



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 – serving the wider church	Thursday – 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Friday – serving the wider church	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:

Rev. Worth Hartman, Worship Leader
Gini Coomer, piano
Steve Coomer, trumpet

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 (NRSV)

**Our God in heaven,
hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come.
Your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.
And do not bring us to the time of trial,
but rescue us from the evil one. Amen.**

INTERLUDE

Melodie

Massenet

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.**

WE GO

*CLOSING SONG # 575

O For A World

New Century Hymnal

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund

POSTLUDE

Allegro Brilliant

Low

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, August 11, 9:45 a.m. – We continue to read and discuss "Anxious to Talk About it: Helping White Christians Talk Faithfully About Racism."

TODAY!!! FCC Spiritual Explorers Labyrinth Walk - FCC Spiritual Explorers will walk the labyrinth at St. Peter's UCC church after worship today. All are welcome! We plan to meet at St. Peter's UCC (3106 East Carmel Drive - Carmel, IN) at 1:30pm.

Friday Night at the Movies, 8/16, 6:30ish - Join us on the third Friday of each month at 6:30ish at Keystone Art Cinema in 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. Questions? Contact Wendy Baldwin

Nicaragua Day with Buzz & Pitch-In: Sunday, August 25 - At the adult education class Paul Terheide and Rita Hummel will tell about their participation in the 2019 CEPAD (Protestant Churches of Nicaragua) International Partnership Encounter in Managua, Nicaragua. Global Ministries mission co-worker Jeanette Salley will be with us for the day. After church join us in a Buzz conversation with pitch-in lunch in Jeanette's honor and learn about her work as a Christian educator in rural Nicaragua.

Technical Difficulties – It has come to our attention that some emails and electronic newsletters are being returned or are not being received for other reasons. We apologize for this inconvenience and are working with our service providers to resolve this issue.

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.

Dear Friends of Exodus Refugee Services - Trump administration officials are considering the unprecedented step of shutting down refugee resettlement in 2020. After already setting the lowest goal in the program's history - only 30,000 refugees in 2019 - some officials have proposed admitting ZERO. Cutting the program further at a time when record numbers of people are fleeing for their lives is unjustifiable. Even as we fight this cruel proposal to decimate the US refugee resettlement program, Exodus continues to serve the many refugees who already call Indianapolis home. We are committed, we are prepared, and [with your help](#) we will keep making Indianapolis a haven of freedom and safety for all. CALL YOUR SENATORS & REPRESENTATIVE TODAY: Call 202-224-3121 to be connected to your 2 Senators and 1 Representative.

Green Lunch on Sunday, September 8th - On Sunday September 8th, the Green Team will host a lunch featuring foods with a low carbon footprint. The lunch will include salad, soup, an entree and dessert. During the meal, diners will get tips and advice about cooking and eating sustainably. We want a good count to we prepare the right amount, so please RSVP at your earliest convenience to Rich Gibson, hoot.gibson.tds@gmail.com.

Green Team Tip – Don't forget reusable shopping bags when doing your grocery shopping. Carry them into dry goods stores to avoid plastic there as well. (If you want to share a green habit, please send it to hoot.gibson.tds@gmail.com.)

August Mission of the Month: CEPAD (The Council of Christian Churches in Nicaragua)

CEPAD helps Nicaraguans in rural communities escape from cycles of poverty and hunger. Women and the elderly are among the most disadvantaged. Pastors receive training to help their communities recover from emotional and physical trauma suffered in their communities this last year. First Congregational Church members participate in the program for those who wish to send delegations and form partnerships to help local communities. Your contributions will aid CEPAD's work.

Pantry Items of the Month - During August we are collecting the following items: canned peaches and pears, canned beans, ramen noodles and white bathroom tissue.

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, August 11	11:00 a.m.	Worship
Sunday, August 11	12:15 p.m.	Worship & Faith Meeting
Sunday, August 11	1:30 p.m.	Spiritual Explorers Labyrinth Walk @ St. Peter's UCC – Carmel
Tuesday, August 13	10:00 a.m.	Witness & Welcome
Wednesday, August 14	7:00 p.m.	Church Council
Friday, August 16	6:30 p.m.	Friday Night at the Movies
Saturday, August 17	10:30 a.m.	Bell Choir Rehearsal
Sunday, August 18	9:45 a.m.	Sunday Adult Class
Sunday, August 18	11:00 a.m.	Worship w/ Rev. Elizabeth Price & Rev. Dr. Pat Larracey preaching

Today's Scripture (NRSV Translation)

Luke 12:32-34

³² "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³ Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

