

The CHRISTIAN



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
(Disciples of Christ)

Visitor

Join us for HymnFest on August 26

A Special Service is Built Around Our Disciples Affirmations

Join us for worship this Sunday, August 26, at 10:00 am as we “Sing Our Faith.” FCC’s HymnFest is a treasured service that allows us to share in favorite hymns structured around a service that celebrates the church by lifting up the “Disciple Affirmations” within the Preamble of the design for the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

Hymns for this service were chosen from suggestions given earlier in the summer. Certainly, you will recognize many (if not all) of these favorite hymns.

We will sing and reflect on the affirmation as a statement of faith that identifies the Disciples’ commitment to and place within the universal and ecumenical church. *See you in church!*

Meet You on the Lawn on September 2!

If you haven’t joined us for one of our exceptionally fun opportunities to gather, welcome others and celebrate on our beautiful lawn... plan to join us after worship on Sept. 2 for a coffee fellowship “pitch-in” FCC-style!

We will set up tables and a canopy. You can bring your favorite snacks and/or sweets to share. Don’t be surprised if you find us playing some of our favorite outdoor games on the lawn too. This will be a great opportunity to catch up with friends after summer break, and meet new friends too. What better way to end the summer than with a great celebration on the lawn!

So, plan to be there... bring something tasty to share and a lawn chair too! Let’s say goodbye to summer and hello to fall FCC style!

A Couple of Reminders

- This Sunday’s Board meeting will begin following worship at 11:15 am.
- The FCC Offices will be closed on Sept. 3 for the Labor Day Holiday

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First Christian Church Presents:



Road Trip Revival 2018

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 2018 ROAD TRIP REVIVAL

This past weekend, a group of almost 50 traveled from FCC to the Cane Ridge Meeting house near Paris, Kentucky for a trip back to the early 19th Century. The meeting house is the site of the great revival of August 1801 and the birthplace of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). The Road Trip Revival was the fulfillment of Mary Beth Godsey's Faith Leader ministry plan. Well done, Mary Beth!

Connie Myers who offered key staff leadership provides these highlights of this wonderful trip.

Saturday-Sunday, August 18-19

- Everyone made it there and back again in one piece, despite road construction and rain.
- We were joined on our trip by former FCC members (now living in Georgia) David and Ann Whitlow. The Whitlows still receive the FCC newsletter and registered after reading about the trip. David fondly remembers working with long-time FCC pastor Rev. Howard Anderson to earn his God and Country Award.
- All ages learned a lot of history on the guided tour of Shaker Village. The kids really enjoyed seeing the farm animals, including goats, pigs and ducks. When we talked about the riverboat cruise, the adjective that kept coming up was "relaxing," and it was always said with a happy sigh. Plus, there was Southern fried chicken.
- At the hotel Saturday night the kids enjoyed swimming, while the adults chatted and got to know one another better.
- The Cane Ridge Meeting House was beautiful and inspiring. Our worship was enhanced by excellent preaching from our own Mark Knowles and the musical skills of Tim and Elma Jessen. Tim played the old pump organ at the Meetinghouse, while Elma led us in a call and response of "I Will Rise and Go to Jesus." Connie Myers provided the story, based on Cane Ridge history, for the Children's Worship and Wonder.
- Our sense of community was enriched when we found ourselves worshipping with fellow visitors Joe and Rita VanDyke of Magnolia Church of Christ in Florence, Alabama. Rev. Van Dyke led us in singing "The Lord's Prayer" following communion. Many of us will never forget that moment, which truly seemed Spirit-led.
- We picnicked after worship with two guests: James Trader, curator of the Cane Ridge Meeting House; and Cash, the very large dog.

While this group worshipped together at the Cane Ridge Meeting House, others shared a very similar worship experience back home in Bloomington at FCC. Pastor Helen's sermon was an adaptation of the sermon that Mark Knowles delivered in Kentucky, we listened to the same scripture and we sang the same hymns.

Music Notes: Music for Everyone

SINGING THE FAITH: A HYMN FESTIVAL BUILT AROUND OUR DISCIPLES AFFIRMATIONS SINGING IN WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY, AUGUST 26

This Sunday join the entire congregation as we “Sing Our Faith” with a joyous service of 23 (!) hymns all chosen from requests by the congregation. The service will be structured around “A Disciples Affirmation” – nine sentences from the Preamble to the Design for the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) through which we declare our faith. Come sing together familiar beloved hymns and perhaps revealing new inspiration as they are sung in the context of our elements of faith.

SANCTUARY CHOIR FIRST REHEARSAL OF THE SEASON

The first rehearsal of the season for the Sanctuary Choir will be next Thursday, August 30 from 6:15 pm - 7:30 pm. We look forward to the fellowship and inspiration that comes from singing together with our returning members and offer an invitation for new members to join – it’s a good time to get started – we are all beginning at the start of the fall season! There is no audition to join – adult singers and high school singers are welcome! Don’t be shy – if this would be your first time, please come early to identify yourself and meet Jan to get an idea of how your voice and experience will best fit in to the choir. Our regular members are anxious to help and there are four choral scholar section leaders who are there to lead us cheerfully through the rocky spots! For more information you can contact music director Jan Harrington at harringt@indiana.edu.

HANDBELL CHOIR FIRST REHEARSAL OF THE SEASON - CHANGED

The handbells are experimenting with changing their rehearsal time to Sundays after worship – 11:15-12:00. The first meeting will be **Sunday, September 9** (instead of the previously announced September 2, so that everyone can attend the Fellowship on the Lawn after service on the 2nd). So if you can count to 4 or 6 come give us a try on the 9th – no experience necessary. Our conductor is Carter Adams (who is also the drum major of IU’s Marching 100 this year!). You can find him after church to ask questions, or email him at capadams@iu.edu.

FIRST FRIDAY JAZZ VESPERS TRIO ON THE AIR!

WFIU-FM - Thursday, September 6 at 4:00

Tune in to WFIU-FM at 4:00 Thursday, September 6 to hear First Friday Vespers Music Director Stefan Lenthe and our First Friday Jazz Vespers Trio in a live on-air performance/interview on David Brent Johnson’s jazz program “Just You and Me”! The next day you can experience this month’s service live on **Friday, September 7- 6:30**. Stefan and his trio have brought new energy and creativity to our First Friday Vespers Service as our series enters its second year. The Friday evening jazz service offers a time of reflection and quiet to gather as the week ends and a new month begins; this is a time that our spirits may be renewed with jazz music, hymns, congregational psalms, poetry readings and meditation – a time for quiet, focus, and go in joy after a respite from our hectic times. Experience this month’s service live on Friday, September 6 - this month’s theme is appropriately, *JOURNEY*.

New FCC Ministry for College Students

Disciples Student Fellowship, a new group for college students, is being launched today! If you are a college-age student, please sign the attendance card, include your phone number and email address and place it in the offering tray. Haley Norris, our student leader, will be in touch with you! Also, immediately following today's worship service, please come to the front of the sanctuary to meet Haley and other students who are interested in being part of a supportive Christian group that studies, prays, and plays together! Haley is a senior at IU with years of experience as a small group leader and church camp counselor. Her deep faith was formed by her experiences of growing up here at FCC and as a camper (now counselor) at Bedford Christian Camp. She is the daughter of Mark and Danie Norris and sister to Caleb, Jetta, Maya, and Pacer.

Doorway to Community: An Enneagram Workshop

Would you like to better understand yourself and others in the church community? The Enneagram, an ancient personality typing system, may be just the tool you need! By studying the Enneagram and determining their own types, group members will better understand and love themselves and each other, thus building up the body of Christ.

Time commitment will be four 1-hour sessions. In the first session you will learn the general form and function of the Enneagram and will use questions to give hints about where each participant belongs on the diagram. Between sessions 1 and 2, you may use an Enneagram test online to better determine your type. Remaining sessions build on these findings.

The Registration Deadline for this workshop is August 29!

Return your registration card or call the church office to reserve your spot!



Registration for FCC's New Fall Programming is open now. You can find details on groups and classes in the *FCC Connects* booklet. These can be found in the pews and at either entrance to FCC's sanctuary. Take a copy with you and return the interest card once you have chosen a group that you would like to join.

FCC Learning Sessions Resume Sunday, September 9

Many of FCC's groups and classes have been on a break over the summer. Please plan to join one of these long-standing and popular groups and classes. *FCC's Sunday Learning Sessions will resume at 9:00 am and 11:15 am on September 9.* See the *FCC Connects* for details.

We look forward to seeing you then!



In Our Prayers

Please hold in your prayers the family of Jeff Johann as they mourn the death of Jeff's father Richard "Yogi" M. Johann (91), who passed away August 12. Cards and notes of encouragement may be sent to the Johann family (Jeff, Carie, Lauren, Claire) at 3057 E. Chase Lane, Bloomington, 47401.

Please also keep longtime member Marie Settle in your prayers as she mourns the loss of her son Steven (69), who passed away quite suddenly in late July. Cards may be sent to Marie at 316 E. Dodds St., Bloomington, 47401.

September Birthdays

09/01	Lois	West	124 Worman Dr.	Spencer	IN	47460
09/02	Mike	Donham	5900 N. Maple Grove Rd.	Bloomington	IN	47404
09/05	Shelly	Wagner	2260 Olde Mill Dr.	Bloomington	IN	47401
09/12	Lucas	Sinn Trulock	901 Orchard Dr.	Newburgh	IN	47630
09/15	Barbara	Clark	2921 N. Dunn St.	Bloomington	IN	47408
09/15	Amy	Wardlow	1838 S. Oakdale Dr.	Bloomington	IN	47403
09/17	Naomi	Johnson	The Enclave At Anthem, 42015 N. Venture Dr. #132	Anthem	AZ	85086
09/17	Sharon	Robinson	7801 N. Sipes Rd.	Bloomington	IN	47408
09/19	Sarasopa	Enari	3921 Maybury Mall, Apt. A12	Bloomington	IN	47403
09/22	John	Walsh	3006 S. Olcott Blvd.	Bloomington	IN	47401
09/22	Pacer	Norris	3194 N. Dahlia Lane	Bloomington	IN	47404
09/24	Bob	Thrasher	2627 E. Windermere Woods Dr.	Bloomington	IN	47401
09/24	Joan	Austin	3040 N. Ramble Road West	Bloomington	IN	47408
09/24	Josette	Gasana	4199 Innisbrooke Dr.	Bloomington	IN	47408
09/24	Koji	Abe	600 S. Hawthorne Dr.	Bloomington	IN	47401
09/25	Kip	Myers	4813 N. Ashcroft Ln.	Bloomington	IN	47404
09/25	Kate	Myers	4813 N. Ashcroft Ln.	Bloomington	IN	47404
09/25	Donna	Ray	2001 E. Hillside Dr., Stier Park #4	Bloomington	IN	47401
09/26	Gene	Davis	1064 S. Fieldcrest Ct.	Bloomington	IN	47401
09/27	Rhett	Keaton	7853 S. Zikes Rd.	Bloomington	IN	47401
09/28	Jo	Travis	4682 E. Heritage Woods Rd.	Bloomington	IN	47401
09/29	Phyllis	Mangun	800 N. Bell Trace Circle #L75	Bloomington	IN	47408
09/30	Christy	Duffy-Paiement	260 S. Lori Lane	Bloomington	IN	47401

Please, let us know if we have left someone off of the birthday list.

News from the Week of Compassion...

First Too Little, then Too Much: Famine and Flood in Kenya

August 14, 2018

Week of Compassion News



Recently we have seen famine conditions in Kenya due to ongoing severe drought. In a cruelly ironic turn, in the late spring, torrential rains and flooding made the famine crisis even worse. Week of Compassion partner, Church World Service, reports that over 300,000 people along the Tana River in Kenya were affected by floods, and the death toll was 118. While you may think that rain would be a blessing to drought-plagued areas, too much rain in too little time on soil that has been so hardened and baked under the relentless sun (which cannot, therefore, absorb water) leads to devastating runoffs and rivers that overflow their banks.

In hardest-hit Tana River County, over 12,000 households lost a total of almost \$4 million dollars' worth of crops. Aided by your gifts to Week of Compassion, Church World Service is leading the response to the flooding in Tana River County. Together, we are serving 910 households -- or nearly 7,300 people -- as they temporarily reside in camps on higher ground. Those driven from their homes by the floods receive food kits containing maize, rice, beans, cooking oil, and three water containers per household member. Clean water (and safe sanitation facilities) are also essential priorities for these displaced folks, and Church World Service has made available water purification systems to every household, along with community water tanks and mobile toilets.

Behind each of these statistics is a family threatened by disease and hunger. Your gifts to Week of Compassion give families relief from those fears and hope for the future.

Thank you for your continuing generosity.

FCC Elects New Board Officers

On July 15, 2018 at the regularly scheduled meeting of the FCC Board, the following people were elected to officer positions.

Linda Abe, moderator
Chip Welch, vice-moderator
Joanne Weddle, secretary

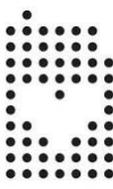
Thank you to all who give of their time to support the ministries of First Christian Church.



First Friday Jazz Vespers
Journey

The Lenthe Trio
 with vocalist
 Elena Escudero

September 7 at 6:30



2018 MCUM Challenge

2018 Goal: 2,000 pounds
Most recent trip: 92 pounds
Year-to-date: 1,435 pounds

August Pantry Needs!

MCUM is in need of peanut butter (medium jars), small cereal, canned beans, condensed soups, tomato products, canned chicken, canned and dried fruit, toilet paper, baby wipes, spray cleaner (all-purpose), laundry detergent, and dish soap.

MCUM also reuses plastic grocery bags to distribute items from their cleaning and hygiene closet. Keep them separate from the paper bags used in their food pantry.

Thank you for showing how much you care.

UPCOMING EVENTS...

Sunday, August 26 (HymnFest)

- 8:30 am Mediation group
- 9:00 am Learning Session I
- 9:15 am Sanctuary Choir rehearsal
- 10:00 am Worship
- 12:15 am FCC Board meeting
- 4:00 pm Cuba trip meeting

Tuesday, August 28

- 5:30 pm Listening to God meditation

Thursday, August 30

- 6:16 pm Sanctuary Choir rehearsal

Sunday, September 2

- 8:30 am Meditation group
- 10:00 am Worship
- 11:15 am Coffee Fellowship on the Lawn

Monday, September 3

- FCC Office Closed for Labor Day

Tuesday, September 4

- 5:30 pm Listening to God meditation
- 7:00 pm Women's Arts & Crafts

Thursday, September 6

- 6:16 pm Sanctuary Choir rehearsal

Friday, September 7

- 6:30 pm First Friday Jazz Vespers

Sunday, September 9

- 8:30 am Meditation group
- 9:00 am Learning Session I
- 10:00 am Worship
- 11:15 am Learning Session II

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Discover FCC's New Fall Programming Line-up! You'll find that there is something for everyone at every age and stage of life. Pick up a *FCC Connects* booklet this Sunday at church or download a copy at www.fccbloomngton.org and find a group or class to join!

How will you "Connect" with your faith community at FCC?

Scripture Readings For Sunday Worship

August 26

Ephesians 5:18b-20
Hymn Festival

September 2

Ephesians 6:1-20

September 9

Genesis 2:4b-7; 3:1-8