



First Christian Church

Disciples of Christ

love all . live spiritually . rejoice in hope . show hospitality

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Rae Hope Putney's 100th Birthday Celebration

Rae-Hope and her family send thanks to the many friends who sent flowers, cards, honorary donations to the Lincoln Children's Museum, and to those who attended a fun gathering to celebrate my 100th Birthday at the church on Sunday, February 27, 2022. My life has been filled with a wonderful family and many special friends. THANK YOU!



Pastor's Corner

“A lot of people believe they are successful because they have everything they want. They have added value to themselves. But I believe significance comes when you add value to others and you can’t have true success without significance.”

-----John C. Maxwell

This really struck a chord for me when I heard it for the first time. In his various writings and presentations, John Maxwell often said “It’s not success, it’s Significance.” In the opening to his book *The Power of Significance* he asked, “What do you want in life?” What better time to explore this question than during Lent? Lent is patterned after the 40 days that Jesus spent in the wilderness. This was a formational time for him. During his time in the wilderness, Jesus had the time and space to ponder who he was, what he wanted from life, and where God was calling him to go. Not only was he shaped personally by that experience, the foundations for his ministry were laid during this time of introspection and prayer. We, too, have the opportunity to use this wilderness time during Lent to make time and space to ponder who we are and where God is calling us to go. In our day and age, it’s so tempting to believe that we are called to success. So, come and explore *The Power of Significance* this Lent. You do not need to buy the book, but if you’re like me you may want to have a copy as we make this journey together. It is available in a variety of places including Amazon, Christianbook, and Barnes & Noble.

During our Wednesday Night fellowship classes, we’ll explore a different chapter each week.

March 9 Session 1

Write Your Own Significance Story

March 16 Session 2

Find Your Why to Find Your Way

March 23 Session 3

Embrace Intentional Living

March 30 Session 4

Be Willing to Start Small

April 6 Session 5

Live with a Sense of Anticipation

Holy Week

No Wednesday Night fellowship

April 20 Session 6

Seize Significance Opportunities Every Day

With hope for our time and space,

Pastor Karen

WELCOME VISITORS

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

Terri
Extended Putney Family

*In addition to Visitors, it was wonderful to see so many
members who have been unable to come due to the pan-
demic. Welcome back!!*

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

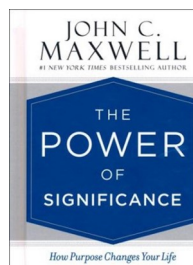
Dear Friends,

Kelly Tyrrell, our church administrator, has accepted a call to become a transitional minister at a church in the Lincoln area. Her last day at the church will be April 6th, but she will continue her internship with us through May 15th. While we will miss Kelly, we are excited as she continues to discern God’s call to ministry.

If you know anyone who might be interested in the administrative position, part-time 20-30 hours per week, please have them contact Jim Blosser at 402-423-1300 or jimblosser51@aol.com.

We wish Kelly the best in this new endeavor!

Jim Blosser
Personnel Chair



The Power of Significance

by John C. Maxwell
(excerpt from the back jacket)

We all have a longing to be significant, to make a contribution, to be a part of something noble and purposeful. But know this: you don’t have to be a certain age, have a lot of money, or be powerful or famous to make a real difference. You can be significant starting today—if you know your purpose.

In *THE POWER OF SIGNIFICANCE*, you will find the pathway to a life that matters. Drawing on over 50 years of experience helping people around the world, John Maxwell gives practical guidance and motivation to get you started on your unique personal path to significance. Learn how to find your why, start small but believe big, and live every day as if it matters—because it does!

Those Serving in March 2022

If for any reason you will be unable to fulfill your requirement, **please find a substitute**. All of these positions need to be filled each morning.

Worship Leaders:

Mar. 6	Leigh Lestina
Mar. 13	Marcia Foster
Mar. 20	Marcia Foster
Mar. 27	Marcia Foster

Elders:

Mar. 6	Wayne Duncan
Mar. 13	Deb Ortega
Mar. 20	Cecilia Burkhardt
Mar. 27	Cecilia Burkhardt

Deacons:

Carla Pinneo, Lindsay Swanson, Susan Pallas-Duncan

Communion Prep:

Carla Pinneo & Lindsay Swanson
Homebound Communion: **March 13th**

Homebound Communion Teams: (March 13)

Wayne Duncan & Carla Pinneo
Deb Ortega & Lindsay Swanson
Cecilia Burkhardt & Susan Pallas-Duncan

Hallway Hospitality:

Mar. 6	Doug Effle
Mar. 13	NEED VOLUNTEER
Mar. 20	Mike Carlin
Mar. 27	Rich Calver

Ushers / Greeters:

Mar. 6	NEED VOLUNTEER
Mar. 13	Wayne & Susan Pallas-Duncan
Mar. 20	Jim Blosser
Mar. 27	Monte Dietrick

Acolytes:

Mar. 6	Rebecca & Katie Swanson
Mar. 13	Hunter & Edryk Christianson
Mar. 20	Riley Bowker & Evan Foster
Mar. 27	Christian Swanson & Kyson Effle

THANK YOU for volunteering. Your efforts at First Christian Church is what keeps Sunday worship alive and thriving!



If you have had any problems with online worship,
please let us know in the FCC Office at
402-475-4289

What's On Wednesdays!

K-5 Education 6:00-7:00 pm
6-12 Youth Group 6:00-7:30 pm
Adult Education 6:00-7:00 pm

Adult Education

The Power of Significance
with Pastor Karen

Youth Group

Spiritual Goals & Disciplines
with Seminararians Leigh & Kelly

March Menu

March 9th: Beef Tips, mashed potatoes, peas & carrots

March 16th: Beef lasagna, roasted veggies, garlic bread

March 23rd: Creamy beef pasta bake, roasted veggies, garlic bread

March 30th: Meatloaf, steamed rise, honey-glazed carrots

\$6/meal, RSVP to FCC Office



Finance notes...

“God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.”
---John 3:16

This statement sets a model that the generosity of God's people should be sacrificial.

Lent is a journey of faith; a journey of reflection, self-examination, and sacrifice; a journey that provokes repentance and transformation. Lent is a journey that culminates in the hope of Easter morning.

In 2022, we are seeking \$3,500 in Faith Giving per month to meet our approved budgetary obligations. So far this year, we have received a total in \$1,685 in Faith Giving.

We need YOU to reciprocate God's wondrous love by generously supporting the mission and ministry of First Christian Church.

May the Spirit of God be with you,
The Finance Team

Prayers & Praises

March 3, 2022

In the Nebraska Region:

- CrossBridge Christian Church and Rev. Robert Fugarino
- All Chaplains in Nebraska

Our Global Ministries Missionaries:

- Angelica Santiago-Gonzales serving in Chile
- Abigail Reed serving in Korea

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



Auto Pay Your Church Giving

Tired of writing checks? There is an easy, convenient, and secure way to electronically transfer

funds from your checking account to donate to the church. Enrolling is easy – a debit authorization form and voided check is all that we need. Forms are available in the FCC office or can be emailed to you upon request. In addition, auto payment can be canceled at any time.

Auto Pay makes life easier for you by:

- Knowing you are faithfully supporting so many important vital ministries
- Realizing the joy in being the faithful steward God calls you to be
- Eliminating the need to write a check regularly, helping your personal budgeting process

Auto Pay benefits to FCC:

- Provides a more predictable income flow for better church financial management
- Reduces time and effort in processing collections by FCC staff/volunteers
- Increases faithful offerings to the church due to regular automatic donations
- NO fees, so your whole donation benefits FCC



STEPHEN MINISTRY

"Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me - put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you."
Philippians 4:9

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Calendar of Events

Thursday, March 3 - Messengers Mailed

Sunday, March 6 - SCRIP Orders Due

- 9:00 am Sanctuary Choir Practice - Music Rm
- 10:30 am Worship - Sanctuary
- 11:30 am Kelly Reflector Meeting - Library

Monday, March 7

- 7:00 pm Deborah Meeting

Tuesday, March 8

- 9:45 am Handbell Rehearsal - Sanctuary
- 10:45 am Recorder Rehearsal - Sanctuary

Wednesday, March 9

- 5:15-6:00 pm WOW Dinner Fellowship - Parlor
- 6:00 -7:00 pm K-5 Education - 2nd Floor
- 6:00-7:00 pm Adult Education - Library
- 6:00-7:30 pm Youth Group - 3rd Floor

Saturday, March 12

- 4:00 - 8:00 pm Birthday Party - Gymnasium

Sunday, March 13

- 9:00 am Sanctuary Choir Practice - Music Rm
- 10:30 am Worship - Sanctuary
- 11:30 am Worship Team Meeting - Library

Monday, March 14 - Messenger Deadline

Tuesday, March 15

- 9:00 am Staff Meeting - Conference Room
- 9:45 am Handbell Rehearsal - Sanctuary
- 10:45 am Recorder Rehearsal - Sanctuary

Wednesday, March 16

- 5:15-6:00 pm WOW Dinner Fellowship - Parlor
- 6:00 -7:00 pm K-5 Education - 2nd Floor
- 6:00-7:00 pm Adult Education - Library
- 6:00-7:30 pm Youth Group - 3rd Floor

Thursday, March 17 - Messengers Mailed

Don't Forget SCRIP

See Donna Ruhl after worship or send an email if you are interested in SCRIP. We have several cards on hand. Remember, SCRIP is a win-win for local businesses and First Christian Church. Special orders go out THIS SUNDAY March 6! Contact Donna or the FCC office for orders.