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150th Anniversary Celebration Service

Christian Church Disciples of Christ
General Minister and President

Reverend Teresa "Terri" Hord Owens



Guest Preaching
Sunday September 8, 2019
10:30 am Sanctuary

Lunch & Reception following Worship
Gymnasium

\$10 members / \$15 non-members

Rev. Owens will also be speaking after our luncheon.
We look forward to seeing you there!



Wyuka Picnic & Celebration Wyuka Carriage House

Saturday September 7, 2019
5:00—7:00 pm
Potluck and Picnic

Please bring a couple of dishes - entrees, sides, and/or desserts - to share, enough for your family plus extras. Plates, napkins, and utensils will be provided. There are chairs at the stables, but feel free to bring a blanket for a proper picnic!

The potluck will start at 5:00, followed by a guided grave tour of founders and prominent First Christian Church members.

RSVP

Lunch & Reception Sunday September 8, 2019

Mixed Greens Salad
Pulled Pork in a Raspberry BBQ Sauce with Baked Beans
& Dinner Rolls
Spinach Artichoke Lasagna with Garlic Rolls
Dessert Platter

☐ **Members of First Christian Church \$10**

☐ **Non-Members and Visitors \$15**

Please cut out and return to the church office no later than
September 1, 2019. Payments are due no later than
September 8, 2019.

Pastor's Corner

"Always we begin again" St. Benedict

The author of the Rule and founder of the Benedictine order reminds us that life is full of new beginnings. I am particularly mindful of this promise as we transition from summer to fall. As students are at the end of their first week of school here in Lincoln, we are reminded of the excitement that comes with this new beginning. Each school year offers the opportunity to begin again and present ourselves in new ways. Here at FCC we "always begin again" as well. As we transition from summer to fall, we gear up for all our regular activities to begin once again. Our Wednesday night chorale program practices will begin on September 4th. We're also gearing up for a new year of Christian Education. We're looking at options for our Adult Study on Wednesday evenings at 5:30. Other groups, like our Disciples Women, will also begin a new study. New beginnings provide opportunities for reinvention and renewal.

One of the challenges of new beginnings can be the invitation to do things a little differently. We're invited to take on new studies, explore new facets of our faith, and promote fellowship. One area that we're looking at is Snack Supper on Wednesday evenings. We all know the adage "feed them and they will come." We're looking at ways to provide a meal and promote fellowship without making it a burden. We'll be talking about this at our Ministry Cabinet meeting on the 18th. If you have any ideas please contact me or the church office, we welcome your feedback.

You may also notice some "new beginnings" as you make your way around the church. The pastor's study, as well as a few other areas in the church, is getting a face-lift. Repairs are being done and that necessitates a new coat of paint. Sometimes freshening up the outward appearance invites us to inward renewal as well. As we spruce up our building we do so, in part, to prepare for our anniversary celebrations. "As we celebrate our past, we embrace our future." On the 7th of September we'll be celebrating our past with a potluck at the Carriage House at Wyuka Cemetery.

Following our potluck, we'll be visiting the graves of six of our founders who were also movers and shakers in our community and state. Then, on Sunday September 8th, we'll embrace our future with General Minister and President Rev. Terri Hord Owens, who'll be preaching in worship. Following worship, we'll come together in the gym for a catered lunch and an opportunity for fellowship. As we move to the end of our 150th year, we are invited to "begin again." Be sure to join us for these special events and invite your friends and family to come along.

Isn't that really the beauty of our faith? God reminds us that each and every day, each and every year, each and every decade, we are reminded that "always we begin again." What a wonderful opportunity! What a wonderful gift!

With joy and love,

Pastor Karen

Welcome Visitors

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

Anthony Flack

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

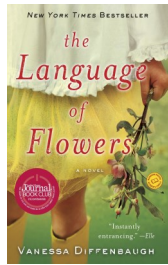
Introducing Kelly J. Tyrrell

Administrative Assistant



I live with my husband, Shawn, and our two sons, Eagan (12) and Miles (14). Currently, I am pursuing a Master of Divinity Degree at Phillips Theological Seminary in Tulsa, OK. I love to read, bake, and watch my sons swim and compete in taekwondo. I also volunteer at my home church, First-Plymouth Congregational, UCC.

One of my favorite scripture quotes is John 10:10: "I came so that they may have life, and have it abundantly." I am also fond of the Charles Spurgeon quote, "A bible that's falling apart is usually owned by someone who isn't."



Book Club News

Book Club will meet again **Saturday September 14th at 9:30 am** at Marcia Foster's home. Our book for discussion is:

The Language of Flowers by Vanessa Diffenbaugh.

Below are some upcoming book selections:

Homegoing by Yaa Gyasi

This Blessed Earth by Ted Genoways

Death at La Fenice by Donna Leon

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.

August Act of Kindness



During the month of **August** we are supporting **Lutheran Family Services** by collecting school supplies for refugee families attending LPS. Find more information on the bulletin board outside the parlor. Please place your donations in the barrel in the Narthex. **Thank You!**

Celebrating 150 Years with Notes from Our Past



Many in our congregation have visited or worshiped at National City Christian Church in Washington, D.C. The neoclassical building designed by architect John Russell Pope (who also designed the Jefferson Memorial, the National Art Gallery, and the National Archives) is considered the national cathedral for Disciples of Christ. But did you know that the Rev. Dr. Harvey Harmon, one of the most prominent pastors at First Christian, was instrumental in its construction and served as the first pastor after it was built? Here's an article from the August 9, 1929 edition of *The Church at Work*:

"The contract for the erection of the National City Christian Church at Washington, D.C. has been let to the George A. Fuller Construction Company of New York, the building to be completed by September 1, 1930, in time for the proposed World Convention in Washington in October of that year. A campaign under the direction of Dr. H.H. Harmon has been under way to raise \$1,750,000, and while the full amount is not yet in hand, a sufficient amount has been obtained to warrant proceeding with the plans."

Thanks & Gratitude

Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for the many kind acknowledgements of my retirement; the card, hugs, love gifts, and flowers are all so appreciated.

I was very touched by your warm thank you in worship Sunday, July 28th, and the fellowship time after worship was lovely. Thanks to all who helped make it a memorable morning.

It has been a joy and an honor to work with, and serve, you all of these years. Thank you for your love and support.

Sincerely,
Cheryl Judds

Thank you, everyone, for the lovely birthday cards, gifts, and wishes. I am blessed to have wonderful friends at First Christian Church.

Sincerely,
Mark Miller



PRAISEFEST!

Save the Date

Sunday September 22nd

5:00 - 7:00 pm

First Christian Church

Parking Lot

17th & K Street

Lincoln



Torch Music Team Food & Games
Fun for the Whole Family!



Directory Updates

Relda Lathrop has a new phone number:

(402) 975-2938 (home)

(402) 890-6603 (cell)

A correction to Georgann Jordan's phone number:
(903) 423-0459

Lincoln First Christian Church

Calendar of Events

Prayers & Praises - August 15, 2019

Thursday, August 15 - Messenger Mailed

Sunday, August 18

9:30 am Seekers Adult Class - Library
 10:30 am **WORSHIP** - Sanctuary
 11 am, 1 pm CCC Meetings - Library
 6 pm **Ministry Cabinet Meeting** - Conf. Room

Monday, August 19

5:30 pm CCC Meeting - Library

Wednesday, August 21

12:15 pm **Disciples Women's Meeting** - Parlor
 5:30 pm **Worship Team Meeting** - Conf. Room

Sunday, August 25

9:30 am Seekers Adult Class - Library
 10:30 am **WORSHIP** - Sanctuary
 11 am, 1 pm CCC Meetings - Library
 12 noon **Elder's Meeting** - Conf. Room

Monday, August 26

12 noon **Messenger deadline**
 5:30 pm CCC Meeting - Library

Wednesday, August 28

5:30 pm **150th Anniv. Celebration Comm. Mtg.** - Conf. Rm
 6:30 pm **Hand bell Choir Rehearsal** - Sanctuary

Thursday, August 29 - Messenger Mailed



Looking Ahead to September

Wednesday, Sept. 4

Evening Activities Resume; Sanctuary & Bell Choir Rehearsals, Youth Group, Adult Study, Snack Supper

Saturday, Sept. 7

Picnic & Celebration at Wyuka Cemetery
 with Terri Hord Owens, DOC General Minister

Sunday, Sept. 8

Worship with Guest Speaker, Terri Hord Owens

Sunday, Sept. 22

Praisefest! In the church parking lot from 5 - 7 pm

In the Nebraska Region:

- Peru Community Church and pastors Ray and Becky Girard
- Plattsmouth FCC and pastor Michael Lincoln

Our Global Ministries Missionaries:

- Jeffery Mensendiek serving in Japan
- Ricardo Mayol serving in Guatemala



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

Changing Hands Community Sale



When: Saturday, August 24th

Where: Southview CC Parking Lot
 (2040 S. 22nd St., Lincoln)

Reserve a Spot: Rent one space for \$25 or two spaces for \$40.

For more information or to rent your space, please call or text Connie at 402-450-3052 if you would like to rent a space.



An excerpt from *Life Together*
 by Dietrich Bonhoeffer

"They know that visible fellowship is a blessing...The physical presence of other Christians is a source of incomparable joy and strength to the believer...Therefore, let him who until now has had the privilege of living a common Christian life with other Christians praise God's grace from the bottom of his heart. Let him thank God on his knees and declare: It is grace, nothing but grace, that we are allowed to live in community with Christian brethren... We belong to one another only through and in Jesus Christ."



STEPHEN MINISTRY

"I can do everything through him who gives me strength."

Philippians 2:4



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