

# First Christian Church Newsletter

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Welcome wholly.  
Love authentically.  
Share God's grace abundantly.

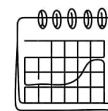
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## Upcoming Events

- **Sat, June 6th—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](mailto:email_the_church_office).
- **Sun, June 7th—Worship Service** at 10:00 am  
Join us each Sunday, in person or online, via Facebook and YouTube!
- **Tues, June 9th—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](mailto:email_the_church_office).
- **Wed, June 10th—Leadership Council Meeting** at 7:00 pm via Zoom  
All members are welcome and encouraged to join. If you have not received a link to this call in the past and would like to be added to the list serv, [email the church office](mailto:email_the_church_office).
- **Sun, June 14th—Worship Service** at 10:00 am  
Join us each Sunday, in person or online, via Facebook and YouTube!
- **Tues, June 16th—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](mailto:email_the_church_office).
- **Wed, June 17th—Trustees' Meeting** at 7:00 pm  
All members are welcome to join. If you have not received a link to this call in the past and would like to be added to the list serv, [email the church office](mailto: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](mailto: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.

- 🙏 Ashley
- 🙏 Marvin
- 🙏 Mary
- 🙏 Patricia
- 🙏 Phillip and Marilyn
- 🙏 Scott



## Letter from Pastor Dan

Greetings from the minister:

I want to start by thanking everyone for the care and support as my family and I grieve the passing of my grandmother. She was a major influence in my life and she will always have a special place in my heart. I appreciate the time off to celebrate her life with my family in Pittsburgh. It was so cathartic to remember her life with my aunts, uncles, cousins, ect.

Pride Day is almost here. Extra special thanks to Lettie for all her hard work and effort to make our presence known in a community that has been overlooked and

marginalized for far too long. I am so proud of FCC, Covington for their consistent support of our LGBTIQUA+ brothers and sisters. My hopes and prayers are that the rain stays away and we have an amazing day with our community.

There will be a sign up sheet for worship leaders available Sunday. Please sign up!!! I can supply you with liturgy or you can compose your own, whatever works for you!

I am slowly getting to know you all better, If you would like to grab some coffee, lunch, walk the dogs...whatever, please reach out to me! If you or someone you

know is in need of pastoral care please do not hesitate to contact me directly via email/text/phone call.



## Band of Helping Hands Summer Gigs

Join us this summer for the Band of Helping Hands' Kids of Summer Concert Series — two unforgettable nights of music, community, and giving back.

**June 27** — The Feels (this is our pianist, Joanna's, son's band) + the Band of Helping Hands House Band. Experience The Feels' eclectic, soulful blues groove for a night of incredible live music and summer vibes.

**July 25** — Doug Deming returns with his rockin' rhythm and blues sound for an unforgettable evening, with the Band of Helping Hands House Band opening the night.

All proceeds from these concerts will benefit underprivileged children in the Northern Kentucky area by helping provide opportunities for band camps, music lessons, and musical instruments for kids in need.

Come enjoy great music, invite your friends, and help us make a difference for local kids this summer.

See Doug if you are interested in attending and he will arrange a bulk ticket purchase!

As you read you may recognize some of these questions... we are using the Proust Questionnaire as used in Vanity Fair. It is said that in answering these questions, an individual will reveal their true self! Read along and decide for yourself if Richard's true self is revealed! Welcome to the Spot-light, Richard!

**What is your idea of perfect happiness?**  
*Living authentically, growing in my faith, serving others, and sharing life with people who love and accept me for who I am.*

**What is your greatest fear?**  
*Not fully becoming the person God created me to be, or leaving this world without making a difference in others' lives.*

**What is the trait you most deplore in yourself?**  
*Overthinking and occasionally being harder on myself than I would ever be on someone else.*

**What is the trait you most deplore in others?**  
*Judgment without understanding.*

**Which living person do you most admire?**  
*My mother, whose resilience, faith, and unconditional love have*

*carried her through challenges with grace.*

**What is your greatest extravagance?**  
*Experiences that allow me to connect with others, whether through travel, community events, or meaningful gatherings.*

**What is your current state of mind?**  
*Grateful, reflective, and hopeful.*

**What do you consider the most overrated virtue?**  
*Perfection. I believe authenticity and growth are far more valuable.*

## Spotlight: Richard Addison

**On what occasion do you lie?**

*I try to be truthful, even when it is difficult.*

**What do you most dislike about your appearance?**

*I sometimes focus too much on what I wish I could change instead of appreciating the journey that brought me here.*

**Which living person do you most despise?**

*No one. I have learned that carrying resentment often hurts us more than the person we resent.*

**What is the quality you most like in a person?**

*Authenticity.*

**Which words or phrases do you most overuse?**

*"Give yourself grace" and "One day at a time."*

**What or who is the greatest love of your life?**

*My faith, my family, my community, and the opportunity to help others find hope.*

**When and where were you happiest?**

*The moments when I finally embraced all parts of who I am (my recovery, my faith, and my identity as a member of the LGBTQIA+ community) and realized I did not have to choose between them.*

**Which talent would you most like to have?**

*The ability to play music beautifully and inspire others through it.*

**If you could change one thing about yourself, what would it be?**

*I would spend less time worrying about others' expectations and more time trusting my own path.*

**What do you consider your greatest achievement?**

*Building a life in long-term recovery, earning a college education, helping others through peer support, and learning to live authentically as a gay man of color.*

**If you were to die and come back as a person or a thing, what would it be?**

*Someone who helps people feel seen, valued, and loved.*

**Where would you most like to live?**

*Somewhere with a strong sense of community, diversity, faith, and acceptance.*

**What is your most treasured possession?**

*My faith and the relationships that have sustained me through life's challenges.*

**What do you regard as the lowest depth of misery?**

*Believing that you are unworthy of love, belonging, or hope.*

**What is your favorite occupation?**

*Helping others discover their strengths and realize that recovery and healing are possible.*

**What is your most marked characteristic?**

*Empathy.*

**What do you most value in your friends?**

*Acceptance, honesty, and loyalty.*

**Who are your favorite writers?**

*Maya Angelou, Augusten Burroughs, and John Steinbeck*

**Who is your hero of fiction?**

*Aslan from The Chronicles of Narnia.*

**Which historical figure do you most identify with?**

*Sylvester James, the "Queen of Disco." He was a groundbreaking Black LGBTQ+ artist whose powerful voice, larger-than-life presence, and unapologetic authenticity as a person of size challenged stereotypes, inspired countless others to embrace their identities, and left a lasting impact on music and LGBTQ+ culture.*

**Who are your heroes in real life?**

*People in recovery, LGBTQIA+ advocates, community leaders, and those in my church who lead with compassion rather than judgment.*

**What are your favorite names?**

*Hope, Grace, Elijah, and David.*

**What is it that you most dislike?**

*Prejudice, exclusion, and anything that makes people feel less than worthy.*

**What is your greatest regret?**

*The years I spent trying to fit into expectations that were not truly mine, instead of embracing who I was created to be.*

**What is your motto?**

*"Live authentically, love boldly, and leave every person with a little more hope than they had before."*

**Happy Pride Month!**  
from First Christian Church