

The Messenger

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



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May 2021

Baptisms of Dawn Wolak & Olivia Sundquist Bring New Life to Pentecost Celebration!



Upcoming Church Events

- Memorial Day (5/31);
- Together in the Spirit (6/2 & 6/16) 11 A.M.;
- Homeless Lunch (6/5)
- Baccalaureate Sunday/ Graduation Recognition (6/6);
- Congregational Meeting (6/6);
- Sarah Circle (6/8) 7 P.M.;
- Senior Food Box Distribution (6/9) 10-12;
- Game Night (6/11) 7:30 P.M.;
- Installation of Officers (6/13);
- Fathering Sunday (6/20);
- Youth Encounter (6/23) 4 P.M.;
- Martha Circle (6/24) 12:30 P.M. @ Theo's

Sundays @ FCC

Worship—10:30 AM

Photos courtesy of Debbie Benson , Brenda Michalak., and Steve Sundquist .



June 2021

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

		1 B: Janis Bermingham	2 Together in the Spirit (via Zoom) 11 A.M.	3	4	5 Homeless Lunch
6 Worship 10:30 A.M. Baccalaureate Sunday/ Graduation Recognition Congregational	7 B: Celia Newcomb turns 106!!!	8 Sarah Circle 7 P.M.	9 Senior Food Box Distribution 10-12 A: Steve & Becky Sundquist	10	11 Game Night 7:30 P.M. B: Blake Neyhart	12
13 Worship 10:30 A.M. Installation of Officers B: Grace Neyhart	14	15	16 Together in the Spirit (via Zoom) 11 A.M. B: Jean Morgan, Sharon Worrell-Schroader	17 B: Brandon Meyers	18	19
20 Fathering Sunday Worship 10:30 A.M.	21	22	23 Youth Encounter (via Zoom) 4 P.M.	24 Martha Circle @ Theo's 12:30 P.M. B: Mary Ellen Carpenter	25 A: Adam & Sharon Worrell-Schroader	26
27	28	29	30 B: Mandy Bridges, Michael Penanen			

Water Into Wine

The Water Into Wine fellowship gathering online will go on hiatus during the summer months. When the cold winds of fall begin to blow, we will resume this time together. Pastor Becky is also open to new ideas for this time. Please share your thoughts and ideas of what "could be" for this group. Have a great summer!



Together in the Spirit: Biweekly Online Devotion!



Connected by the Spirit will meet ONLINE via Zoom the 1st & 3rd Wednesdays of each month. (Links will be emailed the Monday prior to that weeks devotion.) Joins us for devotion, prayer and conversation!

June Game Night!

Join us for our monthly game night
June 11 at 7:30 P.M.

We will be playing a laughter-filled game of
Wheel of Fortune!
Join us for an evening of hilarity!



Summer Church Camp 2021!

Check out www.indianadisciples.org for a list of camps, dates, COVID-19 precautions and registration.

Don't miss the early bird rates!



All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit.... Acts 2:4

Perennial Imprints

FCC invites you to donate toward perennials for the labyrinth that will be installed this year. You are encouraged to donate in honor or memory of your loved ones and we will share that information at the dedication of the labyrinth in 2021. Please fill out the form below and send in your money or checks to the church and/or give to Linda Messmer.

Labyrinth Perennials Order Form

Name: _____

Given in Honor/Memory of: _____

Amount Enclosed: _____

(Please make checks payable to First Christian Church)

Praying for our Friends & Family

Members:

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

FCC Friends:

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, Kole Lamb, Melissa Beller, Cathhart Family, Mike Cole, Faith, Bill Carroll, Don Dean, Dolores Houchin, Paul Benson, Ron Spore, Family of Emily Gable, Family of Sharon Horn

The Global COVID-19 Pandemic, First Responders and Essential Workers; the deep divides in our nation

Joys:

The baptisms of Dawn Wolak and Olivia Sundquist, the 2021 Farm Season, Reopening the Church Building, The Book Nook Ministry; The expanded Blessing Box, The new bee hive for the Farm, The Labyrinth Ministry, Vaccine Distribution and going mask-less at church!!

Fifth Street Figures

Description	Offering
WORSHIP 4/25/21	\$2189.40
WORSHIP 5/2/21	\$980.87
Pentecost Offering	\$30.00
TOTAL	\$1010.87
WORSHIP 5/9/21	\$1335.86
Easter Offering	\$20.00
TOTAL	\$1355.86
WORSHIP 5/16/21	\$1522.14
Pentecost	\$25.00
TOTAL	\$1547.14
WORSHIP 5/23/21	\$2374.51
Pentecost	\$120.00
TOTAL	\$2494.51

April Figures

	Income:	Expenditures:
General Budget	\$10,560.50	\$8,980.40
Outreach	\$1,567.00	\$1,282.56

FCC Giving

Your giving will be welcomed during worship on Sunday mornings during the offertory. There is a basket just outside the sanctuary where you can place your offerings and they will be blessed during worship. We are also grateful for your offerings received through the mail directly to the church (9540 Fifth St. Highland, IN 46322).



Thank you for your commitment and persistence in giving your gifts to the ministries of our church. Each and every penny, each and every offering of time are important. Be blessed in your giving.

Please consider remembering First Christian Church (Highland, IN) in your legacy planning. As your future is assured because of our Risen Lord, you can assure the future of your church with a legacy gift in your estate planning. Thank you for prayerfully considering this blessing to our wonderful church.

FCC 2021 Budget

If you would like a copy of the 2021 Budget, please contact the church office.

Remarks from Rebecca

I enjoy and appreciate all of the liturgical seasons, but Pentecost holds a special place in my heart. For me, it holds such space for possibility. Perhaps it is because this is the season that brings our connection to Jesus in the very real present. This is the longest season of the church year which makes sense as we try to discern the Holy Spirit's leading in our lives.

I am mindful that this year we celebrate the season of Pentecost as the world is opening back up and life takes on something in the realm of "normal" again. We have struggled in lots of ways that have challenged and changed us. I believe healing will be an ongoing reality for many and one that we need to tend with another with gentleness and care.

I also feel that the past 15 months have shown a light on gifts that we need to be more attentive to. Gifts such as slowing down and not always being super busy and actually enjoying that. I appreciated the extra time with the children and the memories we made together that we likely would not have in a "normal" day to day life. On a fairly regular basis, we took drives to different parts of the area. We sang in the car and saw new places that we want to visit again. In addition, I know I got to know you all with more depth. That has been a true gift. What about you? What are some lessons the Spirit gave you that you do not want to give up or should not give up as we continue forward into the future? There is no doubt that the challenges have been excruciating, but there were blessings that gave life too. The ways the Spirit guided us through the pandemic will continue to guide us into connection and community with more depth. May be it so. Blessings dear family in faith.
Rev. Becky

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Check us out on Facebook!

Story Time: 9:30 A.M.
Worship: 10:30 A.M.

Pastor Office Hours:
Monday through Thursday (9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.)
Pastor Rebecca Sundquist
Cell phone: (217)341-4105
Email: becky.sundquist@gmail.com



Ways to Connect Online!

Did you know that our worship service is streamed live and recorded on multiple different venues or platforms? Not only do we use zoom, but we also use Facebook Live and YouTube Live! Join the Facebook group and/or page under First Christian Church Highland IN. You can also subscribe to our YouTube channel under the name First Christian Church Highland IN. Recordings of the service are posted on our Facebook page/group as well as the YouTube channel and website (www.fcchighland.net)!

Spread the word to new folks too!

Even after the church reopens, we will continue to offer digital options for joining us in worship.

News from the Pews

Update on Masks at FCC!

The Combatting COVID Committee convened last Sunday to discuss the latest news by the CDC for masks and the vaccinated. If you are fully vaccinated, you do not need to wear a mask on church property (this includes inside the building). If you are not vaccinated, you must continue to wear a mask. At this time, all other requirements are still in place, but you do not need to wear a mask if you are fully vaccinated! It will be lovely to see everyone's beautiful faces!

Donations Appreciated!

Your donations of **books** for all ages to the Book Nook and **supplies** (canned goods, hygiene and cleaning supplies) for the Blessing Box are greatly appreciated. **COUPONS** are also in demand for those benefiting from the blessing box. There is an envelope in the Blessing Box for coupon distribution. As we know the need for all these items is crucial for those suffering difficult economic circumstances. We welcome any and all items donated (though we do ask that no expired foods be donated).

Congregation Meeting June 6th!

There will be a Congregational Meeting on Sunday, June 6th immediately following worship. The purpose of this meeting is to vote on the Slate of Officers, Elders and Deacons for 2021. This meeting will accommodate **both** those worshipping in-person and those worshipping online.

Installation of Officers, Elders & Deacons

The 2021 Installation of FCC leadership will be Sunday, June 13th during worship. It is important that as many of our leaders be present for this installation as possible! Blessings on your leadership.

Baccalaureate Sunday/ Graduation Recognition

Sunday, June 6th, we will be honoring this year's graduates during worship. This year, we celebrate the accomplishments of Molly Korman & Grace Neyhart.

Homeless Lunch 2021

Dates:

June 5, 2021

August 7, 2021

December 4, 2021

See Delia Helpingstine or Sharon Worrell-Schroader if you would like to participate in this important ministry.

Love INC is hosting an open house on Saturday, June 5th from 12-4. All are invited to take a tour of the facility and learn about the many ministry opportunities available through them. (1400 N Broad St, Griffith, IN 46319)



Summer Youth Encounter



This summer, Youth Encounter will be doing something a little different. We will meet once each month on Zoom and once in-person at a special off-site location. Our next online gathering will be 6/23. Stay tuned for info on our outing!

Martha Circle

Thursday, June 24th
12:30 P.M.
@ Theo's

Sarah Circle

Tuesday, June 8th
7:00 P.M.
@ the home of
Brenda Michalak.

Splinters from the Board

At the May Board meeting, following reports by officers and committees, new business included:

1. A subcommittee has been formed to go over the Constitution and Bylaws for purposes of updating them.
2. The Labyrinth Committee has requested additional funding from memorials for the permanent labyrinth. The Board approved additional funding for no more than \$5000 toward the project. The Committee is working with Great Lakes Landscape. A contract is being drawn up and an install date will be made soon.

Flat Jesus Project

As we complete our journey through the Easter season and prepare for Pentecost, let's get out our Flat Jesus friends and see what adventures he goes on with us! Wherever you feel especially close to God, take a moment with Flat Jesus and give thanks. Take a picture of your adventures with Flat Jesus and send them to Pastor Becky! You can find a pdf of Flat Jesus on the church website.. Color him and put a popsicle stick on the back if you like. You can also cut this one out! Contact paper will protect him (or Pastor Becky can laminate him!).



Farm Update

Work on the Farm will begin on Tuesday, June 1st. Time will be determined and will be posted soon. Volunteers will be needed!

Come on out and get your hands dirty!



Many Thanks!

Much appreciation to Ray and Debbie Benson for your hard work in getting the baptistry ready for the Pentecost Sunday baptisms. The water temp was perfect! Your hard work in preparing the sacristy rooms made for easy changing as well. Thank you so very much!

Congratulations!

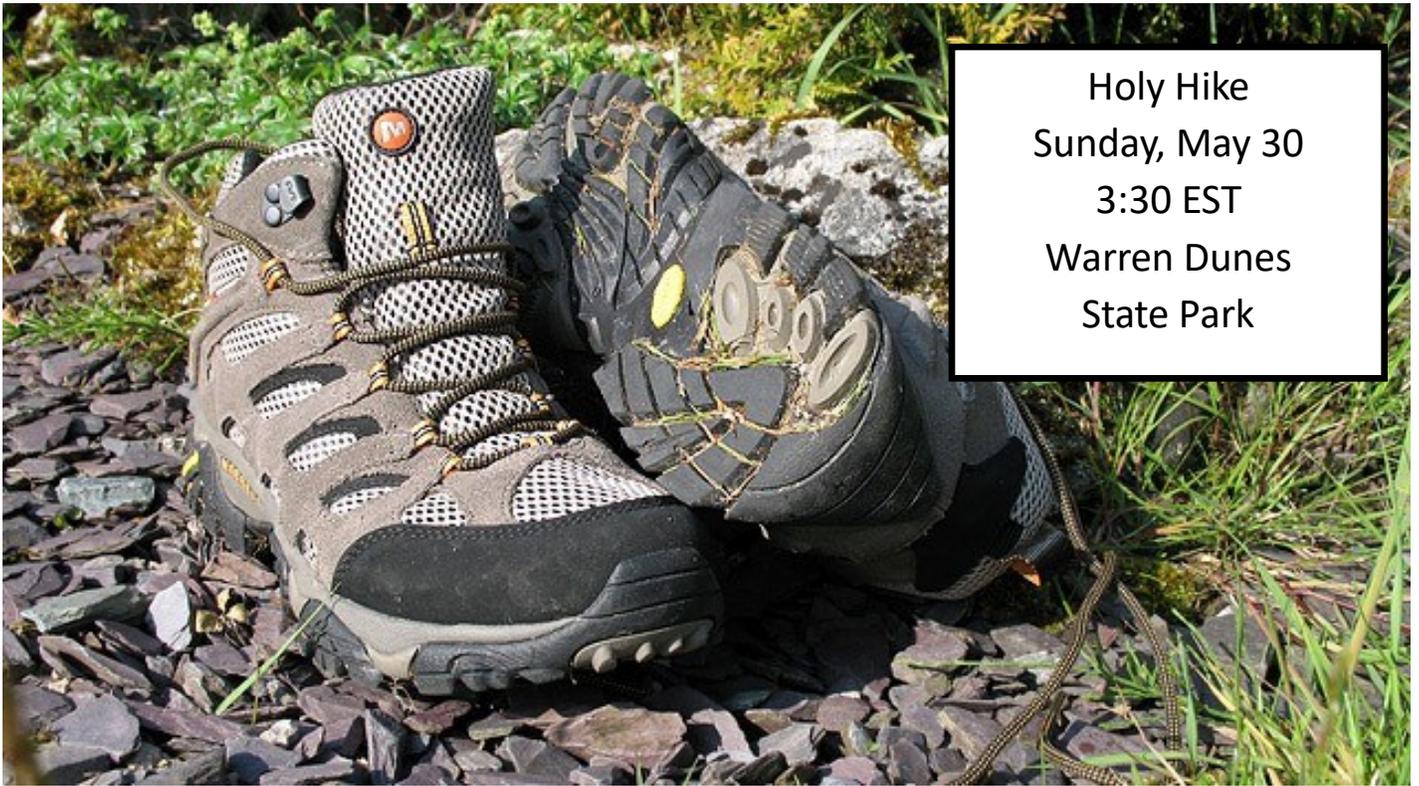
Congratulations to Rick Humbert on the occasion of his retirement from 30 years of Federal Service in DC. Blessings on this new chapter!

Congratulations to Bradley Brown on his new position in Merrillville! We are glad you will be moving back home!

Congratulations to Suzi Brown on her psychology internship in Indianapolis this summer. Best wishes!

Congratulations to Jay Korman on passing all 3 apprenticeship exams!





Holy Hike
Sunday, May 30
3:30 EST
Warren Dunes
State Park

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