

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. **RSVP in person or via email by May 5th.**



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
- John
- Hannah
- the Losey family
- the Flynn family
- the Baldrige family

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May Luncheon Details!



This month our lunch is a DOUBLE CELEBRATION! First, we are coming together to celebrate Randy Gudvangen, our professional organist these past 40 years, and thank him for how he has blessed our congregation each week. Next, we get to wish Randy and his husband, Brett Siereveld, a Happy Anniversary as they celebrate 40 years of marriage!! Wow!!

Join us as we gather for this BIG 40 celebration event on **Sunday, May 18th** following the worship service.

Lunch will be a catered buffet! As such, **please RSVP by May 5th** either by email to westhill.iac.net or by using the sign-up sheet in the back of the sanctuary as you come in for worship.



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