

 FirstCongregationalUCCIndy

 Forward



FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Epistle for the Week of June 10, 2021

Dear First Congregational,

Last week was the Indiana-Kentucky Conference Virtual Annual Gathering. Be sure to subscribe to the IKC YouTube channel so you won't miss the upcoming highlights from last week's Annual Gathering, including worship AND highlights from the 2023 promotional video for the UCC General Synod hosted by the Indiana-Kentucky Conference!

Click [HERE](#) for the IKC YouTube channel.

Blessings,
Pastor Sarah

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**IT'S OUR
SHOT,
HOOSIERS**
COVID-19 VACCINE

**Are you ready to get back to
the people and activities you love?**

Your vaccination brings us one day closer
to controlling the pandemic and
reopening Church.

Get your vaccine ASAP!
Register at ourshot.in.gov or call 211.

THIS SUNDAY

Sunday Adult Education, 9:30 a.m.

Patio Psalms and Prayers – On Sundays in June, grab your lawn chair and join us on the patio for an outdoor gathering time for faith formation. We will gather at 9:30, open with a welcome, read and reflect on a Psalm, share joys and concerns, and then close with prayer and the Lord's Prayer. We will wrap up by 10:15. Please join us for this time of reflection and connection.

June 13: Psalm 2

Sunday Worship, 11AM (YouTube, FaceBook, Dial In)

Scripture: Ezekiel 17: 22-24

Sermon: "Becoming Splendid"

COFFEE HOUR VIA ZOOM AT 12:00PM

Thank You for Your Support of First Congregational UCC

Please continue supporting the mission and ministries of your local church by mailing a check to the church or through online donations at <http://www.fcindy.org/online-giving/>

THIS WEEK AT FC

How to Access our Zoom Gatherings

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/9264494206?pwd=dmtWbWE5UXRBTk5pcHZlYlB0aEFVUT09>

Meeting ID: 926 449 4206 Password: 7171

If you click on the URL, you should not need to enter in the Meeting ID and Password.

To dial in by phone: +1 312 626 6799, Meeting ID 926 449 4206, Password 7171.

TODAY!

- **Men's Lunch at 1:00 p.m.** - For more information, please contact Dick Clough at (317) 872-3910 or Randy Walker at (317) 796-2081.
- **Spiritual Support Group at 5:00 p.m. (Zoom)** - This group openly invites anyone seeking spiritual care concerning well being. Contact Pastor Sarah at pastorsarah@fcindy.org, or 386-478-9012.

Book Circle - Tuesday, June 15th at 1:30PM (church parlor - masks required)

- We are going to finish reading *Enrique's Journey* and also discuss book choices for the fall (We are not meeting in July and August). Contact Linda Lupton or Karen Walker with any questions.

No More Vespers on Tuesdays - Last summer, when we were yearning for time to be together in person, several of us enjoyed gathering together at the church on Tuesday evenings for a short Vespers service. It appears that our lives are getting busy again, and that this ministry is no longer needed. Please join us on Sunday mornings at 9:30 am for Patio Psalms & Prayers, as we look forward to being able to worship together again in the sanctuary on August 1. Thank you to those who participated, as we shared our stories, thoughts, and prayers!

Covenant Outreach continues through August in support of our W.I.S.E. for

mental health covenant. Kudos to our Mental Health Team for their efforts in advocating for mental health in both our church family and in our wider community! Check out the ministries of the Julian Center (shelter and support for victims of domestic violence), the Trevor Project (mental and emotional help for LGBTQ youth and young adults), and the UCC Mental Health Network. Generous contributions from our congregation are greatly appreciated to support these ministries. Please donate either online or with a check sent to the church designated "Covenant Outreach".

The Mental Health Team is seeking new members who want to become part of the team. If interested or have questions, contact Sandy Wood@ csjlwood@att.net or 317-225-6206.

COMING SOON

Juneteenth Program - Saturday, June 19th at 2PM - Church Women United is hosting a short (30 minutes) Juneteenth zoom program with Bishop Charles A. Sheppard of First Free Will Baptist Church as the speaker - all are welcome! Click [HERE](#) for a brief order of service. Thank you! Any questions please contact Karen Walker

Fun at First! BYO Picnic & Games – POSTPONED UNTIL THE FALL

In the June Colony, Care & Connections scheduled a "Fun at First!" event for Sunday, June 13, 5-7; it was a BYO picnic & games event. We have decided to postpone this event until later this summer or fall.

Please click [HERE](#) to view the June Colony with more information and events happening this month!

CONNECTION & SUPPORT

FC Facebook page (click [here](#))

"First Congregational Indy Fellowship" group on Facebook (click [here](#)).

Pastoral Care

While Pastor Sarah is away on vacation June 4 – 11, Pastor Carol may be reached for Pastoral Care needs at (317) 496-9732 or casowle@gmail.com.

After June 1st, Pastor Sarah may be reached at (386) 478-9012 or pastorsarah@fcindy.org.

Pastor Sarah's Sabbath Days: Mondays & Saturdays

The congregation covenant with Pastor Sarah to provide 2 days per week for personal rest and family renewal. On Mondays and Saturdays, Pastor Sarah is not available unless it is a pastoral emergency. Thank you for honoring this sacred gift of Sabbath time for our Pastor and her family.

Additional Church Support Contacts

Pastoral Care Associate: Pastor Carol (casowle@gmail.com)

Office Administrator: Shannon (shannon@fcindy.org)

Lead Councilor: Steve Coomer (s.coomer@sbcglobal.net)

(Senior Councilors: Steve Coomer, Larry Eckel, Alice Rutherford)

Mental Health Support:

- **Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's Disaster Distress Helpline:** 1-800-985-5990, or text "TalkWithUs" to 66746.
- **National Suicide Prevention Hotline:** 1-800-273-TALK (8255) (press 1 for veterans, 2 for Spanish)
- **National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Information HelpLine** provides information and referral services. 1-800-950-NAMI (6264) and www.nami.org.
- **The Trevor Project hotline** offers support for LGBTQIA+ youth and families struggling with mental health challenges at 1-866-4-U-TREVOR (488-7386) and www.theTrevorProject.org

Members in Need Fund - The Members in Need Fund is available to support financial needs for any of our church family who find themselves in need. To request funds for you or your family, please contact Pastor Sarah by email pastorsarah@fcindy.org or cell (386) 478-9012.

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3 Ways to Connect for Worship

YOUTUBE

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCWV9wqAvPiUKSkEbjav6Zpw>

- YouTube Live broadcasts at 11am..
- Use this option for live interacting and messaging. You must have or create a user account and be logged in to message live.

FACE BOOK

https://www.facebook.com/pg/FirstCongregationalUCCIndy/posts/?ref=page_internal

- The video will be posted at 11am.
- This is for viewing only. For live interacting and commenting, please use the YouTube option.

DIAL-IN

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Weekly Calendar

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Sunday, June 13	9:30 a.m.	Patio Psalms & Prayers
Sunday, June 13	11:00 a.m.	Sunday Worship (YouTube, FB, Dial In)
Sunday, June 13	12:00 p.m.	Zoom Coffee Hour
Tuesday, June 15	1:30 p.m.	Book Circle (parlor)
Wednesday, June 16	7:00 p.m.	Church Council
Thursday, June 17	5:00 p.m.	Spiritual Support Group
Saturday, June 19	2:00 p.m.	Juneteenth Program - Church Women United (see announcement above)
Sunday, June 20	9:30 a.m.	Patio Psalms & Prayers (FC patio)
Sunday, June 20	11:00 a.m.	Sunday Worship (YouTube, FB, Dial In)
Sunday, June 20	12:00 p.m.	Zoom Coffee Hour

*All events are on Zoom unless indicated otherwise.