

# First Christian Church Newsletter



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## Upcoming Events

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25

- Elders Meeting at 9:15 am  
Elders will meet in the back of the sanctuary. Please contact an Elder Co-Chair if you are unable to attend in person.
- Worship Service at 10:00 am  
Join us in-person or online for worship each week.

### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27

- Women's Bible Study (via Zoom) at 7:00 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.

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29

- Asset Mapping at 6:30 pm  
Meeting at Bulletsville Christian Church (3094 Petersburg Rd, Burlington, KY 41005). All members are encouraged to join.

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1

- ALL SAINTS DAY
- Worship Service at 10:00 am  
Join us in-person or online for worship each week.

## FCC Book Club Details

The FCC Book Club's current selection is "The All Women Filling Station Reunion" by Fannie Flagg. 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, November 15th*, at 2:00 pm via Zoom, to discuss "The All Women Filling Station Reunion" and to make your own reading suggestion for our group!

If you have not been receiving the link for this call and would like to join, please contact the church office and let us know to add you to our Book Club Listserv!

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### **Band of Helping Hands Upcoming Concerts**

If you are interested in supporting the Band of Helping Hands by attending a concert, here is the list of upcoming shows you may be interested in. All shows open doors at 6:00 pm, serve food at 6:30 pm, and begin the music at 7:00 pm. Tickets are \$25.

- **Saturday, October 24th** – (A multiple Blues Music Award winner, recognized repeatedly as one of the top soul-blues artists in the country. His honors include B.B. King Entertainer of the Year, Soul Blues Male Artist and multiple Soul Blues Album awards.)
  - **Saturday, November 7th** –The Witches of Rifle Range (mostly original music with our inspirations coming from the Walkmen, the Strokes, the Replacements, early U2 and Spoon.)
  - **Saturday, November 28th** –The Dukes (yacht rock style)
  - **Saturday, December 12th** – Blue Christmas with Noah Wotherspoon (local blues, world renowned musician) Bring an unwrapped toy for local kids in need.
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### **October Leadership Council Meeting Notes**

#### **Attendees**

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

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

**Financial Update (Provided by Sheri to Doug)** - Income for September was \$4,975, expenses were \$6,650. Expenses were up due to the quarterly insurance premium of \$765 and a final equipment charge from Altafiber of \$575.

**Pledge Campaign** - Brenda is coordinating volunteers to speak about the pledge campaign and cards during ministry updates every week until November 22. Sheri provided a pledge card that Alex created and asked for feedback. The consensus from the leadership council was that the card looked great and asked that an additional box be added to include an 'Other' box on the back of the card with the other checkboxes. Pastor Dan will include the pledge campaign in his write-up in the FCC weekly newsletter. The leadership council is requesting Sheri to create a letter to the congregation, perhaps including Pastor Dan's newsletter write-up, so that all members can be informed of the campaign. Pledges are due by November 22.

#### **Pastor Report (Dan)**

- Asset mapping meeting is scheduled for October 29 at 6:30 p.m. at Bullittsville Church. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend.
- Boone County Pride Festival had a lot of traffic and several contacts have reached out to Pastor Dan, as he included a new business card that has both churches, one church on the front, the other on the back, in swag bags given to festival goers. Special thanks to members of the Bullittsville church and Jeff Nipper from FCC for manning the booth and meeting with visitors.

- There will be a Friendsgiving celebration at Erlanger Christian Church on November 23 at 7:00 p.m.
- Joint worship and potluck on November 29th. This is the first Sunday of Advent and Brenda and Sterling will do the reading for the service.
- Bullittsville church will hold Christmas Eve service at 6:00 p.m.
- Doug will contact the Band of Helping Hands to see if we can decorate the sanctuary early for Advent. Joanna will also mention it through her contacts.
- Pastor Dan will be on vacation beginning the week of December 27 and will arrange for a pastor in his absence.
- Pastor Dan will be taking Sabbath on Mondays. Any problems or issues on Mondays should be communicated to Sterling Staggs.
- After conversations during the Elders meeting of changing the order of worship, Pastor Dan discussed flipping the order of communion and the offering. Tom gave a little more perspective from the Elders meeting discussions. No changes were decided upon.

**Request from Larry** - Marilyn will be serving at the table on October 18. Pastor Larry has requested that he be permitted to jointly serve with Marilyn to help with her first time. Discussion was had about why that would have to be a request and not a given. Sterling, Doug, Tom and Pastor Dan gave background of the Disciples of Christ, where clergy didn't generally go behind the table, that lay leaders typically perform communion. A unanimous answer was given to Larry and he will help her at the table.

**Date for Congregational Meeting** - We will have the annual congregational meeting to discuss and vote on candidates for Deacons, Elders, Trustees and Leadership council, as well as the budget for the next year on December 6.

#### **Other -**

- All Saints Day - (November 1) - We will be having a special ceremony for all members and family members that have passed since our last All Saints Day Ceremony. Pastor Dan will work with Donna to incorporate candles into the service. Please contact Pastor Dan or Alex to include names of loved ones that have passed so that they are mentioned in the ceremony.

**The next leadership council meeting will be on November 11.**

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### **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.

#### **Prayer Requests**

- Arretta's family
- Garry
- Karen
- Martin
- Marvin
- Robin
- Scott
- Sherry

#### **Praises**



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