



First Christian Church Newsletter

Upcoming Events

SATURDAY, JULY 18

- Bullettsville Christian Church Event at 6:00 pm
Held at the Thompson Manor at 5803 N Orient, Burlington, KY 41005. Men and Women welcome. See article for more details.

SUNDAY, JULY 19

- Worship Service at 10:00 am
Please meet at our normal location, 14 W 5th St, Covington, KY 41014, for worship or watch online via Facebook or YouTube.

TUESDAY, JULY 21

- Women's Bible Study (via Zoom) at 2:00 pm
Also 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 listserv prior to the call. To be added to the Bible Study listserv, please email the church office.

SUNDAY, JULY 26

- Elders' Meeting at 9:15 am
Elders will meet in the back of the sanctuary prior to worship. If you are unable to attend in person, please contact an Elder Co-Chair.
- Worship Service at 10:00 am
Join us for worship in person or online via Facebook or YouTube.
- Congregational Meeting following the Worship Service
This meeting is to review and discuss the proposed 2026 Budget. See article for details.

From the Pastor's Desk

Greetings From the Minister:

It was a very busy weekend last week and all I can say is "WOW." I continue to be blown away by FCC, Covington's ability to plan, coordinate, and most importantly, care for one another. The Rambo family was extremely grateful for the outpouring of support and love for Tom and Elinor. Extra special thanks to Rev. Sheri Jackson who officiated a beautiful service! Extra, extra, special thanks to all those who arrived early, decorated, prepared food, and helped clean up afterwards. Your efforts honored the memory of Tom and Elinor, thank you.

The recognition service for Rev. Dr. Larry and Marilyn was a smashing success! My heart was overfilled with joy watching our two churches work (and play) together. A lifelong member and elder of Bullittsville said they had never seen so much food. Everything was so delicious and the decorations were absolutely wonderful. I want to thank Sterling and Tommy for their participation in the service. There is something particularly sacred when congregational leadership guide the service. Covington does this especially well. I'm a lucky minister. Between

the funeral and Larry and Marilyn's service I learned a valuable lesson...Donna is impossible to keep up with!

I know we are all grieving the loss of the Covington Kitchen feeding ministry. Something interesting came across my desk last week. A local organization called the Joyful Freedom Collective has quietly been feeding the less fortunate on NKY for years now. Last year they reached out to Bullittsville and asked to use the kitchen as a hub of their operation. Of course BCC accommodated. Last months they reached out again and asked if we would be willing to assist in cooking/packaging/and delivering meals. I think this would be a wonderful ministry for both FCC, Covington and BCC. They are asking for donations of food, funds, and time. They meet again at BCC on 7/31 from 1-4 PM. The collective is socially progressive and share many of the values we champion at FCC, Covington. Perhaps this could become a regular thing for our sister churches? Please consider volunteering and/or donating. For more information, please reach out to Rev. Dan.

Don't forget there is a coed men's group at Tommy's and Tish's house on the 18th, 6:00. (Yes, the women also participate in "men's" group at Bullittsville, they always have, lol). There is a pond for fishing, a gaming room with slots and video games, snacks, and there will be a bonfire! 5803 N. Orient, Burlington, KY, 41005. There will be hot dogs and burgers provided, feel free to bring a side/dessert/salad. It is BYOB -bring your own bible...or whatever else :) This is always a low-key relaxing event, please consider attending.

With so much going on within our churches it is easy to forget to practice intentional moments of sabbath and rest. Please make time for rest, self-care, and rejuvenation. If you, or someone you know, is in need of pastoral care please do not hesitate to reach out via text/call/email, whatever.

Peace Be Unto Y'all
Rev. Dan.





A Note from The Smiths

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for the wonderful day you gave us. We are overwhelmed by the many of you that contributed your time and talents to make our day amazing. Our heart-felt thanks go out to each of you.

Thank you so much for the service, for the meal, for the fellowship, for the love offering, and for driving out to Bullittsville.

Most of all, we thank you for being our church home and spiritual base for all these years. We will continue to pray for a continued ministry in downtown Covington.

God bless you!

Marilyn and Larry.

Congregational Meeting Details

We will have a congregational meeting on Sunday, July 26th following worship to review and discuss the 2026 Budget. A copy of the budget will be printed and made available in the back of the sanctuary next week. Additionally, a copy of the budget will be emailed to the congregation with a reminder of the meeting. If you are attending the Men's Retreat that weekend and cannot be present for the congregational meeting, please contact Doug Baldrige at edbaldrige1@gmail.com and let him know your vote on the proposed budget.

Invitation from Bulletsville

BULLITSVILLE
Christian Church
MEN'S GROUP
(Women Welcome)

MEETING AT THE
Stately
THOMPSON MANOR
★ **6PM** ★
JULY 18

★ FISHING
★ DISC GOLF
★ CAMPFIRE
★ GAMING MACHINES

★ 5803 N ORIENT • BURLINGTON, KY

All Welcome!
★ WILL GRILL ★
BURGERS AND DOGS
BRING A DISH TO PASS
AND
Favorite Beverage!

IRON SHARPENS IRON,  SO ONE MAN SHARPENS ANOTHER. PROVERBS 27:17

July Book Club Details

Our next book club selection is “The Bullet That Missed” by Richard Osman - a Thursday Murder Club book! Folks will gather for discussion via Zoom on Sunday, July 26th at 2:00 pm. A zoom link will be sent to the Book Club listserv prior to the call. If you have not received emails about Book Club from us before and would like to be added to the Book Club listserv, please email the church office and let us know!

Band of Helping Hands Concert

The next Band of Helping Hands (BOHH) concert is Saturday, July 25th at 3831 Decoursey Ave, Covington, KY 41015; doors open at 6:00 pm. Greg Mebs’ band, G. Miles and the Hitmen, will begin about 6:30 pm. The featured band, Doug Deming & the Jewel Tones, will follow. The cost is \$30 per person and includes a very nice meal! If you can go and support BOHH, please contact Joanna Ward at 513-289-0598.

July Leadership Council Meeting Notes

Attendees

Leadership Council: Doug Baldrige, Patrick Hunt, Jeff Nipper, Tom Norwood, Lettie Van Hemert, Arretta Ketron **Other Attendees:** Sterling and Brenda Staggs, Richard Addison, Joanna Ward, Pastor Dan Kovaly

Financial Update (Provided from Sheri to Doug) - Income was \$3,750 and expenses were \$5,000 for June, a deficit of \$1,250. \$15,000 was transferred from the Memorial Endowment Fund for operational costs. The CDs that were invested in have earned an average of 4% and will be renewed when they mature this month.

Review of the Proposed Budget (Provided from Sheri to Doug) - A draft of the proposed budget was included in an earlier email and discussed at the leadership council meeting. According to our church's constitution, the congregation will receive a two Sunday notice of a vote on the budget, therefore, we will put the budget to a vote on July 26. It will be asked of Alex to publish the budget in the weekly newsletter.

Review of Outreach Committee Budget (Taken from minutes provided by the committee - Dan Kovaly, Brenda and Sterling Staggs, Lettie Van Hemert and Sheri Jackson) - This team was tasked with recommending how much should be designated as outreach giving in our budget and to how those monies are to be distributed. Decisions made:

1. We recommend \$3,000 as our annual budgeted outreach for 2026.
2. We recommend distributing our giving over three areas:
 - National/Global (Disciples Mission Fund) - 25%
 - Regional (KY Regional Office) - 25%
 - Local Ministries (Welcome House, Fairhaven, and NKY Pride) - 50%
3. In 2027, the % allocations would remain, but we propose adding 3 additional local ministries (to be determined).

For the six months remaining in 2026, FCC will gift \$1,500 (half of the proposed \$3,000) as follows:

1. Disciples Mission Fund - \$375 National
2. KY Regional Office - \$375 Regional
3. Welcome House - \$250 Local
4. Fairhaven - \$250 Local
5. NKY Pride - \$250 Local

A motion was made to pass the decisions made from the committee, was seconded and was passed by the leadership committee.

Report from Rev. Dan Kovaly - Pastor Dan was planning on visiting Patricia at the hospital. He also spent time talking with Pastor Larry and Marilyn to aid him in his sermon and for the luncheon to honor them on July 12.

Celebration of Pastor Larry and Marilyn - Bullittsville Christian Church will host our celebration on July 12.

General Assembly of Christian Church (DOC) - July 10-11

Upcoming Events -

1. Band of Helping Hands Concert - July 25, 2026 - 3831 Decoursey Avenue, Covington, KY 41015
 - Doug Deming & the Jewel Tones
 - Doors open at 6 pm, music starts at 6:30 pm
 - \$30/person, includes meal

Johnson Controls Update - The collection agency made a settlement offer of \$3,000 which we rejected. We again provided reasons we disputed their claims of nearly \$5,000, but they have provided no further response.

Other - We talked about having a blessing of the pets service in September. More to come.

Next Leadership Council meeting will be on August 12 at 7:00 p.m.

Prayer Requests

If there is a name that needs to be removed or added to the prayer list, please email the church office and let us know. 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.

- Danny
- Garry
- Janet
- Mary
- Scott



*welcome wholly
love authentically
share God's grace abundantly*

