



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH  
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**December 1, 2022**

**PASTORAL REFLECTION**

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**What is one of your favorite Christmas movies growing up?**



For me, it would be Dr. Seuss's "How the Grinch Stole Christmas." There are many adaptations of this classic story, including a live action film starring Jim Carrey in 2000 and an animated version in 2018 starring Benedict Cumberbatch. While the two

mentioned adaptations are the ones I grew up on, the version I always remember the most came from the 1966 animated short film starring Boris Karloff. While there are so many memorable moments from this 25-minute short film, the reason I love it so much is because of how it ends. After the Grinch steals all the toys and decorations from the sleeping Whos, he waits to hear their cries of sadness but instead hears their singing of gratitude. The Whos' actions remind me of how special and meaningful the Advent season can be and how they can help be an inspiration for others who are searching and waiting for Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love this season. Even the Grinch found his heart grew three sizes larger because of the selfless actions portrayed by the Whos of Whoville.

I love this story and have recently discovered an Advent devotional called, "The Heart that Grew Three Sizes: Finding Faith in the Story of the Grinch." Feel free this season to ask me my thoughts on this devotional and my continued thoughts on how the Grinch's story can help us to see new perspectives on Jesus' story this month! I look forward to walking this Advent journey with you all this season.

Many Blessings,  
**Pastor Kevin**



DATE	TEXT	ADVENT WORSHIP & PREACHER
<b>Sun. Nov. 27</b> 10:15 am	Mt 1: 1-17	<b>The Advent of Seeing Hope</b> 1st Sunday of Advent / Rev. Darla Goodrich
<b>Sun. Dec. 04</b> 10:15 am	Mk 1: 1-8	<b>The Advent of Seeing Peace</b> 2nd Sunday of Advent / Rev. Darla Goodrich
<b>Sun. Dec. 11</b> 10:15 am	Luke 1:5-20, 57-64	<b>The Advent of Seeing Love</b> 3rd Sunday of Advent / Rev. Kevin Toth
<b>Sun. Dec. 18</b> 10:15 am	Jn 16: 16-24	<b>The Advent of Seeing Joy</b> 4th Sunday of Advent / Rev. Darla Goodrich
SPECIALTY WORSHIP SERVICES		
<b>Sat. Dec. 24</b> 5:30 pm	Is 65:17-25 (selections)	<b>Christmas Eve Candlelight Service</b> The Birthing of Living Dreams Rev. Darla Goodrich
<b>Sun. Dec. 25</b> 10:15 am	The Birth Stories	<b>Christmas Communion Service</b> (30 minutes / Family Friendly) Includes Cake & Birthday Party for Jesus Rev. Darla Goodrich
<b>Sun. Jan. 1</b> 10:15 am	John 1:1-14	<b>Epiphany / New Year's Day</b> God, Words, and New Beginnings

***This Sunday: Don't miss the opening of our new art show featuring Kym Bushong's creations! Kym will be there after church—be sure to stop by, look at her beautiful art, and say hello!***

# Upcoming Events

The calendar of events and activities will be emailed today with this Pathfinder—but you can also find an updated schedule online at [fccville.org/events](https://fccville.org/events)



## Family Friendly Christmas Day Communion Service

There will be an in person 25 minute **Family Friendly Christmas Communion Worship Service on December 25 at 10:15 am** in the sanctuary. This will be a relaxed service so come as you are, bring the kids and we'll sing Christmas Carols, tell the ancient story, share communion and celebrate Jesus Birthday! There will be a birthday cake for Jesus in the narthex following the service. Hope you and your family will join us!



On **Sunday, January 1**, we will resume our regular **10:15 worship** and will be celebrating both the New Year and Epiphany on that day! Hope you will join us as we stand on the brink together of a new beginning, with Christ himself, as our polar star for the future!

## 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. Join Artist Carol Baird as she talks about her journey. 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/](https://dusk-to-dawn.org/learning-series/)



## You are invited to an Advent book study! It's not too late!

Join Rev. Cheryl Russell, Associate Regional Minister, in reading and discussing Matt Rawle's book, *The Heart that Grew Three Sizes: Finding Faith in the Story of the Grinch* (Amazon).

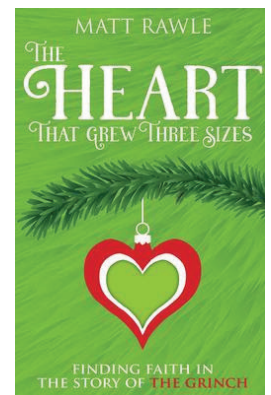
This virtual study will be offered on Sundays at 4:00 pm and Tuesdays at 10:00 am. You will receive a Zoom link in your registration confirmation letter. Check your inbox.

**SUNDAYS** (4 pm Eastern)  
November 27, December 4,  
December 11, December 18

**REGISTER HERE:** [https://wmt.suran.com/tool/event\\_registration\\_v2/attendees?guid=d3f3f39e-5f7a-11ed-9e6e-ff849f2df89c](https://wmt.suran.com/tool/event_registration_v2/attendees?guid=d3f3f39e-5f7a-11ed-9e6e-ff849f2df89c)

**TUESDAYS** (10am Eastern)  
November 29, December 6,  
December 13, December 20

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# REPEAT the sounding JOY

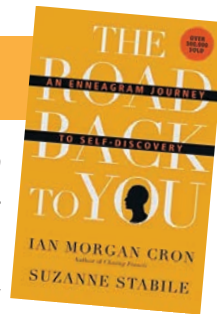
2022 Christmas  
OFFERING

A SPECIAL DAY OFFERING OF DISCIPLES MISSION  
FUND SUPPORTING THE MINISTRIES OF OUR REGION

The Christmas special offering of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) received in congregations **December 11 & 18** benefits the ministry across our regions. Your Christmas offering equips our Region to echo the joy heard in summer camp settings, congregational life, seminary classrooms, and leadership gatherings. Your gift enables our Region to give support to Elders, Sunday School teachers, youth group sponsors, worship leaders, seminarians, and pastors so that joy resounds. With your gift, connections are made between congregations and among Disciples throughout this Region and around the world!

## 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](mailto:kellyostanley@me.com), or call or text 765.366.6709.

54<sup>th</sup> 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](http://wabash.edu/live)

Tickets available at [sugarcreekplayers.org](http://sugarcreekplayers.org)!

# A CHRISTMAS WEDDING

JUST MARRIED

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

KEITH STRAIN, DIRECTOR  
KYM BUSHONG, PRODUCER

Sponsored By Jessica's on Main



## 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.

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



## 2023 PRAYER PROMPT CALENDARS

Get your 2023 calendar to refresh your prayer life or give as a gift. Calendars are \$15 apiece or 2 for \$25 and \$5 per calendar is being donated to Dusk to Dawn. Available in the church office, by contacting Kelly Stanley directly (765-366-6709 or [kellyostanley@me.com](mailto:kellyostanley@me.com)), or at [kellyostanley.com/product/2023-calendar/](https://www.kellyostanley.com/product/2023-calendar/)

# THE LONGEST NIGHT

While amid a season of celebration and joy, for many it feels more like a season of great darkness and shadows. While others are experiencing the light of hope, peace, joy, and love, we may feel as though our hope has gone, our peace extinguished, our joy snuffed out, and love vanished. **We don't have to be alone in our darkness.** Join others as we gather to share our burdens and losses in an ecumenical healing service of prayer, song, and reflection.

If you have questions about the service, please contact Cheryl Fuhrmann, [ckfdusk2dawn@gmail.com](mailto:ckfdusk2dawn@gmail.com)

CHRIST LUTHERAN  
CHURCH SANCTUARY

7:00PM  
Wednesday, December 21



*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](https://ptstulsa.edu/devotionals)



## Advent Devotional

You can access daily Advent devotions (and print them) from Phillips Theological Seminary, a seminary of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), 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.



## Thank you!

It was such a splendid surprise when I walked down the stairs this past Sunday to see the “Happy Birthday” banner above the Parlor doors and the entire parlor decorated to celebrate my birthday! Not only was I overwhelmed with the tremendous support from everyone who stayed afterwards, but I was overjoyed to see a glimpse of the fellowship celebrations in our newly renovated parlor. It gets me excited for future fellowship celebrations in the parlor space!

Thank you to everyone for your support and care on my 30th birthday as well as allowing me the opportunity to serve as your associate minister! ~Pastor Kevin

## What in the world weighs 700 lbs?

No. Not your brother-in-law. But a male grizzly bear weighs about 700 pounds, some bigger, some smaller, and depending on the time of year.

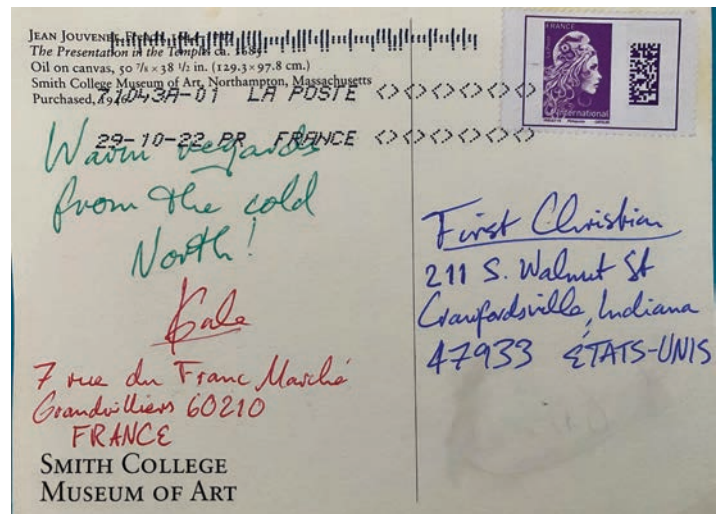
A pair of African lions—lion and lioness together, charmingly posed above by a wedding photographer—will have a combined weight of about 700 pounds.

A 2022 Harley Davidson Heritage Classic Cruiser touring motorcycle weighs 700 pounds. That would run you about \$32 a pound, if you have your eye on one.

Of course a bulldozer weighs a lot more than 700 pounds. But just one of its tires will tip the scales as much as a grizzly bear or a pair of African lions. No kidding. One tire.

And one more thing. Our first Sunday bringing beans to church was Oct. 2nd. In the eight weeks ending Nov. 20th, FCC contributed 742 items of food with a total weight of 702 pounds to the FISH Food Pantry.

Way to go, Church! Seriously, good job. “I was hungry, and you gave me food.” Matthew 25:35, NRSV. Every can and jar was needed and very much appreciated by neighbors who wouldn’t have good food on the table without a little help. The children will be eager to receive our cans and packages during Worship again this Sunday.



**Ian Gale**, our beloved Wabash student who graduated in 2022, sends us his warm regards from the cold north of France! If you want to send greetings to Ian, here is his address: 7 Rue du Franc Marche 60210 Grandvilliers France





# YOUTH news from Rev. Kevin Toth

Follow us on Instagram  
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## WOW Calendar

WOW is meeting two more times this year:  
December 7 & December 14

WOW will meet again January 11th, 2023.

## CHILDREN'S CHURCH SCHEDULE

Date	Bible Story	Teacher
December 4	Luke 1:26-38	Sarah Reed Jay
December 11	Luke 1:5-21, 57-80	Sara Nicodemus
December 18	Luke 2:1-7	Kate Lindsay
December 25	NONE	NONE
January 1	Luke 2:25-38	Kate Lindsay

*We love to have your children, ages 4 to 12, join us for fun, fellowship, and great learning!*



*WOW assisting the Volunteers for Mental Health by writing Christmas cards*



# 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.

## Thank you

Dear Church Family,  
Ryan and I thank you for all your prayers, love, and support during the years of Bob's fight with all his various forms of cancer. From all of the cards that were sent to the funeral dinner and afterwards, words cannot thank you enough.

Love,  
Kim and Ryan Mason

To my FCC family,  
I want to thank each one of you for the cards, phone calls, and food during my recent hospitalization. Each of you make our church special.

Sincerely,  
Mary Ellen Fields

## 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.

**JACK WYATT**—Currently staying at Restoracy of Whitestown, 6712 Restoracy Dr, Whitestown, IN 46075

**PAUL & JUTTA HUTSON**, at the loss of Paul's mother, Mary Hutson, on Friday, Nov 26

**MARY ELLEN FIELDS**—Thyroid surgery on Nov 17

**MARTHA BAUSCH**—pancreatic cancer/hospice

**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.*

BICKFORD: **TIM NANNET**

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 Closed Week After Christmas

The Church Office will be closed the week after Christmas to give our volunteers and office staff time with their families. Pastor Kevin will be on vacation and Pastor Darla is the Pastor on call. She will be available for pastoral needs and will be working remotely at home during the week.

# CELEBRATIONS



## DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Dec. 1 Andrew Nicodemus  
 Dec. 3 Kate Lindsay  
 Dec. 7 Warren Hartman (91)  
 Dec. 7 Rick Stout  
 Dec. 8 Dallas McDonald (86)  
 Dec. 12 Dave Maharry  
 Dec. 12 Dale Petrie  
 Dec. 12 Diane McLaughlin  
 Dec. 13 Marilyn Patton (82)  
 Dec. 14 Donna Coats  
 Dec. 15 Keith Strain  
 Dec. 16 Pat Hooper (80)  
 Dec. 16 Nicholas Reese  
 Dec. 16 Daniel Petrie  
 Dec. 18 Beth Lindsay  
 Dec. 18 Gerry Coats (85)  
 Dec. 18 Jennifer Hankins  
 Dec. 18 Edward Dowd  
 Dec. 18 Jennifer Hankins  
 Dec. 24 Nancy Beach (80)  
 Dec. 25 John Horner (86)  
 Dec. 25 Don Lindsay  
 Dec. 29 Judy Michal (80)

## DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Dec. 10  
 Brad and Linda Weaver  
  
 Dec. 27  
 Howard and Darlene Goodrich (72 years)  
  
 Dec. 30  
 Tom and Sharon Keedy

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



**FCC OFFICE HOURS**  
 Tuesday 10-1  
 Wednesday 10-1  
 Thursday 10-1  
  
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**PASTOR DARLA**  
 Monday is Rev. Darla's day off. Please contact Rev. Kevin with questions, concerns or emergencies when Darla is unavailable.  
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**PASTOR KEVIN**  
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## HOW CAN WE HELP?

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HAND IN HAND CREATIVE LEARNING	<b>Chantel Allen</b> , HHCL Director 765.367.1727 (leave a message)   Email: hhcldirector@gmail.com
COMMUNICATIONS (including newsletter)	<b>Kelly Stanley</b> , Communications Administrator Cell phone: 765.366.6709   Email: fcc.comm211@gmail.com
OTHER LEADERS OR MINISTRIES	<i>For a full list of our leaders, go to <a href="http://www.fccville.org/our-lay-leaders">www.fccville.org/our-lay-leaders</a></i>