

The Guide

*We embrace all
as we journey
the way of Jesus*



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Understanding Motivations *Are You a Knight or a Gardener?*

A few weeks ago, Mary Hertzman shared with Michele and me about a book her Minnesota pastor recommended to her congregation. The book has a title that sounds like it could be a romance novel, but in fact it is a deeply profound reflection upon the ways in which people engage the world. It is called, *The Knight and the Gardener: How Worldviews Make Worlds* by Cassidy Dale.

The book is a really unique way to reflect on some of the divisions we have going on in our society right now. While I generally bristle at binaries (this or that, A or B, etc), I appreciated the way that Dale brought a new way of trying to understand the motivations for individuals in how they engage the world. I also appreciated the fact that several times throughout, he shares of how it isn't simply

“knight” or “gardener” but instead the spectrum of knight to gardener and how we each fall somewhere on that spectrum.

He begins the book with this quote from Carl Jung:
“Tell me your image of God and I will tell you your theology.”

From there, he compares and contrasts “knight” and “gardener” worldviews and on his website about the book he describes them in this way:

Knights see themselves—and all people and things—as part of a great, cosmos-spanning war between the forces of divine good and demonic evil or instead, say, between enlightened reason and destructive ignorance.

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Northern KY Youth

Youth Gathering Sunday, March 2

5:30-7:30 p.m.

Lakeside Carriage House

A regular (but always awesome) meeting. We'll gather for dinner, games, a special lesson, and fellowship. Join us! [RSVP here!](#)

Spy Mystery Party Sunday, March 9

5:30-7:30 p.m.

Lakeside Carriage House

We want you to join us for this interactive experience. [Register today](#) to reserve your role in the mystery party.

Game Night Sunday, March 16

5:30-7:30 p.m.

Lakeside Carriage House

It's time for a little fun! Join us for an evening of food, games, and more. Bring a board game to share! [Register today!](#)

Youth Gathering Sunday, March 23

5:30-7:30 p.m.

Lakeside Carriage House

A regular (but always awesome) meeting. We'll gather for dinner, games, a special lesson, and fellowship. Join us! [RSVP here!](#)

Bowling Night Sunday, March 30

5:30-7:30 p.m.

Strike and Spare

510 Commonwealth Ave.

Erlanger, KY

We're hitting the lanes for an evening of bowling (and some special prizes)! Reserve your spots on the lanes at [this link](#).

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Knights believe the primary calling of good people is to undertake crusades—moral, spiritual, and political—to protect the innocent and defeat the forces of evil.

Knights categorize people as allies or enemies, and see most situations as zero sum games. Any combative or competitive endeavor is a Knight's endeavor.

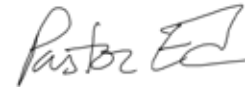
Gardeners see themselves—and all people and things—as part of the growth of a great, cosmos-spanning Garden, one that can flourish further if aided by well-meaning and inspired people. Gardeners believe the primary calling of good people is to cultivate the Garden through planting, good planning, the pursuit of transformative discovery, invention and innovation, and artistic revelation. Any constructive endeavor is a Gardener's endeavor.

Through the book, he engages the two through four areas: Lenses of perception, Heroes, Love, and Soul. It is a very accessible read and was very thought-

provoking to explore where I lean (I definitely think I lean gardener but I feel like I've been in full-on knight mode recently). But it also got me thinking about others in my life and where they might lean, especially those whose worldviews differ from mine.

Drew was a professor at Drew Seminary in New Jersey and much of what he writes is informed by his Christian faith. If you are wrestling with how to engage with others, how others are engaging the world, or simply want to understand your own motivations, I cannot recommend the book highly enough. And even better, it is available for free on his website at <https://knightandgardener.com> or is available as an ebook on Amazon.

Grace, Peace, Love, and Joy,
Your Gardener (but feeling rather Knight-ish right now)



Pastor Ed

Volunteers Needed

From Madeline Queen

Have you been interested in getting more involved in the church or with our youth?

There are many different ways you can volunteer your time! You can join us on Sunday morning, assisting in our Sunday school program and activities!

Starting March 10th, the first Monday in Lent, we are launching our evening family program! This will begin at 5:30 p.m. and include dinner, mission work, and then we will split off into groups for our les-

sons. For this night to be a success we need you! We need cooks (the ingredients/food will be provided), teachers (the curriculum will be provided), and most importantly our families to participate!

On the Signup Genius Link, I have provided volunteer slots through the end of the school year! [Sign up here!](#)

Thank you all so much for your continual support for our children's ministry and the future of our church!

Christian Education Update

From Madeline Queen

We had an awesome February! We hosted our first family movie night, which was a success! We learned about those who need Grace we celebrated Valentine's Day. And upcoming in March we are hoping to have our first Monday night program for families. This would include education for parents, children, and youth as well as dinner.

This program cannot be a success without you! We need volunteers to help, teach classes, and to boost morale. Please contact Miss Madeline if you are interested in helping grow disciples!
madeline@christchurchft.org



Mission Team Update

From Christ Church Mission Team

Your Mission Team invites you to participate in a really unique Sunday experience — our worship time on March 30 won't be sitting/standing in pews in the sanctuary but instead sharing and serving with our hands. On Sunday, March 30, we will be sharing a time of commissioning and then serving with our friends at First Presbyterian Church. We will not have a normal 10:30 a.m. service but instead will meet at Christ Church at 9:30 a.m. for a brief commissioning service and then around 9:45/9:50 a.m., we will head out to serve!

One group will stay at Christ Church to pack hygiene kits for Church World Service as well as hand out bags that people can keep in their cars and give to people asking for assistance at street lights or other areas.



A second group will be heading to Highlandspring to bless the residents with a hymn sing. It won't be a service per se but instead the group will take requests and will share those songs with the residents at Highlandspring.

The third group will be going to the Ft. Thomas VA Hospital and will be preparing and serving a pancake brunch with the 65 in-house residents there. Bring an apron and a good spatula!

This is definitely a different kind of Sunday but it will be a great ex-

perience of worshipping not just in the pews but instead worshipping as we share with others that morning. You can sign up either on Sunday morning or by going to: <https://bit.ly/btc-sunday>

In addition to working with First Presbyterian on this program, the Mission Team has assisted with two need-based requests that have come in so far this year and are working on scheduling our monthly service opportunities throughout the year.

Thank you for your generosity and support!

“Do to others as you would have them do to you.”

— Luke 6:31

BE *the* CHURCH Sunday



Sunday, March 30

*A different way to come together
to worship and serve!*

9:30 a.m.: Commissioning Service at Christ Church
(note – This is the only worship service this morning)

9:50 a.m.: Go out to serve!

Project 1: Packing Hygiene and Non-Perishable Bags, Hoffman Hall, Christ Church

Project 2: Hymn Sing at Highlandspring in Ft. Thomas

Project 3: Pancake Brunch making and serving at Ft. Thomas VA Hospital

You can sign up at: <https://bit.ly/btc-sunday>

Photos from Movie Night



Birthdays & Anniversaries

Suzanne Jones
Cindy Bathiany
Benjamin Hack
Steve McAllister
Eugene Lukjan
Zachary Hurtt
Donna Wilson
Mike Evans
Kemper Fugate
Noah Beimesche
Leland Stevenson
Thierry Paillette
Angie Wells
Audrey Bernhard

Amy Wainscott
Donna Pendery
Christian Mai
Bridgette Luken
Nancy Evans
Terry Lyman
Bud Leftin
Steve Pendery
Susan Gabbard
Rebecca Plummer
Carol Himes

Debbie & Thierry Paillette
Jeffrey & Nancy Pinguely

Feb. Attendance

	In Person	Online
2/2/25	78	11
2/9/25	97	15
2/16/25	38	35
2/23/25	93	12



Prayer Requests

Covenant Cluster Prayer Partner:
Washington UCC, Cincinnati, OH

Jeff McDonald, Nancy Castleman, Fred Nippert, Susan Gabbard, The family of Maxine Noble, Makayla, Jamie & Kelly Greenwalt, Mike Bizzarro, Dave Jager, Chris P., Bèné and Janis, Rev. Andrew Bierkan, Mike & Laura Randall, Don Seifert, Shane, Dave, Tim, Karen, Jerry Baynum, Betty Stein, Jan Kennedy, Allen, Tammy Weidinger, Jim Rehtin, Jr., Carol Manning, Danny Manning, Jana Guido, Béné, Nelly, Carol Blair

(Names underlined indicate request for anonymity)

If you would like to add anyone on, please contact the office. (859) 441-2565

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”

— Philippians 4:6-7 NRSV

Ash Wednesday

Lent begins on **Wednesday, March 5** with our **Ash Wednesday service at St. John UCC at 520 Fairfield Ave. in Bellevue at 7 p.m.** We will be sharing the service with First Presbyterian Church and St. John UCC.

Congregational Meeting

Sunday, March 2, after the service

We will be taking action to review the 2024 financials, approve the 2025 budget, vote on congregational leadership, and get an update on the Open and Affirming Process. Please review the *Annual Report* and also the article from the Open and Affirming Team in *The Guide* prior to the meeting.

Congratulations!



Laura Petracco has been cast in the Footlighters and Stained Glass Theater production of *Dirty, Rotten Scoundrels*.

It opens **Thursday, May 1**, and runs weekends through Sunday, May 18. Tickets are \$25. The Stained Glass Theater is located at 8th and York in Newport, Kentucky.

She would love to see some familiar faces there!

www.footlighters.org/dirtyrottenscoundrels



Interested in Joining Christ Church?

If you are interested in joining Christ Church as a covenant member, we are working on setting up our next time to do just that! Please contact **Pastor Ed** if you are interested!

Open and Affirming Update

The Covenant Conversation Team (ONA) met Wednesday, February 12, 2025, and discussed where we all felt we were in the process and how we should best proceed. After much discussion, we agreed on the next steps and planned to bring them to the council. The primary step, which the Council endorsed, is to distribute an anonymous “exploratory survey” to get a sense of where we are as a congregation. This step is part of the Open and Affirming Coalition’s process, which we have been following to this point.

This survey will be shared at the congregational meeting on March 2 and will also be mailed to all members who were not in attendance at the meeting. The deadline to return these surveys will be March 10. From there, the Covenant Conversations Team will tally the results and present them to Council. The Council will then determine the next steps.

If you have any questions about our Open and Affirming Process, please contact **Beckie Borah**.



Church Council Meeting Notes

2/17/2025

In Attendance:

Pastor Ed Goode, Snezana Tenhundfeld, Bert Bathiany, Beckie Borah, Jenny Herrmann, Jen Korpik, Debbie Paillette, Jane Petracco, Sallie Schmidt, Marcia Storm, and Greg Vogel,

• *Gathering/Centering*

Ed shared from his book.

• *Approval of Minutes from Jan.*

Debbie made a motion to approve the minutes from January. Sallie seconded.

Minutes approved.

• *Congregational Meeting*

Set for March 2, 2025

• *Electronic Sign for Front of Church*

Still waiting to hear word from the City of Fort Thomas.

• *Financial Report*

- There was no Financial Report to present from January due to Barb Walkenhorst-Derby's illness.
- Bert reported there is currently 1.7 million dollars in the Legacy Fund.
- The proposed budget was given to the Council and it was noted that we are still waiting for everyone to turn in their yearly pledges.

• *Personnel*

- Still looking for an accompanist
- Debbie brought up the need to have a Personnel Committee.

• *Buildings and Grounds*

- An insurance claim was filed for the damage to the conference room. The damage is being cleaned up.
- We collected bids for the roofing project and will be making a decision soon.

• *Pastor's Report*

- Ed's second part of his sabbatical is from March 12 - April 3. Pulpit supply has been lined up.
- Ed reported on the proposed reorganization of SONKA, our association within the UCC. There will be a part time Association Minister with a local regional minister that would be "on call" for conflict resolution and search and call.
- The council approved a motion from Bert to make Sunday, March 30 a Mission Sunday.

• *Open Council Positions*

- A one-year Councilor term needs to be filled.
- Bridgette Luken has agreed to fill Sallie's position for Christian Education

• *Legacy Committee Positions*

- Waiting to hear if members with terms expiring are willing to re-up for a second term.

• *Open and Affirming Update*

- Beckie reported that the ONA committee met and would like to proceed with presenting a letter with a survey to the congregation at the Annual Meeting.
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- Greg made a motion to hand out the letter at the Annual Meeting and send the rest to the members who were not present. Marcia seconded. **Motion carried**

• *Meeting concluded with prayer.*



Schedules for March

Liturgists

March 2	Jean Braun
March 9	Janet Fischer
March 16	Shelley Kappesser
March 23	Donna Hoffman
March 30	Katie Leftin

Deacons

March 2	Jean Braun
March 9	Jack Hurtt
March 16	Greg Vogel
March 23	Marie Cunningham
March 30	Jean Braun

Ushers

March 2	Jean Braun
	Debbie Paillette
	Thierry Paillette Jay Wainscott
March 9	Jack Hurtt
	Nancy Pinguely
	Jeff Pinguely Audrey Bernhard
March 16	Greg Vogel
	Debbie Paillette
	Thierry Paillette Patti Miller
March 23	Marie Cunningham
	Ellen Turner
	Scott Turner Carol Hlmes
March 30	Jean Braun
	Nancy Pinguely
	Jeff Pinguely
	Marcia Storm



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<p>2</p> <p>9 am - Adult Discipleship 10:00 am - Fellowship 10:30 am - Children's Christian Education 10:30 am - Worship 11:30 am - Choir</p>	<p>3</p> <p>10 am - Bloom Homeschool</p>	<p>4</p> <p>1:30 pm - Art Group 7 pm - Overeaters Anonymous</p>	<p>5</p> <p>10 am - Music Together 3 pm - Small Group Zoom Link is: bit.ly/ccwednesday 7 pm - AA Group</p>	<p>6</p> <p>12 pm - Study Group 7 pm - Prayer Meeting</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p>
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