

The CHRISTIAN





FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
(Disciples of Christ)

Visitor

Help Us Get FCC's Building Spruced Up

Sign up for a Project to Complete On Your Own Schedule

Do you see cobwebs from your favorite pew on Sunday mornings, perhaps a burned-out light bulb or dirty windows? Your help is needed to spruce up the building before our new minister arrives!

Instead of one "work day", the Property Commission is asking for volunteers to do the work on their own timeframe by July 1. So, there is plenty of time to get lots of projects done!

Projects will need to be done in coordination with the church calendar as some events are scheduled for May and June. Volunteers can work alone, with a friend, or a group. Supplies will be provided as needed. You will find a sign-up sheet on the reception desk beginning this Sunday, or you can call the church office.

Projects include but are not limited to: window washing, changing light bulbs (requires climbing on ladder), helping clean the kitchen, dusting of furniture. If you have a project in mind please inform Jennifer, Cindy, or Peggy to make sure the project is not being duplicated by others. Questions can be addressed to Cindy Welch or Peggy Stafford. Thanks!

Special Request from Pastor Will: Help Fund a New Dishwasher for FCC

One of the projects that has been on hold for the past couple of years is replacing the commercial dishwasher in the Great Hall kitchen. We have not been hosting events, so there has been little energy for pursuing this. As we slowly get "back to normal" we are looking forward to again having church events and dinners in Great Hall and hosting groups from our community.

Replacing the dishwasher will cost approximately \$10,500. A little more than \$5,000 is on hand in the kitchen fund, leaving about \$5,500 to be raised. We are hoping we can accomplish this before Pastor Kyrmen arrives in July.

Can You Help? Send your contributions to the church marked "Kitchen Fund" and let's see if we can finish this last piece to have a fully working kitchen again.

Thank You!

Pastor Will

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Will Writes

Opportunities to Participate in and Support Our Summer Camps!

I began my ministry career serving as a camp manager. I was in my last year of Seminary when Marcia came home one day from her work as a ministry associate at the Indiana Disciple's Regional office. She had gotten word that the camp manager at Indian Lake was resigning due to health concerns and suggested that we ought to consider filling in until the region found someone new. Our filling in lasted more than four years.

Over the years I have directed and counseled numerous weeks of camp. When I "retired" from settled ministry in 2018 I also stopped serving as a camp director. But now I have a new reason to get back to camp. Our granddaughter, Grace, is 5 years old and can attend "You and Me" camp with an adult. Marcia and I are planning to go to camp with her, with one of us being a 'co-camper' and the other a counselor.

Our Indiana Disciples church camp offerings range from pre-kindergarten through high school. There are specialty camps for Music, Art, and Drama (MAD Camp) and sports (CROSS Camp). Our two camp facilities, Bedford Christian Camp and Geneva Conference Center, offer well maintained and welcoming facilities for youth and adults. We are blessed with creative and dedicated leadership at each session of camp.

I encourage you to support our summer church camp program. If you have children or grandchildren, look at the camp offerings this summer and sign them up. If you can share a few days or a week of your time, consider being a counselor. If neither of those fits you at this time, consider giving a financial gift to support our camp scholarship fund. Every camper we send will have half of their camp fees paid by the church and can request additional camp scholarship based on need.

For more information talk to Sarah Lynne or Ashlyn. Or navigate to:

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

Grace and Peace,

Will





Celebrating our Musicians

This is a good time to recognize and celebrate the commitment of our musicians who brought so much joy and worship to us through Lent and Easter. We are grateful for their willingness to give time and talent in preparation for our worship.

JIHYE CHOI

Organist and Assistant Music Director and Handbell Director

SANCTUARY CHOIR

Sopranos:	Altos:	Tenors:	Basses:
+Maria Izzo Walker	+Sara Dailey	Joe Lee	Bob Bernacki
+Kira Hanger	Elma Jessen	+Nick Stevens	Tim Jessen
Patti Parkes	Bess Lee	+Connor Stratton	Bob Thrasher
Mary Swarthout		Steve Pollitt	+Tyler Williams

+Choral Scholars

BELL CHOIR



Sharon Goins
Carmie Hamilton
Jo Weddle
Gale Hill

Cheryl Engber
Peggy Stafford
Elma Jessen
Tim Jessen



JAZZ VESPERS TEAM

Garrett Spoelhof, Director and Pianist
Brendan Keller-Tuberg, bass
Carter Pearson, drums
Wynton Gage and Marina Alba López, vocalists

Let's give thanks to these musicians for their extraordinary contribution to our worship. If you would like to join with us either as a singer or handbell player or someone to help administratively, please contact Jan Harrington (harringt@indiana.edu) or Jihye Choi (organist.johye@gmail.com). We welcome new members of any skill level. If you think you aren't "good enough" don't worry – there will be plenty of help and guidance to make you comfortable.

Sunday May 8 in Worship – A Service of Dedication of the Bell Choir



Honoring our 2022 Graduates!

Spring always brings warmer weather, beautiful flowers... and **graduations!** We are looking forward to celebrating our graduates and their accomplishments *during worship on May 1*. Currently, we are finalizing our list of high school and college graduates. Please **email Sarah Lynne Gershon or call the church office NOW** to let us know if you are graduating or have a child graduating so that we can recognize them! We will need a short bio for our high school grads, degree received for our college grads, and addresses for all of our grads. Way to go class of 2022!!

Lemonade on the Lawn



a summer of
fellowship &
outreach

Lemonade on the Lawn Summer!

This summer we will provide a time of reconnecting through fellowship and fun on FCC's front lawn. Each week the theme will be slightly different, but they will all be focused on reconnecting to FCC and God's work in our community. Table tents with discussion questions and information will be on each table. Most of all though, we just want to gather and enjoy each other's company, so come prepared to relax, eat treats, and have fun!

There will be chairs, tables and awnings for people to sit and chat, lawn games and chalk for play, and light refreshments.

With an eye on COVID numbers and the weather, we will occasionally gather indoors. Please talk to Sarah Lynne if you are able to help with set up, refreshments, or lawn games.



Camp Preview Day on May 1

Kids not sure about camp? Join Alasdair, Iver and I at Camp Bedford May 1, 2:00-5:00 pm and give them a chance to see how much fun camp will be!

Bloomington Multifaith Alliance: Children & Youth
Presents

Consumer-Free Kids

Making room on Earth
by consuming less

SAT., MAY 14
10:00-11:30 A.M.

at First United Church
2420 E. Third St., Bloomington, IN 47401

Interfaith Friends has joined the Bloomington Multi-faith Alliance and is now called BMA Children and Youth. This group started when some downtown churches (including FCC) decided to provide summer and occasional special activities together for families. We have often focused on our shared values relating to community and justice. Their next event is focused on sustainability and is on May 10 from 10:00-11:30am.

	2022 Summer Camps		Christian Church in Indiana (Disciples of Christ)	
	GENEVA	BEDFORD		
You and Me 1 (3 days)	June 13-15		(age 5+ and an adult)	
New Beginnings (3 days)	June 13-15	June 27-29	(completed gr. 1-3)	
Explorers	June 13-18	June 20-25	(completed gr. 4-5)	
You and Me 2 (3 days)	June 20-22		(age 5+ and an adult)	
M.A.D (Music Art Drama)	June 20-25		(completed gr. 6-8 & 9-12)	
Middle School	June 27-July 2	July 11-16	(completed gr. 6-8)	
High School	June 27-July 2	July 4-9	(completed gr. 9-12)	
CROSS (Recreation/Sports)	June 27-July 2		(completed gr. 6-8 & 9-12)	

Sign up for Summer Camp today!

We are happy to cover 50% of camp fees for all of our kids and youth. **Please let Sarah Lynne know you are signing up.** Make sure you indicate when you sign up that you are from First Christian Church Bloomington, IN and pay your portion of the fee. If you need more help financially please don't hesitate to let us know. Contact Sarah Lynne, Ashlyn or the church office. It is important to us that our kids are able to go to camp!

Early Bird Deadline to register is May 15th!



**Exodus Refugee Co-Sponsor Team Meeting
Sunday, April 24 at 1:00 PM**

Exodus Refugee Co-Sponsor Team Meeting **THIS** Sunday:
April 24th at 1:00 PM on ZOOM. Email
SarahLynne@FCCBloomington.org for the link.

This training with Exodus Refugee will last for around 1.5 hours. The meeting will provide you with all the information you need to make a final decision about joining an FCC Co-Sponsor team with Exodus Refugee Bloomington. Joining this meeting is not a commitment, but I will be asking you to send me your decision afterwards so we know if we have enough participants for a team. Thanks to everyone who is considering this exciting opportunity!



Great job on our MCUM food drive during Lent! MCUM has seen an increase in the number of families they are serving. They reported that Christmas season donations usually keep their food pantry stocked till spring, but this year it was running very low by February! Thank you for caring for MCUM families by donating to our resource drive. It really matters to the families that use MCUM's pantry.



MAY BIRTHDAYS



05/01	Tate	Knepper	3918 S. Woods Edge Bend	Bloomington	IN	47401
05/02	Donna	Cartwright	2927 N. Bankers Drive	Bloomington	IN	47408
05/02	Zoe	Hill	8956 W. Rice Rd.	Bloomington	IN	47403
05/03	Brett	Hamilton	1326 Dutch Ridge Rd.	Heltonville	IN	47436
05/06	Carmie	Hamilton	1326 Dutch Ridge Rd.	Heltonville	IN	47436
05/06	Heide	Watson	864 S. Coriander Court	Bloomington	IN	47401
05/07	Julie	Donham	5900 N. Maple Grove Rd.	Bloomington	IN	47404
05/08	Eve	Schultes-Ridge	5460 S. Victor Pike	Bloomington	IN	47403
05/11	Scot	Moore	2526 E. Summer Creek Dr.	Bloomington	IN	47401
05/11	Alasdair	Gershon	909 N. Blair Ave.	Bloomington	IN	47404
05/12	Dale	Webb	532 Green Road	Bloomington	IN	47403
05/14	Sharon	Goins	60 Bailliere Dr.	Martinsville	IN	46151
05/18	Jim	Barker	115 N. Lexington Drive	Bloomington	IN	47408
05/20	Nick	Stevens	604 N. Smith Rd., Apt. 207	Bloomington	IN	47408
05/21	Erv	Fettchenhauer	2604 E. Windermere Woods Dr.	Bloomington	IN	47401
05/24	Mary	Swarthout	3521 W. Fairington Drive	Bloomington	IN	47403
05/24	Kate	Kroll	2704 N. Browncliff Lane	Bloomington	IN	47408

Please let us know if we have left anyone off of the birthday list!

<p>Bloomington Chamber Singers</p> <p>Mozart Mass in C Minor, K. 427</p> <p>Brahms Nänie, op. 82</p> <p>Saturday, April 23, 2022 at 7:30pm Christ Community Church, Bloomington WWW.CHAMBERSINGERS.INFO</p>	<p>Bloomington Chamber Singers Performing on April 23 at 7:30 pm Christ Community Church</p> <p>for more information www.chambersingers.info</p>
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May Sermon Series
Being a Disciple in a Time of Change


May 1: We Confess!

May 8: People on a Journey!

May 15: One People!

May 22: People of the Table

May 29: People of the Book!



**Scripture Readings
For Sunday Worship**

April 24
1 Corinthians 15:19-28
What's that about the Resurrection of the Dead?!
Sarah Lynne Gershon preaching

May 1
John 21:1-19
Psalm 30
We Confess!

May 8
John 10:22-30
Psalm 23
People on a Journey!