

First Christian Church Newsletter

Upcoming Events at FCC!

- **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!
- **Wednesday, March 12 — Leadership Council Meeting** at 7:00 PM via Zoom
All members are welcome and encouraged to join. A zoom link will be sent to all members via email prior to the call.



Recent Prayer Requests

If there is a name that needs to be removed or added to the prayer list, please contact the church office via email at fristonfifthcc@gmail.com.

Prayer request details are kept private and only first names will be published publicly for prayer.

- Char & family
- Mary
- David

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.

2025 Women's Spring Conference

Registration is now open for folks interested in participating in the 2025 Women's Spring Conferences! There will be two conferences in our region: one in Lexington, KY on March 22nd and one in Paducah, KY on April 12th.

The registration fee is \$30, which includes the cost of lunch during the event. Registration must be completed by March 15th for the Lexington event, and by April 5th for the Paducah event. Registration can be completed online by following the links on <https://www.ccinky.net/disciples-women/> or by sending a paper registration with the fee to Christian Church in Kentucky (CCK).

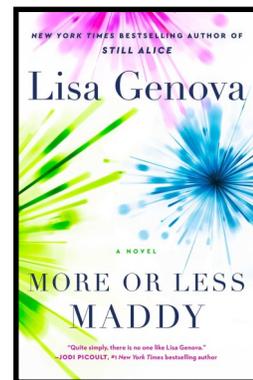
The conference will continue their participation in the IDWM service project, which is A Movement for Wholeness. As we work to bring attention to gender-based violence, attendees are asked to bring items that would be appropriate for shelters or those with housing struggles. Examples of such items are hygiene products for women or gift cards that the host churches can provide to the shelters.

Disciples' Women have several other events in the coming year to keep in mind: the Quilter's / Knitter's Retreat from June 30—July 3; the Fall Retreat from October 24—26, and the Silent Retreat from November 14—16. Keep an eye on our newsletters for reminders when registration opens for these events.

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.



Recurring Events at FCC

Don't forget! In addition to our upcoming events, we also host many events weekly, both online and in person. Check out our recurring events list and see if there's something for you! Contact the church office for more information on how to join these events.



SUNDAYS

— Worship at 10:45 AM (hybrid, both online and in person)

TUESDAYS

— Women's Bible Study* at 2:00 PM (online)
— Alcoholics Anonymous at 7:00 PM (in person)

THURSDAYS

— Alcoholics Anonymous at 7:30 PM (in person)

SATURDAYS

— Community Dinner at 5:30 PM (in person)
— Narcotics Anonymous at 10:00 PM (in person)

** Open to anyone non-binary or female presenting who is looking for a safe, feminine space for Bible study.*

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