

# The Bridge

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF BRIDGEPORT CHRISTIAN CHURCH | NOVEMBER 2021

## Minister's Moment

It's finally time to celebrate our 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary as Bridgeport Christian Church! It is going to be a momentous day and I will let you read more about it in the article later in The Bridge. But, how exciting is that we have been worshipping and sharing God's word for 175 years!

Thinking back on the 175 years of BCC, we have so much to be grateful for. We have survived so much turmoil, both as a church and in the world and we have only survived because of the hard work of the saints of Bridgeport Christian Church. So, today, I want to share how grateful I am to the saints of BCC – both the ones we currently have and the ones long past. Because of their hard work, Bridgeport has been able to survive and thrive throughout the years.

As we come up on November 7, I want us to take a minute and think about a saint of Bridgeport who we are grateful for. Maybe it is the person who first welcomed us into the church. Or a Sunday School teacher or youth group leader. There are so many people who make Bridgeport special.

Since November is not only our anniversary month, but also Thanksgiving and the month that we

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## Reopening Committee Update

### By Reopening Committee

We look forward to seeing everyone on Nov. 7 when we regather in person to celebrate our 175th anniversary.

Masks will be required, and we ask that everyone continue to observe social distancing.

Meetings may resume the week of Nov. 8, including committees/ small groups, etc. Be sure to contact the church office to reserve the space to ensure we do not have multiple groups meeting at the same time. Food will not be allowed at this time, but you may bring your own drink. Please wear a mask and observe social distancing.

In-person Sunday school classes will resume Nov. 14. (Bible Buddies will resume Nov. 21.)

We will continue to use the front door to enter and exit during the Nov. 7 worship service. Other entrances/exits may be used beginning Nov. 8.

We appreciate your cooperation and hope to see you Nov. 7.

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## Minister's Moment Continued

celebrate All Saints Day, I want to invite each of you to take a few moments and write a note or send a text to someone that makes Bridgeport special for you. If it is someone who has passed, send a note to their family and let them know what that person meant to you.

Happy Anniversary, Bridgeport Christian Church! Here's to 175 more years!!

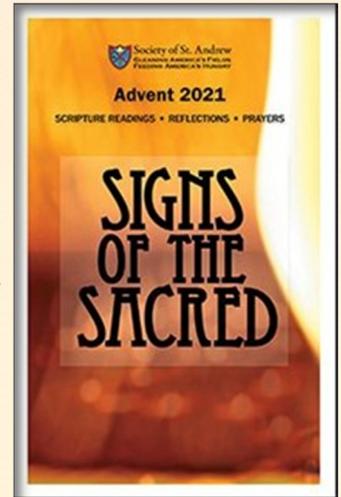
Peace,  
Ann



## Advent is coming....

Advent begins November 28 and we are looking forward to sharing the daily Advent Devotional "Signs of the Sacred" produced by the Society of St. Andrew.

It will be available on-line via email as well as in print. To sign up to receive the devotion in your email on a daily basis, go to <https://endhunger.org/advent/>. We will let you know when the devotion books are available.



## Please note:

**Due to COVID-19, clergy are currently not allowed to enter the University of Kentucky hospitals for visitation. If you are admitted as a patient at one of the hospitals in the UK health care system, please let Pastor Ann know so she can make sure one of the chaplains checks on you.**

## You've got mail.....

### "church mail" that is!

The Membership Committee has decided to keep the inner church mail system active all year round instead of just for sharing Christmas cards. When you have a get-well card, word of encouragement, thank you, etc., you can bring it with you on Sunday morning and drop it in the "church mail" boxes located in the narthex. We will also be putting printed newsletters in the box for those who receive it by mail on the Sunday closest to the first of each month.

As you come and go on Sundays, be sure to stop by and check to see if you've got mail. As this month comes to a close, we will begin sharing our Christmas season greetings!

## Guest Preacher on November 14

Pastor Ann will be on vacation November 8 to November 15. We are excited to welcome the Rev. Carol Devine to share the sermon with us on Sunday, November 14. Carol is the co-founder and minister for Green Chalice, a joint ministry of the Christian Church in Kentucky and Disciples Home Missions. She is also the Interim Director of Admissions at Lexington Theological Seminary and the editor of the Kentucky Christian.

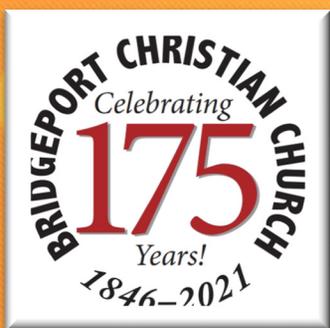




## Advent

Advent begins on November 28. Our theme this year is "Heaven and Nature Sing! 300 Years of Joy to the World." More information about the theme will be published in the December newsletter.

## November 7 is Designated Bridgeport Christian Church Day, Celebrating 175 Years



By Annette Hayden

November 7, 1846, marked the beginning of Bridgeport Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). From a hand-hewn timber building on Evergreen Road to its current facility, the church has served the community for nearly two centuries. BCC has persevered through the Civil

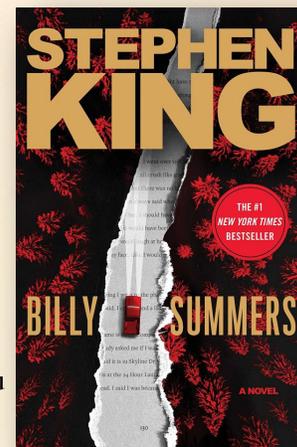
War, the Great Depression, destruction by fire, and the current COVID-19 pandemic. Throughout its 175 years, the church has undergone many changes – the passing of many beloved members, several ministerial changes, rebuilding, expansions and upgrades, and recent technological enhancements. Through it all, Bridgeport has remained committed to loving God, neighbor, and community.

We hope you will join us on Sunday, November 7, for a special in-person worship service with an anniversary hymn performed by the chancel choir and directed by composer Nick Johnson; a message from Rev. Dr. Don Gillett, the Regional Minister for the Christian Church in Kentucky; and a sermon by the Rev. Dr. Derek Penwell, author and senior minister at Douglass Boulevard Christian Church, Louisville. The service can be viewed live on BCC's Facebook page or YouTube channel. If you plan to attend in person, please RSVP by calling 223-1165 to leave a message or email [secretary@bridgeportchristian.org](mailto:secretary@bridgeportchristian.org). Under BCC's current COVID-19 protocols, those who attend in person will be required to wear a mask. Whatever your preference, please join us for worship!

## Book Club Pick of the Month

By Ted Sloan

Book club is scheduled to meet Nov. 23 at 5:30 p.m. at church. The November book is "Billy Summers" by Stephen King. Please note that, under BCC's current COVID-19 protocols, food is not allowed, but you may bring a drink.



## More Ways to Celebrate BCC's 175th Anniversary

### November

- Refrigerator magnets will be available on November 7. They are free, and you may take several to hand out to friends, family, and co-workers. (See below.)
- Coffee and tea mugs have been ordered and will be available for purchase by mid-November. Watch for information in the Wednesday Email Blasts.
- A special collection will be taken to help the Missions Committee purchase Christmas gifts for youth who have aged out of community support services.

### December

- Christmas ornaments will be available for purchase by the first of December. Watch for information in the Wednesday Email Blasts.

### 2022 Spring/summer

- Visit Cane Ridge Meeting House, Paris, Ky.
- 175th Community Celebration with food, music, video, memorabilia, etc.



### JOIN US FOR WORSHIP

Sundays, 11am  
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# Children Worship & Wonder and Following Jesus Resumes

By Lorrie Devers

I am very excited that we will all see each other again soon to worship together in Worship & Wonder (ages 4- 1<sup>st</sup> grade) and in Following Jesus (2<sup>nd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> grade). As a reminder, all children are expected to wear a mask. Children will come to the front of the sanctuary to receive the children's blessing from Pastor Ann and then depart to their respective worship spaces/centers. The children in Worship & Wonder will stay in their worship space/center for the remainder of the 11 am worship service. Adults are to pick up their child(ren) after service in the sanctuary is complete. The children in Following Jesus will return to the sanctuary to join the community for communion and benediction. They will sit with their storyteller in the front pew and go back to their families after the benediction.

I can't wait to see everyone's smiling faces (through their masks)!!!



## Worship and Wonder:

		Storyteller	Greeter
11.7.21	Exile and Return	Karen	Laura
11.14.21	The Parable of the Great Banquet	Lorrie	Laura
11.21.21	How the Church Tells Time The Prophets Show the Way	Anita	Donna
11.28.21	(1st Sunday of Advent)	Karen	Kirk

## Following Jesus:

11.7.21	Jesus and the Storm	Lorrie
11.14.21	Jesus Heals Two Daughters	Brian
11.21.21	How the Church Tells Time	Lorrie
11.28.21	The Prophets Show the Way (1st Sunday of Advent)	Brian



The Bible Buddies Class begins Nov. 21.



## The Kings Center Receives Sewing Kits

By Ronda Sloan

Members of the Ripped from the Headlines Sunday School class recently completed sewing kits for children at The Kings Center. Individual kits contained a thimble, needles, a small bag of buttons, four spools of thread and a piece of cotton cloth. A larger box was filled for use at the Center

including all the items in the individual kits plus safety pins, straight pins, extra scissors, a pin cushion, extra thread and embroidery floss. The class also donated a book on basic sewing skills and two copies of "Change Sings" by Amanda Gorman. Thanks to Mary Watts for coordinating the project and to all class members who contributed.



I would like to thank everyone who helped with our fall cleanup around the church and Education Annex on Saturday, Oct. 23rd.

It was a perfect fall day to work outside together. A special thanks to Ted Sloan, Kenney Dunavent, Vicki Lea, Donna Long, Steve Fry, Tommy Smith, and Allan Robertson.

Thank you,  
Larry Hayden

# Green News

## What To Do With All Those Plastics!

By Annette Hayden

Have you ever wondered if there is a way to recycle plastic packaging? Well, wonder no more! Kroger not only recycles those plastic grocery bags, the company recycles a variety of other plastic materials. These single-use plastics are recycled into composite decking materials.

This is great news for consumers. Even if you rely on reusable bags for shopping, you can't get away from plastic packaging. Rather than throw it in the garbage destined for the landfill, collect and drop it off on your next trip to Kroger. Round collection bins are located just inside the main entrance. Refer to the chart below (left) for plastics you can salvage to recycle in-store. A mail-in recycling option is also available through TerraCycle for specific product packaging. See the chart below (right) for specifics. Either way, Be a Zero Hero!

<https://www.kroger.com/home-tips/cleaning/be-a-zero-hero>



## Be a Zero Hero and Recycle Plastic!

Always check to see what you can recycle through your local curbside collection program. If you can't recycle it there, Kroger also offers these easy options for harder-to-recycle items:

### In-Store Recycling

**HOW:** Collect clean & dry plastic films from packaging at home and bring back to bins at the front of stores

**WHAT: Plastic Film & Packaging**



**Grocery & retail shopping bags:**

- Remove receipts
- Remove hard plastic & string handles

**Dry cleaning bags**

**Newspaper sleeves & bags**

**Shipping materials:**

- Shipping envelopes
- Bubble wrap
- Air pillows (deflated)

**Case stretch wrap**

**Outer package wrapping:**

- Toilet paper
- Paper towels
- Diapers

**Resealable zipper bags\***

**Produce bags\***

**Bread bags\***

**Plastic cereal box liners\***

Packaging with instructions to recycle in store drop-off programs

\* Recycle these items in EITHER the in-store or mail-in programs



**NEW!**

### Mail-In Recycling

**HOW:** Collect empty Kroger branded packaging at home and follow the steps below to send to TerraCycle® at no cost to you

**WHAT: Flexible Plastic Food Packaging**



**Our Brands pre-packaged flexible food packaging:**

- Chip & snack bags
- Shredded cheese bags
- Frozen food bags
- Pouches
- Deli meat & cheese bags
- Grain & bean bags
- Plastic pet food packages

**Brands participating in Mail-in Recycling include:**

- Kroger®
- Private Selection®
- Simple Truth®
- Simple Truth Organic™
- HemisFares®
- Comforts™
- Luvsome™
- Other Kroger Co. brands

**4 SIMPLE STEPS:**



For more information and FAQs: [www.terraCycle.com/en-US/brigades/Kroger](http://www.terraCycle.com/en-US/brigades/Kroger)

# Rev. Derek Penwell to Speak at BCC Nov. 7

## By Ted Sloan

Derek Penwell, a Louisville author, speaker, pastor, and activist, will fill the pulpit for BCC's 175th anniversary service on Nov. 7.

Derek is the senior pastor of Douglass Boulevard Christian Church in Louisville and a lecturer at the University of Louisville in Religious Studies and Humanities. The Association of Humanities Academics at UofL awarded Derek with its Outstanding Alumnus Award in 2011.

Derek has a Ph.D. in humanities from the University of Louisville and is the author of articles ranging from church

history to aesthetic theory and the tragic emotions. His book *Outlandish: An Unlikely Messiah, a Messy Ministry, and the Call to Mobilize* focuses on understanding the political nature of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection as a model for forming communities of resistance capable of challenging oppression in the pursuit of peace and justice. He also is the author of *The Mainliner's Survival Guide to the Post-Denominational World*. Both books are published by Chalice Press of St. Louis, the publishing arm of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). He has served as a columnist for The

(Louisville) Courier-Journal, The Huffington Post, and The Good Men Project.

Derek advocates on the local, state, and national levels on issues of racial justice, LGBTQ+ fairness, interfaith engagement, and immigrant and refugee rights. November 7 marks the anniversary of the dedication service for Bridgeport Christian Church in 1846. BCC is commemorating the anniversary with community service projects throughout the year. To find out more, go to [bridgeportchristian.org/175th-anniversary](http://bridgeportchristian.org/175th-anniversary).

*All Saints' Day*  
We will remember our  
our saints on Sunday, Nov. 7



## Community Thanksgiving Service

Tuesday, November 23, @ 6 pm

The service is hosted by First Christian Church and co-sponsored by the Frankfort-Franklin County Ministerial Association and the Interfaith Council.

The service will be live-streamed on Cable 10 and on First Christian Church's YouTube channel.

<https://www.facebook.com/1stChristianFrankfort/>

## A New Thanksgiving Tradition

### Adapted by Newsletternewsletter.com

At Thanksgiving, we give thanks for things (food, home, clothing, work) and loved ones (family, friends, pets). But if the people we name aren't present, they may never know how precious they are to us. This November, start a new tradition by writing notes of thanks to people you appreciate.

Follow Paul's model of starting letters with thanksgiving: "First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is being reported all over the world" (Romans 1:8, NIV). Notice how he thanks his addressees by thanking God for them. Paul is specific too, not writing, "Thanks for everything!"

Expressing genuine thanksgiving to God and another person, you might write something like this:

*Dear Judy, This Thanksgiving I'm thinking about special people in my life. You are one! I thank God for our friendship, for your strong witness for Jesus and for your willingness to lend a hand as a substitute teacher. (Your chocolate cookies are icing on the cake!) I praise God for you! Sincerely, Joan.*



# Calendar of Events

11/1—All Saints Day (We will celebrate our saints on 11/7)

11/3—6 pm Helping Hands Circle Meeting on Zoom  
6 pm Choir Rehearsal

11/4—2:30 pm Thursday Bible Study on Zoom

11/7—11 am 175th Anniversary Worship in Sanctuary and Live Streaming on Facebook & YouTube

11/8—5:30 pm Community Engagement Team on Zoom

11/10—6 pm Choir Rehearsal  
7 pm Administrative Board Meeting

11/11—NO Thursday Bible Study

11/14—10 am In-person Sunday School Classes (Bible Buddies resumes Nov. 21)  
11 am Worship Service-In-person, Facebook, YouTube

11/17—6 pm Choir Rehearsal

11/18—2:30 pm Thursday Bible Study on Zoom

11/21—10 am In-person Sunday School Classes (Bible Buddies resumes)  
11 am Worship Service-In-person, Facebook, YouTube

11/24—Cancelled Elders Meeting  
6 pm Choir Rehearsal

11/25—Happy Thanksgiving Office Closed

11/26—Office Closed

11/28—10 am In-person Sunday School Classes  
11 am Worship Service-In-person, Facebook, YouTube

11/29—7 pm 175th History Subcommittee Meeting on Zoom

11/30—5:30 pm Book Study Group

Pastor Shepherd will be on vacation Nov. 8—15.



11/7 Will Grasch

11/10 Alyssa Hensley

11/16 Mary Watts

11/20 Owen Barger

11/21 Tami Patrick, Shaunta Summerour

11/23 Blaklee Shepherd

11/24 Al Perkins

11/26 Ron Kelien

## Helping Hands Circle Meeting

The Helping Hands Circle meeting will be held via zoom on November 3, 2021 at 6 pm. The link is:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88321857771?pwd=NkNCZlZ3UDAvTWIhN2pmWlpHTENTdz09>

Meeting ID: 883 2185 7771

Passcode: 112877

## Worship Opportunities

**Facebook** <https://www.facebook.com/bridgeportchristian>

**YouTube** - 11 am on Sundays

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCsZ84Pu5U2KkzvKR26U\\_VTg](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCsZ84Pu5U2KkzvKR26U_VTg)

## Ways to Continue Your Giving to BCC

- Mail in your Tithes and Offerings! Mail is checked every day and deposits are made once a week. Our address is 175 Evergreen Rd., Frankfort, KY 40601.
- Use our new locked drop box, located by the side door of BCC! Our Administrative Assistant and our Treasurer are the only ones with keys to the box.
- Give using the [Givelify](#) app or website.



### Who is Bridgeport Christian ?

Founded in 1846, Bridgeport Christian strives to serve God and our community in the best way we know how. We are a certified Green Chalice Congregation and an Open & Affirming Congregation of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the United States and Canada.

## Scriptures, Topics & Volunteers for November

Date	Scripture	Topic	Worship Leader Elder
Nov. 7	Mark 12:38-44	Everything She Had, the Rev. Dr. Derek Penwell	Ronda Sloan Don Flinn
Nov. 14	Amos 1:1-2, 5:14-15, 21-24	Justice Rolls Down, the Rev. Carol Devine	Anita Bolen Ron Kelien
Nov. 21	1 Kings 19:1-18	God Speaks to Elijah	Jeff Pratt Ronda Sloan
Nov. 28	Isaiah 2:1-5; Romans 13:11-14	Prepare Him Room: Hopeful Joy	Debbie Rodgers Don Morse

### Worship Service Opportunities

[Facebook - www.facebook.com/bridgeportchristian](https://www.facebook.com/bridgeportchristian)

[YouTube - www.youtube.com/channel/UCsZ84Pu5U2KkzvKR26U\\_VTg](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCsZ84Pu5U2KkzvKR26U_VTg)

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