

# Weekly Newsletter

## Seeing the Face of God in Each Other

Written by Rev. Tracy Siegman

First Christian Church, Covington will be hosting the Anti-Racism / Pro-Reconciliation team of the Christian Church in Kentucky for anti-racism training on Friday, October 21st from 5:00p—9:00p and Saturday, October 22nd from 9:00a—12:00p. Trainers Revs. Tracy Parker and Dennis Gray will be leading our time together. We would like to extend an invitation to the area churches to join us for this training event. If you are interested in more details, please contact Pastor Tracy at [tracy.siegman@gmail.com](mailto:tracy.siegman@gmail.com) or (859)638-6381.

## Rev. Dr. Barber is Coming to Town!

Written by Alex Gallenstein

The Rev. Dr. William J. Barber II will be presenting a lecture called *We Are Called to Be a Movement* at the Cintas Center on October 24th at 7:00p as part of The Taft Lecture Series.

Rev. Dr. Barber is the President & Senior Lecturer of Repairers of the Breach, Co-Chair of the Poor People's Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival, Bishop with The Fellowship of Affirming Ministries, Pastor of Greenleaf Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Goldsboro, NC, and a published author of four books. He is a highly sought after speaker and has given keynote addresses at hundreds of national and state conferences, including the 2016 Democratic National Convention.

We anticipate that this is a lecture you won't want to miss! To register for tickets, visit [cincinnaticathedral.com/taft](http://cincinnaticathedral.com/taft) or [click here](#).

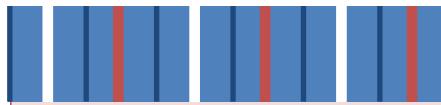
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## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- We will be hosting Anti-Racism trainings in October.
- Rev. Dr. Barber is giving a lecture in Cincinnati.
- Updates from and about the Leadership Council.
- Information about this month's Special Offering.
- Update for the Book Club.
- Why you should consider inviting your friends to church.





## A Note from the Leadership Council



Written by: Richard Addison

The Leadership Council is looking for a new member to join the council. We meet monthly to discuss how we can help keep the church moving in a forward direction. We are also in need

of a Church Treasurer / Financial Secretary. If you would like to know more about either position or are interested, contact any member of the Leadership Council or Pastor Tracy.

*"We will reflect on how they are achieving the intended goal of the new governance model, how they are missing the mark, what tweaks they may need to make to achieve the intended goal, and so forth." — Congregational Meeting*

### **Moment for Mission**

### **Visions of Wholeness**

**(Romans 8:18-24)**

### **Reconciliation Ministry Offering:**

#### **A Vision of Wholeness**

Written by Disciples Mission Fund

Wildfires, flooding, intense heating of the earth and the tensions between her people demonstrate how the whole of creation is groaning for the revealing of the beloved of God. We are God's children, beloved and entrusted with the sacred responsibility to cocreate with the Divine. Out of nothing, the Creator of heaven and earth breathed life into a void and that which was separated or broken was now connected. As God's beloved, we inhabit the breath of the Divine giving us the same power and authority to connect that which has been separated.

In March 2022, your generous giving to Reconciliation Ministry helped fund the Kirkpatrick Lecture Series of the Disciples of Christ Historical Society.

Over 250 people were able to participate in the conference and most received generous support to be in attendance virtually or in-person. Participants gathered for this conference under the theme "Visions of Wholeness: Systemic

Racism, Antiracism, and Reconciliation in Our Shared History and Tradition."

The presentations and the conversations that ensued during the conference were as challenging and hopeful as the conference's title. We wrestled with the truth of our brokenness and our need for healing of our fractured humanity. Reconciliation Ministry strengthens our capacity to be remembered, reconnected, and restored as God's beloved by disrupting racism and oppression. Your generosity funds grants and education that promote restoration and healing, revealing the children of God. Your financial gifts allow the whole mission and ministry of our Church to realize Visions of Wholeness because you are the beloved that God is waiting for!



**RECONCILIATION  
MINISTRY**



## Summary of the September '22 Leadership Council Meeting

Written by Alex Gallenstein

### OLD BUSINESS

#### ⇒ Open and Affirming (O&A)

- Pastor Tracy will no longer be attending or leading any O&A meetings in order to be an objective third-party to the process and be able to effectively pastor for all members, regardless of their position within the O&A process.
- Florence Christian Church mentioned that they saw benefit to becoming O&A because of the number of young families it attracted to their congregation.

#### ⇒ BLINK

- We are unable to participate in the parade or host an exhibit, but we are considering opening a hospitality suite during the exhibits for folks who may need a rest and a drink of water from walking through the city streets.

#### ⇒ Financial Secretary & Treasurer

- We are still in need of two volunteers to be the Financial Secretary and the Treasurer for the church.

#### ⇒ Holy Cow! Meeting Data

- We are looking into how we can take the results from the survey and implement that information into our ministries. It may end up that our ministries and operations change how they look in order to fit our congregation, instead of trying to fit our congregation into a mold that no longer serves us.

#### ⇒ Porta John 3:16 Ministry

- We need to increase the number of days per week that the porta-john is cleaned. We need \$200 to fund the additional cleanings until the Regional Meeting.
- We will have a table representing this ministry at the Regional Meeting and we will hope to encourage donations/funding for the ministry at that time. We will need a volunteer to run the table with Lisa Kay.

### NEW BUSINESS

#### ⇒ Breakfast Missions of Covington

- Tom is changing the days of the week that the mission is serving breakfast to Sunday, Tuesday, and Thursday. The Leadership Council approved use of the Fellowship Hall during those days/times.

#### ⇒ Leadership Council / Congregational Meeting

- Someone needs to replace Alex's position on the council now that she is an employee of the church.
- The original intention of the Leadership Council was to be a group composed of "point persons" for various committees that have existed and meet monthly to "report back". We do not currently have "point persons" for various tasks (example: building maintenance) and we cannot go back to having committees because we no longer have enough volunteers to fill them.

#### ⇒ Regional Meeting

- We need to find volunteers to attend and vote on behalf of our congregation.



## Change of Date for the Book Club

Requested by Pastor Sheri Jackson

The First Christian Church monthly Book Club will now be meeting on October 28th at 2:00p. This month the Book Club is reading *The Hotel Nantucket* by Erin Hilderbrand. The discussion will be held via Zoom. If you are not currently on the email list and would like to receive the link to participate in October, please contact the church office.



## Invite A Friend

Written by Rev. Tracy Siegman

### Excerpt From: *How To Invite Friends To Church So They Will Actually Come*

1. Spend some time with God.
2. Tell your friend a story; your story.
3. Invite your friends to tell you what they believe.
4. Invite strategically.
5. Repeat.

Do you remember who first invited you to church? It is either that you grew up in the church and came with your family or a friend invited you to church. Perhaps, you even grew up in a church, moved and had to find a new church. How did you land here?

Every church will say their primary goal is to grow numerically. While we should also be concerned about spiritual growth, I know that more space in our pews is a cause for some anxiety. Aside, from wanting to grow numerically, why do we want to grow?

Every church will add to their list of goals is to attract new young families. While we should also be concerned with the faith of those across the life span, I know that we enjoy having children in our churches. We even enjoy their wiggles and giggles. Why do we enjoy having children in our pews?

The answer is simple. Having lots of children and full pews gives us hope that the Church and the Gospel of Jesus Christ will live on through another generation and that we will have enough servant hands to do the ministries we hope to offer Covington.



But, growing our church means that we must extend the invitation to others. That means we might have to engage in that icky E word – evangelism. Evangelism doesn't have to be scary. If you can tell someone why you loved a movie, why you enjoyed a book, or why you enjoyed a restaurant, you have the practice of telling someone why something is important to you. If you can tell someone about a book, movie or meal, you can invite someone to church.

Simply, think about why the church is important to you; then, tell someone.

Here are some tips on how to invite people to church:

<https://www.stpaulcumc.org/how-to-invite-friends-to-church-so-they-will-actually-come/>



# Join us for the 2022 Closing Day Service at the **Cane Ridge Meeting House** **Monday, October 31, 2022**

**10:00 am**

**An Offering Will be Received**



(photo ca. 1933)

**The Cane Ridge Meeting House  
1655 Cane Ridge Road  
P.O. Box 26  
Paris, KY 40362**

**(859) 987-5350**

**[curator@caneridge.org](mailto:curator@caneridge.org)**

## **Prayer List**

- ◆ Doug & Hilde Baldridge
- ◆ Phyllis Mead
- ◆ Rose & Elton Gudvangen
- ◆ Joan Peddicord
- ◆ Dottie Wilke
- ◆ Patricia Lawson
- ◆ Mary Durbin
- ◆ Karen Weatherbee
- ◆ Shane Zeis
- ◆ Sue Gallenstein
- ◆ Van
- ◆ Natasha
- ◆ Angie Carlos
- ◆ Jim Levett
- ◆ Logan
- ◆ Kim Aashe
- ◆ Triston Busick



## 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

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

Disciples Women's Ministries 2022 Fall Retreat

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

⇒ **Friday, October 21st**

**5:00 PM—9:00 PM**

**Saturday, October 22nd**

**9:00 AM—12:00 PM**

Anti-Racism Training

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⇒ **Saturday, October 22nd**

**10:00 AM—5:00 PM**

Fed by Ravens Spiritual Retreat

*This retreat is co-sponsored by Church as Folk ministries and Florence Christian Church. The retreat will be led by, Rev. Dr. Joe Michael, an ordained Disciples minister and founder of Church as Folk ministries. It is sure to be a powerful time connection, renewal, and healing.*

⇒ **Monday, October 24th**

**7:00 PM**

"We Are Called to Be a Movement" with Rev. Dr. William J. Barber II

*Hosted at the Cintas Center in Cincinnati as part of the Cincinnati Taft Lecture Series.*

⇒ **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.](#)*

⇒ **Sunday, October 28th**

**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.*

⇒ **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!**