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## Epistle for the Week of October 27

### Dear Church

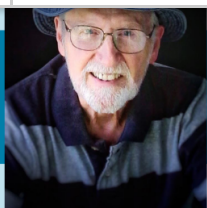
We are blessed to partner with Butler University and their Center for Faith and Vocation through their student internship program. This semester Delaney (they/them pronouns) Beh is our fall semester Just Peace Intern and brings a deep passion for the church to their time with us. It's already half-way through the semester, and Delaney has led Sunday adult education, and provides reflections for worship during the peace moment.

Delaney is also working on their final project that focuses on how churches can be more welcoming for young adults. They will be creating a survey for the congregation and inviting conversations with each of you as part of their research.

Thank you all for supporting our Just Peace Interns and being a "teaching church" that supports the formation of young leaders. We are blessed to be a church that offers this experience to Butler students discerning their vocation and calling, and we are in turn blessed by the students as well. What a gift to be part of this beloved community! Thank you all for your faithful support.

Blessings,

**Pastor Sarah**



A MEMORIAL SERVICE WILL BE HELD  
AT FIRST CONGREGATIONAL  
ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28TH AT 1:00 PM

NOVEMBER 28, 1931 ~ SEPTEMBER 24, 2022

1:00 PM SUNDAY,  
OCTOBER 30TH

***BUZZ ON ZOOM***  
***With the WISE***  
***Mental Health Team!***



YOU'RE INVITED TO

THE FC INDY

# CARING CRAFTERS

*We meet the last Saturday of each month to  
knit, crochet, sew, quilt and otherwise fashion  
prayer shawls!*

***Saturday, October 29th,***  
***9:30 am, The FC Indy Church Parlor***  
*7171 N. Pennsylvania St.*  
*Indianapolis, IN 46240*

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

**THIS SUNDAY**

**ADULT ED AT 10AM!** Join us at church this Sunday at 10am for a time of conversation, community, and curiosity. Note, Adult Ed is no longer hybrid and will

## Hybrid Worship: In-Person, Online, and Dial-In Sunday Worship, 11AM (YouTube, Facebook)

**Buzz (on Zoom) with the WISE Mental Health Team:** Greetings from California and New Mexico!! Thank you for your consideration of our invitations this month. Last week Janet Lynn used the terms 'Diversely Inclusive' and 'Differently Abled' in an attempt to not be offensive. Both terms are appropriate, however, she has since learned that the preferred terms are "Accessibility for All" and "Persons With Disabilities." Join us this Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm Eastern Daylight Time to learn more as we consider the intersection of our mental health and spirituality. The Zoom Link:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/9264494206?pwd=dmTWbWE5UXRBTk5pcHZlYlB0aEFVUT09>  
Meeting ID: 926 449 4206 Password: 7171

**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/> **Note:** Cash donations of \$1.00 or less are counted as donations to the current Covenant Outreach. Cash of \$5.00 or more should be put in pew envelopes with a designation of Pledge/Contribution, Covenant Outreach, or the specific charity. Unless designated, cash over \$5.00 will go to the church budget.

### MORE AT FC

**Friday, October 28th, Remembering Bill Gillette.** You can read his Obituary here. A memorial service will be held at First Congregational United Church of Christ, 7171 N. Pennsylvania St, Indianapolis, Ind., 46240, on Friday, October 28, at 1:00 pm.

**Action Opportunities with Faith in Action/Act Indiana** – This Sat. Oct. 29 is **canvassing in Fisher's** to promote the cause of mental health crisis response. Here is the link to sign up for canvassing. **Next Wed, Nov 1 from 7-8:30pm, there will be a virtual Leader Assembly** to bring together the Central Indiana team. Plans will be made for how we're going to pass statewide legislation next Spring to fully fund mental health crisis response - from the critical races in the upcoming midterm election to a statewide mobilization on February 11. Here is the link to sign up for the Nov 1 Leader Assembly.

**Questions? Contact Rev. Worth Hartman** Ph 317-417-0806, [worthgrover@sbcglobal.net](mailto:worthgrover@sbcglobal.net)

If you are worshipping in person, please look for cards to sign in the Narthex. These will be a variety of birthday wishes, get well, or thinking-of-you cards, which we will then send to folks. This is a way to show our love and support for those in our church family. Questions? Contact Wendy Baldwin

**Exterior Doors Task Force – An Open and Shut job.** Do you use a door to enter the church? Ah! It is time to find ways to update our doors to provide increased visibility, function for ADA parameters, improved security, and function (as in, improve the ability of each door to open and close and lock). Interested in being part of this dynamic group? Time commitment is limited and field trips to visit other doors will be part of the responsibilities. Contact Judy Brown Fletcher at [JKBF@AOL.COM](mailto:JKBF@AOL.COM)

**Tonight, Thursday, October 27, 5:00 PM (Zoom):** Spiritual Support Group.

**The Church Blog!** There have been a couple new blog posts you can read on [our church blog here](#). Remember to submit your writing to me anytime! [cassidy@fcindy.org](mailto:cassidy@fcindy.org).

#### **How to Access our Zoom Gatherings**

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## **CONNECTION & SUPPORT**

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

### **Pastoral Care**

For pastoral care needs you may contact Pastor Sarah who may be reached at (386) 478-9012 or [pastorsarah@fcindy.org](mailto:pastorsarah@fcindy.org).

**Pastor Sarah's Sabbath Days are 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](mailto:casowle@gmail.com))

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### **Mental Health Support:**

- **Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's Disaster Distress Helpline:** 1-800-985-5990, or text "TalkWithUs" to 66746.
- **The 988 Lifeline:** 988 is now active across the United States. This new, shorter phone number will make it easier for people to remember and access mental health crisis services. (Please note, the previous 1-800-273-TALK (8255) number will continue to function indefinitely.) Click below to learn more about 988.
- **National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)** Information HelpLine provides information and referral services. 1-800-950-NAMI (6264) and [www.nami.org](http://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](http://www.theTrevorProject.org)

**Acts of Kindness Fund** - Members can make requests for use of this fund to assist themselves or others in our church family who might not ask for help. These gifts can help support financial needs, as well as help with ride-share transportation, shovel or plow snow, pay an unexpected expense, etc. Honoring the dignity of the recipient, all requests for use of this fund will be confidential, and privacy will be respected. To request funds or gifts, please contact Pastor Sarah by email [pastorsarah@fcindy.org](mailto:pastorsarah@fcindy.org) or cell (386) 478-9012.

## A Note on our Current Covenant Outreach Giving

Our Current Covenant Outreach focus is related to our Open and Affirming Covenant (September – December) Our current outreach recipients are Indiana Youth Group, Trinity Haven, and the Damien Center.



**Messages from Church Council Regarding Covid:** CAUTION: Marion County COVID-19 rates are increasing. **Masking encouraged.** (Church Council, 5/11/22)

First Congregational urges vaccinations, encourages masking for those unvaccinated or those at risk, and staying home if feeling unwell. (Based on CDC guidelines and approved by Church Council, April 13, 2022)

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## THIS WEEK AT FIRST CONGREGATIONAL

### Ways to Connect for Worship

#### *IN-PERSON!*

#### *YOUTUBE*

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL6jXD7FGtLYodcjF3uVgK4PMTZJUv3sa3>

- 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](https://www.facebook.com/pg/FirstCongregationalUCCIndy/posts/?ref=page_internal)

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