most positive changes. As we know, growth always "kicks up dust." Did you notice one Sunday that Pastor Darla had to hurry into the children's area and bring over extra chairs for the Children's Moment? We were overflowing. This is a perfect example of that dust.

In the midst of these blessings, the church has found itself short-staffed in both the office and the music ministry. This has meant that our pastors, staff members and volunteers have been wearing a few extra hats while these positions are filled, managing the office, coordinating special music, and even moving furniture.

As the PRC, we wanted to extend a special thank you to all of you, and especially Pastor Darla and Pastor Kevin, for taking on extra work and keeping us thriving in this time of busy-ness. As churches grow, there is a stretching period in which our resources (especially our pastors, staff, and volunteers) are literally stretched while we reach for that next height. Congregations who are willing to take on these periods of stretching find new opportunities and new resources on the other side. FCC is that type of congregation, and we are blessed.

THANK YOU!

Thank you to all of those who helped with the All Saints' Day soup lunch. You generously gave of your time and talents to provide publicity, chop vegetables, set tables, cook and serve the soup, provide sandwiches and desserts for the lunch, and cleaned up afterwards. You made it all fun as well as delicious.

Also, I want to thank all of you who stayed on after the soup lunch to learn about the FCC "saints" and play the Bingo game. In addition, I appreciate all of those who helped me find pictures and create descriptions for sixteen of our saints so that I could create the slide show.

Judy Michal for Congregational Care



YOUTH news *from Rev. Kevin Toth*

Follow us on Instagram
@fccyouthcrawfordsville



On November 9th, WOW youth went out to serve some of our church members and at FISH Food pantry to practice being compassionate toward others!

Save the Date: Youth Weekend Retreat— February 17-19, 2023!

All middle and high school youth are invited to a weekend treat at Camp Bedford next spring. It will be similar to camp activities but just over a brief weekend. Registration details will come out next month but if you are interested, please reach out to Pastor Kevin. And don't worry... the cabins have heat!

Indiana Youth Council

The Indiana Youth Council (IYC) is a group of high school youth from around the state who serve as representatives for youth throughout the region. IYC plans and coordinates all youth events in the region except summer camps. This is a great opportunity to serve the Indiana region and grow in one's leadership skills!

Youth interested can follow the link to find the online application. Scroll down till you see "Indiana Youth Council." Applications are due January 9, 2023!

<http://indianadisciples.org/commissions/commission-on-faith-formation/#camp>



Children's Church in need of teacher assistance

Pastor Kevin and Youth Education Chair, Sarah Reed-Jay, would like to request if anyone is interested in serving as an assistant to our amazing children's church teachers on Sunday mornings. Assistants would merely be an extra supervisor for our children and offer support to our teachers when needed. Please reach out to Pastor Kevin or Sarah if you are interested in serving in this capacity. We are hoping to have a rotation of volunteers so this will not be a weekly commitment. We greatly appreciate the support!

prayer concerns

Help us keep this list up to date!

Please notify the office or email 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.



2023 PRAYER PROMPT CALENDARS

Take a leap of faith into a refreshed prayer life—and help support Dusk to Dawn Bereavement at the same time! Professionally printed, full color calendars are available in the church office, by contacting Kelly Stanley directly (765-366-6709 or kellyostanley@me.com), or at kellyostanley.com/product/2023-calendar/

Especially for FCC, the price of each calendar is reduced to \$15—and of that, \$5 per calendar will be donated to Dusk to Dawn.

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.

MARTHA BAUSCH—pancreatic cancer

LAFOLLETTE FAMILY—passing of James “Jim” LaFollette on Nov 14

ERIK & ANNA KILE (Kelly Stanley’s daughter and son-in-law)—he’s deployed with the military and serving overseas while she is due to have their baby in late Jan.

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

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

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 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**

HHCL Updates

Hand in Hand Creative Learning has been busy, as always, with learning and playing. We've also had a few big transitions recently.



This past summer, HHCL welcomed our new director Chantel Allen. Chantel is near the end of her degree program in Early Childhood Education, has 4 years of experience in it, and is passionate about supporting children in their developmental years and educators as they aid young children in developing their curious minds. She is doing a fabulous job and we are very happy to have her on board!

We also promoted two of our teachers, Jess Pursell and Deb Northcut, to a shared assistant director position. They've been with HHCL for a long while, both earned their Child Development Associate with help from our program, and are currently pursuing Associate's degrees. We are so lucky to have such fantastic teachers in our school committed to pursuing higher education.

This month, all three will be traveling to Washington, DC with other educators in our community to attend an Early Childhood Education conference. We can't wait to see what good ideas they bring back!

We also want to give a big thanks to Carolyn Snyder for single-handedly doing all of HHCL's laundry for many months! This was hugely helpful and we could not be more grateful for her support. Carolyn needs to step away from laundry now, and **we are looking for more volunteers**. If anyone is willing to occasionally take a small load of laundry home, wash it, and return it, please contact Chantel Allen (HHCLdirector@gmail.com) or Gwen Carlson (gwenjcarlson@gmail.com). We are also always happy to have volunteers to read books or do activities with our kiddos. If this is something you have interest in, do not hesitate to reach out. Thank you!



Pictured are Christian Campbell, Sheva Andrews, Emily Campbell and Donavon Johson. Not pictured are Caleigh Welch, Luke Crosby, Drew Crosby.

Scouting News

The scouts had a great time at our fall district camporee that was held Nov 4-6 at Camp Cullom near Frankfort. The kids had a great time and did an amazing job! This camporee theme was "Cook-a-ree. So all stations were based on cooking or things to go along with cooking. Our two troops combined into one patrol for this event due to school plays and other obligations. They were the winner of the Iron Chef Challenge and they became the overall winner of the camporee and brought home the hardware for the win.

Coming up next:

Nov 28th helping with a packing party at FCC

Dec 3rd serving hot cocoa and cookies at Waynetown Park lighting ceremony

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