

The Messenger

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
Our Mission is to Celebrate and Share Christ's Love



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June 2021

FCC Signs Contract With Great Lakes Landscape to Install Labyrinth!

The long held ministry dream of FCC to create a labyrinth on church property for use by the community is finally becoming reality. A contract was signed in June with Great Lakes Landscape to begin installation in July. The committee settled on crushed gravel with native sedges to mark the lines in between circuits. Over time, we will add perennial flowers around the outside perimeter of the labyrinth. Many of those plants will be pollinating flowers that will work in concert with the gardens of the farm and the bees. As exact dates of installation get ironed out in the coming weeks, we will keep you informed of all progress. The Labyrinth Project is being paid for through memorial funds (specifically set aside for this ministry) and grant funding through the Christian Church in Indiana.

Labyrinths are an important ministry tool that have been around for thousands of years. They can be used by those seeking spiritual connection and/or direction. They can be used as a resource for calm and focus. Several area organizations are aware of this opportunity for growth and are excited to be able to offer healing and wholeness through this ancient practice. An informational video will be coming soon along with a "media blitz" to the area informing the community of this resource. Please hold this ministry in your prayers that relationships with God will be forged and faith grows!

Upcoming Church Events

- 4th of July (7/4);
- Office Closed (7/5);
- Worship Meeting (7/7) at 12 via Zoom;
- Senior Food Box Distribution (7/14) 10-12;
- Board Meeting (7/20) 7 P.M.;
- Beach Worship (7/28) 7 P.M.;
- Farm Work every Monday 3-5 P.M.;

Sundays @ FCC
Worship—10:30 AM



July 2021

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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<p>4 4th of July</p> <p>Worship 10:30 A.M.</p> 	<p>5 Office Closed</p> <p>Farm Work 3-5 P.M.</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7 Worship Meeting 12:00 P.M. Zoom</p>	<p>8 B: Kevin Messmer</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>
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<p>18</p> <p>Worship 10:30 A.M.</p>	<p>19 Farm Work 3-5 P.M.</p> <p>B: Brad Chandler</p>	<p>20 Board Meeting 7 P.M.</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24 B: Jane Ross</p>
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Flat Jesus 2021

Cut this image out and take pictures with him where you experience the presence of God. Please send your pictures to Pastor Becky! If you would like a laminated copy previously colored, please let her know and she will get one to you.

Board Meeting

Tuesday, July 20th
7 P.M.

We will meet both in Fellowship Hall and over Zoom.

Along with Department Chairs and Executive Officers, all Elders, Deacons, and Trustees are important voices on the Board. We will be reviewing updates to the Constitution and Bylaws.

2021 Farm Work Hours

Volunteer with the Farm Team
every Monday from 3-5 P.M.

Bring your gardening tools and some water and join the good work for an important cause. If you don't want to work, come on out and have a seat on the bench and cheer everyone on! All are welcome to be a part of the bounty.

Update on Digital Coffee Hour

As our online presence continues to hold strong, Pastor Becky would like to continue the Digital Coffee Hour. So she can greet with both folks in-person and online, the Digital Coffee hour will be the 2nd & 4th Sundays of each month. It is important to remain connected with one another and she would like to at least try this to see if it is beneficial. If you are online, grab a cup of coffee and catch up!

Don't forget to grab your coloring pages on Sunday morning along with your Bible Blueprint! Pastor Becky will email them out in PDF format as well in the weekly email. If you are not on the weekly email and would like to receive these items that correspond with Sunday worship, please contact the church office.

The weekly coloring pages are a wonderful tool for meditation, prayer and focus on the Scriptures. This is a great way to connect with the Scripture throughout the week!

Praying for our Friends & Family

Members of the Congregation:

Celia Newcomb, Jane Ross, Phyllis Frost, Rachelle Dean, Clarence McCoy, Kevin Messmer, Dolores Cave, Olivia Sundquist

Friends of the Congregation:

(Please let me know if there are updates to this on-going list) The Yuris Family, The Murphy Family, Madge, Gene Beres and Family, Holly, Dennis Chambers, Gary Barber, Cindy Williams, Nicky, Sandy, Robert Dean, Terry & Marty Chidalek, Cole, Jerry Zolmer, Liz Griffin, Mary Jones, Lauren, Chris Dury, Zachary Hare, Al Eckert, Cherie & David Coolidge, Millie, Melissa Belar, Cathhart Family, Mike Cole, Faith, Bill Carroll, Don Dean, Ron Spore, Ed Charbonneau, Family of Tom Bermingham, Carlos and Jesse Jones, Samantha Bugno, Beverly Goodson, Rita Worth, The Novak Family, Rosa Casanova, Carol Sundquist, Family of Thomasanna Certa

Joys:

The 2021 Farming Season, the new Labyrinth coming soon!

Fifth Street Figures

Description	Offering
WORSHIP 5/30/21	\$880.00
WORSHIP 6/6/21	\$3274.70
Plein Aire Painters	\$24.00
TOTAL	\$3298.70
WORSHIP 6/13/21	\$950.00
TOPS	\$100.00
TOTAL	\$1050.00
WORSHIP 6/20/21	\$870.00
Reconciliation	\$16.00
TOTAL	\$886.00
WORSHIP 6/27/21	\$2726.12
Sober School	\$300.00
TOTAL	\$3026.12

May Figures

Income:	Expenditures:
\$7,168.00	\$11,110.43
\$195.00	\$100.00

Thank you for all the ways you give to the ministries of First Christian Church. Your financial gifts, your time and your talents are what make ministry thrive and grow! Blessings to you in all the ways you give.

Elder Serving Schedule

July & August

Sharon Worrell-Schroader (7/4/21)

Debbie Benson (7/11/21)

Mandy Bridges (7/18/21)

Mary Ellen Carpenter (7/25/21)

Delia Helpingstine (8/1/21)

Grace Kristoff (8/8/21)

Steve Sundquist (8/15/21)

Brenda Michalak (8/22/21)

Sharon Worrell-Schroader (8/29/21)

The new sound system and piano microphone was purchased in memory of Rev. Dr. John A. Sundquist. Throughout his career, John shared the Good News with a loud and booming voice. In his honor, may the Good News be heard with boldness and love.

Flowers for the Labyrinth

Monetary donations for flowers for the new labyrinth are greatly appreciated. Honor your loved ones with the gift of a perennial that will help others feel the presence of God as they enter the sacred space. Your financial contributions toward plants will be recognized at the Labyrinth dedication that will happen upon completion of the project. Thank you for considering a gift toward this important ministry for our community.

FCC Financials

If you are interested in receiving the financial statements for First Christian Church, please contact Grace Kristoff and she will be happy to share that information with you.

FCC Offers Multiple Platforms to Join the Community of Faith

FCC offers multiple ways to participate in the community of faith. Not only do we offer in-person worship, but you can join together with our community online through YouTube and Facebook Live. Recorded services can also be found on Facebook, Youtube, and our website.

Many opportunities to get involved in service and faith formation are posted with the FCC Facebook group and website. Check out www.fchighland.net for weekly and daily updates on both platforms.

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Monday through Thursday (9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.)
Pastor Rebecca Sundquist
Cell phone: (217)341-4105
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Remarks from Rebecca

Dear FCC Sisters and Brothers,

After worship, Brad Chandler shared a really great story about driving through one of the worst storms of his life and discovering that his safe passage was by following the white fog line on the side of the road. This called to my mind a story by Jim Lovell, commander of Apollo 13. Prior to his work with NASA, he was a naval aviator. On a journey back to his ship, his flight instrumentation went out. What seemed as though it was a hopeless situation, he suddenly saw this phosphorescent algae churning in the water below. Because this was an indicator that a wake of large vessel was not far off, he was able to safely land his plane using nothing but the gift found in the water. As Brad echoed, you never know what signs and guidance God will give you as you navigate through the storms of life. We all face storms. Every last one of us. In the middle of it all, God guides and speaks to us urging us along—willing us to not be left in places of hopelessness. Remember Jesus' words—"Peace. Be still." Look for help. Ask for help. Be the help someone else needs. As so many of our church family are going through difficulties or big changes, be reminded of God's ever-present love for you. May your storms be silenced. May your faith guide you along the way. Peace and hope to you all dear family of faith.

Grace and Peace,
Rev. Becky





2021 Homeless Lunch :

August 7, 2021

December 4, 2021

If you would like to participating in this impactful ministry, please see Delia Helpingstine or Sharon Worrell-Schroader.

The Blessing Box needs your help!

We are in desperate need of hygiene products and cleaning supplies for the Blessing Box. Our stock is low and these are the items that go the quickest. Any help you can provide would be greatly appreciated!

Senior Food Box

The Senior Food Box Distribution will be Wednesday, July 14th 10-12!

If you or someone you know (over the age of 60) could use a little food assistance, this program provides excellent staples to your pantry. In the summer months, fresh vegetables are provided too. Help us get the word out about this great opportunity for food security in Lake County!



Opportunities to Serve

The Book Nook

Books for all ages are need to keep the supply of our Book Nook going strong! No book shared ever goes to waste! We are grateful for your donations.



The 2021 Farm Season is off to a good start!



Youth Encounter Prayer

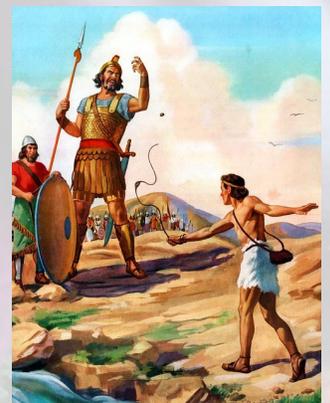
Written by Ally, Wells, and Pastor Becky

God, You who make us big and small,
You can help us defeat the Goliath's in our lives.

Even when we are little, your strength
can help us do mighty things for you
-including filling balloons to bring others joy.

Thank you, God, for your strength.

Amen.



The Lord who rescued me from the paw of the lion and the paw of the bear will rescue me from the hand of this Philistine. 1 Samuel 17: 37

Amelia Bridges Goes to Camp this July!

Amelia Bridges will be going to Middle School Camp through the Christian Church in Indiana at Geneva Center. Amelia will be at camp July 5-10. Please send her mail and sweet treats to let her know you are thinking of her and praying for a meaningful church camp experience. Please send mail to:

Geneva Center
Middle School Camp
Attn: Amela Bridges
5282 N Old US Hwy 31
Rochester, IN 46975



Due to scheduling conflicts in July, Youth Encounters will resume in August. Have a great summer!



News From the Pews

FCC Youth will be headed to Deep River Water Park on Wednesday, August 4th!



The youth fund will pay for the majority of the ticket; however, we are asking for \$10 per person (of anyone over the age of 3—3 and below are free). Please bring extra cash for lunch or other items you may want to buy. Pastor Becky asks for your RSVP by Sunday, August 1st. Bring your suit, towel and sunscreen for a great time!

Save the Date!

The 2021 Backpack Blessing will be Sunday August 8th during worship. All students and teachers are invited to bring your backpacks to worship (both in-person and online) to be blessed for the 2021-22 school year.



Start the new year off on the right note with God's blessing!

Pastor Becky will be taking some vacation time
July 21-24
& August 2-6.

The Elders will happily assist with pastoral care issues that might occur during this time.



Worship on the Beach
Wednesday, July 28th @ 7 P.M.
Porter Beach
Indiana Dunes National Park
(Bring a beach chair or blanket.)

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