



# FIRST CHRISTIAN disciples of christ HIGHLIGHTS

*Making disciples who make a difference!*

May 26, 2021

## ***Koinōvia (Koinonia)***

koinē' nēə, noun: Christian fellowship

*Then the Lord God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone; (Genesis 2:18a)*

What does it mean to be a human being?

We are a creature made by God, like all other creatures. But unlike other creatures, we are fashioned in the image of God. We have been given the commission to exercise dominion over the earth; we continue God's creative work in making order out of chaos. We have a special *relationship* with God, and a special *relationship* with the rest of Creation.

And I believe the good life, the meaningful life, the life worth living is when we are in *right relationship* with God and one another.

I have noticed that at the end of life, hardly anyone values most their possessions or achievements. Almost always, I hear people say that the important things are the relationships. When reflecting on the past, people seldom regret not spending a few more hours at the office each week or making a few extra dollars. But do I know that people often wish they took more time to repair a broken friendship, to reach out and reconcile with an estranged family member.

What does it mean to be a church?

We are a people who have been called out and set aside by God. We have been made children of God (a very special kind of relationship) through our shared faith in Christ. We are an egalitarian community of people who seek with humility and gratitude to live by an alternative value system to the greed and hatred of the world, who reflect the light of kingdom of God. And we are characterized first and foremost by our relationships. We seek to cultivate our relationship with our Creator, and to nurture our relationships with one another.

As we rebuild our faith community at FCC, emerging from the separation and isolation of the pandemic, let us remember that the foundation of our family is God's relationship of love with us, and the fasteners that hold the structure together are the relationships of love with one another. It is important for all of us to not think first about programs, attendance numbers and dollars in the church's bank account, but rather the relationships with our beloved sisters and brothers of First Christian Church, old and young, male and female, single or married, familiar or estranged. If we are willing to be vulnerable and authentic, we can strengthen the bonds between one another, and things like programs, worship attendance and faithful stewardship will grow naturally from them.

I am optimistic about our future together, because we are committed to meeting it *together*. And I am hopeful always, because I worship the God of the resurrection, who loves and cares about his children.

It is not good for any of us to be alone, so let us reach out and reconnect with one another, as we reach up and reconnect with our Creator.

Shalom,

-Rev. Joey Pusateri

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## ***May Board Meeting Summary***

Highlights from 5-20-2021 Administrative Board Meeting:

- Board welcomed Rev. Catherine DeMoss to the meeting and she shared an update regarding her health. The board was excited to learn she will be preaching the sermon on Sunday, May 30, while Joey is on vacation.
- Financial Report: Analysis of Revenue and Expenses – April and Year-to-Date, 2021 and Summary and Detail and Summary of Restricted Accounts, 2021 Financial Statement, and an additional financial handout were distributed, reviewed and discussed. Contributions were greater than budget for April; less than budget year to date. No electric bill in April – possibly because we have changed from Demand Service to General Service. Expenses are in line with budget.
- Endowment : The Endowment Income will be coming in to the budget in May, 2021 as follows:
  - \*General Budget: \$ 94451.00
  - \*World Outreach Discretionary Fund:\$ 6354.62
  - \*Youth Restricted Fund: \$6354.62
  - \*Emergency Fund: \$24588.00

Board reviewed the status of the Emergency Fund, as planned at the November, 2020 board meeting. Discussion will continue at the June board meeting.

- Property: C&R Asphalt has completed resealing and restriping of the parking lot. The repair, painting, and re-glazing of the sanctuary windows is planned for the July timeframe. Energy needs and usage are being closely monitored.
- Board approved a recommendation from the Personnel Committee to accept the Part-Time Children's Ministry Director Job Description, with a revision.
- Board approved a recommendation from the Personnel Committee, to hire Patti Wright for the position of Part-Time Children's Ministry Director.
- Board agreed to follow CDC and state guidelines for Worship and for other groups who meet in the church. FCC Soups on Us will confer with other SOU churches to ensure all the churches are consistent and follow the same standards.

# Welcome our new Children's Ministry Director!

## *Patti Wright*

We are excited to have Patti Wright join our church staff as Children's Ministry Director. Her face is already familiar to our FCC children since working with them over the past four years after moving to Danville. Patti comes with a wealth of experience along with her love and passion for children. She covets your prayers and support for the growth and success of the children's ministry. Below you can learn more about her.



*I am so happy to have been called to be the Director of Children's Ministries at First Christian! Joey mentioned in worship that I have literally decades of experience working with children aged birth-5th grade. While that makes me sound really old, it's also true!*

*I knew I wanted to be a music teacher by the time I was in 7th grade, thanks to a wonderful mentor of mine who took me under her wing and had me help her with children's music during Sunday School. I knew very quickly that I wanted to work with children and was very lucky to get into the Indiana University School of Music where I earned my Bachelor of Music Education in Choral and General music.*

*My first teaching position was at North Posey Junior and Senior High School where I led three choirs, directed musicals and got lots of great experience! But, my heart still belonged to elementary students so after a few years I moved to the Evansville Vanderburgh School corporation where I taught music to students in K-5 for over 20 years. During that time I also got my most important job of all, mom to Jennifer and my son Jonathan who currently lives in Cincinnati and works in educational technology at Northern Kentucky University.*

*In the late 90's I became very interested in brain research around the importance of music and brain development in young children so I "retired" from formal education to work with younger children in a more informal educational setting. First as the Director of Education at the brand new Children's Museum of Evansville (cMoe) and later at 4C of Southern Indiana offering professional development to teachers and child care professionals in the area of infant, toddler and preschool children. Also at 4C I got the chance to help develop Play & Learn, a school readiness program for children birth-five that I hope to bring to Danville!*

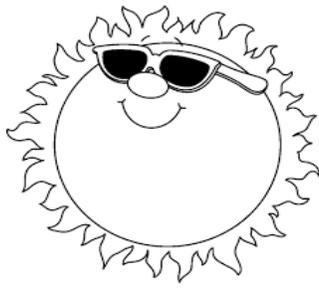
*I attended Central United Methodist Church all of my life and, as an adult was involved in directing choirs of all kinds including children's choirs, youth praise band, adult choirs and handbells with both children and adults. I also enjoyed leading music in both traditional and praise services at Central for many years.*

*In 2016 I grew tired of driving 5 hours round trip from Evansville to Simpsonville to spend time with my beautiful granddaughters Kira and Sadie so made the move to Simpsonville where I worked as the Administrative Assistant for Simpsonville Christian Church. At Simpsonville I also directed a Children's Choir and enjoyed helping with kids K-5th when needed.*

*I have had a great time getting to know the wonderful children and families here at FCC as a volunteer and look forward to connecting more deeply as your Director of Children's Ministries.*

*-Patti*

# FCC KIDS CORNER



## Summertime Fun!

School's out and it's time for some Kids Club fun in the sun!

Please put these dates on your calendar so you don't miss out. Details coming soon in email and text updates from Patti.

**Sunday, June 13th**  
**Kids Club Trip to Malibu Jack's**  
**11:45am-4:30pm (lunch included)**

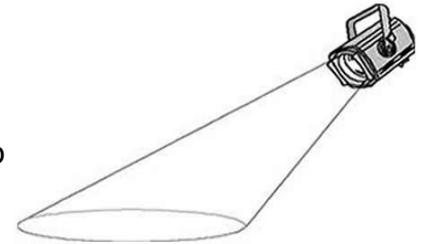


**Sunday, July 11th**  
**Swim Party at the Tye's**  
**11:45am-3:00pm (lunch included)**

## Spotlight on our FCC Kids!

Each month we will shine the spotlight on one of our FCC Kids so you can put names, faces, and families together!

This month our spotlight shines on **Lillian Russell**.



Lillian Elizabeth Russell is the daughter of Joseph and Rachel Russell. She attends Paint Lick Elementary School and is excited to start 3rd grade in the fall. Her favorite sports are basketball and soccer. Her favorite pastimes are swimming, building with Legos, playing with friends, and traveling, especially to Texas to see her Aunt and Uncle!



Lillian loves her pets which include her two dogs (Lady and Gracie), her cat (Frank), her bunny (Penelope Mae), her Guinea pig (Oreo), and her two Neon Tetras.

Lillian's favorite church memories are playing Sardines at Kids Club, singing in the Children's Choir, and being an acolyte.

Fun Facts: Lillian loves dogs, the color teal, and unicorns!

When you see Lillian at church, be sure to introduce yourself so she can get to know her church family!

## Prayer Concerns

Bill Barker  
Jerry Boyd  
Steve & Pat Bruce  
Steve Cline  
Rev. Catherine DeMoss  
Ken & June Harmon  
Josh Hensley  
Nancy Mellios  
Margaret Ann Milburn  
Mike Miller

Susan Montgomery  
Bill Morgan  
Jim Page  
Mike Swain  
Bonnie Wilson  
Jeff Withers  
Mary Lou Withers

## Shut-ins

Mindy Carter  
Odell Hines  
Jack Kaiser  
Marianne Kirby  
Marilyn Marlowe

Peggy Mitchell  
Betty Ramey  
Catherine Shoulty  
Dorothy Warren

## In Sympathy

To Libby McWhorter and family on the death of her husband, Paul McWhorter, who passed away May 21. A private family Memorial Service will be held on Thursday, May 22. Visitation will be held on Thursday from 12-1p at Stith Funeral Home.

## Thank You

My FCC Family,  
Thanks for all the prayers, thoughts and well wishes. There is power in prayer. The surgery went well and I had minimal pain after surgery. The recovery will be tough with no physical activities and no lifting of 10 lbs. or more for 4 weeks.

Thanks again for the many prayers and uplifting thoughts.

Steve Cline

## News & Announcements

### Congratulations Graduates

The following graduates were recognized on May 16:

#### High School

**Emily Barringer**, daughter of Tim Barringer and Angie Barringer, graduated from Danville High School. She will be attending the University of Kentucky and major in Pre-Law.

**Brianna Ely**, daughter of Brian Ely, graduates from Boyle County High School. She will be attending Bellarmine University and major in Exercise Science.

**Elizabeth "Lisi" Gross**, daughter of Wally and Mary Emily Gross, graduates from Sayre School. She will be attending Rollins College and major in Environmental Science/Business.

#### College

**Sidney Darnell** graduated from Eastern Kentucky University with a B.S. in Public Relations.

**Alexis Kerbaugh** graduated from Sullivan University with a M.S. in Physicians Assistant Studies.

**Haley Wagner** graduated from the University of Kentucky with a B.A. in International Economics and Spanish. She plans to attend graduate school at UK and pursue a M.S. in Finance.

### 4 Cans 4 Others

Our total giving is now at 32,358. Look for the little red wagon in the narthex to drop off your cans each week. We appreciate your continued support for The Salvation Army Food Pantry.

### Mother's Day and Father's Day Photo Ops

Ruby Cline-Eaton will be taking more photos this Sunday and on June 13 & 20 for Father's Day before the worship services at 10:15-10:40a in the courtyard. Thank you so much, Ruby, for capturing the moments for us! You may view the photos and download free on the link below or FCC FaceBook page.

<https://arunnersmomandmore.smugmug.com/2021-First-Christian-Church-Mothers-Fathers-Families/>

### Soups on Us

We are back in full swing and need your help! SOU is set for June 19 beginning at 7:30a. We are looking for volunteers to help prepare meal boxes or provide cookies. Cookie bakers should package cookies 2/bag. No nuts or peanuts. Be a part of this ongoing outreach in serving those in the Boyle County/Danville community.

### Worship Team Members Needed

The FCC Worship Team is looking for members who have a passion for worship to join our team. Worship is an integral part of all we do as Christians and additional members are needed. Please give this invitation prayerful thought and may God bless you. For further information, please contact Connie McVicker or Jane Boyd.



HAPPY  
Memorial  
Day

## CLOSING ANNOUNCEMENT

The church offices and walking track will be closed Memorial Day Week (May 31-June 4). Fitness classes and nightly groups will still continue to meet with the exception of on Memorial Day.

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Mark your calendars and join us for our Jazz & Gospel Sunday. We promise you will go home singing and dancing for the Lord! Our services are streamed live on Facebook and YouTube if you cannot attend in-person.

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