

# First Christian Church Newsletter

## **Take the Ash Wednesday Declaration!**

As you may know, CWS recently launched the [Ash Wednesday Ecumenical Declaration: Defending Refuge](#) as a way to stand alongside our refugee and immigrant neighbors. It's a **pledge to take faithful action**—to pray, to advocate and to uphold the biblical call to welcome.

Whether you've already signed the declaration or are hearing about it for the first time, this is your chance to turn faith into compassionate action.

That's why I'm inviting you to an important webinar on **Tuesday April 8, at 3:00PM EDT** where faith communities will be equipped with practical ways to support refugees and immigrants.

**Register Here** [Beyond the Signature Webinar](#)

During this [special webinar](#), hosted by CWS President and CEO Rick Santos, you'll hear from CWS Director of Policy along with faith leaders across the country, who are living out their bold commitment to welcome refugees—and learn how you can, too.

Guest speakers include:

- Danilo Zak, Director of Policy at CWS
- Bishop Minerva G. Carcaño, United Methodist Church, Sacramento, CA
- Claremont UCC, Claremont, CA
- Catonsville Presbyterian, Baltimore, MD

In addition to this power-packed panel, you'll receive a **quick guide with links to key resources, advocacy contacts and support tools**.

I hope you'll be able to join us!

In Faith and Action,

Rebekah Belase, Church World Service

## **Upcoming Events at FCC!**

- **Wednesday, April 9th — 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.
- **Saturday, April 12th — Community Dinner** at 4:30 PM  
Our dinner ministry is in need of volunteers. Please come and bring a friend to lend a hand! Contact Sheri or Donna with questions.
- **Sunday, April 27th — Elders' Meeting** at 10:00 AM  
Elders please plan to meet in person in the chapel. If you are unable to attend, please contact an Elder Co-Chair. Thank you.
- **TBD — April Church Luncheon** following Worship  
Details to come.

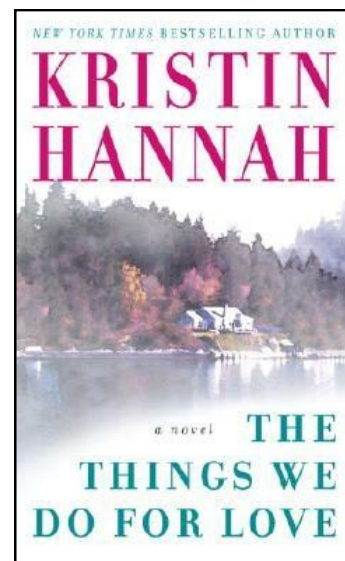


# FCC Book Club Details

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 "The Things We Do for Love" by Kristin Hannah. StoryGraph describes it as "ideal for readers who appreciate emotionally layered stories about complex family dynamics and the transformative power of unexpected connections, exploring themes of love, resilience, and rebuilding lives." The New York Times says that "The Things We Do For Love" is "a poignant, evocative story that celebrates the magic of motherhood, the joys of coming home, and the price we so willingly pay for love."

Our club will meet on **Sunday, April 27th** 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.

## 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 [firstonfifthcc@gmail.com](mailto:firstonfifthcc@gmail.com).

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

- Char & family
- Bristol
- Jason
- Mary