

Weekly Newsletter

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FROM THE PASTOR

March is Women's History Month. I'd like us to celebrate the ION Center during this month as a celebration of their history in serving women and the expansion of their vision. The ION Center in Covington is formerly the Women's Crisis Center. They have been serving the women of Greater Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky escape domestic partner violence since 1976 by providing shelter and resources to women in crisis. That's a long history of being of service to women in this area.

After 45 years, the Women's Crisis Center has transformed into the ION Center with new offices on Madison Ave in Covington. They have expanded their vision, mission, inclusion, and prevention and intervention services for the future of the center. They are responding to those who are [experiencing partner violence](#), [sexual violence](#), or [other forms of power-based personal violence](#) with understanding that many have been previously excluded from services at various organizations as they may have experienced racism, sexism, ageism, homophobia, transphobia or xenophobia.

One of the services that the ION Center has added to the support they offer their clients is a pet shelter. Some who are experiencing violence may not leave because of what they fear may happen to their pet or because they cannot survive without the emotional support of their pet. As we celebrate the ION Center and their history of work with women in the Northern Kentucky area, let's contribute to their needs at the pet shelter.

During the month of March, let's collect pet supplies to support their services. They need: dog food, cat food, dog treats, cat treats, collars, leashes, potty pads, cat litter, toys and pet beds. You may also donate gift certificates to Petco, Pet Smart or Chewy.com.

-Pastor T



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WEEK OF COMPASSION: UKRAINE

Just more than a week ago, Russia moved military forces into Ukraine, attacking more than a dozen city centers. From the beginning, we have prayed together, and immediately engaged with our global and domestic ecumenical partners to respond to emergent needs and craft an ongoing and long-term response.

Through Week of Compassion partners like ACT Alliance and the European Baptist Federation, we are focused on providing relief and response. It is estimated that 1.2 million Ukrainians have left their homes, arriving in neighboring nations for refuge; in addition, a significant number of internally displaced people remain inside Ukraine.

There are so many stories, and the needs and responses are in constant motion. While we know there will be much more to come, here are three ways you can be part of this story right now:

PRAY - Pray for peace, in all the ways it can

come. Pray for the people of Ukraine, both those who've fled, and those who cannot. Pray for soldiers, and their families, who are often young, and often poor. Pray for leaders, and for leadership - political, spiritual, and humanitarian.

PREPARE - We are already working and responding to appeals from our ecumenical partners and will continue to do so as needs are assessed. We know there will also be long term needs and know that you join us and remain open to the ways we might best welcome the stranger.

GIVE - Contributions to Week of Compassion can be made online or by check, designated for International Emergency Response, and 100% of your gift will go to people who are impacted by this crisis.

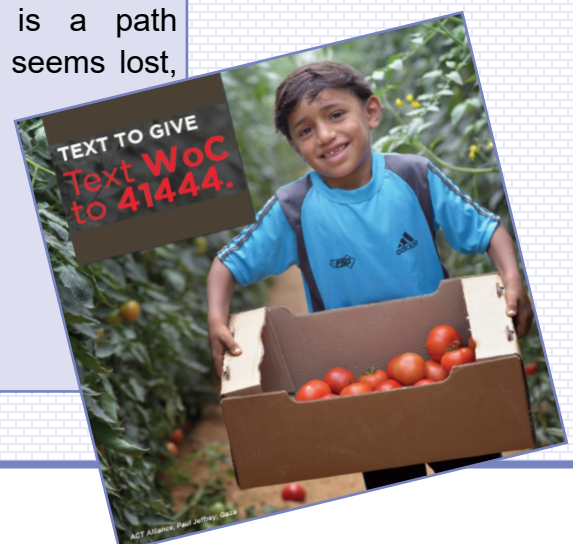
We will be collecting our final donations for the Week of Compassion giving campaign this Sunday. Week of Compassion is the relief, refugee, and development fund of the Disciples of Christ.

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.

Some ways donations can be made are [online](#) via [Givelify](#) with the message "WoC", or a check with the memo "WoC", or via text following the graphic above.

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.



WEEK OF COMPASSION



PRAYER LIST

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

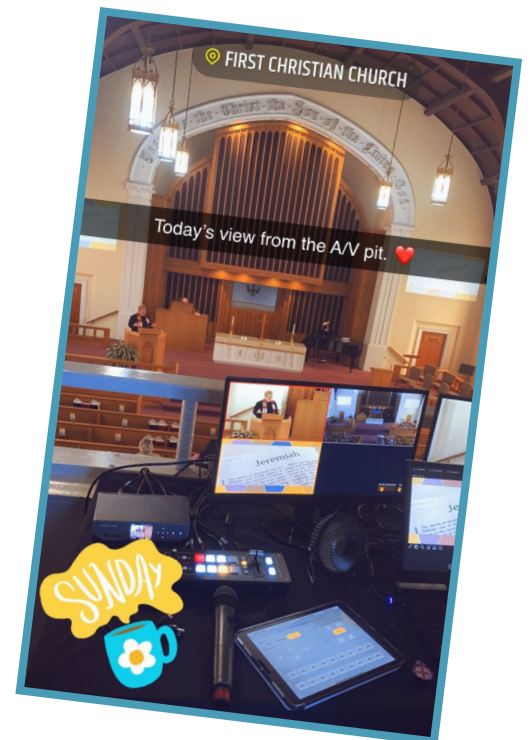
- ♦ The Unkraut Family
- ♦ Tim & Sandy Taylor
- ♦ The Baldridge Family
- ♦ Sharon & Melinda Simonds
- ♦ Dottie Wilke
- ♦ Barb Lee
- ♦ Paul Stevenson
- ♦ Debra Zeis
- ♦ Family & Friends of John Huff
- ♦ Yuri Schottenstein
- ♦ Mark Boyle
- ♦ Hunter Hollingsworth
- ♦ Rev. Larry Smith
- ♦ Noah & John Kayle
- ♦ Friends of Trevor Lyons

AUDIO/VISUAL HELP NEEDED!

Our audio/visual team is looking to expand!

Recently, one of our A/V team members has notified our team that they are no longer able to be working upstairs to help run the service. We are now looking for additional volunteers to train so we can be sure to have help whenever it is needed!

If you are interested in learning what it takes to be part of our audio/visual team, please contact Richard Addison or Alex Gallenstein, or reach out to the church office for more information.



NEW ELDER CO-CHAIRS

Thank you to Cathy Farkas and Sue Rehfuss who have accepted the nomination of serving as our Elder co-chairs for the year!

Please pray for and support the ways in which they will share their gifts of leadership with us.

EASTER FLOWERS

It is our tradition to place lilies and tulips as the cross on Easter morning.

Please plan to bring flowers on Easter morning to place on the altar on Easter. If you plan to bring a flower, please notify the church office prior to or during Holy Week if you are bringing the flower in honor or memory of a loved one. Your honorariums and memorials will be printed in the handout on Easter morning and the newsletter that week.



TORNADO RECOVERY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Long-term disaster recovery sites are coming together now, so please **help us spread the word** to those who might like to serve in our impacted communities. Currently, here are three opportunities:

1. **First Christian Madisonville is hosting a long-term recovery site** operated by the Fuller Center. To sign up for a workweek, [click here](#).
2. **First Christian Princeton is hosting volunteer groups and individuals every Thursday** to help their community and area with tornado recovery. Watch their Facebook page for the jobs they'll be tackling. (They will announce the list on the prior Tuesday.)
3. **First Christian Princeton is also hosting a work day on Saturday, March 5**, to prepare their church building to be a long-term tornado mission site. They need our help to make this possible. They will be cleaning out Sunday School rooms and building beds. Contact Rev. Dr. Jonathan Webster, if you have questions.

FIRST CHRISTIAN PRINCETON

TORNADO RECOVERY

Saturday, March 5
10:00 a.m. Central
First Christian Church of Princeton
510 Hopkinsville St.

Help us turn our church into a mission site for **Operation Recovery**. We will have jobs for everyone as we build beds and clear rooms to prepare dorm spaces in our church building for hosting long-term recovery groups for our community in partnership with Crossroads Mission.

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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!
Every Tuesday 2:00 PM	Bible Study	The women of FCC meet every Tuesday via Zoom for a weekly prayer and Bible study session. 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! Contact Sheri Jackson at (859) 240-7817 to get involved.

UPCOMING EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	EVENT DETAILS
Sunday, 03/20/22 7:00 PM	Leadership Council Meeting	<i>ALL MEMBERS ARE WELCOME TO JOIN!</i> The Leadership Council will have their monthly meeting to discuss the forward movement and growth of the church.
Saturday, 04/30/22	KY Disciples' Women 2022 Spring Retreat	There will be worship, music, bible study, prayer, workshops, and more! For more information, contact Rev. Tammie Douglas, Acting Director of Women's Ministries, Kentucky Region at tammie@ccinky.net .
Thursday— Saturday 11/03/22— 11/05/22	Regional Assembly 2022	The Regional Church of Kentucky will gather in Georgetown this fall. The Assembly team is planning for a feast of workshops, fellowship, worship, and prayer. They are also preparing a digital assembly experience for those who cannot make it to Georgetown