

First Christian Church Newsletter

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Love authentically.
Share God's grace abundantly.

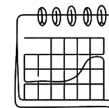
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Upcoming Events

- **Sun, May 24—Worship Service** at 10:00 am
Join us each Sunday, in person or online, via Facebook and YouTube!
- **Mon, May 25—Memorial Day**
- **Tues, May 26—Women's Bible Study** at 2:00 pm
Open to anyone non-binary or fem-identifying who is looking for a safe, feminine space for Bible study. A link for the Zoom meeting will be sent to everyone on the Bible Study list serv prior to the call. To be added to the Bible Study list serv, [email the church office](#).
- **Sun, May 31—Elders' Meeting** at 9:15 am
Elders will meet in the back left corner of the sanctuary for their monthly meeting. Please let an Elder Co-Chair know if you are unable to make the meeting in person.
Worship Service at 10:00 am
Join us each Sunday, in person or online, via Facebook and YouTube!
- **Tues, June 2—Women's Bible Study** at 2:00 pm
Open to anyone non-binary or fem-identifying who is looking for a safe, feminine space for Bible study. A link for the Zoom meeting will be sent to everyone on the Bible Study list serv prior to the call. To be added to the Bible Study list serv, [email the church office](#).
- **Sat, June 6—FCC Book Club Meeting** at 2:00 pm
Open to all! A link for the Zoom meeting will be sent to everyone on the Book Club list serv prior to the call. To be added to the Book Club list serv, [email the church office](#).



Prayer Requests & Praises

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. Prayer Requests will remain on the list for one month, and then will automatically be removed unless we have been asked to keep it on.

- 🙏 Liz
- 🙏 Mary
- 🙏 Nicholas
- 🙏 Phillip and Marilyn
- 🙏 Scott
- 🙏 Sterling and family



End of the School Year

Greetings FCC, Covington!

I want to start by thanking FCC, Covington for your grace and patience as I learn your names and get to know you better. If ANYONE wants to meet up for coffee, lunch, walking the dogs, whatever...please reach out to me!

I am excited about the upcoming Covington pride parade and celebration. I will not be able to attend the parade (due to worship at Bullittsville CC) but will take a few shifts at the booth and help with breaking down everything. I will need to hand off the tent to someone on Sunday. I'm not sure who's going to take it so if that's you, please come find me before church this week. By the way, my family and I are now the proud owner of a very nice tent if you want to borrow it? Tommy Thompson (he has preached a time or two at Covington and is on the commissioning track in the Kentucky region) and I will provide a bit of music for our booth on pride day! We need people to participate in the parade and we're still planning our booth so if you would like to participate in one or both of these festivities please let me or one of the elders know.

I also want to congratulate one of our newest members, Rev. Karakay S. Kovaly for graduating her first round of clinical pastoral education (CPE). This is a grueling program and not for the faint of heart. Rev. Karakay has done a stellar job in this physically/emotionally/spiritually demanding endeavor. I'll include a picture from the graduation service, also note Rev. Sam Combes

(Associate Minister, FCC, Florence) also graduated from the 1B portion of the training! Way to go Rev's Karakay and Sam!

I continue to make time every week to get some one on one time with each of you, it's a long process so

thank you for your understanding as I find my way in our ministry. If you or someone you know is in need of pastoral care please do not hesitate to reach out to me or one of the elders.

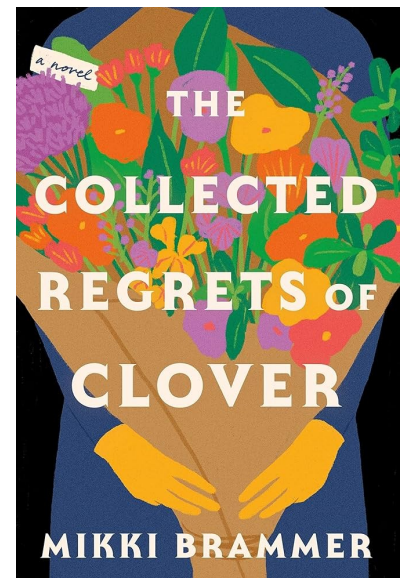
Peace Be Unto Y'all
Rev. Dan



New Book Club Selection

The next book voted to be our focus is "The Collected Regrets of Clover" by Mikki Brammer.

The next meeting will be via Zoom on Sunday, June 7th at 2:00 pm. The Book Club is open to all and we would love to see you join us! If you have not attended before and would like to be added to our Book Club Email List, please contact the church office via email at fristonfifthcc@gmail.com and let me know!



May Leadership Council Meeting Minutes

Attendees

Leadership Council: Doug Baldrige, Patrick Hunt, Jeff Nipper, Tom Norwood, Lettie Van Hemert, Arretta Ketron

Other Attendees: Sterling and Brenda Staggs, Larry and Marilyn Smith, Sheri Jackson, Joanna, Richard Addison, Pastor Dan Kovaly

Financial Update (Sheri) - Income and expenses for April were about even. The expenses don't include Pastor Dan's salary and since the income collected isn't enough to cover his salary, we will also have to borrow against the Memorial and Endowment Fund.

Budget (Sheri) - Sheri discussed a rough draft of the 2026 church budget. Since we are almost halfway through the year, we discussed only presenting a half year budget proposal to the congregation for a vote, but we decided to include the entire year. The final budget proposal will soon be presented to the congregation.

Included in the budget will be a proposal for Mission and Outreach. A new committee that includes Pastor Dan, Lettie, Sterling and Brenda and Sheri will decide where the outreach and local benevolence funds will be directed.

Congregational Welcome Service for Pastor Dan (Dan)

- There will be an installation service for Pastor Dan, which will include the congregation at Bullittsville Christian Church. Pastor Dan will put together a service and provide a date for this service after speaking with the Regional office and Don Gillette. June 14 is the tentative plan for the service and afterwards we will have a potluck lunch at the Baldrige's home. This will be a good time to go through some of the pictures that were taken from the office to try and identify them before they are taken to the library for retention.

2026 Pride Update (Lettie) - The Covington Pride committee got back with Lettie and we are confirmed to march in the parade and also have a booth for the church. Pastor Dan will provide a tent for the booth. The parade and the festival begin at noon and the festival will end at 5 p.m. Richard thinks the banner for the parade is in the upstairs storage and will meet with Lettie to give it to her. Please contact Lettie if you'd like to volunteer to march in the parade or man the booth. We will include the Open and Affirming material that the church received at the booth.

Church Record Retention (Doug)

- Doug discussed making a decision on the three options presented to the Leadership Council in April concerning the retention of the church records. After conversation about the options, a motion was made and voted on to choose option three where the church gifts the items to the library's permanent collection. As a reminder, no individual giving records would be disclosed and after 7 years the records would be destroyed. Church directories and pictures would be held for 25 years and then made public. Images of the church building and church artifacts would be made available at once. Arretta will work with Hildy on the next steps to getting the material to the Covington branch of the Kenton County Library.

Celebration of Pastor Larry and Marilyn Smith (Doug)

- The Leadership Council discussed plans to celebrate our appreciation of Pastor Larry and Marilyn for all they have done for First Christian Church. A date for this celebration will be finalized and further details will be forthcoming.

Other Discussion:

- Richard had wonderful news that he will begin working at Fidelity, beginning July 27. Please continue to keep him in your prayers for his new beginning!

- Joanne mentioned that her son and his band will be playing with the Band of Helping Hands on June 27 and that this would be perfect time for some of the congregation to attend again. Any additional ideas for fun events for the congregation are greatly appreciated.

- Joanne's pet baby, Callie, will be having surgery on May 22 for a cancerous tumor. Please keep them in prayer.

- Pastor Dan mentioned that he would love to have a 'Blessing of the Pet' service at some time in the future.

- The third Sunday luncheons will be suspended at this time until further notice.

- The piano in the sanctuary needs turning. A motion was made and voted on to find a piano tuner.

Pastor Dan gave a quick runthrough of his first week, with many calls and texts to congregants, writing sermons and discussion with the music team.

Next Leadership Council meeting will be June 10 at 7:00 p.m.



THANKS FOR READING

**-HAVE A-
Good Day**