



In the Loop

²¹ When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. And as he was praying, heaven was opened ²² and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: “You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.”

Luke 3:21-22

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Listening and Talking ...

Hello – I’m Rev. Tom Cici, and I am delighted to be your new minister as of January 1, 2022. Kip Hayden asked me to write a brief profile about myself and enter it into this issue of “In the Loop.”

Although I was born in a suburb of Detroit, Michigan, I was primarily raised in Evansville, Indiana. I first felt the call to ministry while attending Reitz Memorial High School but was hesitant to relinquish myself to that calling while matriculating from St. Meinrad College with a Bachelor of Science degree. This science degree was put to good use while working as the chemist at a photofinishing plant in Evansville where I met my wife, Marian. After marrying her in 1983, I began working for the family business, Cici Engineering Sales and Service.

During the twelve years of working for my dad, I continued to teach Sunday school and become a Leader of Steven Ministry at Holy Rosary Church. Once again I felt the call to Christian ministry and matriculated from St. Meinrad Seminary with a Master of Theological Studies. Marian and I left Evansville in 1995 so that I could pursue Youth Ministry at various places in southern Indiana. In 1999, I became a licensed minister with standing from the Christian Church (DOC). While being the pastor of Milton Christian Church, I matriculated from Christian Theological Seminary (CTS) with a Master of Divinity in 2005 and remained in Milton for twelve years.

Marian and I moved to Hoopeston, Illinois where I was called to be the pastor at First Christian Church of Hoopeston from 2015 to March of 2021. We moved to Springfield, Illinois when Marian retired after fourteen years of employment at Menards, and the COVID-19 pandemic was physically challenging. However, I enjoy Christian ministry too much to retire any time soon. I received a Certificate in Interim Ministry from the Interim Ministry Network (IMN) and served as pulpit supply at Parkway Christian Church in Springfield while waiting for my next call in ministry.

As the current pastor of Centennial Christian Church, I would like to continue teaching Bible study and spiritual development to everyone ... everyone ... everyone who has an interest in these subjects. I am very interested in helping you develop or renew or maintain other ministries while continuing to follow COVID protocol to maintain the health and safety of all ages. I will provide pastoral care and visit nursing homes as necessary. I look forward to doing ministry with you.

Please do not hesitate to call me if I can be of any assistance. The TRUTH about LIFE may just be the unconditional, self-giving, gracious and compassionate LOVE of God flowing through each of us, and that LOVE may just be the WAY. Let us continue to center ourselves in this loving way of Christian life in, for and with our communities.

Blessings to all,

Pastor Tom Cici

Pastor Tom will be in his office Monday, Wednesday and Thursday beginning at 9AM if you wish to speak with him. He indicated that you may call him at 1-217-572-1301 or call/text him at 765-541-0611 as well.



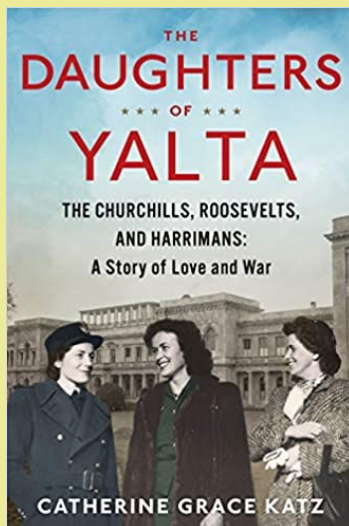
Pastor Heather Godsey served our church from April 2019 until the last week in December 2021. She ministered from the pulpit and also online during the first year of the pandemic..

She was called to serve as interim pastor in Warren, Ohio. If you wish to contact her the address is:

Pastor Heather Godsey
C/O Champion Christian Church
151 Center St. W
Warren, Ohio 44481

BOOK CLUB

The Book Club will be meeting at the home of Ruth and Bob Lowder on Thursday, January 27th at 6:30 PM. We will be reading *The Daughters of Yalta* by Catherine Grace Katz.



The untold story of the three intelligent and glamorous young women who accompanied their famous fathers to the Yalta Conference in February 1945, and of the conference's fateful reverberations in the waning days of World War II. Kathleen Harriman was a champion skier, war correspondent, and daughter of U.S. Ambassador to the Soviet Union Averell Harriman. Sarah Churchill, an actress-turned-RAF officer, was devoted to her brilliant father, who depended on her astute political mind. Roosevelt's only daughter, Anna, chosen instead of her mother Eleanor to accompany the president to Yalta, arrived there as keeper of her father's most damaging secrets. Situated in the political maelstrom that marked the transition to a post-war world, *The Daughters of Yalta* is a remarkable story of fathers and daughters whose relationships were tested and strengthened by the history they witnessed and the future they crafted together.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						January 1 2022 New Year's Day
2	3	4	5 Bridge 12P-GH Undecorate the Church-6:30P	6 Outreach 5P-FH TOPS#559 5:15P-Isaiah	7	8 Bridge 12P-GH
9 2nd Sunday Pantry	10 Trustees 11A-library	11 CWF 9:30A-FH	12 Bridge 12P-GH	13 TOPS#559 5:15P-Isaiah Board Meeting 6P-FH	14	15 Bridge 12P-GH
16	17 Martin Luther King Jr. Day Property 11A-FH	18	19 Bridge 12P-GH	20 TOPS#559 5:15P-Isaiah	21	22 Bridge 12P-GH
23	24	25 Elders 6:30P-GH	26 Bridge 12P-GH	27 Ladies Luncheon- 11:30A TOPS#559 5:15P-Isaiah Men's Dinner 6P	28	29 Bridge 12P-GH



Prayer Request

Claudia, cousin of Kay Carius, has cancer. Please keep her in your prayers.

Tim Larkin needs prayers as doctors adjust meds he is able to tolerate.

Continuing Prayers

Diane Armstrong, Calista, Cole, Dana, Muriel Dawson, Terry Foland, Rae Geske, Scott Griffith, Katie and Eric, Desiree' Sams, Jeff Stauffer, Tammy Leonard, Lily, Lexi Peterson, Pete Rasmussen, Fern Scaggs, Cindy Schroeder, Joe Schroeder, Kathy Scott, Marian Wrinkle

At Home/Assisted Living

Anita Poling (Westminster)

Nursing Home

Heritage Manor-Tom (Billy) Robey, Rev. Barbara Short, Don Short; Martin Health -Earl McIntyre

Military

Mark Brienen, Keyla Folsom, Troy Guyran, Benjamin Horn, Michael Iverson, Adam and Angie Lienhop, Clay Short, John Thomas, Darrell Walton, Glen Whitecotton, Christopher Wilson-Poston

Prayers for CCIW congregations and ministries: Parkway Gardens CC, Chicago; First Spanish CC Chicago; FCC Girard; FCC Cadillac, MI

January Birthdays and Anniversaries	
Becky Hines	01/10
Esther Sengpiel	01/12
Kay Davis	01/15
Laurel Poshard	01/27
Ron and Rae Geske	01/29