

The CHRISTIAN



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Look At All Those Assets!

FCC's Asset Mapping Event Reveals Ways to Serve our Community

On Sunday, June 4, forty-five people gathered in the Great Hall to share pizza, cookies, and conversation. With leadership provided by the Sacred Places team, attendees named dozens of assets that our congregation might put into service in new ways to serve our community. Positive energy and optimism flowed as we listened to one another's ideas about how our blessings can be used for ministry. The Sacred Places team will now take the ideas that were offered in the meeting and explore how our assets might benefit other organizations in our community as we seek to forge partnerships that will fulfill our goal of stewarding our building and other resources well.



Our Sacred Place

Our beautiful old building has been the subject of much conversation and energy recently! The Capital Projects team, the Sacred Places team, and the Property commission have been meeting together to determine our building's top-priority needs and to move forward with addressing some of those needs with the funds we currently have available for capital projects. You will be hearing more details soon about some exciting projects that will make our building more beautiful, more stable, and more accessible!

The Sacred Places team attended a training session in Indianapolis on May 20 on the basics of capital campaigns. On Saturday, June 17, the team will attend its last training session as they learn about pursuing funding outside of the congregation. The team will soon be applying for a grant to cover the expense of a professional fundraiser who will guide us in raising the capital needed to restore, stabilize, and improve our building.

The folks on these teams are working hard. Please give them your thanks for their dedication.

Capital Projects

Chris Martoglio
Terry Daugherty
Mike Donham
Betsy Watson
Charlie Sinn

Property Commission

Peggy Stafford
Cindy Welch
Mike Donham

Sacred Places

Charlie Sinn
Shari Sprinkle
Terry
Daugherty
Betsy Watson



The Minister's Missive

Dear Church,

I have shared with some of you that this is a summer of big transitions for my family. My second child, James, who has been living in Terre Haute for a year, will be moving out of his student digs into a real apartment – the kind that requires you to figure out your own furniture. I will be helping him with his move at the end of June. My third child, Gilead, has been accepted into Ivy Tech's selective surgical technology program which she will complete at the Terre Haute campus. We have found her an apartment there, and I will help her move in mid-August. Jude, my youngest, will head off for his freshman year at Earlham College in Richmond just a few days after his sister departs. Transitioning from many years of having the activity and companionship of four kids at home to a big, quiet house is a huge change!

Transition is hard. It moves us from what we are used to into a future that may be unpredictable. Even when our current situation is not great, we may find it more comfortable to remain in our less-than-ideal circumstance than to move forward into the unknown. Though we may know that the chapter ahead of us is full of rich possibilities, we find ourselves resistant to change or feeling nostalgic for the past.

Change is hard for churches too. Most of us stay committed to the church because there are things about it that meet our needs. We keep coming back because we like it the way it is! But the church is not just for those who are already present, but also for those who are not yet present. God created us to evolve and grow; we are not meant to stand in one place while the world changes around us. If we are to minister to the needs of those who are not yet among us, and if we are to be responsive to the active, ever-blowing Holy Spirit, then we must be willing to change as God leads us.

There is a lot going on in our church right now. Groups are reigniting and regaining their footing after COVID. Commissions and committees are coming together to actively engage in ministry after a period of inactivity. The Capital Projects team, Sacred Places team, and Property commission are actively engaging in discussions about how we will manage the repairs and renovations our building needs. The Outreach team is seeking volunteers to help get our basement apartment back into use. The Sacred Places team is exploring how our church can enter into new partnerships with other organizations so that our building is bustling with activity in ways that practice good stewardship of our resources.

All of this activity points to change; we cannot stand still, for this would be to ignore the Spirit's movement. There will inevitably be times when changes in our church make us feel anxious. We may be uncomfortable about trying new things, taking risks, and letting go of things that aren't working anymore. For those times when anxiety arises within us, I'd like to offer these words found in Isaiah 43:19 (CEB):

*Look! I'm doing a new thing;
now it sprouts up; don't you recognize it?
I'm making a way in the desert,
paths in the wilderness.*

Church, may we place our trust in the God who has called us to be a bold witness to Christ's compassion in a hurting and ever-changing world. May we put our faith in the One who is making a way in the desert. May we trust that God will lead us on paths in the wilderness. May we say "yes" to the new thing God desires to do in us. It is sprouting up! May we recognize it as the blessing God intends it to be.

Shalom,
Pastor Kyrmen



MUSIC TO OUR EARS THIS SUMMER

Summer is upon us – choir and choral scholars on vacation – congregation needs to sing out with joy on the hymns – a variety of music in worship



Beginning June 20, our organist **Shayla Van Hall** will begin a 12-week study leave to do research for her final doctoral project for completion of her DMus in Organ Performance and Literature at the IU Jacobs School. Never one to do things half-way, Shayla will be traveling first to the Netherlands for recitals and then to Poland for intensive study of organ music in Poland and especially the works of Polish composer Marian Sawa. Her journey preparing for this has included two years of studying Polish both independently and with a tutor, applying and receiving numerous grants to fund the project and trip, submitting a seemingly endless array of necessary documents both in English and Polish. Also in preparation she took a class at IU in history/international relations to understand more about the culture and political realities during the cold war era. In addition to recitals, Shayla will spend some weeks in Polish language study in Lublin in preparation for research sessions with a Polish professor who will guide her in her research. This trip emerges out of Shayla's passion for research, and a drive to "fulfill her dreams of doing research on Central and Eastern European organ music" even extending to the necessity of learning an entirely new language to do that research. All of this has been accomplished while brilliantly fulfilling her musical responsibilities with us at FCC with joy and commitment. What an amazing person and talent! We wish her Godspeed, prayers, and support and look forward to her return to Bloomington and FCC in mid-September.



We are excited to welcome organist **Molly Buttars** to our summer music staff during Shayla's absence. Molly is from Minneapolis, Minnesota. She holds a bachelor's degree in organ performance from Brigham Young University – Idaho. After her undergraduate studies, she held a presence through the church music scene in Anchorage, Alaska for six years where she primarily served as Music Director and Organist at St. Mary's Episcopal Church. An active violist, Molly played in the Anchorage Symphony Orchestra for three seasons. Molly is pursuing a Master of Music degree in Organ Performance at the IU Jacobs School of Music where she studies with Dr. Janette Fishell. She hopes to find beauty and purpose where the viola and organ collide, and to saturate that into her studies and future career. Molly enjoys yoga, cycling, and long walks with her husband and their golden retriever.

Music in worship this summer.

The members of the congregation and families are invited to sing the Introit at the beginning of worship until the choir returns. It will be the same familiar piece each Sunday, offering a continuity and prayerful entrance into worship:

1 Jesus, stand among us in your risen power;
let this time of worship be a holy hour.

2 Breathe the Holy Spirit into every heart;
bid the fears and sorrows from each soul depart.

We are looking forward to some special musical offerings in worship during the weeks ahead as summer travel plans give us an opportunity to explore a variety of music. This coming week we will hear a return of the **Sounds of Indiana** barbershop choir. (Thanks to our choir member Bob Thrasher, who is also a member of Sounds of Indiana, for organizing this.)

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In Our Prayers...

Recently, we received the news that Nancy Heimer is in her final weeks of life. Nancy is well-known to many in our congregation for her years of faithful service as she generously shared her many gifts and her inspiring faith.

Friends of Nancy are welcome to make contact with Nancy through her daughter, Lucy Heimer, who will read your cards and notes to her mother. Lucy also welcomes emails or calls if you would like to reach out to her or to her mother in this way.

May we offer prayers for Nancy and all those who love her as she moves through this season of transition from this life to the next.

Lucy and Nancy Heimer
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Gerry Miller is thankful for her FCC family who sent prayers, calls, emails and well wishes as she recovered from surgery! She happily reports that she is back home and continuing to recover, daily.

Thank you!

MCUM Each One Feed One!

Let's help fill the Food and Supply Pantry the month of June, during *MCUM's "Each One Feed One"* drive! FCC is an "official" drop off site for this important drive. So, just bring donations to worship and leave them in the MCUM bins!

Go to: <https://mcum.org/fooddrive/> for a list of needed items. **Thank you!!**

Vacation Time!

Pastor Kyrmen will be on vacation June 19 through July 2. If you experience a pastoral emergency during those two weeks, please contact Pastor Sarah Lynne.

On June 25, please welcome Rev. Forrest Gilmore, executive director of Beacon, as he shares a message during worship. Following worship, Rev. Gilmore will present an update on the state of homelessness in Bloomington in the Chapel Gathering area. On July 2, Pastor Sarah Lynne will lead our service of worship.

Welcome New Member Josh Baldwin!

Please welcome our newest member, Josh Baldwin, who joined FCC by profession of faith on Sunday, June 4. Josh, who some of you know as Cool Breeze, has been worshipping with our congregation for several months, and even a short conversation will reveal that he deeply values community. Josh is a drummer and also loves theater. He describes himself as a team player, encourager, supporter, and helper. We are delighted to welcome Josh to our FCC family!



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In addition to occasional solos from **choral scholars** Anthony Josep, Sara Dailey Muñoz, Connor Stratton, and Maria Izzo Walker, we are looking forward to musical guests including the chamber ensemble called **Cloud 7** led by our choir member Steve Pollitt, a Sunday of jazz led by saxophonist **Tom Walsh and Patti Parkes**, an original piece sung by **John Walsh**, the appearance of the duo **Sister Sinjin**, and a service of American Bluegrass and Gospel music led by **Scott Cripe** and his ensemble. But mainly we hope this summer is an opportunity for the **congregation** step up to sing out with joy, leading in the hymns old and new!



FCC Fun and Fellowship This Summer!

Last summer's easy-going time to connect at Lemonade on the Lawn is making a comeback this year. FCC's Faith Formation Commission has planned for a summer learning hour focusing on fun and fellowship again this year! So, plan to stay after church this summer for casual (and playful) opportunities to connect with your church family. Most will be kid-friendly, so bring your children, grandkids, nieces and nephews, or the next door neighbor! And to make it even more fun... the most faithful FCC Fun & Fellowship attendees will receive an additional special gift on Aug 27th.

Pick up a punch card and get it punched each Sunday you attend our FCC Fun & Fellowship event. Those with completely full punch cards will receive a prize on Aug 27th, but there's a good chance other frequent attenders will be recognized as well, so come as often as you are able!

FCC Fun & Fellowship activities

June 11– *Getting to Know You*

Practice the art of not taking yourself too seriously and bring an adventurous spirit for some of Pastor Kyrmen's favorite get-to-know-you games.

June 18– *Show and Tell*

What's something you love that folks at church don't know enough about? Bring something you find meaningful to share with the group. Maybe it's a memento, something from your favorite hobby, or a family treasure. We want to celebrate what you love with you!

June 25–*Homelessness in Bloomington* with guest preacher Rev. Forrest Gilmore

JULY 2– off (July 4th weekend)

July 9–*Speed-Greeting Bingo*

Haley Norris will be leading a fun mixer activity. Learn something new about folks in your church family and try to get a BINGO!

July 16– *The Disciple's Covenant Project*

Cards for Campers

Our Summer Campers love to get mail! It's a real event at camp when someone receives a letter. We will have postcards at church you can grab or send your own card to:

33 Church Camp Rd, Bedford, IN 47421

Here are the camp dates and names of campers attending Camp Bedford this year. Be sure to send cards the week before to make sure they receive it! Thank you for caring about our campers!!

High School (9-12th) July 3-8

Maya Norris

Middle School (6-8th) July 10-15

Ethan Fletcher and Pacer Norris

Explorers (4th and 5th) June 19-24

Alasdair Gershon

New Beginnings (1st-3rd) June 26-28

Iver Gershon



Congratulations Graduates!

Jude Rea-Hedrick

Jude graduated from high school and will be attending Earlham College in the fall where he plans to major in history with a minor in Spanish. Congratulatory cards and notes can be sent to Jude at 1212 W. Acacia Ct., Bloomington, 47404.

Maxwell Scott “Max” Fettchenhauer

graduated Ball State University this May with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Media (Film Production) and a minor in Screenwriting. Cards for Max can be sent to him at 300 N Calvert St., Muncie, Ind., 47303.

Patrick Walsh is graduated this spring from IU. He was a Cox Research Scholar, with English and Philosophy majors and minors in Spanish and Sociology. He was also asked to give the valedictorian speak at the English department graduation ceremony. He'll be working and applying to graduate schools next year before starting graduate school in the fall of 2024. Congratulations can be sent to 118A E 17th St. Bloomington IN 47408.

Mackenzie Colston graduated from IU with a Master's degree in social work. She is now working at Amethyst House while pursuing a clinical license for addiction counseling. Congratulations can be sent to Mackenzie at 406 E 11th St Apt 13 Bloomington, IN 47408.

Connor Stratton graduated from the Jacobs School of Music at IU with a Bachelor of Music degree in Vocal Performance. Connor has been a valued Choral Scholar at FCC since October 2021. He plans to take a gap year to continue his vocal studies and determine where to attend

graduate school. During the year he will be moving to Chicago to explore professional opportunities. Connor is thankful for the community, friendship and music making FCC has provided during his time here. Cards and well wishes can be sent to Connor at 544 South Lincoln Street. Apartment 22, Bloomington, IN 47401

Colin Anderson graduated with a Masters Degree in Vocal Performance from the IU Jacobs School of Music. Colin has been a valuable baritone in the FCC choir for the past two years. He and his wife Kayla, who is working on a Masters of Arts in Musicology, will be remaining in Bloomington this year. Cards may be sent to Colin at 3400 S. Sare Rd. Apt 1203 Bloomington, IN 47401.

*Congratulations on your accomplishments,
and Best Wishes for a very Bright Future for
ALL of our Graduates!*

Supplies Needed for Youth Service Project

FCC's Youth is getting ready for a lock-in this summer. They are planning to have some fun, and make some additional care packages filled with personal hygiene essentials and some snacks. These “kits” will be passed out to our neighbors who are experiencing homelessness or other hardships.

If you are able to donate items for the kits, it is appreciated. Here is the list:

Crew length socks	Band-aids
Protein bars (not granola)	Body wipes
Toothbrushes and toothpaste	Chapstick
Menstrual products	Sunscreen



JULY BIRTHDAYS




07/02	Amy	Check	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
07/08	Alex	Cartwright	2927 N. Bankers Drive	Bloomington	IN	47408
07/08	Jim	Watson	1026 S. Mitchell St.	Bloomington	IN	47401
07/09	Bob	Boyle	3816 Pepperchase Court	Bloomington	IN	47401
07/10	Scott	Sprinkle	811 S. Fess Ave.	Bloomington	IN	47401
07/11	Lynn	Sinn	2559 S. Smith Road	Bloomington	IN	47401
07/13	Beaudelaine	Pierre	3441 N. Stoney Crest Rd.	Bloomington	IN	47404
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	915 E. Juniper Place	Bloomington	IN	47408
07/20	Roger	Isaacs	2959 N. Ramble Road West	Bloomington	IN	47408
07/20	Diamond	Mather	1215 S. Brooks Drive	Bloomington	IN	47401
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!



Join us at 5:30 pm -
June 14 for Crazy Bowling
and pizza at Classic Lanes
1421 North Willis Dr.
(812)332-6689.

RSVP to Pastor Sarah Lynne by June 11
to ensure we reserve enough lanes. Cost
is \$10/person, but don't let the cost stop
you from coming! Donate what you can.



Families with children and youth are
invited to the Johann's for a pool
party and hot dog dinner on July 16
from 5-7pm. Please bring a side to
share.

Parents will be responsible for the safety of their
children, so make sure you bring anything needed
for safe swimming. Please RSVP to Pastor Sarah
Lynne. Meet at the Johann's at 5pm
3057 E. Chase Lane.

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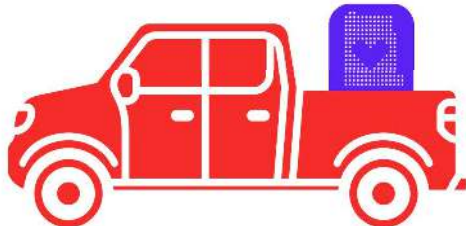
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FCC BTOWN IS A DROP OFF SITE FOR MCUM'S EACH ONE FEED ONE JUNE FOOD DRIVE



EACH ONE FEED ONE

Pack the Pick-up!



Last chance to Pack the Pick-up will be Sunday June 25 1-3pm

Details on MCUM's June Drive inside *The Visitor*!

**Scripture Readings
For Sunday Worship**

June 11

Psalm 50:7-15
Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

June 18

Psalm 116: 1-2, 12-19
Matthew 9:35-10:8

June 25

Rev. Forrest Gilmore speaking