

# First Christian Church Newsletter

## Upcoming Events at FCC!

- **Sunday, February 23rd — Alternate Worship Location!** at 10:45 AM  
This week we will be worshiping with the congregation at Madison Avenue Christian Church. Please do not arrive at First Christian Church for worship.
- **Sunday, March 2nd — Elders' Meeting** at 10:00 AM  
This is the monthly meeting for our Elders. Please let an Elder Co-Chair know if you are unable to attend in person.
- **Tuesday, March 4th — All-In Church Call** at 7:00 PM via Zoom  
ALL MEMBERS ARE ASKED TO ATTEND. Special Guest: Nathan Brown
- **Wednesday, March 5th — Ash Wednesday Service** at 6:30 PM  
We will be joining Erlanger Christian Church at their location. Our own Pastor Sheri will be leading the service.
- **Sunday, March 9th — FCC Book Club** at 2:00 PM via Zoom  
The selected book is “More or Less Maddy” by Lisa Genova. If you need to be added to the email list for this group, please contact the church office. Thank you!



## NEW Worship Location for 02/23

The Sunday worship service for February 23rd will be held at Madison Avenue Christian Church. Several of our members will be participating in the Women's Regional Choir, which will be performing at Madison Avenue that morning. Please mark your calendars so you can enjoy their worship leadership that Sunday.

Their service begins at 10:45 AM. Please plan to carpool and arrive early, as we anticipate it will be crowded. Madison Avenue Christian Church also offers a live-stream of their Sunday worship services on their website at <https://mchurch.com/find-faith/worship-online/>.

## Church Family Lunch Details!

**Sunday, March 16th** we will be having our monthly Church Family Lunch following worship. A baked potato bar will be provided, including toppings. **We are asking that folks make a donation towards the cost of lunch** to help offset the costs. Donations can be made in person, to the church through the mail, or via our [Givelify](#) account by adding the memo “Lunch”.



If you'd like to add to the meal, salads and desserts to share would be appreciated!

If you would like to attend the meal but are unable to donate or bring something to share, let us feed you anyway! We would love to share with any who attend!

# **IMPORTANT: All Church Zoom Call 3/4 at 7 PM**

As everyone knows, First Christian, Covington has been suffering from declining attendance and declining financial giving for several years. Per a recent congregational vote, the startup of a child daycare was our first choice to keep us alive financially. Sadly, that option is not available as we could not find a bank willing to lend us the necessary capital for a daycare startup.

As a result, we need to make two important decisions about our future....

First, do we sell the building due to the financial strain it creates? We have been using Memorial and Endowment funds annually to support the church operating budget; we can only afford to do that for another year or so.

Second, assuming we do sell the building, do we continue to meet as a church in another location? Or do we shut down the church entirely?

Nathan Brown from the Christian Church Foundation, a General Ministry of the Christian Church Disciples of Christ, has offered to have a congregational zoom call with us to provide some counsel as we prepare to make these important decisions. Nathan will be quite helpful in answering our questions and he will also provide examples of how other churches have handled similar situations.

We will NOT be making any decisions on the call with Nathan. We will simply be gathering information.

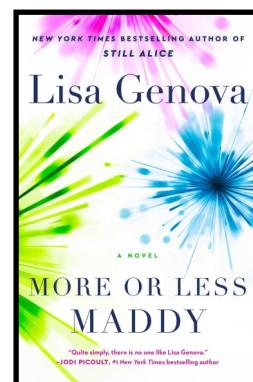
The zoom call with Nathan will be **Tuesday March 4 at 7:00 pm EST**. Alex will send out the zoom call instructions a few days in advance of the call.

**Please make every effort to participate in the call.**

## **FCC Book Club Details**

We are blessed to have an active book club here at FCC and would love if you would join in! This month's selection is "More or Less Maddy" by Lisa Genova. This book was a recent release in January of this year. [Goodreads](#) describes "More or Less Maddy" as "a breathless, riveting novel about a young woman diagnosed with bipolar disorder who rejects the stability and approval found in a traditionally 'normal' life for a career in stand-up comedy".

Our club will meet on **Sunday, March 9th** via Zoom to discuss this book. If you would like to be added to our Book Club email list for reminder emails and access to the Zoom link, please contact the church office.



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