

The CHRISTIAN





FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
(Disciples of Christ)

Visitor

Please Welcome Rev. William (Will) Jewsbury, Interim Minister

Will has pastored congregations in Indiana over the past 37+ years. He began his congregational work at Bloomington FCC as associate minister. He “retired” from First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Kokomo, Indiana after a 15-year ministry and is serving the Indiana Region as an Interim Minister. Other stops along his career path include church camp management and campus ministry.

Will is married to Marcia Jewsbury, also an ordained Disciple minister, who spent most of her career in hospital-based ministry. Their family includes daughter Christa, son in law John, and granddaughter Grace who live nearby in southern Indiana; and son Chad, daughter-in-law Kate, and grandson Easton who reside in Michigan. Beyond the congregation, Will has served in leadership for community organizations and the Indiana Region. He is currently involved in preparing and leading a new online training program for interims through *Disciples Interims*.

Summer Camp Commissioning next Sunday, June 20

Drop a postcard or note to our youth attending church camp at:

Bedford Christian Camp
33 Church Camp Road
Bedford, IN 47421

Church Camp Attendees

June 21-26: Explorers Camp

Ethan Fletcher, Pacer Norris, Mia Walsh, Jude Walsh

June 28-30: New Beginnings Camp

Zoe Hill, Gavin Hill

July 5-10: High School Camp

Josiah Curruchiche, Lauren Johann, Jetta Norris, Maya Norris, Alexander Trippel, Olivia Walsh; Counselors: Jonathan Enari, Kate Myers, Ashlyn Reynolds, Jefferson Trippel

July 12-17: Middle School Camp

Claire Johann; Counselors: Jonathan Enari, Ashlyn Reynolds

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Will Writes

Hello FCC! It is an honor to have been asked to return to FCC as your Interim Minister for the next year. As I noted Sunday, in the more than 30 years since I was last a part of your ministry staff I have changed and so have you. And that is why using this transition period to learn and grow is so important. I am looking forward to working alongside you over the next few months as we seek to discover where God is leading us in the future.

After retiring from my 15 year ministry with Kokomo First Christian I was fortunate to be able to lay low for a few months as Marcia and I settled into a new house, community, and life style as “retired” people. We moved into a home we built in Charlestown, Indiana (right across the river from Louisville) where we are close to our daughter Christa and her family. We spent several months exploring that area and also travelling to be with our son Chad and his family who then lived in northern California. However, our plan was that I would enter into an interim ministry which I did through most of 2019 and early 2020 at Central Christian Church in New Albany. That ended just as we all moved into our quarantined lives where Marcia and I took on daily care for our then 3-year-old granddaughter. This spring, as vaccines moved us closer to “normal”, I was ready to consider another interim opportunity and feel blessed to have been welcomed into the life of FCC.

In July, I hope I can begin to meet with some small groups to get better acquainted and to share thoughts and dreams about where God might be calling FCC in the coming years. These gatherings can be virtual (Zoom) or in person. Watch for more information in the coming weeks.

I am planning to be in Bloomington Sunday through Tuesday each week and work from home in Charlestown on Wednesdays and Thursdays. (The exceptions this summer are next week, June 20-25, where I will be with family and Monday, July 5.) I welcome opportunities to connect over coffee or on the phone anytime, but especially when I am in town and in the office. I can be reached at the church, by email at wjewsbury@gmail.com, or by phone/text at 765-210-3091.

On Sunday I shared these words from Henri-Frédéric Amiel:

"Life is short and we do not have too-much time to bring joy to the hearts of those who travel the way with us. So, be swift to love and make haste to be kind! Amen!"

May love, kindness, and hope be ours to share as we look to the future together.

Grace and Peace,

Will Jewsbury



MUSIC NOTES

“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”...please

The Worship Leaders and Choral Scholars had an interesting revelation when we began our first live streaming services back in January. During the on-line 5 to 10 minute “countdown” time, we were asked to be ready for the service to actually begin broadcasting and so were sitting quietly waiting for the “on air” prelude to begin. We discovered that that time of silence became a meaningful time of preparation for worship and when the Prelude began we continued to listen as our attention was focused on worship.

We are all excited and grateful to be back in the live fellowship of worshipping together on Sunday mornings, but miss those quiet moment of preparation and meditation. What if, as members of the congregation, we could respect the time of silent anticipation that the Prelude offers. Maybe as we find continue to enjoy our fellowship with each other, we could save our loud greetings for the foyer or narthex or greet each other with joy after the service ends.

The first thing that the children are taught to sing when they enter their Worship and Wonder worship space is the song which we could all remember and take note of:

“Be still and know that I am God”

Jazz Vesper Moments “Re-runs” for June and July

For our 12 weeks of summer Jazz Vesper Moment “re-runs”, we’ve chosen one of our favorite moments from each month’s broadcast. Here are the ones to expect through the middle of July. Each one will be posted as usual each Friday at 6:30 pm. We hope you will

June 4, 2021: (First broadcast May 29, 2020) Theme: Abundance The Abundance of Love	July 2, 2021 (First Broadcast Sept. 11, 2020) Theme: Trust Trust in Grace
June 11, 2021: (First broadcast June 12, 2020) Theme: Calm Calm in the Midst of Grief	July 9, 2021 (First Broadcast Oct.16, 2020) Theme: Reaching Reaching Toward Contentment
June 18, 2021 (First broadcast July 24, 2020) Theme: Commitment Commitment to Love	July 16, 2021 (First Broadcast Nov.13, 2020) Theme: Searching Searching for Vision
June 25, 2021 (First Broadcast Aug. 14, 2020) Theme: Listening Listening for Mercy	July 23, 2021 (First Broadcast Dec. 11, 2020) Theme: Anticipating Anticipating Reflection

FCC's Summer Forum 2021: *Practicing Anti-Racism*

On Zoom, Sundays at 11:15 am

Look for the link in emails, on FCC's website, and on our Facebook page.

July 4 –Lemonade on the Lawn - Meet & Greet with Pastor Will!

July 11—Practicing Anti-Racism in our God-talk



How do our social and cultural experiences influence our God-talk? Does a commitment to anti-racism affect our thoughts about God? How do our beliefs about God prompt us to engage in anti-racist work out in the world? Rev. Dr. Teresa Smallwood is well-positioned to help us think about these questions! She is a Disciples pastor and a Womanist* theologian at Vanderbilt University where she works as the Associate Director of the Public Theology and Racial Justice Collaborative. Dr. Smallwood is also the Associate Minister for Justice at New Covenant Christian Church in Nashville. During this forum, Sarah Lynne will engage Dr. Smallwood in some discussion around these questions before opening up the conversation to other participants.

*What does it mean to be a “Womanist” theologian? It means that Dr. Smallwood is a Black woman who brings her own and other Black women’s everyday experience into her theological reflection. Their experience as Black women have led Womanists to work against poverty, sexism, and racism for the benefit of all humankind.

July 25—Practicing Anti-Racism in our Spiritual Disciplines



Cassidy Hall is an author, filmmaker, podcaster, trained counselor, pastor, and MDiv/MTS student at CTS who has developed a particular focus on spiritual disciplines in her work. During her research on Trappist monk Thomas Merton, Hall visited all seventeen Trappist/Cistercian Monasteries of the United States. While there, she wrote, interviewed monks and nuns, and photographed her entire experience within these seventeen spaces. Out of this experience came an award winning short-film on Merton called *Day of a Stranger*.

In the midst of her exploration of Merton though, Cassidy started to wonder about the intersection between anti-racism and mysticism. She began to explore contemplative practices intended to challenge racism within herself and began interviewing Black women who could offer insight into the intersection of contemplation and social justice on her podcast *Contemplating Now*.

In this Summer Forum Sarah Lynne will start a conversation with Cassidy Hall about her journey and what she has learned along the way. Then we will open up the discussion to other summer forum participants.

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July 25—Practicing Anti-Racism in our Bible Study

This will be a just-us conversation facilitated by Sarah Lynne. First we will watch a sermon from the biblical scholar Miguel De La Torres on the Canaanite women. Then, we will consider the ways De La Torres' experience as a Latino person contributes to his understanding of this passage, why it is important to engage diverse voices in our small groups and classes, how we have already been doing this and what we would like to do in the future.

“We Are the Church” Sermon Series

Based on the Acts study “We Are the Church... Let's Act Like It”
by Linda Tower Pevey



June 20 - *We Are the Church... Let's Act with Acceptance*

Acts 8:26-39 Preacher: Sarah Lynne Gershon

June 27 - *We Are the Church... Let's Act with Creativity*

Acts 15:22-35

Preacher: Will Jewsbury

July 4 – *We Are the Church... Let's Act with Perseverance*

Acts 17:16-34 Galatians 5:22-26

July 11 – *We Are the Church... Let's Act with Courage*

Acts 20:17-24

July 18 – *We Are the Church... Let's Act as a Witness*

Acts 26:19-32 (and excerpts of Acts 24 – 28)

Nominations for Board and Trustee

The following names are being nominated for congregational approval:

Board (Term ending 2024)

Terry Daugherty (Elder rep)

Andi Fletcher (Faith Formation)

Scott Cripe (At large)

Cindy Welch (Property)

Linda Abe (Elder rep)

Jetta Norris (Youth)

Trustee (term ending 2024)

Mike Bishop

You will receive an online ballot where you can indicate your approval/disapproval of the nominees. If you do not receive a ballot, you may vote by calling the church office or emailing fcc@fccbloomington.org. **Please submit your vote by noon on June 23.** Please vote only once. There will be a brief Congregational Update Meeting to report the results of the vote following worship on June 27. The livestream will continue during that meeting for those who are joining in worship from home.



Disciples Virtual Gathering

Disciples from around the world will be gathering virtually on **August 7**. The Disciple Virtual Gathering is a one day “assembly” that begins with Bible study, offers workshops and virtual exhibit hall, and then ends with a joyous time of worship. With

no need to travel and the opportunity to gather with hundreds, if not thousands, of other Disciples, this will be a fun and enriching event.

For more information and to register go to Disciples.org/2021-virtual-gathering

Save the Date

FCC’s family camp will be at Bedford Christian Camp **September 18-19**.

Details and registrations will be available later. Hope you can be there!



In Our Prayers. . .

Please pray for Jean Thompson, whose sister, Ruthann Ortner, passed away on May 31.

Cards may be sent to Jean at 3636 S. Glasgow Drive, Bloomington, IN 47403.

Also, hold Jennifer, Scott and Max Fettchenhauer in your prayers as they mourn the death of Jennifer’s father, the Rev. Dr. Michael Waco, who passed away on June 3. Cards and notes can be sent to them at 5337 E. State Rd. 46, Bloomington, IN 47401. Services were held on Saturday, June 12 at First Christian Church in McKinney, Texas.

Happy News!



Danielle and Mark Knowles announce the birth of their son, Samuel William Knowles, born on Sunday, June 6: 8 lbs. 1 oz., 21 inches long. Mark and Danielle write, “We are grateful for the love, joy, and care the FCC family is sharing with us in this wonderful time.” Congratulations can be sent to 1732 W. 7th St. Apt. 1, Red Wing, MN 55066 where they are staying while on leave from their mission assignment in Lesotho.



It’s Now Official!

Sarah Lynne Gershon, our Student Associate Pastor, has been officially commissioned as a student minister at FCC Bloomington. This Commissioning means her call to ministry is now recognized by the regional church. She is thankful for this affirmation of her call to ministry as a pastor in our church.

Dear Friends in Christ,

As you read this note, Bruce and I are “on the road” visiting friends and family as we slowly make our way to Boise. Know that we are remembering you and giving thanks for the years of life and ministry we shared with you. We will always be grateful for the many ways that you demonstrated your love and support for our family, for each other, and for this world. And we will always cherish the memory of the wonderful send-off you gave to us upon my retirement after 39+ years of ordained ministry (including 25 years with you). Serving as your pastor has been one of the greatest joys in my life, and I will be forever grateful to God for you and our partnership in Christ’s service.

Blessings,

Helen



JULY BIRTHDAYS



07/02	Amy	Cheek	410 Eastside Dr.	Bloomington	IN	47401
07/03	Terry	Daugherty	4412 Hillview Drive	Bloomington	IN	47408
07/07	Alexander	Trippel	1497 E Commander Ct	Bloomington	IN	47401
07/07	Giselle	Gasana	4199 Innisbrooke Dr.	Bloomington	IN	47408
07/08	Alex	Cartwright	2927 N. Bankers Drive	Bloomington	IN	47408
07/08	Margaret	Hathaway	2455 N. Tamarack Trl, Apt. 208	Bloomington	IN	47408
07/08	Jim	Watson	1026 S. Mitchell St.	Bloomington	IN	47401
07/11	Lynn	Sinn	2559 S. Smith Road	Bloomington	IN	47401
07/15	Martha	Sullivan	1764 S. Ramsey Dr.	Bloomington	IN	47401
07/17	Jan	Harrington	537 E Fawn Ridge Trail	Bloomington	IN	47408
07/18	Peggy	Stafford	1628 S. Bellemeade Dr.	Bloomington	IN	47401
07/19	Carole	Ambler	3674 Tamarron Drive	Bloomington	IN	47408
07/20	Roger	Isaacs	2959 N. Ramble Road West	Bloomington	IN	47408
07/23	Sandy	Bate	736 E. Moss Creek Circle	Bloomington	IN	47401
07/25	Claire	Johann	3057 E. Chase Lane	Bloomington	IN	47401
07/27	Jane	Watkins	1144 E. Benson Court	Bloomington	IN	47401
07/28	Betsy	Watson	1026 S. Mitchell St.	Bloomington	IN	47401
07/31	Natalie	Garshaw	3740 N. Russell Road	Bloomington	IN	47408

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

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**Lemonade on the Lawn
and Meet & Greet
with Pastor Will!**
**After worship
Sunday, July 4**

Join us for this fun social event! Meet Pastor Will and catch up with your friends from FCC! Refreshments provided, but you will need to bring your own chair if you wish to sit down.

Donations of cookies requested (2 dozen suggested) to be dropped off before worship. If you plan to bring cookies, please contact Jo Weddle at jweddle2@comcast.net or Sarah Lynne Gershon at sarahlynne@fccbloomington.org.

**Scripture Readings
For Sunday Worship**

June 20

Acts 8:26-39

Sarah Lynne Gershon preaching

June 27

Acts 15:22-35

July 4

Acts 17:16-34; Galatians 5:22-26

July 11

Acts 20:17-24

July 18

Acts 26:19-32

(with excerpts of Acts 24-28)