



FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

*No matter who you are, or
where you are on life's journey,
you are welcome here!*

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UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Welcome home! We celebrate being a Just Peace making church with an Open and Affirming covenant supporting the LGBTQ community since 1994.

We welcome first time guests and include **all ages** in our worship service. We believe we are called by Jesus to be a transforming presence for God in the world. We are a place to **belong**, a place to **heal** and a place to **love**.

Pastor Sarah's Office Hours

Shannon's Office Hours

Monday – Sabbath	Monday – Sabbath
Tuesday – 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Tuesday – 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Wednesday – 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Wednesday – 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Thursday – 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Thursday – 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Friday – working out of office	Friday – 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Pastoral Care:

Pastor Sarah may be reached at (386) 478-9012 or at pastorsarah@fcindy.org.

We celebrate the team of people called to serve on our church staff:

Senior Pastor, Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund
Pastoral Care Associate, Pastor Carol Sowle
Office Administrator, Shannon Abbott
Music Designer/Organist, Sean Baker
Choir Director, Julie Houston

We celebrate the team of people elected to lead our church:

Rich Gibson, Moderator
Lianna Campos, Vice Moderator
Rev. Dr. Pat Larracey, Clerk
Jim Lootens, Treasurer
George Meier, Financial Secretary

We celebrate those leading us in worship today:

Clark Collier, Worship Leader
Aurelia Hoft March, Viola
Jesse Wittman, String Bass

JULY 14, 2019

11 A.M.

*Please speak the **bold**-printed words in unison.*

Asterisk () indicates those who choose to may stand.*

WE GATHER

MUSIC FOR GATHERING

Morning Has Broken

Fargeon, Traditional

WELCOME

Pastor Carol Sowle

*CALL to WORSHIP

Clark Collier

Friends, we are summoned here by our compassionate God,

who calls us each by name and gathers us together in the unity of Jesus Christ.

From classroom and kitchen and carpool, we are called into God's presence.

Young and old and middle-aged, individuals and families, soft-spoken and out spoken,

we hear our names being called to join in worship.

This sanctuary is a place to pursue God's vision for all people:

unity and joy and faith expressed through different gifts.

Let us worship together!

*UNISON PRAYER

Merciful God, you call us to love and serve you with body, mind, and spirit. You call us to love our neighbors near and far, and to love and cherish all of creation.

Open our hearts in compassion, open our ears to hear your word, and draw us close to you as we gather together to praise and worship you.

WE PROCLAIM

*OPENING SONG # 69

Come, God, Creator, Be Our Shield

New Creation Hymnal

THE PEACE

MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES

SCRIPTURE

Luke 10: 25-37

Clark Collier

SERMON

The Good Question

Pastor Carol Sowle

SONG # 553

From the Crush of Wealth and Power

New Century Hymnal

WE RESPOND

SHARING of JOYS and CONCERNS

We invite those who desire to share a joy or concern. Please share your name so that people might get better acquainted. In the power and presence of God we share your joy/prayer.

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father or Our Mother or Our Creator or Our Sacred Presence, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who have sinned against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory forever. Amen.

INTERLUDE

Concerto No.5, Allegro Moderato

Friedrich Seitz

OFFERING of GIFTS and TITHES

CALL TO OFFERING and SERVICE

We invite those who desire to share a service opportunity to do so briefly if the announcement is not in the bulletin. Please see the "Calls to Serve" for volunteer opportunities. Place connect cards in offering plates.

*DOXOLOGY (778)

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done;
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One.**

*UNISON OFFERING PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Compassionate God, in gratitude for your steadfast love and blessings day by day, we seek to follow Jesus through acts of service, tithes, and offerings. Multiply and use us and our offerings to bring the healing touch of Jesus to this place and throughout the world. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

WE GO

*CLOSING SONG #195

Children of God

Sing! Prayer and Praise

*BENEDICTION

Pastor Carol Sowle

POSTLUDE

Gigue from Suite No.1

J. S. Bach

Please remain seated for the postlude or leave the sanctuary quietly. Everyone is invited for coffee, refreshments, and conversation in the church parlor.

To the parents of our young children: God put the wiggle in children, please don't feel you have to suppress it in God's house. You are invited toward the front using the Playground if you like. Keep children engaged by quietly explaining the parts of the service, actions of the pastor, worship leaders, and musicians. Sing, pray, and speak the responses; children learn worship behavior by copying you. The way we adults welcome children in church directly affects how they respond to the Church and to one another. Let all ages know that they are at home in this house of worship. As Jesus said, "Let the children come to me."

To the members of our congregation: The presence of children is a gift to our church and to our community. They remind us that we are to share and pass on our faith. It is a gift to have children among us. Please welcome our children and encourage their parents with a warm smile.

Thank you.



CALLS to SERVE

"Here am I; send me!" Isaiah 6:8

Adult Class – Sunday, July 21, 9:45 a.m. – will continue to read and discuss “Anxious to Talk About it: Helping White Christians Talk Faithfully About Racism.”

August Colony Submission Deadline, TOMORROW - Please have your submissions sent to shannon@fcindy.org by tomorrow, July 15th.

Friday Night at the Movies, 7/19, 6:30pm - Piggy-backing on a St Peter's UCC program, let's meet on the third Friday each month at 6:30ish at Keystone Art Cinema at the Fashion Mall at Keystone. We'll decide which film(s) to see, get refreshments, and socialize. Then, after the movie, hang out at the Indie Lounge for more fellowship with our fellow FCC folk, as well as getting to know and share with St Peter's people.

YA Game Night, 6pm July 20th - All young adults are invited to a pizza and game night on Saturday, July 20th at 6pm in the parlor! Bring your favorite game and a friend if you'd like and your competitive edge for an evening of fun! For more info, contact Lianna at lcamos33@gmail.com or 317-954-1601.

Thinking of making First Congregational your new church home? Join us in welcoming new members on August 4. Contact Pastor Sarah pastorsarah@fcindy.org.

Family Promise Clothing Drive in August - For those of you used to spring and fall clothing drives, this year Family Promise is just doing one in August. So we will not be doing a big push this year. Bring clothing donations to the church in tall white trash bags that are securely tied.

Green Team Tip – Going on a picnic? Take reusable water bottles/containers and avoid plastic bottled water. (If you want to share a green habit, please send it to hoot.gibson.tds@gmail.com.)

July Mission of the Month: Underneath It All

This mission provides underwear and school uniforms for children in IHN/Family Promise Aftercare. The Aftercare Program of Family Promise/IHN helps homeless families who get housing remain housed. You can help in any of the ways listed below.

- 1) Buy underwear/socks/undershirts/underpants in any size from child size 4 to adult Large - boys or girls. Put in the white laundry baskets during July.

- 2) Donate new or gently used pants, shirts, skirts, or jumpers-all sizes from child size 4 to adult. Shirts must have collars and can be any solid color, without decoration or logo. Pants, skirts, or jumpers must be a solid color (tan, navy or black) with no decoration.
- 3) Donate \$ in July to buy uniforms or underwear in- change, dollar bills and checks designated Underneath It All in the memo line will help. We will buy clothes with the money donated.

With the year-round school calendar, school starts again in early Aug for many schools, so new uniforms will be needed soon. Past donations have provided each child in the Aftercare Program at least 1 full new uniform including underwear and socks. This is much appreciated by the families and Family Promise, so please continue to be generous.

Pantry Items of the Month - During July we are collecting the following items: juice, pasta, canned meat, pancake mix, shampoo and conditioner.

Flower Calendar - The 2019 Flower Calendar is on the bulletin board by the garden doors. Flowers can be for any occasion, and can come from the store, florist, or from your garden. The cost is \$25.00 from our florist. Any questions, please email Sally Coombs at sallysews73@gmail.com or call 317-446-2853. You can also let Shannon Abbott know the occasion at shannon@fcindy.org or call the church office at 317-257-5397.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST CONGREGATIONAL

Sunday, July 14	12:15 p.m.	Outreach & Service
Friday, July 19	6:30 p.m.	Friday Night at the Movies
Saturday, July 20	10:30 a.m.	Bell Choir Rehearsal
Saturday, July 20	6:00 p.m.	Young Adult Game Night
Sunday, July 21	9:45 a.m.	Sunday Adult Class
Sunday, July 21	11:00 a.m.	Worship

Today's Scripture (NRSV Translation)

Luke 10:25-37

²⁵ Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" ²⁶ He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" ²⁷ He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." ²⁸ And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live."

²⁹ But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" ³⁰ Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. ³¹ Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. ³² So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³ But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. ³⁴ He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. ³⁵ The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.' ³⁶ Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" ³⁷ He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."



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