

First Christian Church Newsletter

Upcoming Events at FCC!

- **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.
- **Sunday, April 27th — FCC Book Club** at 2:00 PM via Zoom
This month's selection is "The Things We Do for Love" by Kristin Hannah.
- **Sunday, May 4th — All Member Meeting** following worship
Discussion session regarding whether to sell the building. Online participation will be available.
- **Sunday, May 11th — All Member Meeting** following worship
Final Vote regarding whether to sell the building. Online participation will be available.
- **Wednesday, May 14th — 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.
- **Sunday, May 18th — May Luncheon** following worship
This will also be a celebration for Brett & Randy's 40th Anniversary *and* Randy's 40th year with our church. Lunch will be catered.



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

- Charlene & family
- Bristol
- Jason
- Mary
- Wilma
- Pam
- Family of Ruth Ann Brewer
- Audrey
- Chris

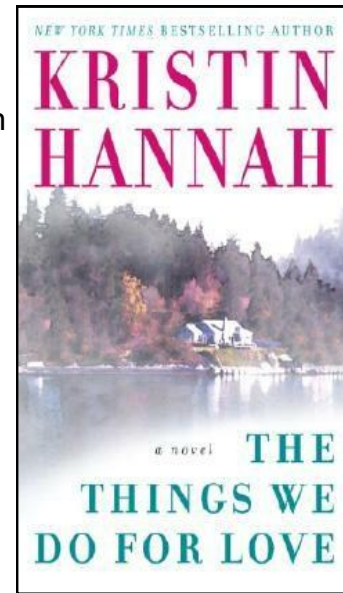
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FCC Book Club Details

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.



A Message from the Leadership Council

First Christian Covington congregation,

This requests your participation in two important meetings.

As communicated earlier, the Leadership Council has been discussing the future of our church for several months. During our April 9 Leadership Council call, we formally voted to recommend to the congregation to sell the church building. The financial burden has become too great given our low attendance and thus low offerings.

The final decision to sell or not sell the building rests with the congregation. As such, we will have a discussion session immediately following the **Sunday, May 4** service. Arrangements will be made to allow online participation. This meeting will be for discussion purposes only.

The congregational vote to sell or not sell the building will be held on **Sunday, May 11** immediately following the service. Again, arrangements will be made for online voting for those who can't be there in person.

Importantly, selling the church building and closing the church are TWO DIFFERENT decisions. If the congregation agrees with the Leadership Council to sell the building, we will in the near future engage in discussions about whether or not to continue meeting as a church in a different location, join another congregation, or close the church once the building belongs to the new owner.

If we do put the church on the market for sale, it is of course impossible to predict how long it will take to make the sale. It could be weeks, months or even years. Given this, putting the church on the market would mean LITTLE TO NO immediate change in our worship service, activities and community service efforts.

We hope all of you will participate in both the **May 4** and **May 11** sessions.

— Leadership Council