

The CHRISTIAN





FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
(Disciples of Christ)

Visitor

You're INVited to Join Us for Worship on November 4 As We Honor Our Saints and Celebrate Consecration Sunday

This Sunday's worship service, November 4, will be a very special one as we honor our Saints and also celebrate Consecration Sunday. We will take time to remember and celebrate the saints in our lives, those members of the family of God - past and present - whose lives of witness, service and love have strengthened, supported and guided us. We will light candles, offer prayers, and hear special music.

This year's giving campaign focused on what it means to be "in" the family of First Christian Church. We explored new ways of thinking about:

- **our invitation to full and rich lives in the body of Christ**
- **our inclusion as members of the body of Christ**
- **our investment of personal time and resources to build up the body of Christ**
- **our inspiration to attain new heights in commitment as Disciples of Christ**

As you consider your investment in FCC for 2019, consider what it means to you to be "in" the family at First Christian Church. Please bring your Giving Commitment Card to worship this Sunday so that we can consecrate them together. If you are unable to attend, please return your card to the church as soon as possible so that the board can do its work in finalizing next year's budget. See you Sunday for a very special service on remembrance and commitment.

Remembering FCC's Saints

Pauline Bond

Don Davis

John Droste

Jerry and Jane McIntosh

John Miller

Don Stone

ViEva Thrasher

Roy Whiteman

Pastor's Pen

Empowered to Carry Out The Work of Christ's Church

In preparing for this Sunday's very special Saints and Stewards Consecration Sunday, a sense of great gratitude has overwhelmed me! Indeed, I give thanks for:

- The faithful legacies of those FCC saints whose lives we will remember and celebrate this Sunday.
- The exceptional leadership that continues to emerge in areas of faith formation, finance, the arts, and global ministries.
- The many new folks who are adding life and energy to FCC, not just on Sunday morning but throughout the week.
- Those whose primary focus has been to help move forward the bold and compelling vision outlined in our FCC Story.
- A gifted and faithful staff that works (and plays!) so well together.
- A discerning and convivial church board that helps move forward the church's business with grace and wisdom.

Mostly however, today **I give thanks for you!** Indeed, it is by your faithful generosity that FCC is strengthened and empowered to carry out the work of Christ's church. I trust that you have received, read, and been inspired by the stewardship materials that have come your way, including the carefully crafted proposed budget that reflects exciting and faithful aspirations for next year's ministries.

I trust also that you will continue to work toward giving a tithe (10% of your income) as a spiritual practice that reflects not only your deepening trust in God, but your desire to invest more fully in the ministries of Christ's Church both here and around the world.

Most of all, even in these extremely turbulent times, I trust that you will—in Every Single Way—resolve to practice a Christ-centered shalom that reflects absolute confidence in the ultimate power of Love.

See you Sunday!



Pastor Helen

PS. Please remember to bring your estimate of giving card to church on Sunday! Not only will it symbolize your commitment to the spiritual practice of faithful stewardship, but (on a more practical level) it will help the board bring to you a finalized budget that will support FCC's ministries in 2019.

I'm Included!

A Presentation by Braden Mishler

Several months ago, I stood at the steps of this church building and looked up at the doors that form its entry. I took a breath, steadied myself, and holding on to the rail for dear life, went up, opened the door, and embarked on a new chapter in my life.

In the 1940s, psychologist Abraham Maslow formulated his model of the “hierarchy of needs.” Maslow’s concept ranks humans’ requirements for survival from the most biological to the most existential. At the bottom are food, water, shelter, warmth, and safety. After these come social needs: for love and friendship, but also belonging.

And there are our spiritual needs: for an integrated self, for a coherent view of the “nature of things” with which to defend against an often-unkind world. As Christians, our sustenance comes from the Holy Spirit, whose constant and subtle guidance leads and protects us.

But what of those who have been told that the Spirit has nothing to impart to them? Where will they find solace? What of those who have been spurned from the Lord’s Table? What will they feed on? What of those who have seen the doors of God’s house shut in their face due to race, social status, sexual orientation or gender identity?

At First Christian Church, our doors are wide, and we open them to the world. We find chairs and lengthen the table. We know that the only constant is variation, and we cherish the cultural and intellectual diversity of Christ’s body. We have read that his blood was poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.

I thank God for giving me the courage to climb those steps and go through those doors. Hymns of praise could be written for the kindness of the people I met inside, and for the warmth and encouragement and welcome they bestowed. And I am forever grateful to the Spirit, who subtly whispered, “Stay here.”

(Braden Mishler shared this presentation during Sunday Worship at FCC on October 21.)



I'm Invested!

A Presentation by Kate Kroll

In 1955, the Kroll family joined First Christian Church. How did we get here? My husband and I grew up in Maryland and after obtaining our Bachelors Degrees from Maryland colleges were persuaded to enroll at Indiana University to earn more degrees that would lead to more fulfilling and lucrative jobs. My husband Bill enrolled first while I was teaching in an elementary school in Maryland, he was here in Bloomington studying for a Masters degree.

One Sunday Bill's roommate invited him to attend a service at First Christian where the minister had a reputation for outstanding sermons. He was hooked and so were we - when we joined him a year later. We became highly invested in the church, serving wherever we thought we could give of ourselves. He as an elder (one of the "boys in the back") organizing the deacons and elders when they were participating in the service, and property chairman. Me as a Sunday School teacher, vacation church school director at 30 Acres; elder; Worship and Wonder teacher and assistant; coffee fellowship organizer, working with the communications team, and helping to feed the homeless.

The church has been a very important part of my life. It is wonderfully true - when you invest in this church you get a whole lot out. You can't get much out if you don't put in. A side benefit is meeting a lot of wonderful people, and forming long lasting friendships.

I realize that our church has financial responsibilities too. So, I give 10% of my income to support it. That wasn't always true, but I've reached a place where I can. The benefits from my involvement are tremendous. I have felt that through the fellowship here I have learned more about my life with God in it. I better understand what it means - that it is more blessed to give than receive.

I wish for each one of you that you'll want to receive the benefits from a sincere investment. This church is planning a marvelous future. Don't be shy. Jump on board for an exciting ride!

(Kate Kroll shared this presentation during Sunday Worship at FCC on October 28.)





Jihye Choi's Performer Diploma Organ Recital
Wednesday, Nov. 14th - 5:00 pm - Auer Hall at the
Jacobs School of Music

Mark your calendars to come out and support our organist Jihye Choi as she gives her first degree recital for her Performer's Diploma. If you haven't heard Jihye on the incredible Auer Hall organ at the Jacobs School of Music, you will be inspired and amazed at her committed and virtuosic artistry on this magnificent instrument. Her recital will include music of J.S. Bach, and the French composers Maurice Duruflé, Cesar Franck, and Louis Vierne. Auer Hall is in the Simon Music Building on the corner of East Third and Jordan. The recital is Wednesday, Nov. 14th at 5:00 - a wonderful appetizer after work and before dinner!

Support FCC's People to People Pilgrimage to Cuba

By now, you probably have heard about the group from FCC that will be traveling over the Thanksgiving holiday week for our second pilgrimage to Cuba. While there we will build on relationships from our 2016 pilgrimage, working with the same partner organizations, Global Ministries of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and Centro Memorial Dr. Luther King, Jr. in Cuba. We will share time and talents in order to build ongoing sustainable collaborations between FCC and the Cuban People.

There are several ways that you can support your FCC family that will be traveling to Cuba in November. There is still time to donate funds to help with the cost of the trip and the supplies. You can do this by donating online through our website at: <http://www.fccbloomington.org/cuba-2018/> or bring your cash or check donation to church. You can also support the group by attending church on November 11 when we will commission the group, blessing their journey. The group is putting together a packet for the congregation to reflect on while they are in Cuba. Those packets should be available to pick up on November 11th.



Voices of Faith

Voices of Faith, a new Disciples Women's group will meet November 14 at 11:45 am to continue to discern how to best carry out its mission to "connect and empower women to engage in dialogue and advocacy as we do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with God. (Micah 6:8)" If this mission resonates with you, and if you want to get in on the "ground floor" of something new, please plan to attend! Feel free to bring your own brown bag lunch.



In Our Prayers

It is with a heavy heart that we share the news that ViEva Thrasher(100) passed away on Friday, October 26. Visitation will be on Thursday, November 1 from 5:30-8:00 pm at The Funeral Chapel of Powell and Deckard.

Services will be this Friday, November 2, at 11:00 am The Funeral Chapel with an hour of visitation prior to the service.

Cards and notes of encouragement may be sent to her son Jim Thrasher at 2508 Cedarwood Drive, Bloomington, 47401.



Please welcome Heather Godsey, who comes to FCC by transfer of membership from Northside Christian Church in Knoxville, TN. Heather, an ordained minister in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), has served in ecumenical campus ministry for over 15 years. She grew up at FCC and credits Kate Kroll with every Bible story she ever memorized! We are grateful to be partners with her in her life's journey!

Upcoming FCC Events for Your Calendar

Doesn't it always seem like time begins running at a slightly faster clip once you get to November? We think so too. So, here are a few events to place on your calendar as we approach Thanksgiving and Advent.

November 25: FCC's Hanging of the Greens will take place following worship at 11:15 am on Sunday, November 25.

December 2: FCC's children and youth will go holiday shopping for MCUM families after worship. Also on December 2, Architect David Allen (who is helping us implement our FCC Story) will be our guest in worship. There will be an opportunity to get better acquainted with him during the 11:15 hour.

December 16: Commissioning Service for Mark and Danielle Murry Knowles with guests from Global Ministries. Later that afternoon, FCC friends gather to go Caroling at 4:00 pm.

December 24: Join us for Christmas Eve services at 5:30 pm and 8:00 pm.

FCC Parking Survey Underway

At last Sunday's Board meeting, Moderator Linda Abe appointed a three person committee (Scott Cripe, Chip Welch, and Dave Schilling) to continue to address FCC's current and anticipated parking challenges. They are in the process of creating a survey that will give us information about the parking needs and habits of FCC members and friends. Please watch for further information about how you can participate in this survey.

Volunteers Still Needed for the Interfaith Winter Shelter

As the weather turns colder outside, our preparations for the Interfaith Winter Shelter season have begun. The shelter season begins next week. We are still in need of volunteers to prepare sandwiches during the week and volunteers to visit with guests on Friday evening during the first shift from 8:00-10:30 pm. We also need volunteers to help with clean-up on Saturday mornings from 6:00-7:30 am. If you are interested in joining this important ministry, please contact Dave Schilling or Joanne Weddle.

Thank you!

Join your FCC Family at the Annual Habitat for Humanity Breakfast

Carole and John Ambler are hosting the FCC table for the annual Habitat for Humanity breakfast on November 8 at 7:30 am. We hope you will consider attending. It is an opportunity to represent FCC as we have a long history with Habitat. FCC will be honored at the breakfast this year for our commitment to this important organization. Also Pastor Helen will bring the invocation. If you are interested in attending, please contact John or Carole Ambler or call the FCC office.



Winter Clothing Drive

With the temperatures now getting cooler over night, you've probably pulled out your winter coat, scarf and gloves. Each year, our neighbors at Trinity Episcopal Church coordinate a Winter Clothing Drive. This year, we are supporting their drive by collecting donations here at FCC during the month of October. If you would like to contribute, you will find a box just outside of the Fireside Study doors. Thank you!

November Birthdays

11/01	Fay	McIntyre	1918 Wilton Dr.	Bloomington IN 47401
11/03	Hannah	Watson	913 S. Mitchell St.	Bloomington IN 47401
11/03	Peg	Albertson	1727 E. Windsor Drive	Bloomington IN 47401
11/04	Gale	Hill	1007 E. Sherbrooke Dr.	Bloomington IN 47401
11/07	John	Ambler	3674 Tamarron Drive	Bloomington IN 47408
11/07	Kristin	Richards	1651 W. Dove Drive	Bloomington IN 47403
11/09	Connie	Myers	4813 N. Ashcroft Ln.	Bloomington IN 47404
11/09	Sharon	O'Bryan	C/o Jill's House, 751 E. Tamarack Trail, Rm. 203	Bloomington IN 47408
11/09	Charlie	Stone	904 E. Sherwood Hills Dr.	Bloomington IN 47401
11/11	Jasmine	Martoglio	4624 S. Whooping Crane Ln.	Bloomington IN 47403
11/11	Aurelia	Martoglio	4624 S. Whooping Crane Ln.	Bloomington IN 47403
11/16	Gabby	Johnson	4001 Rosewood Dr.	Bloomington IN 47404
11/17	Rhonda	Trippel	1497 E Commander Ct	Bloomington IN 47401
11/17	Maya	Norris	3194 N. Dahlia Lane	Bloomington IN 47404
11/17	Joanie	Breeden	3808 Woods Edge Bend	Bloomington IN 47401
11/17	Gary	Hill	1007 E. Sherbrooke Dr.	Bloomington IN 47401
11/18	Charlott	Irvine Sinn	2743 E. Buttonwood Lane	Bloomington IN 47401
11/18	Lilah	Knepper	3616 S. Kingsbury Ave.	Bloomington IN 47401
11/21	Henry	Street	4153 Hector Drive	Bloomington IN 47408
11/22	Mildred	Blackburn	800 N. Bell Trace Ctr. #107	Bloomington IN 47408
11/23	Ryan	Klein	723 Olde Mill Circle	Bloomington IN 47401
11/25	Wren	Humphrey	900 South Grant Street	Bloomington IN 47401
11/25	Mark	Knepper	3616 S. Kingsbury Ave.	Bloomington IN 47401
11/26	Jenn	Richards	1651 W. Dove Drive	Bloomington IN 47403

Please, let us know if we have left someone off of the birthday list.



First Friday Jazz Vespers

Quiet

The Lenthe Trio
with vocalist
Elena Escudero

November 2 at 6:30 pm



Thank you to everyone who donated candy and time to welcome trick or treaters and their families to FCC during the annual Downtown Trick or

Treat event on October 26. This is such a fun event and great way to introduce FCC to young families in our community. Your help allowed us to be great downtown neighbors.



Don't Forget!

Daylight Savings Time Ends this Sunday, Nov. 4!

Set your clocks back one hour on Saturday night.

UPCOMING EVENTS...

Friday, November 2

4:00 pm *At Home in This Life*

6:30 pm *First Friday Jazz Vespers*

Sunday, November 4

All Saints & Consecration Sunday

8:30 am *Mediation group*

9:00 am *Learning Session I*

10:00 am *Worship*

11:15 *Learning Session II*

11:15 am *Handbell rehearsal*

6:30 pm *CreatureKind*

Monday, November 5

7:00 pm *Women Arts & Crafts*

Tuesday, November 6

12:00 pm *Living the Story Bible Study*

1:30 pm *Caregivers Create*

5:30 pm *Listening to God meditation*

6:30 pm *Made to Create*

Wednesday, November 7

6:30 pm *MOPS*

Thursday, November 8

4:00 pm *Book Bunch*

6:16 pm *Sanctuary Choir rehearsal*

Friday, November 9

4:00 pm *At Home in This Life*

Sunday, November 11

8:30 am *Mediation group*

9:00 am *Learning Session I*

10:00 am *Worship*

11:15 *Learning Session II*

11:15 am *Handbell rehearsal*

6:30 pm *CreatureKind*

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Coffee Fellowship Treat Schedule

November 4:
Grades K-12 and Sharing Table

November 11:
Choir and Handbell Choir

November 18:
Campbellite Class

**Scripture Readings
For Sunday Worship**

November 4
I'm Inspired!
All Saints & Consecration Sunday
1 Kings 17:1-16

November 11
Jonah 1:1-17; 3:1-10

November 18
Joel 2:21-27