



BFCC e-Caller

September 2020

Reaching Outward to Connect People with God's Abundance

This article from our Moderator Jamie Blackwell is being ran again this week. It explains how we will proceed with worship for the next month.

Hello everyone! During last month's (July's) Church Board Zoom Meeting, we were hoping to resume live worship services in early September (6 Sept), however, due to

- (1) our live-streaming equipment not all being in and set up,
- (2) concerns about school starting and possibly increasing our county's number of positive cases, and
- (3) concern, in general, of many of our congregation's members being in the vulnerable groups, (myself included). . .we decided in our August Board Zoom Meeting, to delay resuming in-person worship until no earlier than the 27th of September. This gives us a few extra weeks to monitor the county's data and to discuss again in the September Board Meeting.

We also agreed to postpone the Camp Service/Picnic that was tentatively being planned for the second Sunday in September (Sept 13th). With the thought of not being able to eat inside the Lodge, having the Service outside, having to rely on the weather, concerns of not being able to really visit with everyone, and now not resuming live worship at our church building before this date. . .we decided that it would be best to postpone the Church Service/Picnic as well.

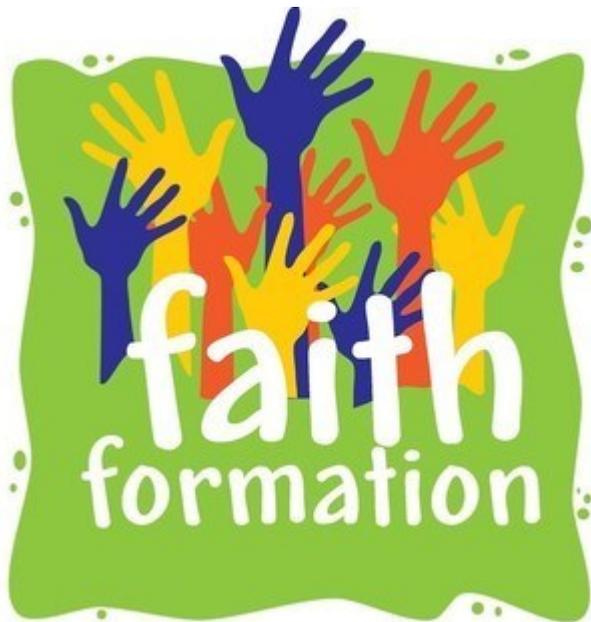
I know that I personally would like for us to be able to gather together, but, when we resume live worship, I have concerns of carrying something to a family member. I don't know if I could live with myself, if I was the cause of a loved one getting sick. So, we want everyone to be able to feel comfortable to make your own decisions after we resume in-person services, of whether you are comfortable coming back at that time or need to wait longer.

I truly appreciate the on-line services and the intent is to keep them going, and eventually replace them with live-streaming services of the in-person services at some point. So, the option of watching services on-line should remain available to us all for the foreseeable future. (I know we have some members who do not have connectivity to be able to enjoy these on-line services, so, if anyone has some ideas of how to help any of them connect, feel free to explore by setting them up through some of their family members, inviting some to watch along with you, or other innovative thoughts/ideas.)

Thanks to all of you for praying for our church family as we navigate through these challenging times! Hope and pray that you and your families all remain healthy and safe!

Thank you!

Jamie Blackwell
Board Moderator



Adult Faith Formation Opportunities

Making Sense of the Cross: a 6 week book/DVD/discussion study via Zoom of different understandings of the Cross. Lutheran biblical scholar David Lose will be the teacher on DVD, with Pastor Bruce providing local leadership. **The class will be held on Wednesday evenings, beginning September 9.** Books can be ordered through Mitzi in the Church Office @ 812-275-4497; or online @ both Amazon and Augsburg Fortress Press. Bloomington-First Christian folks are also being invited to participate

Other Adult Faith Formation and Service Opportunities (Bedford folk are welcome)
Contact Bloomington-FCC Faith Formation Director Sarah Lynne Gerson
at sarahlynne@fccbloomington.org for more information

A 5-week study on Walter Brueggemann's *Virus as a Summons to Faith*. This book contains short, accessible chapters providing biblical reflections that challenge cause and effect reasoning in times like these. Each chapter ends with a prayer written by Brueggemann. Feel free to jump in anytime. The book is available on kindle. Led by retired Presbyterian pastor Timothy Jessen via Zoom

Sunday Meditation Group (spiritual practice)

This group practices silent meditation to cultivate peace and joy. Each session includes discussion of readings from teachers such as Thich Nhat Hahn, Richard Rohr, and others. No previous experience in mediation practice is required. Meets at 8:30 a.m. on Sundays via Zoom. Leader: Tom Walsh (Bloomington-FCC member and IU music professor)

Book Bunch (for women)

This fun group of readers gathers every five weeks to discuss books from a variety of genres. We typically meet on a Thursday at 4pm via Zoom. A booklist with meeting dates and locations is available in the Bloomington-FCC Church Office (812-332-4459).
Leader: Betsy Watson (Bloomington-FCC member)

Voices of Faith

A network of Disciples Women, Voices of Faith strives to dialogue, educate, and advocate as we do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with God. The group is now reading *White Fragility* by Robin DiAngelo and is supporting voter registration initiatives. VoF shares calls to action that support legislation, cooperation with civic groups, and responses to community issues and concerns. We meet monthly on Third Saturdays, 9:30-11:00 am via Zoom.

Leaders: Bloomington-FCC members Sandy Bate, Susan Fettchenhauer, Judith Olmsted

Faith, Friends & Films

When this group gathers, film sets the tone for diving deep into our shared faith journey. The dialogue begins with brief and engaging videos featuring modern theologians. Some weeks the group learns about or engages in a spiritual discipline and practices it together. Join us in sharing the discoveries and challenges that arise as we more deeply connect with God, self, and others. We meet Sundays at 11:15 a.m. via Zoom

Leaders: Bloomington-FCC members Lisa Autry, Amy Hoover, Sharon Robinson

Campbellite Class (study, discussion)

As thinking persons who love God and each other, we think together about how we should live as part of God's family. This term our focus will be on "Living the Christian Life in a Time of Pandemic." This class likes lively discussion as part of our lifelong learning.

We invite you to join us Sundays at 11:15 a.m. via Zoom.

Leaders: Bloomington-FCC members Jane Watkins, Joe Lee, and Nancy Heimer

Bloomington Bible Study (study, discussion)

This group consists of young adults who are college-aged, but you do not need to be in college to attend. Everyone 18-30 is welcome! Pre-Pandemic FCC's college ministry focused on studying with the Bible (this means that students were encouraged to bring homework to do while we discussed our weekly theme and how it relates to our faith journeys), but now everything has changed and we are figuring out the how's and what's of this group. Stayed tuned for the details coming soon and let us know if you want to get connected to whatever transpires. Time, Day and Forum TBD

Leader: Former Camp Bedford lifeguard Haley Norris

Deeper Bible Study

This group uses the Deeper Bible Study method to dig into the upcoming Sunday's scripture. Led by Bloomington-FCC members Connie Myers, Elma Jessen, and Debbie White



Happy Birthday
to you,
Happy Birthday
to you,
Happy Birthday
dear friends,
Happy Birthday
to you.

Please let our office know if
we don't have your birthday.

September

09/01	<i>Bonnie Duncan</i>
09/04	<i>Francena Beasley</i>
09/04	<i>Christa Tahere</i>
09/05	<i>Bill Crane</i>
09/05	<i>Cameron Holbrook</i>
09/05	<i>A.J. Reynolds</i>
09/06	<i>Mike Dixon</i>
09/06	<i>Francis Stone</i>
09/11	<i>Leona Jones</i>
09/13	<i>Alex Jones</i>
09/15	<i>Doris Wykoff</i>
09/16	<i>Lee Waltz</i>
09/17	<i>Marilyn Fields</i>
09/22	<i>Carol Mifflin</i>
09/26	<i>Brian Blackwell</i>
09/27	<i>Beth Joyner</i>
09/28	<i>Karen Billberry</i>
09/28	<i>Vasco Billberry</i>



Prayer List

Prayer requests will remain in the e-caller for one month. If an individual for whom prayer has been requested still needs prayer after one month, please contact the church office, or email Bonnie Fye at bonniefye_1@comcast.net. Updates are always appreciated. And please remember those on our Prayer List during your daily prayers.

In Your Mercy, Lord, Hear Our Prayers

Our Friends and Family: Charles Bouldin, Brent, Bob and June Briscoe, Brandy Busz, Aaron Evans, Danny Gillock, Rita Jenkins, Nell Jones and family, Jean Martin, Shirley McMunn, Steve Mills, Sheila Miskuf, John Robbins, Dick Sides, Barbara Stevenson, Francis Stone, Greg VanCleave, Betsy and Randall Williamson, Doris Wykoff, Louis and Bernie.

Those away from home serving: the church, in military, civil service, education and work.

Those unable to be with us in Worship: Barbara Hall, Jacob Householder, Ellie Grissom, Marilyn Olson, Laverne Speer, Carolyn Tumey, Jimmy Waggoner.



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We are Disciples of Christ.

**A movement for wholeness in a fragmented world. As part of the one body of Christ,
we welcome all to the Lord's Table as God has welcomed us.**

**Disciples of Christ Statement of Identity*



**We are collecting Packaged
Foods for L.I.F.E Pantry
during the month of
September. Please place all
packages in the baskets
located in the foyer. Any
food you wish to donate is
welcome any month.**

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