

The Messenger

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Our Mission is to Celebrate and Share Christ's Love through feeding the Body & the Soul.



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Early Summer 2024



Upcoming Church Events

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Sundays @ FCC

Disciples Café—
9:30 A.M.

Worship—10:30 AM

Youth Group—
5 –6:30 P.M.

(@ Ridge UMC)

Resumes in August

The Camp Firelight VBS Outreach Project are chemo blankets for kids AND Hospital Kits to help keep kiddos occupied while they recuperate and get better!

We are in need of the following items for the Hospital Kits:

Small stuffed animals (around 6 inches)

Coloring books and crayons

Push Pop Game It Fidget handheld toy

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Nightlight for kids

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Uno cards

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June 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 B: Janis Bermingham
2 Graduation Sunday Disciples Café 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Board Meeting	3	4	5 Game Group 10-12	6	7 B: Celia New- comb turns 109!	8
9 Disciples Café 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Congregational Mtg A: Steve & Becky Sundquist	10	11 Stitch of Time 10-12 Labyrinth Work Day—3 P.M. B: Blake Neyhart	12 Senior Food Box Distribution 10-12	13 B: Grace Neyahrt	14	15
16 Fathering Sunday Disciples Café 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. B: Jean Morgan, Sharon W.S.	17 VBS 9-11:30 A.M. B: Brandon Meyers	18 VBS 9-11:30 A.M. Stitch of Time 10-12	19 VBS 9-11:30 A.M. Game Group 10-12	20 VBS 9-11:30 A.M.	21 VBS 9-11:30 A.M.	22
23 Disciples Café 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M.	24 B: Mary Ellen Carpenter	25 A: Adam Schroader & Sha- ron Worrell- Schroader	26	27	28	29 Youth Trip to Six Flags
30 Disciples Café 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Installation of Elders & Deacons B: Mandy Bridges , Mike Pennenan						

Camp 2024

June 10-12	You & Me 1 ages 5+ w/ adult
June 12-14	New Beginnings grades 1-3
June 14-17	You & Me 2 ages 5+ w/ adult
June 17-22	CROSS sports & recreation, grades 6-12
June 24-29	Explorers grades 4-5
July 1-6	High School grades 9-12
July 8-13	Middle School grades 6-8
July 15-20	MAD music, art, & drama, grades 6-12
July 14-20	Mission as Justice grades 10-12

Linked *by* Love

This summer, FCC & Ridge UMC Children & Youth will have some fun opportunities! While dates are still being finalized, please note the following opportunities:

VBS—June 17-21

Six Flags (Jr. and Sr. High) June 29

Youth Led Beach Worship July 10th

Deep River Water Park (for children under 6th grade) July 17th

Whoa Zone (Jr. and Sr. High) July 27th

Back to School Parents' Night Out—August 2nd

@ FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

BACK TO SCHOOL PARENTS' NIGHT OUT!

AUGUST 2, 2024
5:30 - 8 P.M.

BABYSITTING, DINNER, ACTIVITIES, &
MOVIE PROVIDED FOR KIDS FOR FREE!
RSVP WITH PASTOR BECKY!

2024 Backpack
Blessing

August 17th

For all students
and teachers

Start the school
year off right!

Praying for our Friends & Family

FCC Family

Celia Newcomb, Tim & Kathy Drury, Dolores Cave, Don Dean, Ken Cengel, Judy Olen, Family of Phyllis Frost

Friends of the Congregation: (Please let me know if there are updates to this ongoing list) The Yuris Family, The Murphy Family, Dennis Chambers, Gary Barber, Cindy Williams, Jerry Zolmer, Liz Griffin, Mary Jones, Chris Dury, Al Eckert, Cherie Coolidge, Melissa Belar, Cathhart Family, Jim Pasour, Ron Straker, Nikki Sweeny, Barbara Blaze, Taft/Weber Family, Terry Mavity, Marty Chidalek, Laurel Higgenbotham, Sophia Morgan, Sandi Lamb, Jim Pasour, Terry, Renee, Valerie Rushing, Cindy Spicker, Paul Graegin, Joe Luis and Family, Lori Kime, Pauline, Bob Margraf, Christine Phillips, George Cengel, Nikki, Marian Huizenga, Martha, Shaun, Val Rushing, Bill Murphy, Matt Murphy, Spencer Gordon, Michael Cole, Chris Cole, Dave Horvat, Faith, Tim Gasaway, John Cushing, Rhonda and family, Deborah, Sue, Susan Spore, April Margraf, Maureen Weber and Family, Chad, Anne Fairfield, Sandra Bullock, Kaden & Mara Luthringer, Faith

The Wider Community: War in Ukraine; global natural disasters; violence and division throughout the nation; crises in the Middle East.

Fifth Street Figures

Description	Offering
Worship (3/31/24) Easter	\$2005.39
Easter	\$200.00
Easter flowers	\$165.00
TOTAL	\$2370.39
Worship (4/7/24)	\$2566.00
Easter	\$100.00
TOPS	\$50.00
TOTAL	\$2716.00
Worship (4/14/24)	\$1598.64
Worship (4/21/24)	\$1129.11
Worship (4/28/24)	\$1061.11
Worship (5/5/24)	\$1045.11
Worship (5/12/24)	\$2120.00
Pentecost	\$25.00
TOTAL	\$2145.00

Fifth Street Figures Continued...

Worship (5/19/24)	\$4896.00
Pentecost	\$90.00
TOTAL	\$5076.00

Worship (5/26/24)	\$559.11
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March 2024 Figures

General

Income: \$9,278.0
Transfer from Capital Funds: \$4,000.00
Expenditures: (\$9,788.72)

Outreach

Income: \$270.00
Expenditures: (\$1,152.10)

April 2024 Figures

General

Income: \$6,484.66
Transfer from Capital Funds: \$3,793.59
Expenditures: (\$8,761.17)

Outreach

Income: \$306.41
Expenditures: -

Thank you for your faithful giving to the ministries of our beloved church!

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

The mission of First Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ) in Highland, IN:
"to celebrate and share Christ's love through
feeding the Body and the Soul."

This amendment was made in 2023 to
identify our passion for food justice as well
as spiritual growth in God in all we do.



**Our Mission Statement is to
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Check us out on Facebook!

Disciples Café 9:30 A.M.
Worship: 10:30 A.M.



Pastor Office Hours:
Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday
(9:30 A.M.—1:00 P.M.) or by appointment
Pastor Rebecca Sundquist
Cell phone: (217)341-4105
Email: becky.sundquist@gmail.com
YouTube: First Christian Church Highland IN
Facebook: First Christian Church Highland IN
Instagram: fcchighland

News from the Christian Church in Indiana!
On the occasion of her retirement, let us share in
celebration and well-wishes for a servant of God
who has served the Church well! Congratulations,
Rev. Carolyn Casey Reed!



CHRISTIAN CHURCH
| (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST) | in INDIANA

Elder & Deacon Serving Schedule

May 26, 2024
Elder—Brenda Michalak
Deacon—Olivia Sundquist

June 2, 2024
Elder—Debbie Benson
Deacon—Brad Chandler

June 9, 2024
Elder—Mary Ellen Carpenter
Deacon—Linnea Sundquist

June 16, 2024
Elder—Delia Helpingstine
Deacon—Linda Messmer

June 23, 2024
Elder—Sharon Worrell-Schroader
Deacon—Kenny Cengel

June 30, 2024
Elder—Brenda Michalak
Deacon—David Michalak

July 7, 2024
Elder—Debbie Benson
Deacon—Brad Chandler

July 14, 2024
Elder—Mary Ellen Carpenter
Deacon—Linnea Sundquist

July 21, 2024
Elder—Delia Helpingstine
Deacon—Linda Messmer

July 28, 2024
Elder—Sharon Worrell-Schroader
Deacon—Ken Cengel



If you are interested in serving as a lector/
worship leader on Sunday mornings, please
see Brenda Michalak or the church office
for open Sundays. Your voice is important
in worship leadership!



Ways You Can Be A Part of the Action!

There are so many ways you can be a part of the mission and ministry at FCC!

We are always collecting items for our Blessing Box and books for



the Book Nook! Hygiene products are always needed. If you know of any seniors

who could benefit from the Senior Food Box ministry, connect them with Debbie Benson.



You can be a part of the ministry, Stitch of Time as they make warm and soft blankets for chemo patients in our area. (They meet on the 2nd & 3rd Tuesdays of each month—10-12);

You can join the lunch bunch and be a part of the team that feeds area homeless. See Sharon Worrell-Schroader if you would like to be a part!

Opportunities to Serve

6/11, 6/18, 7/9, 7/16

A STITCH OF TIME

A Ministry of First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) of Highland, IN

Creating handcrafted blankets for those undergoing chemotherapy.



Health Kit Assembly Crew!
Debbie Benson, Linda Messmer, Jean Morgan, & Sharon Morgan (not pictured). They made over 35 kits!

Lunch Bunch News

2024 Serving Dates:

June 1

August 3

October 5

December 7

If you are interested in being a part of this amazing team of servants, see Sharon W.S.!

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Rev. Becky is looking for volunteers to help at VBS this year!

June 17-21

9-11:30 A.M.

Join the team today!



Many Thanks

Thank you to Brenda Michalak for making the latest edition of the Church Directory. It looks great!

Many thanks to all who donated toward the hygiene kits for Sojourner Truth House! 35 kits were assembled and 50 kits were donated by the Girl Scouts. We are grateful for the assembly team, Debbie, Linda, Jean, and Sharon for putting them all together!

A shout out to all who do the little things around the church that few people notice. Your thoughtfulness is seen and very much appreciated!

Thank You!

Game Group

1st & 3rd Wednesdays of each month!

10-12.

Join this fun group and be

blessed!



NEW DIRECTORY

The new directory is available to all who are in need of the latest edition. Email or call the church office to reserve your copy today.

News From the Pews

Dates to Remember:

Board Meeting

Sunday, June 2nd after church

Congregational Meeting to approve the

2024-2025 Officers

Sunday, June 9 after church

Board Meeting

Tuesday, July 16th

@ 7 P.M.

Installation of Elders, Deacons, & Officers Sunday, June 30th during worship. We will also rededicate leadership that is continuing on in their leadership roles.



Celia Newcomb turns 109 on June 7th!

Let's shower her with cards of celebration for her incredible milestone!

Her address is:

Cedar Creek

Attn: Celia Newcomb

18275 Burr St.

Lowell, IN 46356

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- amended August 7, 2022

2024
class of
GRADUATION SUNDAY
JUNE 2, 2024



Congratulations

Tom Cushing

On your recent

Honor Flight to D.C.!



We are proud of you and this magnificent accomplishment!

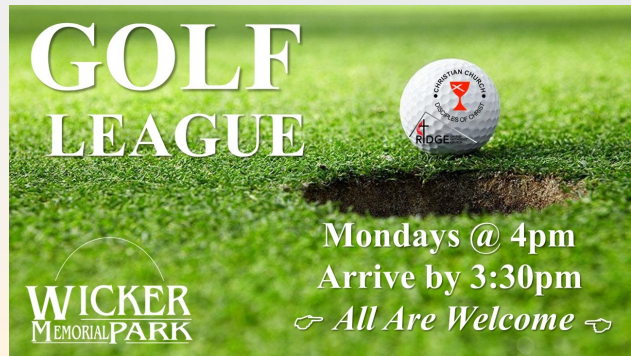




The 2024 Farm Season is rapidly approaching!
The official start date will be posted soon.
Work hours for the summer will be the same as last year:
Monday and Thursday (3-5 P.M.)



Labyrinth Clean-Up Day
Tuesday, June 11th @ 3 P.M.



GOLF LEAGUE
Mondays @ 4pm
Arrive by 3:30pm
☞ All Are Welcome ☞

Dear FCC Sisters and Brothers,

I have been reminiscing a lot these days. As we prepare one child to head off to college and the second child is not far behind, I wonder if we have prepared them to fly the nest. Throughout the kids' childhoods, we have tried to instill good values (think Fruit of the Spirit). Yet there is that worry for them and who they will continue to become. There is also the worry about all of the dangers in this great big wide world because there are a lot of dangers! There is also and most importantly, all the hopefulness of what is to come—all the possibilities and dreams we will get to witness becoming a reality. So just now, I am feeling many different feelings all at once. In all faithfulness, we celebrate all the good that is to come and be ready for the tough stuff that inevitably will occur too.

I wonder if that is what its like for God in this season of Pentecost. We have been given all the tools to live that Fruit-of-the-Spirit centered life and there is such possibility for what is yet to be. Tough times have happened and will no doubt happen again . Yet here we are looking forward in hopefulness and possibility. I am mindful that just a couple of months ago, we were having difficult conversations about the future and here God is now filling us with possibility. No one knows the future, but this we do know: with God, anything is possible. Let's keep walking with each other through the tough times and remain hopeful for all that is yet to be.

Grace and Peace,
Rev. Becky



July 2024

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	1	2	3 Game Group 10-12	4 Independence Day (Office Closed)	5	6
7 Disciples Café 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M.	8 B: Kevin Messmer	9 Stitch of Time 10-12 A: Tim m& Kathy Drury	10 Senior Food Box Distribution 10-12 Beach Worship 7 P.M.	11	12	13
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Beach Worship
Tuesday, July 10, 2023
7:00 P.M.
@ Indiana Dunes National Park -
Porter Beach

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