

The CHRISTIAN



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
(Disciples of Christ) Visitor

Get Ready for Summer Sundays at FCC!

Join Us for These Special Summer Opportunities

The slower, more relaxed pace of summer gives us the opportunity to offer some less structured, yet meaningful activities for children and families on Sundays at FCC.

During worship beginning in June through August the *PrayGround* will be open at the front of the sanctuary. In this sacred space mats are laid out in advance, inviting children to work with quiet time bags or to read books about God and Jesus. We'll also provide a small "feast" for communion time. If you can be a caring presence among the children this summer, please sign up at <http://signup.com/go/yzKkycp>, or contact Connie Myers.

After worship, **Sundays are FunDays** at FCC! We'll have games on the lawn and "Where Do You See God?" walks around the block. Inclement weather will find us indoors, enjoying Veggie Tales and popcorn, among other activities. We need adults *and youth* to keep our children safe while they're having fun! Please sign up for a Sunday or three at <http://signup.com/go/BhUEoDK>.

Summer Forum – Starting the Conversation About Mental Health

One in five people have a mental illness. Statistically speaking, that means that 50 members of this church fight that battle every day of their lives. Now Consider all the families and friends of people experiencing mental illness – how many are left *unaffected*?

Mental illness is not about "them"; it is about *us*. *Everyday, everywhere, everyone*. And yet, as a society (even in the church!), many shy away from talking about it, from sharing our own stories. Negative stigma surrounding mental illness is rampant; the only way to end that stigma is to educate and communicate.

Please join us each Sunday this summer beginning June 3 at 11:15 am as we start the conversation about mental health. We will learn from and interact with people who have special information and insight into mental illness and its impact. Bring your open ears, minds and hearts. Please look for more details including speakers, topics and dates in the next newsletter and bulletin inserts.

PASTOR'S PEN

So Many Reasons to Celebrate the Festival of Pentecost at FCC!

One of my greatest joys as your pastor is working with our young people as they prepare for baptism. This year's "crop" of baptismal candidates is amazing. While they are still "babes in Christ," their insights, humor, wisdom, leadership potential, and desire to grow and serve in Christian faith humbles me and gives me hope for the future of Christ's Church. I commend their parents, and I commend you—their church—for supplying the building blocks that will help them claim and lead a vibrant life grounded by faith in Christ Jesus.

A good number of you have told me that you will be traveling this Sunday (Pentecost) and are sorry that you will not be able to witness and celebrate their baptisms. I always appreciate your "heads up!" If your weekend plans do not include travel (and if you are physically able), please plan to be in worship! After all, Pentecost—with the baptisms, the banners, and the bold shades of red—is one of the "big three" major festivals of the Christian year. Truth be told, it's my favorite church holiday, not only because it has managed to avoid being coopted by our secular culture, but because it celebrates the birth of the church as the living body of Christ—gifted, equipped and sent into the world by the power of the Holy Spirit and in the name of Love! Let me say it again:

please make a special effort to worship with us this coming Pentecost Sunday, May 20! It will make a difference!

Speaking of making a difference, our presence on the lawn was HUGE at the Kirkwood Avenue Street Festival a couple of weeks ago! People from all walks of life availed themselves of our hospitality as they enjoyed the lawn games, the green space, the intergenerational fellowship, and the entertainment. Not only that, but a number of people, stepping through the open doors of the sanctuary for the first time in their lives, were struck not only by its sacred beauty but also by its quiet and authentic welcome. Thanks to all of you who helped make it happen!

As we move further into implementing our FCC Story, my hope is that we will be increasingly **intentional** about leveraging our assets of space, location, and hospitality so that we might share the inclusive love of Christ.

See you Sunday!



Pastor Helen

PS. Please wear the colors of Pentecost flames on Sunday (i.e. shades of red, and orange and yellow)!

Join us for a Special Service on Pentecost Sunday, May 20
FCC Celebrates the Birth of the Church with a Special Baptism Service

As we prepare to celebrate the birth of the church this Sunday, we will also celebrate three young people from our congregation who will be making their confession of faith and participating in holy baptism during Sunday worship. David Jackson, Claire Johann, and Maya Norris have completed Pastor's Class with Pastor Helen and are preparing for this milestone in their faith journeys. We hope you will join us for Pentecost Sunday, May 20. And remember to WEAR RED! It's an FCC tradition to wear red on Pentecost Sunday. Red symbolizes joy and the fire of the Holy Spirit.

We will also receive the **Pentecost Special Day Offering**. This offering is used to start and sustain new churches and also to support new church leaders. Disciples are on course to starting 1,000 new churches by 2020. For additional information visit www.hopepmt.org.



Welcome Katherine Homer, FCC's New Communications Intern!

Hi FCC family! My name is Katherine Homer and I will be starting as your Communications Intern for this upcoming year! I am an incoming sophomore at IU studying advertising and marketing and I'm originally from Columbus, Indiana. I've always had a passion for thinking creatively and using my organizational skills for the development of public relations projects and campaigns. This upcoming year, I hope to use my interest in design to help advertise FCC's events to the community. Upon meeting with Pastor Helen a few brief times, I can already see that your church offers so much to its members and holds a firm relationship with our Lord. I'm so excited to join your church family. I'm very blessed to have received this opportunity and I'm so excited to see how God guides this position to further grow this church!

With love,

Katherine Homer



JOYFUL NOISE INTERGENERATIONAL CHOIR TO SING THE INTROIT ON SUNDAY

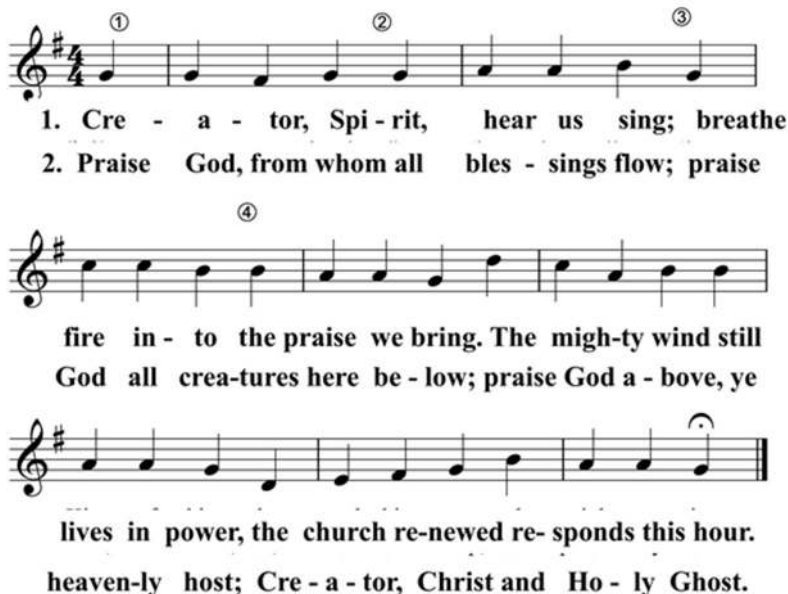
This Sunday, the Joyful Noise Choir will meet at 9:30 before worship to rehearse our introit one last time before the service. Everyone is invited to join us then.

The melody of the Introit is a famous one – the TALLIS CANON a round which is beloved in all traditions and exists with many different texts! It was written by the English composer Thomas Tallis (c. 1505 –1585), who flourished as a church musician in 16th century Tudor England. The words for this Sunday were written in 1989 especially for Pentecost by American hymn text writer Ann Smith and appear in the Chalice Hymnal # The words of verse to you will recognize as the Doxology text – the hymn of praise we sing each week at the Dedication of the Offering.

CREATOR SPIRIT, HEAR US SING

Creator, Spirit, hear us sing;	Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
breathe fire into the praise we bring,	Praise God all creatures here below;
The mighty wind still lives in power;	Praise God above ye heavenly host;
the church renewed responds this hour.	Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.

Here is the music:



1. Cre - a - tor, Spi - rit, hear us sing; breathe
 2. Praise God, from whom all bles - sings flow; praise
 4
 fire in - to the praise we bring. The migh-ty wind still
 God all crea-tures here be - low; praise God a - bove, ye
 lives in power, the church re-newed re- sponds this hour.
 heavenly host; Cre - a - tor, Christ and Ho - ly Ghost.

Come Sing With Us! Meet at 9:30 am on Pentecost Sunday - May 20

Art Together

You may have seen works of art pertaining to the theme of *Tree* in the Sanctuary the first weekend of this month. Those works were made for May's (4th) Jazz Vespers—which, not coincidentally, had the theme of *Tree*. These works included individual paintings in watercolor and acrylic, an impressive copper (and brass instrument) sculpture, and a single tree made up of eight fairly different panels. The fascinating and talented (and fun!) group of artists who got together to make these pieces included three Roberts, two Jo(e)s, and one (of each) Bess, Judith, and William.

This was a trial event to see what happens when people come together to make art. Look for this group (or some iteration of it) to continue to add creativity to the church going forward—possibly as soon as June's Jazz Vespers. Also, please know that this is by no means a fixed group, **so if you'd like to be a part**, please contact Mark Knowles. And feel free to stop by the reception area to check out the eight-paneled tree, if you haven't seen it yet.

A Cane Ridge Moment

“The Revival of August 1801 at Cane Ridge was the climactic event of the Western Great Revival. It was estimated by military personnel that some 20,000 to 30,000 persons of all ages, representing various cultures and economic levels traveled on foot and on horseback, many bringing wagons with tents and camping provisions. Because of the numbers of people attending and the length of the meeting, Cane Ridge has become the metaphor of the Great Revival. Historical accounts recall the contagious fervor which characterized the meetings that continued day and night. Descriptions abound of individuals, taken by great emotion, falling to the ground, crying aloud in prayer and song, and rising to exhort and assist others in their responses to the moment. Worship continued well into the week following the serving of Communion on Sunday, in fact, until provisions for humans and horses ran out” (<http://www.caneridge.org>).

Experience Cane Ridge during our all-church getaway weekend, **August 18-19, 2018.**





FCC to Host Intergenerational, Interfaith Peace Project May 29-31

Nearly 40 people from Beth Shalom, First Presbyterian, Trinity Episcopal, Unitarian Universalist, and other faith communities have already registered for “Building a Neighborhood Together.” *Don’t miss your chance to build!* This wonderful intergenerational event will be taking place in FCC’s Great Hall. Please register by May 25 at <https://kwiksurveys.com/s/JYikryko>.

If you can’t come but want to help FCC be an excellent host:

Donate one or more of the following items for the build (donation boxes are located in the Chapel/Gathering Space): fun, pattern duct tape; paper towels or toilet paper rolls; cellophane; appliance-sized boxes; paint stirrers; coffee cans (1 lb. or 2 lb.).

Help FCC provide the meal on Thursday, May 31: bring a soup; help with meal set-up at 5:00; help with meal clean-up at 6:30.

Contact Connie Myers or Judith Olmsted for more information.

Listening To God Meditation Group moves to Tuesday

If you have or would like to participate in our Listening to God Meditation group, please note that the day has changed to Tuesdays at 5:30 pm. All are welcome to join this group. No experience is necessary.

Welcome New Members!

Please join us in a big FCC welcome to new members Kathy Sheil and James Harris. Kathy grew up at FCC. Her grandparents, Frances and Jule Warner, were members and her mother, Judy Schmid is also a member of FCC. Kathy moved back home from the east coast a couple of years ago to be closer to her mother. James also grew up in Bloomington, and works as a contractor. James and Kathy live in Ellettsville. Welcome cards and notes can be sent to their home at 108 E. Temperance, Ellettsville, 47429.

Congratulations to Carter Adams - IU's New Drum Major

We are excited that our Music Intern and Handbell Choir Director was recently named Indiana University's new Drum Major! The Marching Hundred famously performs at the IU Football Games - so when you go to the games you will be able to see Carter at the head of the band. He won this position in an interview/audition that included 10 or 12 other hopefuls.

Pulpit Exchange on May 27

A pulpit exchange gives ministers and congregations the opportunity to build relationships between congregations. FCC and Bedford First Christian Church will have a pulpit exchange on May 27. We will welcome our friend, Rev. Bruce Ervin and Bedford will welcome Pastor Helen. We hope you will join un in worship for this special service, and later that afternoon for our Memorial Day All-Church Picnic. See page 8 for more details on the picnic!

Early June Birthdays

06/01	Max	Fettchenhauer	5537 E. State Rd. 46	Bloomington	IN	47401
06/02	Norda	Ratcliff	4800 S. Rockport Road	Bloomington	IN	47403
06/03	Darren	Klein	723 Olde Mill Circle	Bloomington	IN	47401
06/04	Mary Alice	Martin	4243 W. Lynwest Drive	Bloomington	IN	47404
06/07	Allen	Griggs	9376 S. Harbour Pointe Dr.	Bloomington	IN	47401

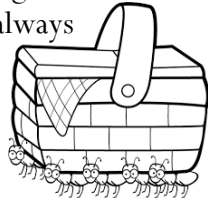
A complete list of June birthdays will be included in the next newsletter.

Memorial Day All-Church Picnic

Join Us for This Great FCC Tradition!

It's time to fire up the BBQ! Our annual Memorial Day Weekend All-Church picnic will take place on Sunday, May 27, at the Lion's Den shelter in Cascades Park (by the golf course). Bring your own table settings, a covered dish to share, and any meat you would like to have cooked on the grill.

Drinks will be provided. There is a great playground near this shelter, The fun will begin at 4:00 p.m. and food will be served beginning at 6:00 p.m. Bring the whole family and friends - this is always a great time to gather as a church family for fun and fellowship. See you there!



It's Time To Register for Camp!

Bedford Christian Camp 2018

June 25-27 New Beginnings (Grades 1-3)

June 28-30 You & Me (Grades K-3 with adult)

July 2-7 High School (Grades 9-12)

July 9-14 Explorer (Grades 4-5)

July 16-21 Middle School (Grades 6-8)

Fees:

\$300 for full week

\$195 for New Beginnings and You & Me.

Registration forms are available at the reception desk or online at the Indiana Region's website www.indianadisciples.org Scholarship support is available; see Pastor Helen.

Graduation Recognition Sunday, June 3

Each Spring First Christian Church looks forward to honoring our high school and other graduates during worship. We will recognize the accomplishments of these hard working young people on Sunday, June 3.



Please, send information about your graduate (including name of school, honors received, sports or activities, and post-high school plans) to Connie Myers by May 27.

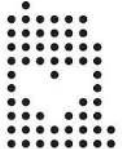
We want to be sure to recognize all graduates. So, please let us know if you are graduating.

For the latest newsletter, upcoming church events, or to give a financial gift online, visit our website: www.fccbloomington.org



Are you interested in traveling with FCC to Cuba the week of Thanksgiving 2018 but missed the informational meetings? Please contact Mark Knowles, Michelle Dalmau or Carmie Hamilton soon to let them know that you are interested.





2018 MCUM Challenge

2018 Goal: 2,000 pounds
Most recent trip: 72 pounds
Year-to-date: 1038 pounds

May Pantry Needs!

MCUM is in need of canned potatoes, Mac N Cheese, condensed soups, pasta sauce, canned mixed vegetables, baking mixes, crackers, all-purpose spray cleaner, laundry detergent, deodorant, and soap.

Please, consider donating what you are able!

Thank you for showing how much you care.

A Reminder That...
The FCC Offices will be Closed
Monday, May 28
for the Memorial Day Holiday.
Have a Safe and Enjoyable Holiday!

UPCOMING EVENTS...

- Sunday, May 20**
Pentecost Sunday
 8:30 am Meditation Group
 9:00 am Learning Session I
 9:30 am Joyful Noise rehearsal
 10:00 am Worship
 11:15 am Learning Session II
 12:15 pm Board meeting
- Monday, May 21**
 6:00 pm Cuba trip meeting
- Tuesday, May 22**
 1:30 pm Caregivers Create
 5:30 pm Listening to God
- Thursday, May 24**
 6:15 pm Sanctuary choir rehearsal
- Sunday, May 27**
 8:30 am Meditation Group
 10:00 am Worship
 3:00 pm Meadowood service
 4:00 pm All-Church Picnic
- Monday, May 28**
 Memorial Day, church office closed
- Tuesday, May 29**
 5:30 pm Listening to God meditation
- May 29-31**
 5:30 pm Building A Neighborhood Together!
- Wednesday, May 30**
 6:30 pm MOPS
- Friday, June 1**
 6:30 pm First Friday Jazz Vespers

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Coffee Fellowship Treat Schedule

May 20:
Grades K-12 and Sharing Table

May 27:
Choir and Handbell Choir

June 3:
Campbellite Class

**Scripture Readings
For Sunday Worship
Pentecost Sunday**

May 20
From Acts 2; from 1 Corinthians 12

**Don't forget to wear Red
for Pentecost Sunday!**