



First Christian Church
Disciples of Christ

Messenger

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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

Name: _____

☐ **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

So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

Ephesians 2:19-22

As a congregation we have a singular honor, we will be welcoming and hosting the General Minister and President of our denomination on September 8. As General Minister and President of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Rev. Teresa "Terri" Hord Owens travels extensively around the country and throughout the world. She has already been in Nebraska a couple of times, but this will be her first trip to Lincoln. Some of us have had the privilege of meeting her at events in our Region. A few of us have also been able to hear her preach at the last two General Assemblies. Trust me, she is an outstanding preacher and you'll want to hear her. It is a remarkable privilege for a congregation to welcome her. She is coming to help us celebrate our 150th anniversary. She will be preaching and participating in worship as well as attending our catered lunch afterwards. Many people have worked diligently and faithfully to make our anniversary celebrations fun and spiritually uplifting. I hope you'll join in on the celebration and attend worship that day! Be sure to bring your family and friends along, too. Our Regional Minister, Rev. Chris Morton, will also be joining us on this momentous occasion. This will be a rare opportunity to experience all three expressions of the Church; the congregation, the Region and the General Church.

As we mark our 150th anniversary, we'll spend some time celebrating our past and embracing our future. The day before, on Saturday September 7, we'll celebrate our past as a part of our potluck at Wyuka. After food and fellowship, we'll visit the graves of six people instrumental in our past. They represent all those who laid the foundation for this congregation and other institutions in our city and state. With Christ as the cornerstone, they built a House of God. Literally, they laid the foundations for what we have today. Spiritually, they laid the foundations for this

community of faith. It's important to share in this celebration, but it also prepares us to move forward into the future. Our past has grounded us well, but the foundation does not exist for itself alone. A solid foundation provides the basis for what is built upon it. As a congregation, we are reminded by Paul's words to the Ephesians that our foundation is Christ. Together with all those who came before, we are part of a Holy Temple, a House of God. Our church building is a literal expression of a spiritual reality; we are all part of the household of God. Our founders did not bring us together as a congregation for ourselves only. They had a vision which we are continually invited to embrace, nurture and grow.

Come join us the 7th and 8th of September as we celebrate our past and truly embrace our future. Join us as we lay the foundation for the next 150 years!

With joy,

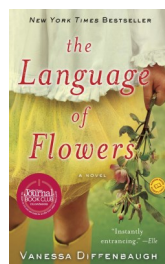
Pastor Karen



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. You've got **3 more days** to place your donations in the barrel in the Narthex. **Thank You!**



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

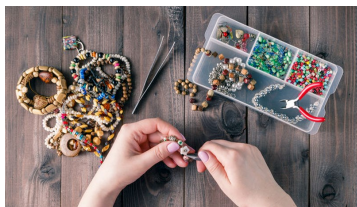
Anyone is welcome to join in our discussions at any time. We usually meet on Saturday mornings, but check the FCC Calendar of Events for specific dates and times.

Northeast United Church of Christ
"A Celebration of
Artistic Gifts"
Art Festival - October 19, 2019
10 am - 4 pm

**Paintings - Photography - Jewelry - Stained Glass -
Ceramics - Textiles - Weaving - Woodworking - And
More!**

Are you an artist looking to show off your gifts? No charge booth space is available at the Northeast United Church of Christ Art Festival. All art work should be original, hanging items should be framed and have wire for hanging. Watercolors and pastels should be under glass. 25% of all proceeds go back to the Northeast United Church of Christ, unless you choose to donate more. Booth sales are handled by one central cashier. For questions or to reserve your space, call Gina or Melissa at 402-466-0696 or email nucc@inebraska.com.

Booth reservations due September 15, 2019.



PRAISEFEST!

Save the Date

Sunday September 22nd
5:00 - 7:00 pm

First Christian Church Parking Lot
17th & K Street
Lincoln



*Plan ahead - cookie donations will be needed. Please
leave cookies in the kitchen labeled "PraiseFest".
Thank you!*

A Note of Thanks

Dear Church Friends,

My heartfelt thanks to all for your kind expressions of comfort. Your unwavering support, many cards, and constant prayers gave me and my family strength and solace in these sad times.

My family and I are blessed to be surrounded by your love and faith as we navigate this difficult time of missing Todd in the days ahead.

Peace, love,
Rhonda Ball & Family



September Act of Kindness

Our September 2019 Act of Kindness will be to overflow our Collection Barrel with **diapers** for The Bay, located at 2005 "Y" Street.

The Bay is housed in an old warehouse, a generous space that encompasses a nearly 30,000 square foot skate park, a coffee bar, a resource center, an all-ages concert venue, and state-of-the-art digital graphic art space. In theory, The Bay is a social services resource for teens—in particular, the impoverished, homeless, and exploited youth of Lincoln—but in practice, it's a place to hang out, enjoy a cup of coffee or tea, skate around, listen to music, and make art with your friends.

Mike Smith, the 32 year old founder, has built a small portfolio of businesses centered around educating youth and giving them safe spaces to be creative, sporty, and active. Simply put, Smith says "Young people need three things: somewhere to be, something to do, and someone to look out for them," alluding to his first venture in Nebraska, The Bay which is open 7 am to 7 pm Monday through Friday and 9 am to 5 pm on Saturday.

The Bay outreach starts with a core program, the All-Access Pass. Through scholarships distributed through public schools to 150+ low-income and at-risk youth, pass holders receive unlimited access to their community spaces (skate park, concert venue, and Café) — and their respective programming — as well as meals and mentoring. They develop skills, gain industry experience, and receive innovative, preventative family support created around assessing and building upon individual and family strengths. The Bay hosts three monthly food banks and provides an emergency pantry of diapers and personal hygiene products.

The Bay always needs a supply of disposable diapers to be given to young single mothers and low income, often homeless families that are part of their 'misfits' community. **Currently the emergency pantry is in need of the following size 4, 5, and 6 diapers.** If you haven't enjoyed a cup of artisanal coffee, tea or baked good at The Bay, you are missing out on a great treat.

Your Outreach Team,

*Kathy Harris, Gary Larsen, Tom Mason,
and Elaine Parman*

Safe Homes for Seniors

Safe Homes for Seniors is a free service to help older adults manage dangerous household chemicals and products. Their goal is to keep yourself and our family, including your grandchildren, safe and healthy.

Do you have...

- Toxic lawn chemicals?
- Corrosive cleaning products?
- Flammable liquids?
- Unknown chemicals?
- Paint related products?
- Bleach-based cleaners?
- Mercury thermometers?
- Rodent poisons?
- Pesticides?

Don't worry. Call Home Handyman!

Older adults with health concerns and those confined to their homes are at greater risk from exposure to dangerous household products due to:

- Life-long accumulation of dangerous products.
- The extended time spent indoors.
- Physical and/or medical limitations to properly dispose of dangerous chemicals.

Toxic products and chemicals can worsen chronic health conditions.

Safe Homes for Seniors provides free and convenient home assessments, help with storage and possible removal of dangerous products as requested by the home owner. To reduce risk, the Safe Homes for Seniors team will:

- Assess home for dangerous chemicals.
- Sort and identify hazardous products.
- Remove toxic products.
- Recycle or dispose of these products appropriately.

Call Home Handyman Program at
402-441-7030 to schedule a Safe Homes
Appointment today!

All related services and resources are FREE of charge to those age 60 and over.



Wednesday

Starting Back September 4, 2019

5:30 pm Snack Supper - Parlor

Come have a catered meal, only \$5, every Wednesday night. Here's the menu for September:

- ⇒ 9/4- Chicken enchiladas with rice, beans, and fresh fruit
- ⇒ 9/11- BBQ Chicken Sliders, Cheesy rice, green beans, salad with dressings, fresh fruit
- ⇒ 9/18- Spinach Artichoke chicken, mashed, Cali blend, fresh fruit
- ⇒ 9/25- Spaghetti and Meatballs, garlic bread, salad, fresh fruit

Vegetarian options available. See the bulletin board by the parlor for more information.

5:30 pm Adult Study - Library

Pastor Karen has planned a Great Courses class about "The Lives of Great Christians." Get your meal and prepare to learn about outstanding Christians from our past.

6:15 pm Youth Group - Meets in Parlor

6:30 pm Hand Bell Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary

Can you read music? Do you want to add to the beauty of worship on Sunday morning? Join the hand bell choir.

7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary

Come and make a joyful noise to the Lord - join the choir! Walk-ins welcome. For questions about music ministries, contact Mark Miller, 402-475-4289.



Prayers & Praises - August 29, 2019

In the Nebraska Region:

- Scottsbluff FCC and pastor Winona Hoder
- Shubert Christian Church

Our Global Ministries Missionaries:

- Eleazar Fernandez serving in the Philippines
- Aura (Violeta) Rocha-Areas serving in El Salvador

Find more information and stories about
our Global Ministry partners at

www.globalministries.org



**Celebrating 150
Years with Notes
from Our Past**



From the August 29, 1919 edition of the *Church at Work* we
found this article:

"Abraham Lincoln's Prediction"

At the time of general rejoicing in the triumph of the prohibition movement in America, it is well to recall the prediction made by Abraham Lincoln in the days when the movement was started, and which did so much to encourage those who have been working for it through the years of prejudice and inertia and active opposition till now at last it is fulfilled. "The liquor traffic," said that great American statesman, "is a cancer in society, eating the vitals, spreading destruction; and all attempts to regulate it will not only prove abortive, but will aggravate the evil. There must be no attempts to regulate the cancer. It must be eradicated - not a root must be left behind; for until this is done, all classes must continue in danger of becoming victims of strong drink . . . Slavery is abolished. The next question will be the overthrow of the legalized liquor traffic. In 1842 I predicted that the day would come when there would be neither a slave nor a drunkard in the land. I have lived to see one prediction fulfilled; I hope to see the other realized."

Welcome Visitors

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

Anthony Flack

Bob Gross

Bella DiRusso

Brady & Kristie Christianson

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

Those Serving in September

10:30 am Worship

Elder:

Sept. 1	Connie Calver
Sept. 8	Debby Ortega
Sept. 15	SaraLugn
Sept. 22	Gary Larsen
Sept. 29	Donna Ruhl

Deacons: Susan Pallas-Duncan, Wayne Duncan, Vince Ortega, Robert Reddish

Communion Prep: Don Cowger & Jim Christ

Ushers / Greeters:

Sept. 1	Lindsay & John Swanson
Sept. 8	D'Arcy Blosser
Sept. 15	Nichole & Jared Calver
Sept. 22	Monte Dietrick
Sept. 29	Roxie & Dick Pickel

Acolytes:

Sept. 1	Christian & Rebecca Swanson
Sept. 8	Keaton & Riley Bowker
Sept. 15	Riley Bowker & Evan Foster
Sept. 22	Riley Bowker & Evan Foster
Sept. 29	Keaton Bowker & Evan Foster

Hallway Hospitality:

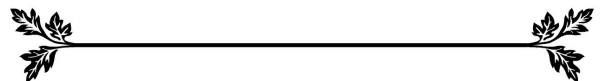
Sept. 1	Jim Blosser
Sept. 8	Geoff Putney
Sept. 15	Tom Mason
Sept. 22	Dick Pickel
Sept. 29	Rich Calver

Coffee Fellowship Hosts:

Sept. 1	Music Ministry
Sept. 8	150th Anniversary Luncheon
Sept. 15	FCC Foundation
Sept. 22	Need Volunteer
Sept. 29	Need Volunteer

Homebound Communion Teams: (September 8)

D'Arcy Blosser & Susan Pallas-Duncan
Connie Calver & Wayne Duncan
Kathy Harris & Robert Reddish
Donna Ruhl & Vince Ortega



STEPHEN MINISTRY

"Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were
serving the Lord, not men."

Ephesians 6:7

Lincoln First Christian Church

Calendar of Events



Thursday, August 29 - Messenger Mailed

Sunday, September 1

9:30 am Seekers Adult Class - Library
10:30 am **WORSHIP** - Sanctuary
11 am, 1 pm CCC Meetings - Library

Monday, September 2 - Labor Day

5:30 pm CCC Meeting - Library

Wednesday, September 4 - Welcome Back!

5:30 pm Snack Supper - Parlor
5:30 pm Adult Study - Library
6:15 pm Youth Group - Meets in Parlor
6:30 pm Hand Bell Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary
7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary

Saturday, September 7

5:00 pm Wyuka Potluck & Picnic - Carriage House
Graveside Tour to follow

Sunday, September 8

9:30 am Seekers Adult Class - Library
10:30 am **WORSHIP** - Sanctuary
11 am, 1 pm CCC Meetings - Library
12 noon **150th Anniversary Celebration Luncheon** - Gym

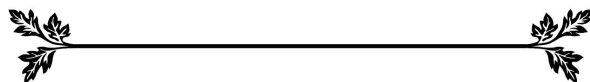
Monday, September 9

12 noon **Messenger deadline**
5:30 pm CCC Meeting - Library
7:00 pm Deborah Group Meeting - Marj Snodgrass's Home

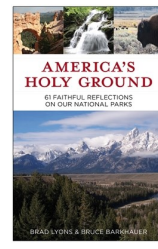
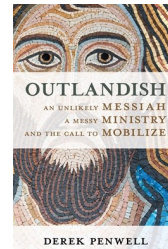
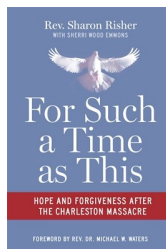
Wednesday, September 11

5:30 pm Snack Supper - Parlor
5:30 pm Adult Study - Library
6:15 pm Youth Group - Meets in Parlor
6:30 pm Hand Bell Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary
7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary

Thursday, September 12 - Messenger Mailed



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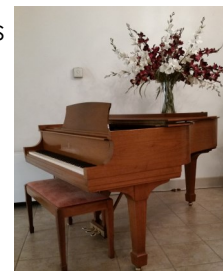


Starts Wednesday Night
September 4, 2019
5:30 pm
Library with Pastor Karen

Many Thanks to the Wheeler Family

The family of Nancy Wheeler has graciously donated a 1972 Model M Steinway grand piano to our church! The piano was acquired by Nancy's mother and Nancy had it in her home until her death last year.

The piano is beautiful and in excellent condition. It was tuned earlier this week and has been placed in the church parlor.



This quality instrument will ensure beautiful music for generations and will be featured during coffee fellowship in the near future.

Nancy loved music and this contribution to the church she loved so much will remind us of her presence whenever it's played.



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.