



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 off site	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. Elizabeth Price & Rev. Dr. Patrick Larracey, Worship Leaders
Mike Kessler, Percussion
Jesse Wittman, String Bass

The flowers on the altar are from Wendy Baldwin.

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. Loving God **hear our prayer.***

PASTORAL PRAYER

UNISON PRAYER from Hymn #611, O Day of God, Draw Near *New Century Hymnal*

**O Day of God, draw near in beauty and in power,
Come with your timeless judgment now to match our present hour.
Bring to our troubled minds, uncertain and afraid,
The quiet of a steadfast faith, calm of a call obeyed.
Bring justice to our land, that all may dwell secure,
And finely build for days to come foundations that endure.
Bring to our world of strife your sovereign word of peace,
That war may haunt the earth no more and desolation cease.
O Day of God, draw near as at creation's birth;
Let there be light again, and let your reign begin on earth.**

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

Meditação

Antônio Carlos Jobim

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 #555 Here, Savior, in this Quiet Place *New Century Hymnal*

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Chega de Saudade Antônio Carlos Jobim

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

Today Pastor Sarah is serving the wider church as a guest preacher at Community Congregational UCC in Amherst, OH, to bless their newly renovated Accessible-to-All sanctuary and present them with an award from the UCC Disabilities Ministries Board. She will also lead an educational workshop about disabilities and mental health justice. Thank you for supporting this ministry with your prayers.

Adult Class – Sunday, August 25, 9:45 a.m. – Paul Terheide and Rita Hummel, along with Global Ministries mission co-worker Jeanette Salley, will tell about their participation in the 2019 CEPAD (Protestant Churches of Nicaragua) International Partnership Encounter in Managua, Nicaragua.

Nicaragua Buzz & Pitch-In: Next Sunday, August 25 - After church join us in a Buzz conversation with pitch-in lunch in Global Ministries mission co-worker, Jeanette Salley’s honor and learn about her work as a Christian educator in rural Nicaragua.

Prayers for Pastor Sarah during the Pastor’s Protest Fast to end child hunger in Indiana as part of the witness for Bread for the World. Fasting will be **Monday, August 19–Thursday, August 22.**

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.

Advent Alternative Worship - Are you interested in joining a creative group to plan and implement an Alternative Worship experience for Advent? Do you want to plan a series of small group studies/experiences? Large group sessions that might include yoga, guided meditation, massage, Reiki, Frankincense and Myrrh? Something else? Any and all creative people welcome! Please see Elizabeth Price after worship this Sunday or email her at eprice235@gmail.com The group will convene on **September 8th** after church.

Green Team Tip – Do you use refillable water bottles and avoid plastic? (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

Wednesday, August 21	5:00 p.m.	Mental Health Team Meeting
Thursday, August 21	11:45 a.m.	Women's Lunch
Thursday, August 21	1:00 p.m.	Men's Lunch
Thursday, August 21	4:30 p.m.	Opportunity w/ Senator Young: A Fair Shot for All Children (at Noblesville UMC)
Saturday, August 24	10:30 a.m.	Bell Choir Rehearsal
Sunday, August 25	9:45 a.m.	Sunday Adult Class
Sunday, August 25	11:00 a.m.	Worship
Sunday, August 25	12:30 p.m.	Nicaragua Buzz w/ pitch-in lunch

Today's Scripture (NRSV Translation)

Luke 12:49-56

⁴⁹ "I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! ⁵⁰ I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! ⁵¹ Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! ⁵² From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; ⁵³ they will be divided:

father against son

and son against father,

mother against daughter

and daughter against mother,

mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law

and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

⁵⁴ He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain'; and so it happens. ⁵⁵ And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat'; and it happens. ⁵⁶ You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"



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