

First Christian Church Newsletter



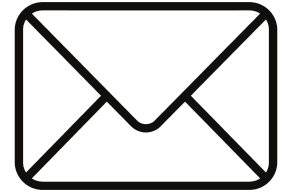
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Upcoming Events

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

- Worship Service at 10:00 am
Join us for worship in person or online via Facebook or YouTube.
- Book Club at 7:00 pm at 2:00 pm
All are welcome to join the month's book discussion and anyone who attends can make a book recommendation for the following month. A link for the call will be sent the day before. To be added to the Book Club listserv, please email the church office.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

- 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 the day before. To be added to the Bible Study listserv, please email the church office.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

- Leadership Council Meeting at 7:00 pm
Open to all members of First Christian Church. A link for the call will be sent the day before. If you have not received a link to this call before and would like to be sent the link, please email the church office.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

- Worship Service at Bulletsville Christian Church
We will be participating in a joint-worship service with our sister-church, Bulletsville, and celebrate baptisms with a meal to follow.

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From the Pastor's Desk

Greetings From The Pastor's Desk:

I want to start by thanking everyone who attended our joint worship and potluck last Sunday. What an amazing sight to behold...lots of people in worship, joyous voices singing hymns, a combined choir, and amazing food/fellowship! AMEN to all these things! I know it's a bit of a drive for some but worshiping, sharing fellowship, breaking bread, and singing/praying together with people that share values, traditions, and contexts is totally worth it!

We will be worshiping again at Bullittsville on 9/13. There will be two baptisms and a meal afterwards! Baptism is a profound statement of faith and I appreciate the outpouring of love and support for both Collin and Tish!



Don't forget we will have a blessing of the pets at Devou Park on the 27th. Worship will be shortened a bit (I have a bad dog who is excitable). Tommy and I will provide music via guitar, mandolin, and banjo!

Lots going on between our two churches but at least it's never boring! If you or anyone

you know is in need of pastoral care please do not hesitate to text/call/email/stop by.

Peace Be Unto Y'all
Rev. Dan.

Book Club Details

The FCC Book Club's current selection is "Mad Mabel" by Sally Hepworth. Anyone who has an interest is welcome to join for each month's book discussion. Also, anyone who attends can make a suggestion for the next month's reading selection. Join us on Sunday, September 6th to discuss "Mad Mabel" and to make your own reading suggestion for our group!

August Leadership Council Meeting Notes

Attendees

Leadership Council: Doug Baldridge, Patrick Hunt, Jeff Nipper, Tom Norwood, Arretta Ketron

Other Attendees: Sterling and Brenda Staggs, Larry Smith, Pastor Dan Kovaly

Budget - The congregation met on July 26th to vote on the budget for the remainder of 2026. A motion was made to pass the budget, was seconded, and was passed by unanimous vote.

Financial Update (Provided by Sheri) - Income was \$4,900 and expenses were \$6,300 for July, a deficit of \$1,400. The balance in our Operating Fund is \$16,000, which includes a \$15,000 transfer from the Memorial and Endowment Fund.

Pledge Cards - During the congregational vote for the budget, Brenda Staggs discussed bringing back pledge cards to the congregation. We discussed this at the Leadership Council meeting and decided to look around to see if we have a pledge card used in the past that we could use again or mock up to make a new one. While there was no opposition to using pledge cards, we tabled the discussion until the next meeting, until we have a sample pledge card.

Air Conditioner at Church - Doug reported that before the building was sold, one of the air conditioners was not working. The air conditioner is old and there are no parts that would be able to fix it. Before the sale, it was agreed upon that we would pay a total of \$15,000 to the Band of Helping Hands to help with the cost of repair/new unit. While the air conditioner is currently working, it will be an expense that we will have to pay down the road.

Report from Rev. Dan Kovaly -

- On top of hospital and congregational calls and visits, Pastor Dan was focusing on budgets finances and helping with revising our constitution. He would like to have a meeting to begin asset mapping, which will list internal and external strengths to address congregational and community needs. He will work with Alex to possibly create a poll on the best way to approach this.
- Reminder of the potluck/joint service at Bullittsville. We will try to do this every 5th Sunday of the month.
- On September 13th, two members of Bullittsville will be baptised. Pastor Dan invited FCC to this ceremony or individually to anyone who would like to attend.
- Blessings of the Pets - Pastor Dan will look for an outside venue that can accommodate having a service for blessings of the pets. He will report on that at the next leadership council meeting.
- Mary Longard is asking if anyone knows of a refrigerator repair person that can help fix her refrigerator.

Internet Service - Dan will send emails that he's received concerning the issues with the internet. Without the internet, live streaming of our service has fallen on Richard to stream from his phone. While the internet is currently working, the issues may still continue and we need a permanent solution to fix it. Doug discussed talking to Altafiber to move the line somewhere that we can better access it. After looking at emails and potentially talking to Greg from Band of Helping Hands, we will discuss this again at the next council meeting.

Revision of Constitution - Dan would like to wait until the Asset Mapping meeting has been completed before the revision of the constitution.

Eleanor Rambo Gift - Eleanor Rambo made First Christian Church her beneficiary on a life insurance policy. Sheri is working with the insurance company to finalize. This generous gift will go into the Memorial and Endowment Fund.

Tom - Tom discussed topics from conversation brought up by Donna in the last Elder's meeting on July 26.

- Have the Elder giving Communion to go downstairs to act as a greeter to hand out bulletin and water to people arriving to church.
- Have a sign made that would sit on an easel that she found to stand at the door where we come in. Donna had asked Arretta if her daughter would make the signage. The sign and greeter would remove any confusion of where to enter the church.
- Could we rearrange/remove the Hymns to better help with the flow of service. Patrick, Dan, Brenda, Sterling and Joanna will discuss this and let us know the result at the next council meeting.

Lettie - Please keep Lettie, Jim and her family in your prayers as they mourn the passing of Lettie's father. We missed you Lettie and are praying for your comfort and peace.

Next Leadership Council meeting will be on September 9 at 7:00 p.m.

Prayer Requests & Praises

If there is a name that needs to be removed or added to the prayer lists, 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.

Prayers

- Becky
- Danny
- David
- Scott
- William

Praises

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share God's grace abundantly*

