



Messenger

love all • live spiritually
rejoice in hope • show hospitality



430 S. 16th St.
Lincoln, NE 68508
402.475.4289

Rev. Dr. Karen Moritz, Pastor

Cheryl Judds, Administrative Assistant

Elaine Parman, Care Ministries Volunteer

Mark W. Miller, Director of Music Ministries

Sara Lugn, Stephen Ministry Leader

Church Website: fcllincoln.org

Volume 69, No. 9

May 2, 2019

Church E-mail: info@fcllincoln.org

Wrapping Up for the Summer



Wednesday, May 15 will be the final evening for Snack Supper, Youth Group, the Adult Study and Choir Rehearsals. Wednesday evening activities will resume in September!

Board Meeting

Sunday, May 19 at 6:00 pm Church Parlor

Board reports are due in the office by Wednesday, May 15. All FCC members and friends are welcome to attend the meeting and participate in the discussion.

Celebrating 150 Years with Notes from Our Past



As we prepare for the mayoral election on May 7, here is an article from the May 6, 1927 edition of *The Church at Work*:

Newly Elected Mayor of Lincoln One of Our Own

Verne Hedge, the newly elected mayor of Lincoln, has been a member of First Church for many years, having united with the church in 1893. His father, Porter Hedge, now deceased, was very active in the church. His mother, Mrs. Martha Hedge, still living in the family home, 1845 Washington Street, is one of our most loyal members. A son, Willard, is now a member of the Official Board of the High School Department of our Church School. First Church is happy indeed, that this honor, so well-deserved, has come to one of her very own.

Foundation Facts

The Board of First Christian Church Foundation of Lincoln is made up of nine members serving three-year terms, two members being elected annually by the FCCF Board and one by the FCC congregation. Current officers, each elected for a term of one year, are: Donald Everett, Jr., president; Dick Pickel, vice-president; Monte Dietrick, secretary; and Marj Snodgrass, treasurer.

Of the initial board members in 1964, only Raymond Calkins, a resident of the Legacy, is still living. Ray served many years as attorney for the Foundation. Inez Shepard served as the first president of the Foundation, becoming treasurer in 1969 and continuing in that role until her death Jan. 18, 1991.



Lincoln Marathon Sunday, May 5

Mark your calendar that it might take a little longer to get to worship this Sunday! The Lincoln Marathon starts at 7 a.m. and runners will go by our church

on 16th Street. You can find more information by going to www.lincolnmarathon.org.

Also, our Torch Worship Team will be playing as the runners go by FCC from 7 to 8 a.m. All are welcome to come and join us in cheering for folks as they run by!



Pastor's Corner

Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. *Colossians 3:13*

In my previous Pastor's Corner I invited us to ponder the process of repentance and forgiveness as outlined by Marjorie Thompson in her six-session study entitled "Learning Forgiveness: A Lenten Study." Whether we embrace this process as individuals or as part of a community, it is critical for our growth as Christians. She invited us to begin by spending some time in self-reflection. It's important to be aware of our feelings and experiences, then we can ponder how they guide our actions, often unconsciously. When we are able to fully embrace our experiences and feelings we can move on toward healing and a fuller life.

Session four of this study outlines a three-step process for seeking forgiveness from others.

1. Acknowledge a particular offense and be willing to take responsibility for it. This involves admitting that real injury was done, a relationship damaged in some way—in dignity, respect, or trust. It also involves saying "I did this."
2. Show a visible feeling of regret or shame. This means it is clear to the offended party that the offender is personally affected by what she or he did and is troubled by it: "I am sorry for what I did, and regret the suffering I caused."
3. Be vulnerable to the offended party. This means offering no defense of oneself, standing exposed and vulnerable to the response of the offended person. An apology is offered with no guarantee of acceptance; forgiveness may be begged for and refused.

This is a particularly challenging process because it requires our willingness to be vulnerable with another person. Once we have sought forgiveness we then must trust in God's grace and mercy. Sometimes the most difficult part for many of us is truly trusting in this gift of forgiveness and then letting go.

Session five describes the process we can follow to give the gift of forgiveness. Thompson reminds us that forgiveness isn't simply a nice idea; Jesus calls us to forgive. She also tackles the difficult issue of the struggle we often have to forgive another person. Sometimes we simply aren't ready. For many of us, the most difficult person to forgive is ourselves. Hearing the stories of those who have moved through this process can inspire us. Many of us were able to hear Pardeep Singh Kaleka at the Mayor's Interfaith Prayer Breakfast on Friday, April 12th. His father was shot and killed while worshipping in the Sikh Temple in Milwaukee, Wisconsin in 2012. His journey toward forgiveness was truly inspiring and moving. Our community of Lincoln will also have the chance to experience the exhibit "The f word: stories of forgiveness" which will be at Gateway Mall from April 26 - May 16.

In the sixth and final session, Thompson invites us to think about the relationship between forgiveness and reconciliation. I suspect she would be the first to acknowledge that the journey towards forgiveness is a challenging one but well worth the effort. However we move through this process, on our own or as a part of a community, we are empowered to do so by our loving and forgiving God.

As we move through Eastertide, we are invited to embrace the new life that comes with resurrection. Learning to let go and forgive often ushers in this new life for us and others. May repentance and forgiveness be a part of our journey, not just during Lent, but also during this season of love and new life.

With joy and love,
Pastor Karen

Welcome Visitors

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

Julie Berger Ken Gobber
Megan & John Hobbs
Juan, Michela & Elian Lozano
Alisia Martinez & family
Sara Mason & Tito Vigan
Sondra Peterson & family
Steve Snodgrass Dylan Widger
Austin Wiese

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

2019 Membership Directory



Your church office would like to email the 2019 FCC Membership Directory to you next week. If you would like us to print a copy for you to pick up on an upcoming Sunday, call or email Cheryl to let her know.

There are drafts of the directory in the church parlor through this Sunday, May 5. Please check your contact information and make any necessary corrections.

Thank You!

A Note of Thanks

Dear First Christian Church Staff,

Thank you for being such an incredible host to our program, year after year. We appreciate your partnership, and our Kick Butts Day event would not be one of the largest of its kind in the nation without your facility. It is the perfect fit and we could not picture going somewhere else.

We recently received our deposit back from our event in March. Please accept this check in return as a donation to your facility. Thanks again for being excellent partner to No Limits. Your facilities and staff are such a blessing to us, and we look forward to working with you in the future.

Sincerely,
Molly Kincaid, No Limits Coordinator

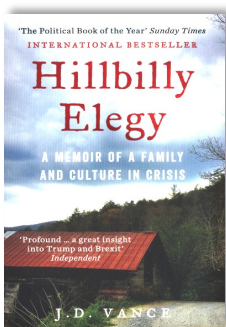
Holy Week Snapshots



Maundy Thursday



Easter Sunday



FCC Book Club

Book Club will meet again on **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.

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



STEPHEN MINISTRY

Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another.

Romans 13:8a



Save the Date
Pentecost Sunday, June 9

10:30 a.m. Worship with First Presbyterian Church
Antelope Park

Picnic lunch following the service. Watch for details coming soon!

Lincoln FCC Calendar of Events

Sunday, May 5 - *SCRIP Orders Due, Lincoln Marathon*

9:00 am Boom Team Rehearsal - 2nd floor Toddler Room
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 Cheryl Judds' Student Recital - Sanctuary

Monday, May 6 - 5:30 pm CCC Meeting - Library

7:00 pm **Deborah Group Meeting** - Sally Mason's home
7:00 pm Child Guidance Center Basketball - Gym
7:00 pm Torch Team Rehearsal

Tuesday, May 7 - *General Election (FCC is polling location)*

7:00 pm Child Guidance Center Basketball - Gym

Wednesday, May 8

Noon **Foundation Meeting** - Venue Restaurant
5:30 pm Snack Supper - Parlor
5:30 pm **Adult Study "Intro to Judaism"** - Library
6:15 pm Youth Group Meeting - 3rd Floor Classroom
6:30 pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal
7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, May 9 - 6:00 pm **Worship Team Mtg.** - Conf. Room

7:00 pm Child Guidance Center Basketball - Gym

Sunday, May 12 - *Happy Mother's Day!*

9:00 am Boom Team Rehearsal - 2nd floor Toddler Room
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

Homebound Communion Teams:

*D'Arcy Blosser & Jim Christ, Connie Calver & Scott Dietrick
Kathy Harris & Polly Putney, Gary Larsen & Robert Reddish*

Monday, May 13 - Noon **Messenger Deadline**

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

Tuesday, May 14 - 9:00 am **Staff Meeting** - Conference Rm.

5:30 pm **Finance Team Meeting** - Conference Room

Wednesday, May 15 (*Last Wed. for evening activities until Sept.*)

Noon **Board Reports Due** (for May 19 Meeting)
12:15 pm **Disciples Women General Mtg.** - Parlor
5:30 pm Snack Supper - Parlor
5:30 pm **Adult Study "Intro to Judaism"** - Library
6:15 pm Youth Group Meeting - 3rd Floor Classroom
6:30 pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal
7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, May 16 - **Messenger Mailed**

6:30 pm **Elders' Meeting** - Conference Room

Our May Act of Kindness Opportunity



The Bridge Behavioral Health located at 721 'K' Street will be the recipient of our Act of Kindness Collection Barrel for the month of May.

The Bridge started more than 30 years ago when a group of community members created Cornhusker Place - a non-profit agency with the purpose to deliver a Civil Protective Custody program as an alternative to jail. This safe, medically-supervised program provides intervention, care coordination and education when chronic addiction or episodic alcohol abuse endangers lives. *The Bridge* is a professional, nationally-accredited treatment center, specializing in treating alcoholism and drug addiction. Experienced clinicians create effective, customized treatment programs for each individual.

From its quiet beginning, *The Bridge* has grown to become a comprehensive behavioral health service provider by offering residential treatment, medical withdrawal services, outpatient services, respite care and recovery support for men; women have a separate location in Lincoln providing similar services. Supervised family visitations are allowed during the treatment and recovery process to observe how the family interacts and determine what long-term transition might look like.

Items that are needed at *The Bridge* include:

- Plastic coat hangers only (for the client clothing donation closet)
- Clean socks for men
- New underwear for men - boxers, briefs, white t-shirts (all sizes)
- Jeans, shorts - new or gently used (all sizes)
- New or gently used men's scrubs for clients to wear on admission
- Lightly worn shoes
- Regular size body wash, shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes
- Adult and children puzzles
- Inspirational books; children's books; "G" rated DVDs; toddler age toys
- Spring plants, foliage, pots, for entryway and patios

Your Outreach Team thanks you for supporting our Act of Kindness Collection Barrel each and every month.



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.