



150 years
First Christian Church
Disciples of Christ

Messenger

love all • live spiritually
rejoice in hope • show hospitality



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Join us for
PRAISEFEST
Sunday, Sept. 22
5 - 7 pm

First Christian Church Parking
Lot - 17th & 'K' Street

Live Praise Music by The Torch
Free Hotdogs & Refreshments
Bounce House
Games & MORE

*Spend time with our Capitol area neighbors
and invite your family and friends.*



The Kona Ice truck will be on site,
and also some very special guests!



Now taking donations for the Kona Ice Truck and
bounce house. Cookie donations will also be accepted
in the kitchen. Please label all donations "PraiseFest!"
Thank you!



Marj Snodgrass is celebrating her 85th birthday soon!
Feel welcome to send her your love with a card. Also,
her family is inviting the congregation and friends of
First Christian Church to help them celebrate during
Coffee Hour on Sunday, September 22nd. Cake and
refreshments will be provided.

New This Fall

First Christian Church will be accepting \$10 donations for
parking lot spots on Husker Football Saturdays.

*"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and
peace in believing, so that you may abound in
hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."*

Romans 15:13, NRSV

An Update from the Welcome Wagon



In August, First Christian Church reached out
to 323 new and returning Disciples of Christ
students attending the University of Nebraska
-Lincoln. So, if you see new visitors, make
sure to make them feel welcome!

Pastor's Corner

I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. Phil. 1:6

What a joyous weekend we just had as we celebrated the 150th anniversary of our congregation. About 50 of us gathered at Wyuka Cemetery on Saturday September 7th. We had great food and fellowship which also included a visit from our Regional Minister Chris Morton. During our meal, we had the chance to watch a video celebrating 150 years of ministry and mission by the congregation of FCC. After sharing our meal, most of us participated in a short tour in which we visited the graves of 6 prominent FCC people. We had a lovely printed guide which included short bios of those we remembered. After hearing their stories and being led in a prayer, we closed our time at each grave by placing a rose at the graveside. Although the weather wasn't particularly cooperative, we made it through our walk with just a few drops of rain.

Then on Sunday we gathered for worship. General Minister and President of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Reverend Terri Hord Owens preached and participated in the leadership of our service. Her text was Philippians 1:1-11 from which the above text is taken. It was a moving and inspiring message. I was particularly struck by her focus on the above verse. She reminded us that our confidence is in God. Our confidence, like Paul's, is based on the awareness that God has begun a good work among us. We don't remember those early days (unless you're a lot older than we think), but, as we mark this anniversary we are invited to acknowledge and celebrate those beginnings. God continues that good work amongst us now and we lay the foundation for what will follow.

As many of us gathered in the chapel after lunch with Terri and Regional Minister Chris Morton, we were invited to consider that what follows may not look like all that has already been. While this may be a frightening prospect for many of us, we are invited to have courage. We can courageously face the future because we have confidence in God. Those who founded our congregation could not have imagined what we have become today. We, like them, cannot imagine what will follow. We are not called to know the future. We are called to remain faithful and to place our confidence in God. We don't

know what this "good work" will look like, but we can be assured that God is working through us as God worked through our ancestors.

As we celebrate our past, may we truly embrace our future as we place our trust and confidence in God.

With joy and love,

Pastor Karen

The Boom Team is Back!

The first Boom Team practice is coming soon; Sunday morning, September 29th, at 9:00 am in the Toddler Room on 2nd floor. Practice will resume each week until October 27th, where the children will perform a song in worship. Spread the news and help support this wonderful music ministry!



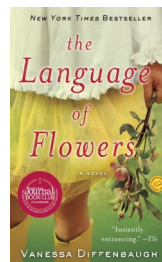
Welcome Visitors

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

Kristie Christianson
Bennie Shobe
Nate Wehr
Mark Carpenter
Lorie Chrastil

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

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.



Celebrating 150 Years of First Christian Church

Dear Karen & Friends at FCC,
 What a wonderful celebration! 150 Years of dynamic ministry to 10's of thousands of people within the Church, and many more to the community - It was such a joy and honor to celebrate it with you on Saturday and Sunday. I look forward to our living into our covenantal partnership as you begin your next stage of life and development.

With God's Peace,
 Rev. Chris Morton



Wyuka Pot Luck Picnic



The Reverend
 Teresa Hord Owens



The Reverend Chris Morton



Arlene Heimer & Rose Dow
 Lifelong FCC Friends



Pastor Karen Moritz



Sunday Morning Worship



Gathered Around
 the Table



Wyuka Grave Tour



Wyuka Grave Tour



See more
 photographs on
 First Christian
 Church's Facebook
 page or
www.fcclincoln.org

A Special Thank You

Dear Rev. Dr. Karen Moritz and Friends at First Christian,

There are no words to express my thanks for the generosity of your church towards McPhee school. Your gifts of love are appreciated more than you know. The gift from your summering offering is directly touching kids.

Peace,
 Chris Boden
 Principal



First Christian Family



Pastor Karen & Jim Blosser presenting First Christian's gift to McPhee Elementary School



Celebration Lunch



Wyuka Grave Tour



Pastor Karen's Children's Message



Wyuka Pot Luck Picnic

September 12, 2019
Disciples Mission Fund Day

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. Since the mid-1900s, Disciples have used shared funding to facilitate our denomination's growing cooperation. DMF is a simplified giving option for congregations or individuals that voluntarily share support. Gifts to DMF undergird dozens of our general, regional, and educational ministries to accomplish together what, by God's design, we cannot do alone.

DMF-supported ministries also produce a variety of congregation resources, like VBS curriculum through Global Ministries, Mission and Ministry Grants through the National Benevolent Association, and stewardship materials from the Center for Faith and Giving.

For more stories from Disciples Mission Fund supporters and beneficiaries, join us on DMF Day, Sept. 12, our first giving day for DMF, to further its impact across our church.

For more information, visit disciplesmissionfund.org.



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

The Church at Work often carried "**Current Comment**" articles and here are two from the September 9, 1917 edition published during World War I:

The first comment says, "The German chancellor now charges Russia with the responsibility of starting the war. This explains why Germany, when she got her armies into the field before any other nation, headed straight for France!"

And the second one challenges us with: "Doing your bit in the church means **doing your best**. It means never failing the church. We know what a deserter in the army is - - is a deserter in the church any better? Leaving our classes without teachers or notice of our absence is desertion. Neglecting any work which we undertake is deserting. Now is the time to decide whether we are going to be loyal soldiers of the Cross, or whether we are just playing at religion."

Wednesday Night Activities!

5:30 pm Snack Supper - Parlor

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

- ⇒ 9/18- Spinach Artichoke chicken, mashed potatoes, Cali blend vegetables, 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.

6:00 pm Handbell Quartet Rehearsal - Sanctuary

6:15 pm Youth Group - Meets in Parlor

6:30 pm Handbell 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.

Wednesday



**Love Your Church
Buy SCRIP!
Orders due 1st Sunday
of each month.**



STEPHEN MINISTRY

"Come to me, all of you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."

Matthew 11:28

**September
Act of Kindness**



During the month of September we are supporting **The Bay** by collecting size 4-5-6 diapers. Find more information on the bulletin board outside the parlor. Please place your donations in the barrel in the Narthex. **Thank You!**

Lincoln First Christian Church Calendar of Events

Prayers & Praises -
September 12, 2019

Thursday, September 12 - Messenger Mailed

Saturday, September 14

9:30 am **Book Club** - Marcia Foster's Home

Sunday, September 15

9:30 am Seekers Adult Class - Library

10:30 am **WORSHIP** - Sanctuary

10:45 am Worship & Wonder (ages 3-7) - 2nd Fl. Classroom

11 am, 1 pm CCC Meetings - Library

6:00 pm **Board Meeting** - Conference Room

Wednesday, September 18

5:30 pm Snack Supper - Parlor

5:30 pm Adult Study - Library

6:00 pm Handbell Quartet Rehearsal - Sanctuary

6:15 pm Youth Group - Meets in Parlor

6:30 pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary

7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary

Sunday, September 22

9:30 am Seekers Adult Class - Library

10:30 am **WORSHIP** - Sanctuary

10:45 am Worship & Wonder (ages 3-7) - 2nd Fl. Classroom

11 am, 1 pm CCC Meetings - Library

11:30 am **Marj Snodgrass Birthday Coffee** - Parlor

12 noon **Elder's Meeting** - Conference Room

5:00 pm **PraiseFest!** - Parking Lot

Monday, September 23

12 noon **Messenger deadline**

5:30 pm CCC Meeting - Library

Tuesday, September 24

9:30 am **Staff Meeting** - Conference Room

Wednesday, September 25

5:30 pm Snack Supper - Parlor

5:30 pm Adult Study - Library

6:00 pm Handbell Quartet Rehearsal - Sanctuary

6:15 pm Youth Group - Meets in Parlor

6:30 pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary

7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary

Thursday, September 26 - Messenger Mailed

In the Nebraska Region:

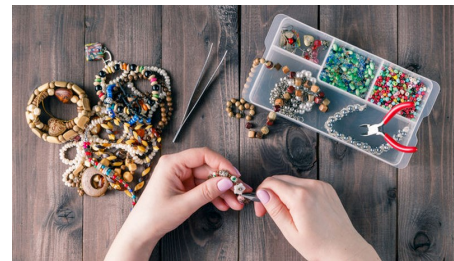
- Sidney FCC and pastor Dr. Curtis Davis
- SouthPointe Christian Church and pastor Steve Mason

Our Global Ministries Missionaries:

- Danielle Murry-Knowles serving in Lesotho
- Anne Gregory serving in Thailand



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



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.



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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.