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Save the Date! Pentecost Sunday, June 9

Come join us as we celebrate our 150th anniversary with a worship service and picnic lunch. This will be a shared event with First Presbyterian Church as they too celebrate their 150th anniversary. **It will be held at Antelope Park** (approximately 27th & 'A' St.) and **worship will begin at 10:30 a.m. outside in the Antelope Park Bandshell.** There is parking to the east and the south of the bandshell. The service will include a combined choir and communion. You may sit on the bench seating available or bring a lawn chair.

Potluck lunch is to be held following the service in the Auld Pavilion (to the east of the bandshell). Our churches will provide the fried chicken and dessert so we ask you to bring a complimentary side dish. Paper place settings will be provided also.

This is a rain or shine event! If it's raining, both the worship service and lunch will be in the Auld Pavilion.

Pentecost Special Offering

Help Church Planting Take Root



Your gift to the 2019 Pentecost offering will help fund the new church movement and the bounty it yields. Each year, half of this offering stays in your local region or area to start and uphold new churches. The other half is used across the United States and Canada to support the recruiting, assessing, training and coaching of new church leaders at events like Leadership Academy.

Received in our congregation on Sunday, June 2.

For more information, go to disciplesmissionfund.org and look for your bulletin insert on June 2.

Board Meeting

**This Sunday, May 19 at 6:00 pm
Church Parlor**

All FCC members and friends are welcome to attend the meeting and participate in the discussion.

Ministry Team Highlight

Education



The Christian Education Team is tasked with the oversight and planning for all the educational activities here at FCC. The Team and the Pastor coordinate educational programs for our children, youth and adults. Together they review and choose the curricula for all ages. Some of the challenging components of their ministry include recruiting and equipping teachers and leaders.

Another area of oversight is the planning for educational opportunities during the summer. This involves promoting Kamp Kaleo and facilitating the participation of all those who want to attend a camp. Traditionally this Team is also involved in the planning and preparation of Vacation Bible School. This Team needs to be inventive and responsive to the needs of the congregation. Since our numbers are lower for children and youth, instead of offering traditional VBS we're planning to host an event in a local park with an emphasis on learning and having fun together. If you want to help in the planning of such an event contact Pastor Karen or Team Leader Brad Bowker. We welcome your feedback! Education is an important part of our formation as Christian Disciples and this Team works hard to make this process interesting and fun.



Pastor's Corner

"And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.'" - Matthew 25:40

For my Pastor's Corner I want to invite you to read this article from our Outreach Team. The Outreach Team Leader Elaine Parman expresses the core message of the Gospel well and needs no more comment from me.

Blessings,

Pastor Karen

Welcome Visitors

The following people have recently visited and shared in Sunday morning services:

*Duane & Gayln Delimont
Ron Quimby, Miles & Mathias*

Please join us again in worship.
You are always welcome!

Ongoing Outreach

One of the annual responsibilities of the Outreach Team is to oversee the "hands-on" mission outreach of First Christian Church. According to the church bylaws, the Outreach budget equals 10% of all income received by the congregation during the budget year. Of this 10%, Disciples Mission Fund automatically receives 5% and the other 5% is allocated by the Outreach Team to support local and global entities.

Disciples Mission Fund (DMF) brings the whole Church together, connecting us to the life-giving and life-saving work we have been called to do. It also simplifies giving for congregations and individuals, providing a way to support the entire Church at once.

For 2019 the Outreach Team selected the following local entities to be the recipients of our budget resources quarterly:

- Christian Church in Nebraska
- City Impact
- Food Bank of Lincoln
- Lighthouse
- People's City Mission
- The Bay
- Voices of Hope
- Undesignated Funds for future use

The following Global entities are the recipients of an annual fixed amount for 2019:

- Church World Service - CROP Walk - \$100.00
- Diaconia Connections - \$250.00
- Friends of Cozumel - \$250.00

At the end of 2018 the Undesignated Funds line item had a balance of \$814.33. The Outreach Team voted to allocate the following amounts to local nonprofits:

1. Cedars Youth Opportunity Center - \$150.00* of Russ's SCRIP cards to purchase perishable foods for their daily meals.
2. Claire McPhee Dream Team (PTO) - \$500.00 toward their school sign.
3. Transformations Thrift Store - \$150.00* toward startup costs. A new store opening in early June at 14th and B Streets.

*The \$150 increments were chosen to celebrate our 150th Anniversary!

To further celebrate our 150th Anniversary a portion of the Undesignated Funds for 2019 will be used to provide and serve a lunch to the on-site workers at the Habitat for Humanity Faith Build, provide a Welcome Home basket to the new family moving into the Faith Build home and some type of outdoor neighborhood cleanup, such as graffiti cover up along the bike trail. Stay tuned for upcoming Outreach activities you will be invited to participate in.

To quote Morgan Freeman, "How do we change the world? One Random Act of Kindness at a time." Your Outreach Team, along with your support, continues to change our "neighborhood world" by collecting items for the programs offering hope to those in need. Thank you for your generous support of our Collection Barrel over the last 17 months.



Celebrating 150 Years with Notes from Our Past

The May 15, 1931 edition of *The Church at Work* contained an article worthy of our attention today:

ITS SUPREME EVIDENCE

The weakest spot in our Christian armor is our failure to live the life about which we talk and preach. Everybody admits without question or discussion that the Galilean way of life is the most beautiful ideal that has yet been proposed, but Christianity can not win the world by a reference to the glory of a past epoch. It stands or falls, not by what it was in primitive vision, but what it is in actual fact. We who profess it and openly advocate it are its supreme evidence."

- Dr. Rufus Jones

Special Offering News

We have had several special offerings in the last few months. Below are the amounts received as of April 29, 2019:

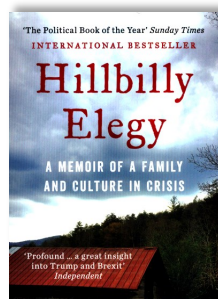


Week of Compassion - \$1,072.00

Easter - \$291.00

Faith Giving - \$2,612.50

Thanks to everyone who generously gave!



FCC Book Club

Book Club will meet again this **Saturday, May 18 at 9:30 a.m.** at Dottie Harrell's home. Our book for discussion is "**Hillbilly Elegy**" by J. D. Vance.

At this get-together, we will also select books to read and discuss in the coming year. All are welcome to join in the discussions any time! We usually meet on Saturday mornings, but please check the FCC Calendar of Events for specific dates and times.

May Act of Kindness

Your Outreach Team is continuing "Acts of Kindness" in 2019. In May, we are supporting **The Bridge Behavioral Health** by collecting needed items for their residents. Find more information in your May 2nd edition of the *Messenger* or on the Current Events bulletin board in the Parlor hallway. Please place your donations in the barrel in the Narthex. **Thank You!**



Deborah Group June Picnic

The Deborah Group annual picnic will be held at Susan Pallas-Duncan's home on **Monday, June 3rd**. Meet at 6 p.m. for good food and fellowship!

Find information and stories about our Global Ministry partners at www.globalministries.org



STEPHEN MINISTRY

"Be still, and know that I am God."

Psalm 46:10a

Lincoln First Christian Church

Calendar of Events

Sunday, May 19

- 9:00 am Boom Team Rehearsal (*final until September*)
- 9:30 am Children's Sunday School (gr. 2 - 6) - 2nd floor Classroom
- 9:30 am Seekers Adult Class - Library
- 10:30 am **WORSHIP** - Sanctuary
- 10:45 am Worship & Wonder (ages 3 - 7) - 2nd floor Classroom
- 11 am, 1 pm CCC Meetings - Library
- 4:00 pm **Pastoral Relations Team Mtg.** - Conference Room
- 6:00 pm **Board Meeting** - Parlor

Monday, May 20

- 5:30 pm CCC Meeting - Library
- 7:00 pm Child Guidance Center Basketball - Gym

Tuesday, May 21

- 7:00 pm Child Guidance Center Basketball - Gym

Thursday, May 23 - Last day of school for LPS

Sunday, May 26

- 9:30 am Children's Sunday School (gr. 2 - 6) - 2nd floor Classroom
- 9:30 am Seekers Adult Class - Library
- 10:30 am **WORSHIP** - Sanctuary
- 10:45 am Worship & Wonder (ages 3 - 7) - 2nd floor Classroom
- 11 am, 1 pm CCC Meetings - Library
- 11:30 am **Blood Pressure Readings Available** - Parlor

Monday, May 27 - Memorial Day Holiday, Church Office Closed

Tuesday, May 28

- 9:00 am **Staff Meeting** - Conference Room
- 7:00 pm Child Guidance Center Basketball - Gym

Thursday, May 30

- 5:30 pm **150th Anniv. Celebration Team Mtg.** - Conf. Room
- 7:00 pm Child Guidance Center Basketball - Gym

Sunday, June 2 - SCRIP Orders Due, Pentecost Offering

- 9:30 am Children's Sunday School (gr. 2 - 6) - 2nd floor Classroom
- 9:30 am Seekers Adult Class - Library
- 10:30 am **WORSHIP** - Sanctuary
- 10:45 am Worship & Wonder (ages 3 - 7) - 2nd floor Classroom
- 11 am, 1 pm CCC Meetings - Library

Monday, June 3

- Noon **Messenger Deadline**
- 5:30 pm CCC Meeting - Library
- 6:00 pm **Deborah Group Picnic** - S. Pallas-Duncan's home
- 7:00 pm Child Guidance Center Basketball - Gym

Tuesday, June 4

- 7:00 pm Child Guidance Center Basketball - Gym

Thursday, June 6 - Messenger Mailed

Friday, June 7 - Cheryl Judds on vacation (through June 10)

Those Serving in June

10:30 am Worship

Elder:

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| June 2 | Debby Ortega | June 23 | D'Arcy Blosser |
| June 9 | Donna Ruhl | June 30 | Kathy Harris |
| June 16 | Tom Mason | | |

Deacons: Dan Cowger, Scott Dietrick, Doug/Jessica Effle, Vince Ortega, Dick Pickel, John Swanson

Communion Prep: Dan Cowger & John Swanson

Ushers / Greeters:

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| June 2 | D'Arcy Blosser |
| June 9 | Monte Dietrick |
| June 16 | Jared & Nichole Calver |
| June 23 | Wayne & Susan Pallas-Duncan |
| June 30 | Carla Pinneo |

Hallway Hospitality:

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| June 2 | Jim Blosser | June 23 | Jim Christ |
| June 9 | Jim Christ | June 30 | Mike Carlin |
| June 16 | Jim Blosser | | |

Coffee Fellowship Hosts:

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| June 2 | Need Volunteer |
| June 9 | Need Volunteer |
| June 16 | Foundation; G. Larsen, S. Lugn |
| June 23 | Need Volunteer |
| June 30 | Need Volunteer |

Homebound Communion Teams: (June 9)

- Sara Lugn & Scott Dietrick
- Tom Mason & Doug/Jessica Effle
- Debby Ortega & Vince Ortega
- Donna Ruhl & Dick Pickel

To my friends at First Christian Church,
Thank you for the Easter lily, the calls
and the visits. I appreciate everything!

LaVonne Ogren

Dear First Christian Church Friends,

Thank you for the very generous donation towards purchasing a marquee for our school. You are extremely kind. Thank you for partnering with us on this project to increase communication in our community.

McPhee Elementary Dream Team



Find us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/fcc.lincoln.neb>

Be sure to check out our Facebook page each week for great information about coming events and Sunday worship services, including scripture references.