

The CHRISTIAN





FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
(Disciples of Christ)

Visitor

Providing Warmth and Shelter during the Winter

Volunteer Training for the Interfaith Winter Shelter

First Christian Church has a rich history of providing for essential needs of people in our community. Our role in the Interfaith Winter Shelter is one way that we demonstrate Christ's inclusive love for our neighbors. You may have read recently that Wheeler Mission received city approval to serve as the Interfaith Winter Shelter's permanent location. Wheeler is now making final preparations for the shelter which opens next week, on November 1.

FCC will continue to provide volunteer staffing for the shelter on Fridays throughout the winter shelter season (November 1-March 31). Volunteers are needed to staff three critical overnight shifts. Additionally, volunteers set-up for the shelter, prepare meals, and clean up in the morning. The overnight shifts are especially important to tend to the needs of our guests.

Training will be provided for volunteers. We recommend attending a training that will be held at Wheeler Mission to familiarize yourself with the new location and procedures. Currently, there are two trainings available at Wheeler: Sunday, October 29 at 4:00 pm and Monday, October 30 at 8:00 pm. You only need to attend one training.

Please, consider participating in this important volunteer opportunity. Since 2009, the Interfaith Winter Shelter has provided a safe and warm place to sleep for men and women who have no other alternative but the streets. Be a part of our volunteer team as we continue to support this important service for our community. Contact Mark Knowles or Jo Weddle with questions or to join the team.

The Gathering Place Breakfast Ministry to be Honored on October 29

This Sunday, October 29, we will honor a ministry that began at FCC nearly a dozen years ago, and continues now at the Shalom Community Center. Those who served at FCC's Gathering Place Breakfast welcomed the Bloomington community with a hot, home-cooked breakfast and hospitality every Sunday morning, serving more than 100 in our Great Hall each week.

Please, join us in worship on Sunday morning, October 29, as we lift up all who have shopped, planned, cooked, served, cleaned, welcomed and visited with our guests at the Gathering Place Breakfast.

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PASTOR'S PEN

Training for the Commitment Finish Line

Last spring, my son Jonathan called me and said these two words: "I've committed!" As you might imagine, the first thought that came to my mind was that he had asked his girlfriend to marry him. The only problem with that scenario was that he didn't have a girlfriend—at least one that I was aware of! Jonathan quickly clarified by saying "I just registered to run a marathon. I've paid up, so now I *have* to start training!" And he has been training hard ever since, strengthening his body and building up those parts that are needed to take him over the finish line. Three things have kept him accountable to his commitment. First, he had laid down his hard earned cash in order to participate, and he didn't want to see it go to waste. Second, he registered along with a good friend, and so he has someone to encourage and support him, and vice versa. Third, he enjoys setting goals that are challenging but tangible, and then striving to meet them. Since he committed to running 26 miles, he has had to be very intentional about making some significant changes in his life, including: his sleeping and eating patterns, his weekend social life and expenditures, his after work activities, even the podcasts he listens to. Those two words, "I've committed" —especially when spoken out loud and taken seriously—can, indeed, be life changing. When it comes to running a marathon of faith, those two words have the power to lead to a total transformation of one's life. For me, as a follower of Jesus, "I've committed" means at least three things: First, it means that I'm going to invest my resources in strengthening and building up the body of Christ—particularly the part that is

located on the corner of Kirkwood and Washington. This includes my pledge to tithe, for it keeps me focused, excited, "in the game," and faithful. Truth be told, the decision to go beyond tithe (a tithe is 10% of one's income) has brought unexpected joy and blessing to our lives, and I encourage you to work intentionally and incrementally toward a tithe (and beyond.) Second, it means that I am accountable not just to myself but to you, my church community. It also means that I have the privilege of holding you accountable to your faith commitments. I hope that our mutual support and encouragement can help us remain steadfast and joyful in our life together. Third, it means that I have committed—with you!—to a lofty goal, a goal that adds depth and meaning and purpose to life. And what greater goal can there be than to our commitment to share the inclusive love of Christ in a way that is authentic to who we are, faithful to the gospel, and tangible in its expression?

Yes, the sentence "I've committed" is, indeed, life changing. But even more life-changing is the commitment that God has made to this world and to each of us. When God says "I'm committed," God means it! We can trust that *nothing* will prevent God from keeping God's commitment to love this world and restore it to wholeness! And that is very good news, indeed!

See you Sunday!

Helen Nempfung

Pastor Helen



MUSIC IN THIS SACRED SPACE

First Friday Jazz Vespers - Gratitude - Friday, Nov. 4 - 6:30

Next weekend presents two wonderful opportunities to experience music in worship. The First Friday Jazz Vespers theme Nov. 4 at 6:30 will help us enter into the season of Thanksgiving. The Will Barnard Trio and with jazz vocalist Kathryn Sherman will lead us as we contemplate the theme of Gratitude in our jazz inflected worship with Singing, Psalms, and Poetry.

Gabriel Fauré - *Requiem*, Op. 48 - Sunday Worship, Nov. 5 - 10:00

In observance of All Saints Day on Sunday November 5, our service music will be drawn from the serene *Requiem*, Op. 48 by French composer Gabriel Fauré to commemorate the memory of all those souls who have gone before us. The Sanctuary Choir, soloists Maria Izzo-Walker and Rivers Hawkins, and our new organist Jihye Choi will be joined by a Chamber Orchestra of guest musicians drawn from the Jacobs School of Music as this beautiful and comforting music is woven into our Sunday worship.

The music of Fauré's *Requiem* is a setting of texts from centuries-old traditional service for the honoring of the souls of the deceased. The title comes from the first words of the Latin text "Requiem aeternam, dona eis Requiem" which mean "Rest eternal grant them". Of all the many requiem settings of the past several hundred years, perhaps the most enduring is this one written in 1888 by the Parisian composer Gabriel Faure (1845- 1924). It is almost childlike in its peacefulness, serenity, and elegant and subtle musical language. As it is devoid of the terrifying Dies Irae and Tuba Mirum movements describing the Last Judgement found in the much larger-scale masterpieces of Mozart, Verdi, and Berlioz, it has often been described as a requiem without the Last Judgment. Instead, Fauré made a personal selection of texts, laying emphasis on the idea of rest and peace and omitting those referring to the conflagration of the Day of Judgement. At the end of the work, he added the beautiful text from the graveside burial service "In Paradisum", which utilizes the harp and depicts angels gently escorting the souls of the dead into heaven. It is this very gentle and unassuming quality of understatement that contributes so eloquently to the work's universal appeal and beloved place in the hearts of the listeners. Faurecreated three orchestral versions of the work. The second one, which was premiered at the Church of the Madeleine in Paris in 1893, will be performed in this service. Known today as the chamber orchestra version (as reconstructed by John Rutter in 1983), it consists of strings, harp, organ, French horns and timpani.

Remembering Our Saints on Sunday, November 5th with a special performance of Fauré's *Requiem, op 48*

On Sunday, November 5th we will take time during worship 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. Our Sanctuary Choir with a guest orchestra will perform Gabriel Fauré's uplifting *Requiem, op 48*.

Remembering Our Saints

Dr. David Allen Byrne

Hazel J. "Jan" Deckard

Majorie Anne Hill

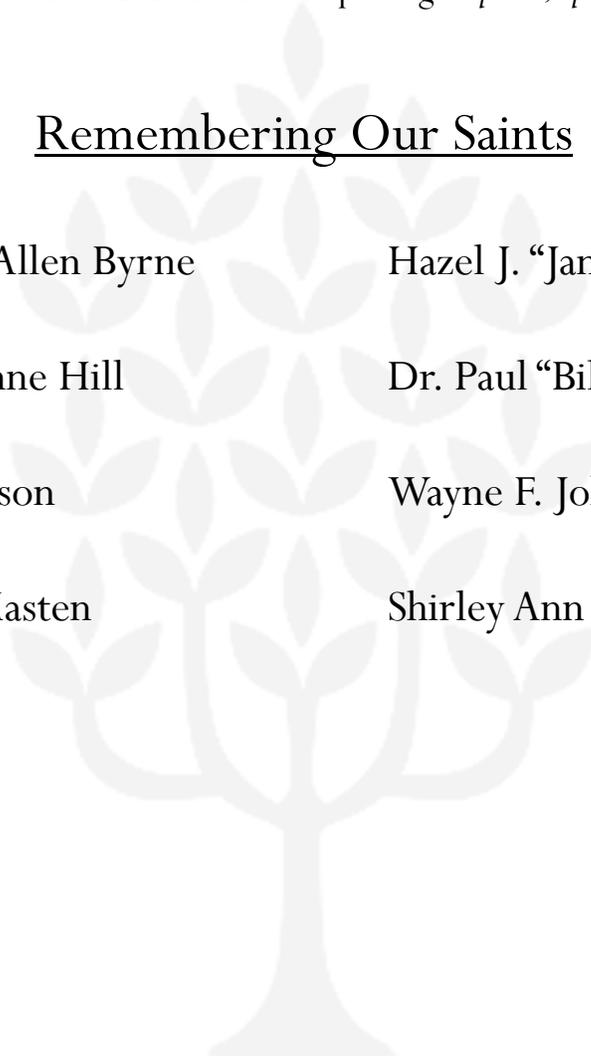
Dr. Paul "Bill" Holtzman

Carol Hudson

Wayne F. Johnson

F. Eloise Masten

Shirley Ann Pace



Committed in Story, Committed in Giving

This year's stewardship emphasis encourages our generous giving by celebrating God's generosity and faithfulness made known through Bible stories, personal stories, and our own FCC Story. On Sunday, October 22, Jim Watson, Chair of the Finance Committee, spoke about the letter that many of you received this week. (If you did not receive the letter, please call the church office.) He said:

“This letter, signed by staff and lay leaders—lifts up the great things that God is doing through the ministries of this church. The letter also includes a list of faithful and bold aspirations that we anticipate for 2018. These bold aspirations come with a BOLD budget request. After thoughtful and prayerful consideration by the board, lay leaders, ministry teams, and staff, we are asking for an \$82,000 increase in pledged income for our 2018 budget—a 20% increase. This bold budget embraces the new ministries and initiatives that come from our FCC Story. It also includes a small increase in our ongoing ministries **and** a \$16,000 increase in our outreach ministries.”

Bold, indeed! This coming Sunday (October 29) you are invited to a special Q & A session when Jim, Chris Martoglio (FCC Story Coordinator), and others will lay out the details of next year's proposed budget. Session 1 will be at 11:15 and Session 2 will be at 12:15. Bring your copy of the proposed budget with you along with your questions as our leaders will offer a transparent and exciting proposed budget that will help put “legs” on our faithful ministries.

All Church Celebration Brunch Sunday, November 12

Join us for a pitch-in brunch at 11:00 am on Sunday, November 12 as we celebrate our commitment to the ministries of FCC. We will provide a delicious ham and drinks, you can choose your favorite side or dessert to share. Please let us know if you will be able to join us by filling out the RSVP on the back of your attendance card.



Join us on Friday, November 3, for First Friday Jazz Vespers when we will have the opportunity to participate in a communal art project.



First
Friday Jazz
Vespers
Gratitude

*A Service of Music,
Reflection, and Meditation*

Will Barnard Trio
featuring vocalist
Kathryn Sherman

World Community Day

World Community Day is a much needed observance which Monroe County Church Women provides every year with a purpose of drawing together the various religious beliefs in our community. We welcome all persons of every faith to this program.

**Friday, November 3 at 11:00 am
Second Baptist Church
321 N. Rogers Street**

The very timely and much-needed program is "Kindling New Fires for Peace." Refreshments will be served following the program. For more information, call Suzanne Fulk at 327-2005 or Mary Polk at 339-4194.



In Our Prayers

We have a number of people who are needing our prayers and notes. Please, hold the family of Wayne Johnson in your prayers as they mourn his death. Notes may be sent to his wife, Naomi at 42015 N. Ventura Drive, Anthem AZ 85086.

Prayers of healing for Amy Robinson who has just received a diagnosis of cancer. Her address is 4694 Viola Drive, 47403.

Chuck Zebendon is recovering at home and doing well. He and Jane would greatly appreciate your prayers. Notes can be sent to 2309 Sussex Drive, 47401.

Continued prayers are appreciated for Roy Whiteman who is receiving treatment for cancer. His address is 4600 South Victor Pike, 47403.

Maxine Dillard is home recovering from surgery to repair a broken hip. Cards may be sent to her at Meadowood, 2455 N Tamarack Trail.

Sue Cull, whose beautiful hand-made “Homebound Hugs” cards have been a source of encouragement now asks for your prayers as she recovers from knee replacement surgery. Notes can be sent to her at 3144 Eden Drive, 47401.

Carol Ambler continues to do well following knee surgery. Cards may be sent to 3674 Tamarron Drive, 47408.



Congratulations!

Best wishes to Katherine Rampley and Nicholas Cross who were married on October 7th at the IU Alumni Hall.

Katherine is the daughter of Mike and Sandy Rampley. Nick is the son of Mark and Denise Cross of Chicago, IL.

Katherine and Nick are residing in Indianapolis. Their address is 5305 E. 10th Street, Indianapolis, 46219.

Welcome to FCC!

Welcome Donna Richardson who joined FCC by transfer of membership from Stinesville Church of the Nazarene, where she grew up and spent much of her adult life involved in a variety of church activities.

Donna made the decision to join FCC after moving to Bloomington. She visited other churches, but felt that FCC was the “right place” for her.

Donna has three children and her husband, Bob, has two children. Together, they have five children, seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren!

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
11/06	Carey	Ogborn	3858 Bainbridge 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 Kathy Deckard, 1813 E. Arden	Bloomington	IN	47401
11/09	Charlie	Stone	904 E. Sherwood Hills Dr.	Bloomington	IN	47401
11/11	Jasmine	Martoglio	3473 S. Glasgow Circle	Bloomington	IN	47403
11/11	Aurelia	Martoglio	3473 S. Glasgow Circle	Bloomington	IN	47403
11/15	Ken	Shafer	P.O. Box 1254	Bloomington	IN	47402
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	Charlotte	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 Cir. #107	Bloomington	IN	47408
11/23	Ryan	Klein	723 Olde Mill Circle	Bloomington	IN	47401
11/23	John	Droste	800 N. Bell Trace Circle, Apt. 103	Bloomington	IN	47408
11/24	Kennedy	Casper	15416 Harmon Place	Noblesville	IN	46060
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 missed someone's birthday.



Thank You!

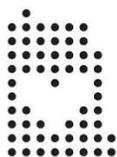
Thanks to everyone who donated candy for the Downtown Bloomington Trick or Treat Walk. FCC is participating in the Trick or Treat Walk for the first time this year. Over 1,200 kids are expected to participate. What a great opportunity to have some Halloween fun on our lawn and treat some kids to candy!

If you are looking for some Halloween fun this weekend, join us this **Friday, October 27th from 5:00-8:00 p.m.**

Sanctuary Seating

Have you taken the opportunity to try out the sample chairs in the sanctuary? We value your input, so please try out each of the chairs and write down your feedback. Let us know which is your favorite, and why, or rank them from most favorite to least favorite. **A comment box with comment cards is located in the Chapel Gathering Space.**

Thank you!



2017 MCUM Challenge

2017 Goal: 2,000 pounds

Most recent trip: 168 pounds

Year-to-date: 1,711 pounds

Canned Veggie Call-Out!

MCUM is in need of canned vegetables this month! They received fewer canned vegetables than usual in their recent Each One, Feed One food drive. Please, consider donating canned vegetables in October. **Be sure to check the expiration dates!** MCUM cannot accept expired canned goods or other food items.

Thank you for showing how much you care.

UPCOMING EVENTS...

Friday, October 27

5:00-8:00 pm Trick or Treat Walk

5:30 pm Listening to God meditation

Sunday, October 29

9:00 am Learning Session I

10:00 am Worship with Children

Worship & Wonder

11:00 am Joyful Noise Choir

11:15 am Learning Session II

11:15 am Bold Aspirations & Budget Informative Session

12:15 pm Bold Aspirations & Budget Informative Session

Monday, October 30

6:30 pm Garshaw book study

Tuesday, October 31

6:00 pm Handbell Choir rehearsal

Thursday, November 2

6:15 pm Sanctuary Choir rehearsal

Friday, November 3

5:30 pm Listening to God meditation

6:30 pm Jazz Vespers

Sunday, November 5

All Saints Sunday

9:00 am Learning Session I

10:00 am Worship with Children

Worship & Wonder

11:15 am Joyful Noise Choir

11:15 am Learning Session II

Monday, October 30

6:30 pm Garshaw book study

7:00 pm Women's Arts & Crafts

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Coffee Fellowship Treat Schedule

**October 29: Emmaus-Interpreters
Class**

**November 5: Grades K-12 and
Sharing Table**

**November 12: Sanctuary Choir and
Handbell Choir**



**Scripture Readings
for Sunday Worship**

October 29
1 Kings 12:1-17

November 5
1 Kings 12:1-17

November 12
Hosea 11:1-9