

First Christian Church

GEORGETOWN

KEYNOTER



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FCC Welcomes New Member Larry Prather!



Larry Prather joined the congregation on September 22. Larry has been attending FCC since early this year and coordinates our worship livestream on Sunday mornings. He resides at 166 Irving Lane, Georgetown, KY, 40324.

If you are interested in joining FCC as a member or simply have questions about membership, contact Chris.

Congregational Meetings

In a special called Congregational Meeting on **September 15**, those present unanimously affirmed the new structure and by-laws for our congregation, which will be implemented fully in January 2025. The work to implement the new structure is underway in the continued work of the Structure Team and others, as well as our current Nominating and Stewardship Committees incorporating the new structure into their work to prepare for 2025.

We will have our annual Congregational Meeting on **Sunday, November 24**, immediately following worship. We will consider the proposed budget and slate of leadership nominees for 2025, which will be shared with the congregation via e-mail, with printed copies also available at the entrances on Nov. 10, 17, & 24.

First Christian Church Outreach

Share the Warmth

Georgetown-Scott County EMS is accepting donations of **new** winter gloves, hand-warmers, hats, and scarves for those in need for its “Share the Warmth” program.

A donation bin for these items will be set up in the gathering area of the church near the Clinton Street entrance. These items can be dropped off in the bin any Sunday and the Outreach Committee will get them to the EMS.

You may also drop off items any time to the EMS station front lobby at 141 South Broadway, Georgetown.



The Gathering Place Meal

The Sacred Inklings Sunday Class fed 79 guests at The Gathering Place on Thursday, October 31, featuring a meal provided and served by class members that included chili, chips, sandwiches, Halloween candy and amazing Halloween decorated brownies made by Allison & Mallie Fisher. Several folks praised the chili (including Rosalie's white chicken chili) and came back for seconds- it was an enjoyable Halloween experience! FCC's next Gathering Place meal will be on Thursday, January 30 (we provide a meal anytime there is a fifth Thursday in a month- usually 4 times a year).



OUR STAFF

Senior Minister

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Gracelyn Parriman

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Coordinator

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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday

11:00 am – 3:30 pm

fccgeorgetown.org

502-863-2049

Please check the weekly mailchimp, the bulletins, and with the office for minister's schedules as they are subject to change weekly depending on the needs of the church. If you'd like to make an appointment please contact the church at 502-863-2049 or fccgeorgetown@bellsouth.net

Sunday Worship 11:00 am
Sunday School 9:45 am

Georgetown College Spectrum Event

On **Tuesday, November 19**, Revs. Chris Cash and Christy Messick will be participating on behalf of FCC on a panel at Georgetown College featuring church leaders who are LGBTQ-affirming. The event is sponsored by Spectrum, the college's LGBTQ student association, and was initiated in collaboration with FCC's Faith Formation committee in order to build awareness and to support Spectrum's work as well as spread the message of what it means for a church to be Open and Affirming. Representatives from Faith Baptist and Holy Trinity Episcopal Church will also be attending. The panel will take place at the college chapel at 11a.m. and is open to the public.

November Intergenerational Activity-- Wed. November 20

This year's Advent theme, "Words for the Beginning," features quilting designs that represent our unique stories as well as beginnings and endings. For an opportunity to hear more about this theme and begin reflecting toward the season of Advent, we will gather for an all-ages activity on **Wednesday, November 20**. We will share a meal that evening at **5:45 p.m.**, followed by reflections on this theme and crafting ornaments to place on our sanctuary tree and also give to our home-centered individuals. All are welcome to join this kid-friendly, creative time together!

November Sermon Series

In our present troubled times, can good questions be part of the work of forming community, deepening compassion, and offering repair to what is fractured? In our November series “I’ve Been Meaning to Ask...: Questions for Curiosity, Courage, & Connection”, we’ll explore four questions: Where are you from? Where does it hurt? What do you need? Where do we go from here? In addition to exploring these questions in worship, we’ll also explore and share from related questions to these themes in our Wednesday night adult group at 6:30 p.m. on Oct. 30, Nov. 6, and Nov. 13 (new folks are always welcome!)

Christmas Giving Programs

This year our congregation has two opportunities to provide gifts for families in need: We will be participating in our traditional **White Christmas** gift-giving program. We’ve been provided with the names of 20 local children, and we will provide 4 gifts for each child: something they want, something they need, something to wear, and something to read. Congregants can participate by choosing a tag with a child’s particular wish or clothing/shoe size and bringing the wrapped gift to church. We’ll be collecting those gifts **until Sunday, Dec. 8**. Also this year, FCC will be assisting **Georgetown Baptist Church** in their annual Toy Store on **Thursday Dec. 5**. The Toy Store provides local parents the ability to shop for their children at a 90% discount. GBC collects donated toys and items, and volunteers work at the store or provide refreshments or wrap gifts for those who choose that service. We will be collecting unwrapped donations for the Georgetown Baptist Toy Store until Sunday, Dec. 1. Our church has been asked to donate for children aged 12-14. Suggested items for this age group include art kits, puzzles, soccer balls or other general sports items, jewelry, sweaters, sweatshirts, or hoodies. FCC members may also volunteer at the Toy Store on Dec. 5 from 6-7 or 7-8. Please contact Holly Osborn (316-1939 or hfosborn@bellsouth.net) if you are interested in volunteering or if you have any questions about either giving opportunity.

Memorial Funds Use

In the past month, our Finance Committee has approved the use of memorial funds for two purchases. The first is an “Owl” Device, which includes a 360* camera and multiple microphones and allows for those joining hybrid-format meetings/classes digitally to see and hear those speaking more clearly. Our Sacred Inklings Sunday School class is using it weekly and it is available to use for other meetings & gatherings as well. You can contact Chris for a very simple training on how to use it. This device helps us live out our value of compassionate hospitality by making gatherings open to those who are unable to attend in-person but would like to engage. The second purchase was additional folding rectangular tables for use in the fellowship hall. This resource also helps us in offering hospitality through meals and gatherings. The FCC Memorial Fund is made up of funds received directly in memory of individuals.

Calling All Quilters!

Our Advent/Christmas resources, “Words for the Beginning”, utilize some quilting imagery as part of the visuals. We’re exploring some different possibilities and would love to involve some of our folks with quilting experience or skills. If that’s you, please contact Chris or the church office. Additionally, we will also be seeking folks to loan quilts of your own for use in our seasonal decorations- watch for more information on that soon

Offerings & Outreach

<u>Tithes & Offerings</u>		<u>As of the end of October 2024</u>
Needed Monthly	Received in October	General Budget YTD Income: \$208,929.70
\$24,163.57	\$18,156.72	General Budget YTD Expenses: \$234,959.88

Outreach Giving: Contributions collected as of October 31, 2024 for outreach giving are as follows:

Amen House: \$2,876.00	Week of Compassion: \$3,715.00
Blanket Sunday: \$960.00	WOC Disaster Relief: \$1,975.00
Ukraine Relief: \$650.00	DWF Blessing Boxes: \$295.00
Pentecost Offering: \$225.00	Elizabeth’s Village: \$200.00
Easter Offering: \$75.00	Reconciliation Offering: \$515.00
Guatemala Mission Trip: \$550.00	KY Disaster Relief: \$200
School Supplies: \$405.00	The Gathering Place \$500.00

PRAYER LIST

MEMBERS

Jean Matheny
Judy Smith
Ann Bevins
Jacque Hukill
Donna Ward

FAMILY

Darcy Smith (daughter-in-law of Judy Smith)
Mary McBurney (grandmother of Carly Dickinson)
Carmen Wagner (daughter of Jim & Rosalie Calloway)
Bill Fulton (father of Holly Osborn)
Brent Poole (cousin of Debbie Hockensmith)
Sympathy and prayers to Crystal, Mark, Sam, & Ellie Showalter and family, in the death of Crystal's mother, Sue Maynard.

FRIENDS

John Bowman & Kimberly Moore (of Julie Knipp & Linzi Wixom)



AMEN House/Blessing Box Collection- Sunday, December 1

For our monthly First Sunday Food Collection, both food items and monetary donations will be collected and blessed at the start of the worship service. All food items collected will be shared through our Blessing Box on College Street and monetary donations will be given to the AMEN House. We welcome all kinds of non-perishable food donations for the Blessing Box and items with pop-tops that do not require a microwave/stove to prepare can be especially helpful to some in our community. Sharing these resources helps address food insecurity here in Scott County. (Food items can also be donated throughout the month by placing them in the red wagon in the hall outside the chapel)

Disciples Women's Fellowship

Monday, Nov. 18, at 5 p.m. in the Gathering Area
Lesson p 34 -Joy in rest. Matt 11:28-30
Service Project: Exam week cookie /treat boxes

Cookie Sunday

Cookie Sunday is **November 24th** for Exam Week Boxes of cookies and treats for our college students. If you have cookies or other small treats you would like to provide, bring them on or before the 24th and place them in the basket in the Gathering Area. If you have a family member attending college, please provide name and address to Teresa (teresa@fccgeorgetown.org) or Kathy Nippert by Nov 21st.

December Dates to Remember:

Caroling Night- **Wednesday, December 11- 6:15 p.m.**
Blue Christmas Service- **Wednesday, December 18- 6:15 p.m.**
Christmas Eve Service- **Tuesday, December 24- 8:00 p.m.**

Welcome Carly Dickinson- Children, Youth, and Families Director

Carly has been a member of FCC for several years. She has served as the Faith Formation Committee chairperson the past 4 years, has coordinated Children Worship and Wonder for over 5 years, and the Wednesday night children and youth program and activities. She has a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology with an emphasis on child development, a Master in Social Work degree and is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker. She worked at Eastern State Hospital as a Social Services Clinician for 10 years and as a Therapist in a Georgetown counselling group for four years. In her free time, Carly enjoys listening to and playing music with her son, Teddy, and husband, Wilson. She loves to go for walks, reading, and doing jigsaw puzzles. She is a co-convenor of Twisted Trunk Community Garden and Green Christians dinner church. She lives at "Dickinson Headquarters" with her son; husband; mother-in-law, Suetta; sister-in-law, Becky; nephew, Logan, and three ridiculous cats.

Welcome Gracelyn Parriman to FCC staff as the church's newest nursery

attendant! Gracelyn is currently a junior at Georgetown College, where she is studying Communications and Media Studies. After she graduates early next December, she hopes to pursue a career in PR/Marketing/Event planning with non-profit organizations. She has served as the social chair of her sorority for the last two years, and was elected the Director of Philanthropic Service at the beginning of November! Gracelyn tells us she has always been passionate about working with kids. She started babysitting when she was 12, and became a full-time nanny at 15. In high school she volunteered at Scott County Preschool, and worked at Georgetown Child Development Center. For the past 3 years she has been a substitute teacher for Scott County Schools, and she is a program specialist at the Ed Davis Learning Center. She is especially passionate about working with children from under-resourced backgrounds or with developmental differences. In her free time, Gracelyn loves to write, plan, organize, shop, volunteer, and bake. She loves hanging out with her two kittens, Griffin and Gideon, and her girlfriend Riley. Please make sure you welcome Gracelyn and say hello next time you come by the nursery!

