

Weekly Newsletter

Special points of interest:

- Community Announcement: CASA for Kids volunteers needed
- Invitation to workshop for gender diversity in Christianity
- Week of Compassion coming soon!



FROM THE PASTOR

Dear friends,

The 3rd year of our Thriving Congregations work kicks off in March. Thriving Congregations is a 4 year program led by Lexington Theological Seminary and funded by a grant by the Lilly Foundation. The purpose of the program is to study what makes a congregation thrive. We were chosen to participate in this program because we show evidence of Thriving.

The work of the program is to continue to thrive and learn new tools to fulfill our calling. The work for 2022 is to consider the role of empowered laity. This is the year to better define the roles of Elders, Deacons, Trustees and the Leadership Council.

In March there will be 3 workshops offered online that are for our lay leaders. These are scheduled for 3/10, 3/17, and 3/24 at 7:30 pm. Lay leaders, all lay leaders, are encouraged to attend. The topics are faith formation led by the LTS professor for Biblical studies; planning imaginative worship with the LTS professor for preaching and worship; and clergy wellness with one of my Doctoral candidate colleagues who had just joined the staff of Disciples Home Missions.

I look forward to the opportunities to learn and grow with you. I'll share more information and Zoom links as soon as those are available. In the meantime, save the dates. - Pastor T

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: CASA FOR KIDS		
You can help make a difference for a child in the Kenton, Campbell, & Pendleton County Family Court system by becoming a volunteer for the Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) program.		To learn more about becoming an advocate for children who have experienced abuse and/or neglect please join us for our CASA 101 Meeting on Tuesday March 1, 2022 from 5:30pm until 6:30pm. To sign up please contact Jennifer Houser 859-392-1792 or Jennifer@casaforkidsnky.org

SPECIAL RECYCLING EVENT

Thank You, Hildy, for your willingness to extend this special event for another month!

The recycling event is now accepting new items this month, as well!

We can now accept the following items:

- ◊ old pens and markers that no longer work
- ◊ plastic tags and metal closure ties for bread

bags and other bags

- ◊ netting, such as the kind used for potatoes, oranges, etc.
- ◊ coffee bags
- ◊ batteries
- ◊ styrofoam

As a reminder, you can still bring the items listed in previous newsletters.



AN INVITATION TO THE TABLE

Austin Hartke, the author of "Transforming: The Bible and the Lives of Transgender Christians", is coming to the Open Table! The Open Table is a missional church located in Mason, OH. Hartke will be there for two days and will give a workshop on

Saturday, March 12th from 3:00 pm—6:00 pm and is speaking in worship on Sunday, March 13th at 10:30 AM.

Saturday will be a workshop that will introduce you to the language we use to talk about gender diversity within the

Christian tradition, and the presence of gender-expansive people in scripture.

Vaccines and masks are required to attend the events. Contact the church office if you'd like more information to attend!

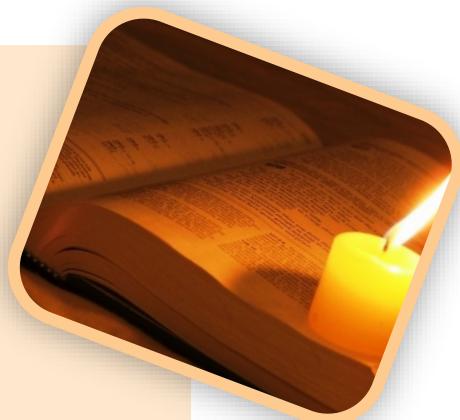


PRAYER LIST

We lift up these names to God, in hopes that their needs will be met:

- Peck & Janet Unkraut
- Tim & Sandy Borchers
- Joyce & John Huff

- Hunter Hollingsworth
- Friends and Family of Evelyn Baldridge



EPIPHANY SEASON



The season of Epiphany is a time when Jesus reveals Himself to us as the Messiah and Son of God through His ministry and teachings. Our Epiphany sermon series is titled "*The Commands of Jesus*" and will run from January 16th to February 24th.

During this season, we will be reading scriptures from all four Gospels in order to hear the commands of Jesus.

Join us in-person or from the comforts of home as we live-stream our worship service on Facebook and YouTube this Sunday.

We look forward to sharing this season with you!

This week's
we are taking
a break from
our Epiphany
sermon
series.

COMMANDS	SCRIPTURE	DATE
Let Your Light Shine	Matthew 5:13-16	Jan 16th
Do Not Worry	Matthew 6:25-34	Jan 23rd
Go and Do Likewise	Luke 10:25-37	Jan 30th
Do Not Be Afraid	Luke 5:1-11	Feb 6th
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Take Up Your Cross	Mark 8:27-9:1	Feb 20th
Feed My Lambs	John 21:15-25	Feb 27th

UPCOMING: WEEK OF COMPASSION



We will be collecting donations for the Week of Compassion giving campaign from February 20th through February 27th. Week of Compassion is the relief, refugee, and development fund of the Disciples of Christ.

When you give, you help rebuild communities recovering from disaster. You also empower farmers to grow

new kinds of crops in a changing climate; you support refugees; you empower youth through education, and empower women through vocational opportunities. In so many different ways, your gifts of love have the power to transform lives.

Love is a shelter. Love is

a listening ear. Love is community. Love is a hopeful future. Love is a path forward. When all else seems lost, love remains.

And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

— 1 Cor. 13:13



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RECURRING EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	EVENT DETAILS
Every Sunday 10:45 AM	Morning Worship	Join us in-person or from home during our live-stream ! If you can't make it to our live stream, the worship video will still be available online so you can worship at your leisure.
Every Tuesday 2:00 PM	Bible Study	The women of FCC meet every Tuesday via Zoom for a weekly prayer and Bible study session. If you are interested in joining, please contact the church office for the Zoom link.
Every Saturday 5:00 PM	Community Dinner	We prepare and serve a community dinner every Saturday and are always looking for volunteers! If you are interested in getting involved, please contact Sheri Jackson at (859) 240-7817.

UPCOMING EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	EVENT DETAILS
Tuesday, 02/15, 02/22, and 03/01 7:00 PM	New Member's Class	Rev. Tracy Siegman will be presenting this new course for folks who are already a new member, considering becoming a new member, or who are interested in discussing the history and theology of our church. Contact Pastor Tracy at tracy.siegman@gmail.com .
Sunday, 02/20/22 2:00 PM	FCC Book Club	Each month our book club chooses a new book to read and discuss; this month's selection is " <i>This Tender Land</i> " by William Kent Krueger. Meetings are held on Zoom. Contact the church office for the link if you are interested in joining.
Wednesday, 02/23/22 7:00 PM	Faith In Action Together (FIAT)	FIAT is the acting branch of our justice ministries focused on fighting the systemic issues that continue to oppress our neighbors. Meetings are held on Zoom. Contact the church office for the link if you are interested in joining.