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 Disciples of Christ

Messenger

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Looking for Volunteers!



The **McPhee School** Dream Team is hosting "Festival of Friends" for students and their families on **Friday, October 4th**. This evening of fun, food, games and raffle prizes will be from 5:30 to 7. If you are interested in volunteering for a shift or would like more information, please contact **Elaine Parman**.

Welcome Visitors

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

Brady & Kristie Christianson family
Curt & Sophie Snodgrass

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



STEPHEN MINISTRY

"My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you."

John 15:12

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.



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.

5th Sunday Faith Giving

September 29th is a 5th Sunday which we traditionally call a "Faith Giving Sunday." Faith giving is about going above and beyond what you've already committed to giving to the church. The Reverend Terri Hord Owens reminded us that God is not finished with us. Our congregation has been going strong for 150 years and began in an unfinished house on a carpenter's workbench. We started with nothing and through time and dedication built what we have today. *But we're not finished.* We have an important ministry to carry out in downtown Lincoln. We've focused a lot on the numbers 1, 5, and 0 and I encourage you to think about those numbers when you're giving. 1 person's gift can make a big difference to those we serve. Maybe funds are tight and you can give \$5, maybe you can skip going out for dinner a few times and give \$150, or maybe you've had a great year and could give \$1,500 or \$15,000. In addition to that, you can share with your friends that our table is open to all. You can tell them about everything our outreach team does, you can give hugs and handshakes, but what we can't give is 0.

Thank you for your contributions to the ministry and mission of this congregation.

On behalf of the finance team,
Geoff Putney

A Special Thank You

Dear FCC friends,

Thank you for all your cards and other expressions of well wishes for my 85th birthday. You truly made it special. Thanks too to Mark for the special music in Sunday's service.

Marj Snodgrass

Pastor's Corner

Beloved, you do faithfully whatever you do for the friends, even though they are strangers to you; they have testified to your love before the church. You will do well to send them on in a manner worthy of God; for they began their journey for the sake of Christ, accepting no support from non-believers. Therefore we ought to support such people, so that we may become co-workers with the truth.

3 John verses 5-8

The author of this epistle offers encouragement to an individual and their congregation as they strive to provide hospitality to visiting messengers of Christ. Individuals in this first century church wanted to be the focus and didn't see the value in providing hospitality to visiting missionaries. This is the only Johannine epistle written to an individual. At this time in the life of the church, congregations were loosely connected by the letters and visits of those in authority. An individual in this congregation challenged the spiritual authority of those coming and being sent so he refused to offer them hospitality. However, there were others, including the person to whom this letter is written, who challenged this person and wanted to welcome those coming in Christ's name. Fortunately, the author's perspective prevailed and this congregation, and those that followed, have been urged to show hospitality to those coming to share the Good News of Christ.

As you read this edition of the Messenger, I will be receiving that kind of hospitality from our sisters in Morocco. Ten of us from all over the US will be receiving hospitality from them and their congregations. Many of us are accustomed to giving hospitality, sometimes it is really a challenge to genuinely receive it. Sincerely receiving the gift of hospitality is a gift, and a calling, as well. I hope you will pray for all of us as we participate in the Mission Pilgrimage. I leave for Indianapolis early Monday morning, September 23, where the group will meet and participate in some orientation. On Tuesday, September 24, we'll depart for our overnight flight through Paris and land in Casablanca on Wednesday, September 25. (I don't think we'll be visiting Rick's, but you never know). We'll be visiting several cities throughout the country during our time there. We return to the US on Saturday, October 5.

As many of you know, my parents lived in Morocco during the '50's when my father was stationed at the Naval Air Station Port Lyautey. I grew up hearing stories about their time there and I've always wanted to visit. I am so excited that I will be able to experience this county and its people. A friend sent me this quote by G.K. Chesterton: **"Tourists see what they came to see. Travelers see what they see."**

I am thrilled to have a chance to see and experience this exotic country through the eyes of our sisters there. I look forward to telling you all about it when I return. I feel particularly blessed by the generosity of those who made it possible. Our Disciple Women here at FCC, the FCC Foundation, and the Nebraska Disciple Women all contributed equally to pay for my trip. I used some of my continuing education funds, provided by the congregation as part of my package, to pay my deposit. I couldn't do this without all of you and I am tremendously grateful.

So, au revoir for now and see you in October!

With a truly grateful heart,

Pastor Karen



October Act of Kindness

During the month of **October we are collecting items for **Lincoln High School****

Several Student Clubs at Lincoln High School hosts an Annual Trunk or Treat event in the school parking lot and hand out candy to over 200 families in and around the school and our church neighborhood.

Our October 2019 Act of Kindness opportunity will be collecting **bags of individually wrapped candy** to support this annual event. The event will be held on Saturday, October 26th so **ALL** donations need to be in the barrel by the evening of Wednesday, October 23rd.

Thank you for your continued support of our monthly Acts of Kindness Collection Barrel.

Please place your donations in the barrel in the Narthex. Thank You!





Notes From the Board



Board Meeting

On September 15th the board met and heard staff reports from Pastor Karen and Mark. D'Arcy submitted a report from the elder's on their planned activities. The nominating committee will be forming soon. We'll be looking for volunteers from the elders and deacons to participate on the committee, and then we'll be contacting nominees. Good news from the building use committee as contributions for building use are up this year. An area of concern is our current budget deficit, **as of August 30th our deficit is \$15,000.** The finance team will be meeting to discuss this. As always, your feedback and participation are welcomed and board meetings are open to all who wish to attend.



Roof Project

Did you know on July 28th the board approved a roofing project to replace a number of the flat roofs on the building? Most of these roofs have been repaired well past the end of their lifetime. If you've been up the north stairwell or in the toddler room you'll see firsthand the damage that leaks have caused. The cost for this project is just over \$80,000. We have identified funding for about half of the project, but we need your help with the rest to keep the building going strong. When you donate, please identify the funds as "roof project".

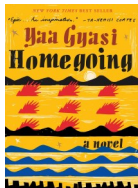
September Act of Kindness

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

Book Club News

Book Club will meet again **Saturday October 12th at 9:30 am** at Kristi & Brad Bowker's home. Our book for discussion is:

Homegoing by Yaa Gyasi



Below are some upcoming book selections:
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.

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New This Fall

First Christian Church is now accepting \$10 donations for parking spots during Husker Football home games. The church is behind on donations year-to-date and this is an excellent way to make up some of the difference. The remaining home game dates are:

- September 28th @ 6:30 pm
- October 5th @ 3:00 pm
- October 26th @ TBD
- November 16th @ TBD
- November 29th @ 1:30 pm

If you are interested in volunteering to take donations, please contact Susan Pallas-Duncan at 402.880.6967 or spallas@gmail.com. Thank you for supporting First Christian Church and Go Big Red!



Celebrating 150 Years with Notes from Our Past

Harold McMillin, a member of our congregation over a hundred years ago, received a letter from his brother Corporal D. E. McMillin who was serving in France during World War I. It was featured on the front page of the September 28, 1917 *Church at Work*. Here is an excerpt from the letter:

Dear Brother:

Guess you think it is taking me some time to get the Kaiser. Well it is taking longer than I thought it would. You see, he don't know we are over here yet. His subjects, the German prisoners that we have seen, don't believe we are Americans; that there is no way for American troops to get over here.

Suppose you have heard of us being in London. As you know we were the first foreign troops to march through the streets of London since William the Conqueror in 1066. And to think we carried "Old Glory" down there makes the 13th regiment feel might proud.

The French treat us fine, but we still have quite a time carrying on a conversation with them.

If Mildred wants to she can try sending a small box of fudge pretty well wrapped. Don't send anything soft and not very large at first till we see if it comes through O.K.

Will write again soon.

Your Brother

UPCOMING EVENTS

Presentation by Mary Pipher on the National Poor People's Campaign *A movement led by Dr. Rev. William Barber II*

Monday October 7th, 2019

7:00 - 8:30 pm

Located at the Center for People in Need
3901 N. 27thSt.

Author and activist Mary Pipher will be sharing her experiences participating in the Poor People's Campaign in Washington, D.C. in June. After the presentation, there will be a group discussion about building this campaign around local issues in Lincoln and Nebraska. RSVP by October 1 to Ashton at 402.476.4357, ext. 116 or ajarez@cfpin.org. All are welcome!



Pie Anyone?

Trees are changing colors, days are getting shorter, evenings are ending in beautiful sunsets; it is time for Disciple Women's apple pie orders. If you want to support the women in their donations to local charities and enjoy a fresh, warm pie, get your orders in. We will be taking orders for delicious tarts and pies through October. The pies and tarts are made and frozen for you to pick up later on at the church. Order blanks will be in the bulletins or talk to D'Arcy Blosser or Sally Mason.



Stephen Ministry Information Night

The Stephen Ministry Team is hosting an information night on **Thursday, October 24th at 6:00** in the parlor. They are hoping to start a new Stephen Ministry class early next year. If you have ever wondered what is involved in being a Stephen Minister, we hope you will come. If you have questions, please contact Sara Lugn. Light refreshments will be served.

Lincoln/Lancaster County CROP Hunger Walk Sunday October 13, 2019 First Lutheran Church 1:00pm

It is the fiftieth anniversary for CROP! You can participate in this great event by walking or donating to help stop hunger. CROP Hunger Walks are a great way to help people around the world and in our own community. 25% of the money raised during the Lincoln Hunger CROP Walk stays right here in Lancaster County. Agencies that benefit include Tabitha Meals on Wheels, Northeast Area Emergency Pantry, St. Mark's on the Campus food Pantry, and others. **This year's Walk is on Sunday, October 13th.** Sign up to walk or donate at the table in the Parlor or online at <http://www.crophungerwalk.org/lincolne/>. Find your team, First Christian Church, in the search box. Watch for last year's team picture!! Check out the Lincoln CROP Walk on Facebook.



Flood/Disaster Relief Mission Trip For Central Nebraska October 18-19-20

Hastings First Christian Church will be hosting all workers for a weekend of "Getting Dirty for Jesus." Mark your calendars now, more details are coming soon. Tentative agendas will be in your Sunday bulletin Sunday October 6th and 13th. Updates and more information is on the Nebraska Disciples website, www.disciples-ne.org.



CONGRATULATIONS

PRAISEFEST 2019

Another successful **PraiseFest** is in the books! On September 22, First Christian members and friends had a beautiful evening of music, hot dogs, and fun! Many thanks to Marcia Foster, Kathy Harris, Torch Worship Team, and everyone in the FCC Family that works to create a wonderful event each year. For more photos, check out FCC Facebook.



*Congratulations to **Brynna Madison**, a senior at Lincoln High School and active member of FCC's youth program! On Sunday, September 15, she signed her letter of intent to bowl collegiately at Mount Mercy University in Cedar Rapids, IA. Brynna is among the top youth bowlers in the U.S. When she is not bowling in regional or national tournaments on the weekends, she often assists in the church nursery. If you see her, give her a "high 5"! Pictured are Brynna, her parents, Kara and Reg, and her sister, Chloe, who also assists in the nursery when she is not traveling to regional and national archery tournaments.*



Lincoln First Christian Church Calendar of Events

Pastor Karen Out of Office September 23- October 11

Thursday, September 26 - Messenger Mailed

Sunday, September 29

9:00 am **BOOM Team** - Toddler Room, 2nd Floor
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

Monday, September 30

5:30 pm CCC Meeting - Library

Wednesday, October 2

1:30 pm **Martha Group Meeting** - Parlor
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, October 6 - SCRIP Orders Due

9:00 am BOOM Team - Toddler Room, 2nd Floor
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

Kelly Tyrrell Out of Office Oct. 7 - 11

Monday, October 7

5:30 pm CCC Meeting - Library
7:00 pm **Deborah Meeting** - TBD

Wednesday, October 9

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, October 13

9:00 am BOOM Team - Toddler Room, 2nd Floor
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

Monday, October 14

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

Tuesday, October 15

9:00 am **Staff Meeting** - Conference Room

Wednesday, October 16

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, October 17 - Messenger Mailed

5:30 pm **Worship Team Meeting** - Conference Room
7:00 pm **150th Anniv. Celebration Team Mtg.** - Conf. Rm



**Prayers & Praises -
September 26, 2019**

In the Nebraska Region:

- Southview Christian Church and Rev. Kerry O'Bryant
- Unadilla Christian Church and Rev. Sandy Denton
- Verndon Christian Church and Pastor Phil Hitchcock

Our Global Ministries Missionaries:

- Fiona Kendall serving in Italy
- Judy Chan serving in Hong Kong



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

Those Serving in October

10:30 am Worship

Elder:

Oct. 6	Tom Mason
Oct. 13	D'Arcy Blosser
Oct. 20	Connie Calver
Oct. 27	Kathy Harris

Deacons: Dan Cowger, Polly Putney, Dick Pickel, John Swanson

Communion Prep: Scott Dietrick & Doug/Jessica Effle

Ushers / Greeters:

Oct. 6	Wayne & Susan Pallas-Duncan
Oct. 13	Cecilia Burkhart
Oct. 20	Donna & Harold Baker
Oct. 27	Elaine Parman

Acolytes:

Oct. 6	Christian & Rebecca Swanson
Oct. 13	Keaton & Riley Bowker
Oct. 20	Christian & Rebecca Swanson
Oct. 27	Christian & Rebecca Swanson

Hallway Hospitality:

Oct. 6	Mike Carlin
Oct. 13	Vince Ortega
Oct. 20	Geoff Putney
Oct. 27	Tom Mason

Coffee Fellowship Hosts:

Oct. 6	Calver Family
Oct. 13	Music Ministries
Oct. 20	FCC Foundation
Oct. 27	Stephen Ministers

Homebound Communion Teams: (October 13)

Sara Lugn & Dan Cowger
Debby Ortega & Polly Putney
Gary Larsen & Dick Pickel
Tom Mason & John Swanson

The Lord is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation; this is my God, and I will praise him, my father's God, and I will exalt him.

Exodus 15:2

An Update on Disciples Mission Fund Day

On Thursday, Sept. 12, 2019, Disciples gathered online and in-person to celebrate our Church's past, present, and future with a giving day for Disciples Mission Fund. Coordinated by staff in the Office of General Minister and President, over \$25,000 was given by individuals and congregations across the life of the Church on #DMFday.

September 12 was chosen to commemorate Andrew Campbell's 231st Birthday!

Together, the gifts received on #DMFday make an incredible difference in the life of our Church.

Because of the #DMFday gifts received from people in nearly every region, regional ministries are better positioned to facilitate the search and call process for discerning ministers, offer youth and family programs, and explore innovative ways to expand our ministries.

While the giving day was successful, the Church's work doesn't end here. #DMFday was a first step in sharing the impact Disciples Mission Fund has in our lives. Together, Disciples are called to continue collaborative support, through making a recurring individual gift or prayerfully considering adding, or growing, your congregation's commitment to DMF core support in its annual budget. If you'd like to know more about making a recurring gift, or if you'd like some help encouraging your congregation to give to DMF, please don't hesitate to contact the National Disciples office.

DMF is also only one of the Church's three mission funds. The next opportunity to share collective gifts is the **Reconciliation Ministry special offering**, received in many congregations on **Sept. 29 and Oct. 6**. This offering funds Disciples' effort to become an anti-racist, pro-reconciling Church in every expression. More information will be in the FCC bulletins these Sundays.



Save the Date
WICS Auxiliary Annual Spaghetti Supper
Tuesday October 22nd
Southview Christian Church

Love Your Church
Buy SCRIP!
Next order due October 6th!

