

Pastoral Relations Committee

Our minister, Rev. Tim, has a Pastoral Relations Committee. Our PRC meets with him once a month. The committee is led by Dave Gow and includes Cheryl Girman, Stephen Howell, Carol Kuznicki, Ruth Lang, and Matt Maxwell. Rick Spleth, our Regional Minister, drove up and trained us in our PRC responsibilities. The following are guidelines from our Regional Ministry document.

A Pastoral Relations Committee is a small group who provides support for the pastor and provides a regular channel of communication between the pastor and the congregation. There are three basic reasons for a congregation to have a PRC: **1.** To build up the life of the church and its ministry. The church is the body of Christ, knit together by God for the mutual up-building of life. Ephesians 4:15-16 says: Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every joint with which it is supplied, when each part is working properly, makes bodily growth and up-builds itself in love. **2.** To provide focused, consistent support for the pastor. Ministry is a high-stress profession. The high level of personal and congregational expectations contribute to the need for support. Being a primary caregiver, the pastor needs a supportive environment for renewal. All human beings need the love and support of other human beings. Personal growth and the effectiveness with which a person functions depends in large measure upon the quality, if not the quantity, of support she or he receives. The PRC is a way in which a congregation is intentional about providing support for its pastor and family. **3.** The third reason for a PRC is to provide a regular channel of communication for cultivating an open, affirmative, and creative relationship between the pastor and congregation, and enabling the church to fulfill its mission effectively. Communication is a vital ingredient in the provision of support. *The PRC's focus is relational as opposed to being a task centered group. It will give attention to feelings and emotional factors of ministry in the context of building up the body of Christ *The PRC is not designed to function as a "grievance committee." On the other hand, it should not ignore negative feelings or the emotional climate within the congregation. Being sensitive to feelings assures each person of her/his value, and that what each one feels and thinks is important. *Supporting direct communication in the congregation is the role of the PRC. This enhances communication and prevents the PRC from becoming a "lightening rod" for complaints. The PRC is not intended to replace or disrupt the flow of communication in a congregation. The PRC always encourages persons to relate directly to others, or to the pastor, with a complaint or a concern.

*In essentials, unity;
In non-essentials, liberty;
In all things, love.*



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OFFERING HOPE AND WELCOME TO ALL THROUGH JESUS CHRIST

All Are Welcome!

As an open and affirming church, ALL are welcome into our family. The Good News of God's grace is for everyone regardless of age, abilities, race, sexual orientation, income, physical and mental health, education, or strength of faith. There is nothing we do, have done, or will do that can separate us from God's love. And since God makes no exceptions, neither do we.

Summer Worship Schedule Continues

Throughout the summer and through Labor Day weekend, we will continue to offer the 9:30 AM traditional worship service each Sunday morning.

The first Saturdays of June, July, and August, we've added a Saturday evening worship service at 6:00 PM. The weekends that we won't have a Saturday service, the Sunday, 7:30 AM *Worship in the Woods* services will be held in the benched area of the outdoor sanctuary.

Each 6:00 PM Saturday evening service and each

Sunday morning 7:30 AM service, lay speakers will bring the messages. The worship leaders for those weeks will invite speakers from within the church or community to speak, or they may choose to be the one who brings the message on their day to serve.

The speakers for July are:

- Leslie Maxwell..... Sat, July 2
- Terry Pickering..... July 10
- John Springsteen..... July 17
- Peter Steeves..... July 24
- Bob Coolman..... July 31

Men's Fellowship



Dinner

The men of the church are all invited to attend the monthly Men's Fellowship Dinner, Tuesday, July 12th at 6:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Mickey Koehler is grilling hamburgers for the main course. Others are encouraged to bring a dish to share and to complement the meal. There will be a short Bible study and conversation. Most importantly, the men will share an evening enjoying each other's company.

Hannah Circle

The Hannah Circle will continue meeting throughout the summer. July 11th, the ladies will meet at 7:00 PM at the home of Darcy Scully. All women of the church are welcome to join the Hannah Circle at any of their meetings. There is Bible study, discussion, refreshments, and "girlfriend time." The Hannah Circle is part of the Disciples Women's Ministry here at FCC.



Congratulations! Happy Golden Wedding Anniversary to David & Diane Yeager



The next Council Meeting will be July 17th immediately following 9:30 Worship.

The 9:30 in-person services will continue to be live-streamed at 9:30 and will be available for viewing later from our website. The schedule for July servers and speakers is below.

July 2

6:00 PM Speaker: Leslie Maxwell

July 3

Deacon Team: Team #1
 Greeters: Carol McCreery, Sally Oestreich
 Scripture Readers: Bob Hurst, Michele Hurst
 Sound Technician: John Springsteen
 Building Monitor: Allen Hamilton
 Elders: Leslie Maxwell, Doug Ross

July 10

7:30 AM Speaker: Terry Pickering
 Deacon Team: Team #2
 Greeters: Katy Hardwick, Ruth Lang
 Scripture Readers: Tom Clark, Dan Pritchett
 Sound Technician: Jim Pysh
 Building Monitor: Chris Clifford
 Elders: Kae Howell, Cheryl Girman

July 17

7:30 AM Speaker: John Springsteen
 Deacon Team: Team #1
 Greeters: Rita DeMan, Norma Armstrong
 Scripture Readers: Tom Wheele, Barb Wheele
 Sound Technician: Chris Clifford
 Building Monitor: TBA
 Elders: John Springsteen, Janet Biggs

July 24

7:30 AM Speaker: Peter Steeves
 Deacon Team: Team #2
 Greeters: Penny Pysh, Amanda Pysh
 Scripture Readers: Becky Springsteen, Linda Farris
 Sound Technician: John Springsteen
 Building Monitor: Larry Biggs
 Elders: Peter Steeves, Beth Ingram

July 31

7:30 AM Speaker: Bob Coolman
 Deacon Team: Team #1
 Greeters: Terry Pickering, Reagan Weitzel
 Scripture Readers: Jill Silhavy, Diane Yeager
 Sound Technician: Jim Pysh
 Building Monitor: Tom Wheele
 Elders: David Yeager, Leslie Maxwell

Worship Attendance

5/29/22: 17 at 7:30 78 at 9:30
 6/04/22: 19 at 6:00 PM
 6/05/22: 64 at 9:30
 6/12/22: 19 at 7:30 83 at 9:30
 6/19/22: 15 at 7:30 93 at 9:30

Prayer Concerns

Members and extended church family who are dealing with illness, recovery, or other prayer-worthy matters:



Ilene Chelf; Karen Gazdich; Dick Massom; Roy Moutaw; Susan Mowbray; Carol Steinbach; Tom & Karen Tucker; Chuck & Marian Worden; Mary Lou Young; Lorraine Howell, (Kae Howell's sister-in-law); Baby Isabella Andrea (Sue Mowbray's great-granddaughter); Kathy (friend of Carol Kuznicki); 5-year-old Corbin (family of Lori Timm); Vicki Evanatz (Sheri Gow's sister); Nancy Newcomb (Jeff Newcomb's mother); Unspoken Requests; Homebound Members; The People of Ukraine; and The Families of: Catherine Bollhorst; (George Bollhorst's mother); Linda Robb (cousin and best friend of Lori Timm); Josephine Brown (mother of Matt Brown); and Joanne Ross (beloved member)



Staff and Council

Pastor: Rev. Tim Trussell-Smith
Office Administrator: Terry Pickering
Director of Music: Dan Pritchett
Nursery Attendant: Nikki Lawrence
Council President: Doug Ross
Vice-President: Ruth Lang
Council Secretary: Susan Mowbray
Treasurer: Mickey Koehler
Assistant Treasurer: Allen Hamilton

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July 2022



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Summer Worship Schedule						1
 First Saturday of July, and August 6:00 PM Outdoor Worship 7:30 AM Services July 10, 17, 24, and 31 9:30 AM Family Worship and Children's Worship Every Sunday						2
3 9:30 Adult Worship and Children's Worship	4 Independence Day (Office Closed) 	5 1:00 Staff Meeting	6 No Choir Rehearsal	7 10:05 AM Five After Group	8 	9 6:00 PM Outdoor Worship Speaker: Leslie Maxwell 
10 7:30 Worship Speaker: Terry Pickering 9:30 Adult Worship and Children's Worship 10:45 Tour of Life Class	11	12 1:00 Staff Mtg 	13 6:00 Facilities Mtg	14 10:05 AM Five After Group	15 	16
17 7:30 Worship Speaker: John Springsteen 9:30 Adult Worship and Children's Worship COUNCIL MEETING	18 	19 1:00 Staff Meeting	20 7:00 Choir Rehearsal 	21 10:05 AM Five After Group	22 Bell Tower Articles Are Due	23
24 7:30 Worship Speaker: Peter Steeves 9:30 Adult/Children's Worship	25 	26 1:00 Staff Meeting 	27  Is Published	28 10:05 AM Five After Group	29 	30
31 7:30 Worship Speaker: Bob Coolman 9:30 Adult/Children's Worship		7:15 FCC Bookies Book: <i>One Italian Summer</i>				

Happy July Birthday

Cary Knauff..... 2	Phil Hahn 10	Kelli Ellis..... 16	Lindsay Knauff.....26
Darcy Scully 3	Matt Maxwell 12	Carol Terpstra..... 16	Barbara J Wheele26
Arlene Beldon..... 5	Cindy DeGan..... 13	Sarah McCasland..... 18	Larry Biggs28
Donna Koehler..... 6	Abby Ellis 14	Sharon Crowder..... 20	John Knauff.....28
Sue Harmon 9	Mike Murray..... 15	Ulrike Jannausch..... 23	Caleb Knauff.....30

Sermon Series: A Church in Bloom

**July 3 – A Church that Serves
“To the Ends of the Earth” –
Guest: Carlos Malave,
Growing Hope Globally
Representative**

We will celebrate that our church supports ministries around the world and hear from one of those partners through which we serve. (See the next article for more about Carlos.)

**July 10 – A Church that
Gives Abundantly**

What does it mean to be a church that gives with a sense of abundance? It isn't just about money. It's about how we use all our gifts to serve God.

**July 17 – A Church Sitting
at Jesus' Feet**

The foundational calling of any Christian is to be a disciple of Jesus. Disciples are students. But how do we follow Jesus when he isn't nearby? In fact, our church family is the place where we “sit at Jesus' feet.”

**Next Series:
Opening the Door of
Abundance - Jesus Talks about
Money**

Our new worship series will begin on July 24th. During this series, we'll hear three passages from the Gospel of Luke in which Jesus talks about money and, more importantly, how money reflects our values.

There has always been a tension in Christianity between devotion to Jesus and money and possessions. Some have tried to follow Jesus more closely by ridding themselves of wealth and possessions.

Others have sought to use their treasure to further the kingdom of God. But money is neither good nor evil. It is, however, a way we measure value. As Jesus says in Luke 12:34, “where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” So, how are we using our treasure (which isn't just our money) to serve God's kingdom?

**Blessings!
Rev. Tim**

Guest Speaker, CARLOS MALAVÉ, July 3rd at 9:30 AM Growing Hope Globally Regional Director

On July 3rd, our guest speaker will be Rev. Carlos Malavé. Rev. Malavé is our Regional Director for Growing Hope Globally, a ministry we have partnered with for over two decades here at FCC Valpo. GHG is unique in that it partners farmers and rural communities here in the United States with farming communities in developing countries.



We are part of the Kouts Growing Program. Farmers in the United States dedicate part of their harvest to fund GHG programs. Funds can also be raised by members of the “Growing Project” in a community who aren't farmers. Each Growing Project works with local congregations and connects them to farming communities in need around the world.

During our partnership with GHG, the funds our Growing Project has raised over the years have supported a wide range of creative programs to help farmers across the globe. We're excited to welcome Rev. Malavé and learn how we can continue to support this amazing ministry.

Also, on Friday, July 22nd and Saturday, July 23rd of this month, GHG's Summer Celebration will be held in Grabill, Indiana, hosted by the local Amish community that is part of their Growing Program. For more information about Growing Hope Globally or to register for the Summer Celebration visit growing-hopeglobally.org.

Building Fund

Have you looked at the Giving Envelopes? I mean, really read what is on them and what each category means? Or do you just put your donation in the envelope and seal it? Many of us do that. There are ways to designate where your money goes and how much. I think

the “Regular” and the “Outreach” are self-explanatory as well as the “Other” where a person can write in “Food Pantry,” for example, and the amount.

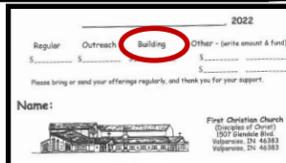
So what does “Building” mean? I used to think and give towards the building of the Education Wing and Fellowship Hall here on Glendale. And then I gave towards our new Sanctuary. Since they are both completed, I haven't designated “Building” until now.

What we all need to know and understand is that there is maintenance to a building and surrounding grounds, just like our own homes. I think we probably know that, but don't consider it when designating our monetary church offerings. Our church home won't last forever without proper upkeep. We have heat, air-conditioning, lighting inside and out. These are just a few examples of things that need to be fixed or replaced that don't fall under the “Regular” budget category.

In the recent past, the Church has looked to the Trustees and the Memorial Fund to help cover the costs. There are two concerns with this: some of the Memorial Fund is designated toward specific areas of the church by the giver and the Fund won't last forever if it is the go-to fund for big expenses. The Memorial Fund paid for the repaving, painting, and sealing of our Church parking lot. The Fund is being used for the down payment of the new technology update in the sanctuary. Granted, the technology update is large enough that the Building Fund would not have been able to pay for it.

The goal of this article is to remind or educate you on the choices you have when giving to our Church. I hope you better understand your designation choices. I also hope you will prayerfully consider adding “Building” to your designations to help keep our Church home a place to worship for hundreds of years to come.

Cheryl Girman, Trustee



FCC's Mailbox

Dear Church Family,
Many thanks for the sympathy that has been shared with our family. If you sent a card, given a caring warm hug, or just shared a kind word, all of these gestures were appreciated. Steve Powell was a great brother and friend to many.

Although he lived in Kentucky for almost twenty years, it was very healing and comforting to know how much he was remembered and loved.

The families of Powell, Wheele, and LeBio always know all of you are there for us in times of trouble or sadness.

**Thank you.
Sandra Powell
Tom & Barb Wheele & Family
Al & Mary LeBio & family**



Dear Church Family,
The outpouring of love and support for Joanne during her illness and for Nicky and me, both during her illness and since her death, is overwhelming. I cannot tell you how much we appreciate all that our church family has done for us.

Thank you for the meals, the beautiful funeral service, the prayers, hugs, and other support you have given us. I am in tears of gratitude as I write this, knowing how well you model Christ's love for all of us.

Again, thank you for all that you have done for us.

**Yours in Christ,
Doug Ross**



Our FCC Family –

We love you so! And how lovely (and loving) was the send-off you have given us as we move (finally) to Lexington. I perceive a theme in that sentence, and one so entirely fitting for a Christian community. Our cell numbers will remain the same, and we'll

be in temporary quarters for a few weeks until our townhouse is ready, but then we'll be at this address: 535 Laketower Dr., Unit 102, Lexington, KY 40502. If you pass our way, please let us know, and we'll hope you can stop in for some Southern hospitality with a view of the lake. (Dennis can wave at us from his place on the opposite shore.) We miss you already.

**Blessings and Peace,
Mike & Denise Murray**

Food Pantry News

Donations of food and money were generous in helping to supply needs for the 115 families (279 people) in May. The Postal Carriers food collection provided 150-plus boxes of various items that will be used to help those in need of pantry help.

Two tubs and seven boxes of food were collected on Memorial Day. Those donated items served as “tickets” for the wonderful 16th Annual Memorial Day Concert, celebrated appropriately at the Memorial Opera House. The food was collected expressly for the Christian Food Pantry. (What has become an annual event was first organized as a combination Memorial Day celebration and food collection for the Christian Food Pantry by a Scout earning his Eagle Badge.)

With schools in summer session, the pantry will offer Kids' Kits to families with children ages 5 to 15. Each child in a family gets their own kit which contains mac & cheese, canned pasta, 2 soups, fruit, applesauce, pudding cups, several drink pouches, plus a number of additional salty and sweet treats. With the various food collections, most all of the kit items needed at this time have been donated except for the pouch drinks.

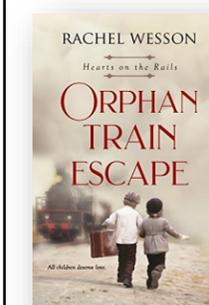
As always, appreciation is given to the many and various pantry volunteers, the contacts and representatives of our seven sponsoring churches, and supporters in the community who assist in various ways with the pantry program aimed at helping those in our community in need of pantry assistance.

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FCC Bookies

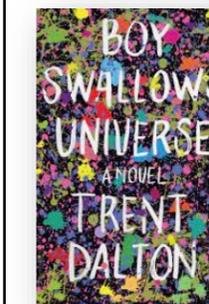
The Bookies meet on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:15 PM at the church. Anyone that likes to read is invited and encouraged to join our group. You can read the book for that month and come, planning to discuss the book with the group; or you are welcome to come if you haven't read the book to see what the group thought of it before you add it to your personal reading list. We hope you'll join us!

The books we will be discussing the next three times we meet are:



**June 28
Orphan Train
Escape
by
Rachel
Wesson**

**July 26
One Italian
Summer
by
Rebecca
Serle**



**August 22
Boy
Swallows
Universe
by
Trent
Dalton**

Greetings from the Music Department



I'd like to start off by wishing the Murray Family a great future as they move to Kentucky. They have been faithful members of the FCC choir for several years. Among their many contributions to our church is the Bluetooth JBL speaker that we use to play accompaniment tracks and sample recordings. I will think of them whenever the choir makes use of this generous gift, which is every week! Best wishes to Mike, Denise, Olivia, and Dennis.



I am very excited as we anticipate our large choir for the service on Sunday, July 3rd. We have our big rehearsal on June 29th at 7:00 PM. (This will be followed by the choir's regular rehearsal.) We'll then have a final run-through rehearsal on that Sunday morning at 8:55 AM. It's gonna be so great!

As I write this, I have just finished five nights of helping with music and puppetry at VBS. I am glad to report that little kids still have A LOT of energy!! Ugh!

I hope you are all having an amazing summer!

Sincerely,
Dan Pritchett
Music Director

That's Dan as Beacon the Puffin at VBS.



Nourish Your Soul with Music

After silence, that which comes nearest to expressing the inexpressible is music.

~ Aldous Huxley

Music affects the body, which in turn affects the mind and soul. Music has long been connected to the spirit and the sacred music of other cultures can move us even if we have never heard it before. The haunting sounds of Gregorian chants or the other-worldly sounds of Tibetans chanting the om vibration stir our deepest emotions and uplift our mindfulness from the mundane to the sacred. Just as you may do spiritual readings each day for nourishment, listening to sweet music each day can fend off stress, rejuvenate you, and uplift your mood.

My all-time favorite music CD is *Guitar Prayer* by Bobby Fisher. It has become my musical devotional, if you will. Many of the selections were ones I grew up with and these arrangements do miracles for my soul when I seek quiet in the storm of life.

Music blesses daily life and soothes us...as the phrase goes, "music soothes the savage beast."

Even though the quote is technically incorrect, the message resonates well. So today, find what music soothes your savage beast and revel in it.

Blessings,
Annie MacDonald



Discovery on Adventure Island VBS for 2022: Completed!

We have so many people to thank for their help and love during this year's VBS. Our helpers dedicated themselves to serving our VBS kids for five days in various positions, and we

could not have done this without each one of them.

John Springsteen is our Master Builder. John probably worked over 20 hours setting up the fantastic chancel murals, including the unbelievable tree where Beacon, our Puffin Puppet, delighted the kids with his sassy banter. John, for the second year, customized the decorations suggested by the program to go far beyond what the program ever imagined. Thank you, John, for caring so much. **Stephen Howell, Carol Kuznicki, and Dave Gow** helped to decorate as well.

Our "Guides," who escorted our explorers to their activities, were **Becky Springsteen**, who has many years of experience at this job; **Jeff Newcomb**, whose patience with our youngest explorers is legendary; **Leslie Maxwell's** easy manner is loved by the kids; and **Mary LeBio**, who loved the activities and encouraged her explorers with her smiles and laughter.

Our class leaders were **Karen Simerlein**, who was our Craft Leader with **Cloe McPike** as her helper; **Beth Ingram**, who has been our great VBS storyteller for years; and **Dan Pritchett** was again our Music Director. We missed our "Covid sidelined" regular science leader, Penny Pysh, and by association, Amanda Pysh, who normally helps guide the kids each year as well. The science leader positions were covered in a pinch by **Tim Trussell-Smith, Joanna Howell, Stephen Howell, Carol Kuznicki, Ruth Lang, and Max Springsteen**, who helped every night in science as well.

Our adorable snacks were made by **Sheri Gow and April Trussell-Smith**; and once again, **Berna Hurley** delivered the snacks to our explorers and kept iced water in several locations for our thirsty kids if they needed hydration.

Mickey Koehler, once again this year, checked the kids in each night and helped wherever needed. He even helped the kids make ice cream in science.

Again this year, **Mike Degan** played the videos which told the Bible stories every night as well as the music videos for our explorers.

Dan Pritchett became Beacon the puppet who helped our Lighthouse Keeper, **Tim Trussell-Smith**, find the clues each night to help the explorers locate the lanterns of Love, Trust, Faith, Joy, and Hope. **Martha Schweizer** and **Sue Mowbray** were around nightly to cover and help anywhere they were needed.

Last but certainly not the least, I would like to thank my co-director **Carol Kuznicki** who helped all through the process with good ideas, great flower-making skills and helped in all ways needed.

I would like to also thank the parents who shared their children with us and made the trip to church every night so their children could spend some time with us. We are so blessed to have all these wonderful people participating in VBS to show the kids attending how much they are loved by God AND by us.

Blessings to all!

VBS ROCKED!

