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## Pentecost Sunday, June 9

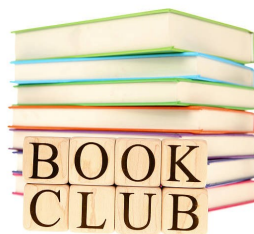
### Outdoor Worship & Potluck Lunch

Join us as we celebrate our 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a worship service and potluck lunch shared with First Presbyterian Church as they also celebrate their 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary! It will be held at Antelope Park (approx. 27<sup>th</sup> & '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.

## Book Club News

Book Club will meet again **Saturday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> at 9:30 a.m.** at Cheryl Judds' home. Our book for discussion is "*Still Life*" by Louise Penny.



At our meeting in May, we picked out books for several months. Below are some upcoming selections:

July ***The Little Paris Bookshop*** by Nina George

Aug. ***The Language of Flowers*** by Vanessa Diffenbaugh

Sept. ***Homegoing*** by Yaa Gyasi

Oct. ***This Blessed Earth*** by Ted Genoways

Anyone is welcome to join in our discussions at any time. We usually meet on Saturday mornings, but check the FCC Calendar of Events for specific dates and times.

## Have You Heard?

There's a new thrift store in town! **Transformations Thrift Store** is opening in early June at 14<sup>th</sup> and 'B' St. Their mission is "To serve the community by providing clean, gently-used items at low prices and providing opportunities to those in the community to work and grow in a healthy, Christ-centered environment."



**Transformations**  
THRIFT STORE

A Transformations collection barrel is now located inside the alley entrance. We are collecting gently used clothing and shoes for men, women, youth, toddlers and infants. Please continue to donate all your home goods, décor etc. to the Kamp Kaleo Rummage Sale.

In addition to selling items, Transformations will have a coffee center set up where people can come and talk and care for one another. Their hope is that a pot of joe, a couple of tables and some warm smiles will serve as a catalyst for ministry and relational connection. Transformations will also provide volunteer opportunities that can offer meaning and purpose. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Elaine Parman.

The profits generated by Transformations Thrift Store will support the ministry of Atlas, a mentoring ministry that walks alongside those who are hurting.

For more information on Atlas go to:

<https://www.atlaslincoln.org>

## Pastor's Corner

**"Be glad in the LORD and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart." Psalm 32:11**

The author of Psalm 32 invites us to "be glad in the Lord and rejoice." Although there are reasons that many of us feel tremendous sadness, there are also ample reason to be glad and rejoice. As we enter the month of June, many of us rejoice in the warmer weather and all the signs of Summer. The heavy days of winter have passed and we rejoice in the signs of new life all around us. Soon we will come to the end of Eastertide and make our way into the days of Ordinary Time. But, this year is far from ordinary for us here at FCC as we continue to mark our 150<sup>th</sup> year. There will be abundant opportunities to celebrate and rejoice, as a congregation and with others. This year on Pentecost, not only will we celebrate the birth of the Church, we will celebrate the birth of FCC. In fellowship with our brothers and sisters at First Presbyterian Church, we will all rejoice in our 150<sup>th</sup> year of ministry and mission here in downtown Lincoln, Nebraska. **We will gather together at Antelope Park on June 9<sup>th</sup> for worship and fellowship. Our day will begin with worship at 10:30 a.m. in the band shelter. After worship we'll move to the Auld Pavilion for a shared meal. Come join us for this casual and joyous time and bring your family and friends.**

The joy and celebration doesn't end there. In September we'll celebrate with our Disciples' brothers and sisters from the community, the Region and the national church. General Minister and President of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Rev. Terri Hord Owens, will join us for a weekend of worship and celebration. After her arrival on Saturday September 7<sup>th</sup>, we'll all gather at Wyuka Cemetery for a picnic and celebration of our past. Now, I can hear you saying, "We're having a picnic at a cemetery!" Wyuka is also 150 years old and was modelled after cemeteries in the US and Europe that were created as burial grounds with a park-like atmosphere. The vision was to create a place where families could go to spend time with loved ones, those alive and dead, and rejoice in nature. In addition to fun we'll take some time to ponder and rejoice in our past. On Sunday September 8<sup>th</sup>, we'll shift our focus to the future. Rev. Hord Owens will preach and share in the leadership of worship. Following our worship we'll have a shared meal and look to our future.

Joy is definitely best shared. It's imperative that we celebrate our past and look with joy to our future.

With love and joy,

*Pastor Karen*

## Welcome Visitors

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

*Amanda & Tim Armknecht*

*Tony Flack*

*Bernard Little Spotted Horse*

Please join us again in worship.

You are always welcome!

## June Act of Kindness Opportunity



**The Gathering Place** located at 1448 'E' Street will be the recipient of our June Collection Barrel. Now in its 36<sup>th</sup> year, **The Gathering Place** is a program of Community Action and serves nearly 28,000 meals annually to those who face hunger in Lincoln. In 1984, two years after its opening, its founders recognized the growing problem of hunger, homelessness, and social isolation among low-income people in Lincoln. To respond to this need, **The Gathering Place** transformed from a hospitality center into what it is currently - a soup kitchen. Evening meals are served Monday through Friday from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m., and bread and fresh produce are distributed two nights a week. This important work is made possible through the hard work and dedication of over 1,700 volunteers annually, and contributions from the community. Though its offerings have changed throughout the years, **The Gathering Place** is still very much a reflection of its original vision as a place where people from all walks of life can come together, converse, and if only for an hour or two, gather together as one.

Bulk food items are provided by the Food Bank of Lincoln, but other items needed to fulfill their mission at this time are:

- Metal forks and spoons
- 5 - 10 lb. bags of sugar
- Powdered coffee creamer
- Ketchup
- BBQ sauce
- Salad dressings for fresh lettuce salad (Ranch/Dorothy Lynch/ Italian)
- Paper towels
- Toilet paper
- New socks for men & women
- Deodorant
- Toothpaste
- Body and hand lotion

If this neighborhood resource for those needing a hand up sounds familiar, **The Gathering Place** was the recipient of our June Act of Kindness last year as well. Thanks for your support!



## Celebrating 150 Years with Notes from Our Past

Here's some food for thought from the May 26, 1916 edition of *The Church at Work*:

### Hens or Men

The inimitable Bert Wilson says: "Last year the members of the Christian Church averaged about forty cents apiece for Foreign Missions. In the large cities that is the price of a dozen eggs, and not always good eggs at that. Imagine a full-grown man standing at the altar of sacrifice and saying, 'Lord, here are twelve eggs; take these and evangelize the world.'

"The average Plymouth Rock hen will lay one hundred eggs a year, and many will lay over two hundred eggs a year. At this rate, the average hen would be worth more to the Kingdom of God than the average man.

"The Lord never put this world task upon our chickens, but it might be done more quickly if we would turn the financial part of it over to the hens. Which will it be, Hens or Men?"

Last year our congregation contributed nearly \$27,000 to a variety of outreach causes, and doesn't include contributions our Disciples Women make. So, it appears we heard Bert Wilson and responded favorably.

### Words of Thanks

Thank you to everyone for your loving comments and prayers. It was a tough week and I am particularly grateful to First Christian Church. Your love and support sustains me.



And thank you for the beautiful peace lily in honor of my mom. I think it is the biggest one I've ever seen!

With heartfelt thanks, *Pastor Karen*

## Lincoln First Christian Church Calendar of Events

### Sunday, June 9 - Pentecost

10:30 am **WORSHIP** - Antelope Park Bandshell, 27th & A followed by **Potluck Lunch** - Auld Pavilion

11 am, 1 pm CCC Meetings - Library

#### Homebound Communion Teams:

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

### Monday, June 10 - Cheryl Judds on vacation (through June 14)

5:30 pm CCC Meeting - Library

Tuesday, June 11 - 9:00 am **Staff Meeting** - Conference Room

### Sunday, June 16 - Happy Father's Day!

9:30 am Seekers Adult Class - Library

10:30 am **WORSHIP** - Sanctuary

11 am, 1 pm CCC Meetings - Library

6:00 pm **Ministry Cabinet Meeting** - Conference Room

Monday, June 17 - Noon **Messenger Deadline**

Thursday, June 20 - **Messenger Mailed**

Saturday, June 22 - 9:30 am **Book Club** - Cheryl Judds' home

### Sunday, June 23 - Pulpit Exchange - Pastor Stephen Pointon, Fourth Presbyterian Church at FCC

9:30 am Seekers Adult Class - Library

10:30 am **WORSHIP** - Sanctuary

11 am, 1 pm CCC Meetings - Library

Noon **Elders' Meeting** - Conference Room



### STEPHEN MINISTRY

"Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love.

*Ephesians 4:2*

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