



# Weekly Newsletter

## Donations Needed for Panorama Residents

Written by Alex Gallenstein

Sue and Steve Rehfuss have noted that there are several items running low in the Panorama Food Pantry. If you are able, please bring in some of the below listed items or mark a financial donation for the Panorama Food Pantry.

<b>Soup</b>	<b>Stew</b>	<b>Pudding</b>
<b>Fruit</b>	<b>Spaghetti</b>	<b>Spaghetti Sauce</b>
<b>Tuna</b>	<b>Instant Rice</b>	<b>Instant Potatoes</b>
<b>Pasta (raviolis, etc.)</b>	<b>Macaroni</b>	

## Prayer Requests

*List Updated Weekly — Please contact the church office if there are any updates needed.*

Gwen Leckecmby	<b>Phyllis Mead</b>	Rose & Elton Gudvangen
Family and Friends of Karen Nussbaum		Joan Peddicord
Josef Althoff	<b>Grayson Wright</b>	Phyllis Palmer
Frank	<b>Phyllis Hatton</b>	Dottie Wilke
Beverly	<b>Bernard Howell</b>	Frankie
Steve Markovic	<b>Family and Friends of Gloria San Miguel</b>	
Jatasha Jones	<b>Patricia Lawson</b>	Mary Durbin
Anyka	<b>Karen Weatherbee</b>	Shane Zeis
Sue Gallenstein	<b>Milushka</b>	

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## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- We are asking folks to submit opinion pieces to be featured in our newsletters.
- A silent retreat is being planned with only 16 spaces for women to join.
- We need volunteers to help with the Oct. 1st community dinner.
- A message from our Regional Minister about prayer.
- LGBTQ+ Retreat hosted by AllianceQ is upcoming.

## Sunday School Class in September

Written by: Rev. Tracy Siegman

Sunday, September 25th, I will be leading a special one class Bible study regarding Matthew 18: 21—35 focused on The Sin of Unequal Relationships and the Money that Creates those Power Structures. This is a Bible study I wrote for a DMin class I did last fall. As we move into the fall, celebrating the abundance of the harvest, reflecting on ministries addressing poverty,

beginning our church budget planning and thinking about our fall stewardship campaign, this is an opportune time for this study. The class will start at 9:30 and meet in the choir / donut room. If you are one that worships from home or unable to make that Sunday, I will offer the class again on Wednesday, September 21 at 6:30 pm via Zoom (link to come soon).



***“How does the church add value to your life?”*** - writing prompts for opinion pieces to be featured in our Weekly Newsletter

### Writing Prompts:

- ◆ Why do you like First Christian Church?
- ◆ What is something you have learned about First Christian Church?
- ◆ What is something you've learned about faith during your own journey?
- ◆ Highlight a ministry that First Christian Church does that you appreciate or have ideas for.
- ◆ How does the church add value to your life?
- ◆ Share your favorite bit of information or history about the Disciples of Christ.

## We Want to Hear from You!

Written by Alex Gallenstein

Do you have thoughts about the church, our ministries, or faith in general that you'd like to share? We want to hear about it!

We will start taking submissions for opinion pieces to be featured right here, in our Weekly Newsletter, starting immediately! We'd love to hear more from folks and really let the voice of First Christian Church be heard in our communications.

Interested in writing a piece but unsure what to write about? We have a list of prompts to the left of this article that you can use to help inspiration flow!

We hope to hear from you soon! We will feature one submission per week and queue additional submissions received that week. Submissions should be received no later than Wednesday night to be featured in that week's newsletter, as the newsletter is written on Thursdays.

Any and all feedback to this new process is welcomed. We can't wait to hear from you!



## 2022 Women's Silent Retreat

*Written by Marsha Thornton Jr., Acting Director of Women's Ministries*

We are offering a Women's Silent Retreat this year - November 11-13 at Knob's Haven. Individual women may choose to begin their retreat on November 10. This is an intentionally small retreat - only 16 women can participate. To see if there are still openings or for more information, contact Bonnia Fouts at [bonniacookfouts@gmail.com](mailto:bonniacookfouts@gmail.com). Make sure to put Silent Retreat in the subject line of your e-mail. If you are interested in attending, please don't wait to make your plans.

## Volunteers Needed for Community Dinner!

*Written by Pastor Sheri Jackson*

First Christian Church is responsible for the community dinner served on Saturday, October 1st. We are currently in need of volunteers for that time. If you are interested in helping with this important ministry, please contact the church office or Pastor Sheri Jackson directly.

Thank you!



## Power of Prayer

Written by Rev. Dr. Donald K Gillett, II; Regional Minister

### Phillipians 4:4-7 NASB

***"Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice! Let your gentle spirit be known to all people. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and pleading with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus."***

I grew up in a church where the pastor would often proclaim: ***There is Power in Prayer. Much Prayer, Much Power.*** Paraphrasing the lyrics of a popular Funkadelic song: God is so high you can't get over God... so low you can't get under God...and so wide you can't get around God, he would remind us of two things - there is power in prayer, and God speaks through the unexpected! To put it plainly, ***there is power in prayer.***



I am a recipient of prayer. It is the power of prayer that kept me going during my twenty-two years of pastoral ministry. It is the power of prayer that kept a historic church moving forward. It is the power of prayer that healed me when I had double pneumonia and blood clots in my lungs.

**Prayer is at the beginning, middle, and end of ministry.** I have seen prayer bring pastors and communities of faith together when it looks as if differences will drive them apart. I have seen prayer heal people when human words and actions fail. I've seen a beloved pastor sing a prayer as a farewell to a ministry that healed both pastor and congregation. Prayer is one of the most powerful tools in the tool kit of Christians. **Thus, I invite all of you into a season of prayer.**

As we begin this season, I ask that you'll join me, for ten minutes of prayer and fellowship, in quarterly online prayer meetings. Our first meeting will be Wednesday, September 21, 2022 at Noon.

Let me remind you in our continued partnership in doing three things:

- 1) Praying for the health, and growth of our nearly 200 congregations that make up the Christian Church in Kentucky,
- 2) Praying for the health, and growth of the Christian Church in Kentucky, and
- 3) Praying for an expanded table for all of God's children.

I ask that you take seriously this call to prayer for the Christian Church in Kentucky, for the Christian Church Disciples of Christ, for your congregation and for all the ways you require prayer in your life.

# COLORS OF HOPE RETREAT

Taken from <https://disciplesallianceq.org/retreat/>

Gather with LGBTQ+ people of faith and allies from across the Church to **hope in color** and enjoy the colorful foliage at Christmount with the Disciples LGBTQ+ Alliance. By engaging the spiritual practices from the devotional journal [Colors of Hope](#), you will be encouraged and equipped to **embody your faith—and queer your spirituality**. With an emphasis on **connection** over content, you are invited to join the book's editor and authors to wonder, resist, embody, create, hope, stretch, and share.

## Learn and unlearn and rest

Sessions, sermons, spiritual practices, and conversation with Tyler Heston, William DeShay C. Jackson, Melissa Guthrie, Brendan Y. Boone, Allen V. Harris, and Marian Edmonds-Allen.

Along with programmed opportunities: intentional space for rest, restoration, and restorying.

## Event Registration is open!

[Registration](#) includes lodging, meals, and all retreat activities. Costs are already subsidized and we encourage everyone who is able to select the regular registration rate. Sharing a bunk room is the most affordable way to participate in the retreat (and live in community!).

## Room reservation and one registration: \$475

*This option secures registration for one person and a room with one king bed, two queen beds, or four bunk beds.*

## Room reservation and one registration for students/restricted income: \$350

*This option is for students or individuals with restricted income and secures registration for one person and a room with one king bed, two queen beds, or four*

*bunk beds. When reserving your tickets, use this discount code: hoping-in-color.*

## Additional registration: \$225

*This option secures an additional registration for someone in a shared room.*

Room types are limited. The registration form will collect information about dietary or accessibility needs. [Read Christmount's Equity, Diversity & Inclusion Statement.](#)

Registration closes on September 15 (or when the gathering reaches capacity).

## About the Book

[Colors of Hope: A Devotional Journal from LGBTQ+ Christians](#) draws upon the iconic Pride flag and raises a call to embody our beliefs. The book is an expansive resource for personal growth and collective change. "Hoping in color" brings the joy, beauty, and power of the rainbow to life.

**AllianceQ**  
Disciples  LGBTQ+ Alliance



**COLORS RETREAT**  
OF **HOPE** OCTOBER 24-27

**Disciples**  
  
**LGBTQ+**  
**Alliance**

## Recurring Events:

**Sundays 10:45 AM**

Morning Worship

*Join us in-person or from home during our live stream!*

**Tuesdays 2:00 PM**

Women's Bible Study

*Join the weekly Zoom call for a prayer and Bible study session! Contact the church office for the Zoom link if interested.*

**Saturdays 5:00 PM**

Community Dinner

*We prepare and serve a community dinner weekly and always need volunteers! Contact the church office if you're interested!*

## Upcoming Events

⇒ **Friday—Saturday, Sept 9th—Oct 1st**

Cincy Shakes presents King Lear, featuring Jim Hopkins

*Contact the church office if you'd like to coordinate a group for a Sunday matinee, or feel free to make other plans to attend.*

⇒ **Sunday, September 18th**

**7:00 PM**

Leadership Council Meeting

*All members of the congregation are invited to join!*

⇒ **Sunday, September 25th**

**9:30 AM**

Sunday Morning Bible Study

*A special one class Bible study regarding Matthew 18: 21—35 focused on The Sin of Unequal Relationships and the Money that Creates those Power Structures.*

⇒ **Saturday—Sunday, October 15th —16th**

Disciples Women's Ministries 2022 Fall Retreat

*This year's theme is: "Women, Get Ready... Get Set... Connect!"*

⇒ **Sunday, October 16th**

**2:00 PM**

FCC Book Club

*The book club will be meeting via Zoom to discuss "The Hotel Nantucket" by Elin Hilderbrand. Contact the church office to be added to the book club's email list.*

⇒ **Monday—Thursday, October 24th—27th**

Colors of Hope Retreat

Gather with LGBTQ+ people of faith and allies from across the Church where you will be encouraged and equipped to **embody your faith**—and **queer your spirituality**. [Register online.](#)

⇒ **Thursday—Saturday, November 3rd—5th**

Biennial Regional Assembly

*The Christian Church in 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.*

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***Thank you for reading this week's newsletter!***

