



First Christian Church

Disciples of Christ

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Messenger

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

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OUTREACH FUNDRAISER

100% of funds will be used for community outreach or projects

Saturday June 11th 10am to 2pm
Super Saver 56th and Hwy 2



\$3.00 meal

Hot Dog/Brat/Pulled Pork
Chips
Pop or Water

**Come Wear your FCC shirts, represent
the church, and have lunch this Saturday!**

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 the first Sunday of each month Contact Donna or the FCC office for orders.

Deborah Group Hosting Brunch

June 18th - 10:00am

FCC Parlor



Women of FCC, you are invited to a Ladies Brunch on Saturday, June 18 at 10:00 a.m. in the church parlor. We'll have egg casseroles, pastries, fruit and other goodies to share along with a little fun and fellowship. Let us know if you are able to attend by email (darcy.blosser@gmail.com), text or phone call (402-429-6902). Hope to see you there!

Dear FCC Family and Friends,

Recently we learned that Donna Baker has entered Tabitha for some physical therapy. She is doing okay, but will be doing PT throughout June. She would welcome visits, calls or cards.

The phone number in her room is 402-484-9408. Her current address is:

Tabitha
4270 Randolph
Lincoln, NE 68510
Donna Baker, #104

Please keep her and Harold in your prayers. Harold's family has moved him to an assisted living apartment in their complex where Donna will join him after her time in physical rehab.

Pastor's Corner

**“You change the world by being yourself.”
Yoko Ono**

Recently, I went to a meeting at a large church here in Lincoln. As I walked into the entry hall I noticed a coffee bar over to the side. I thought to myself, and I think I said it out loud to my companion, here's another one of those churches with the welcome station and coffee bar. Although I don't drink coffee, I have nothing against coffee bars, but it still seems a bit foreign to me to have something like that set up outside the sanctuary in a church. However, I think the thing that really bothers me about such a set-up is the voice in my head from many evangelism workshops that says “If you want people to come to your church you need to have a welcome station/coffee bar.” Perhaps those days are gone, but it seemed as though evangelism experts were all espousing such a thing. While a coffee bar may work in many churches, I have never served such a congregation. Setting up one always seemed a bit incongruous for the congregations I have served. This experience reminded me of all the advice I have heard over the years about how to market one's congregation and draw in visitors. All this came to mind as I read this quote from Yoko Ono. I think she had something there. Both as individuals and collectively as a congregation, we change the world by being ourselves. In our desire to grow and draw people to our church the best evangelism tool is to be true to ourselves. I think what people yearn for is a sense of genuineness and authenticity.

Granted, we face some challenges here at FCC. Sadly, we are not alone. Many congregations like ours are struggling. Many factors contribute to our current situation, but trying to be something we are not is not

helpful in the end. I think it is important for each of us, and for all of us together, to embrace who we are and be ourselves. Many forces in our world eat away at who we truly are and tell us we are not good enough as we are. I actually found the above quote in a collection of saying called “You're Wonderful.” This box of inspirational says was something I got at one of my Weight Watchers meeting and I found another quote by Danielle LaPorte that I believe supports what I am saying.

**You are important.
You are incredible.
You are loved.
Your presence is needed here.**

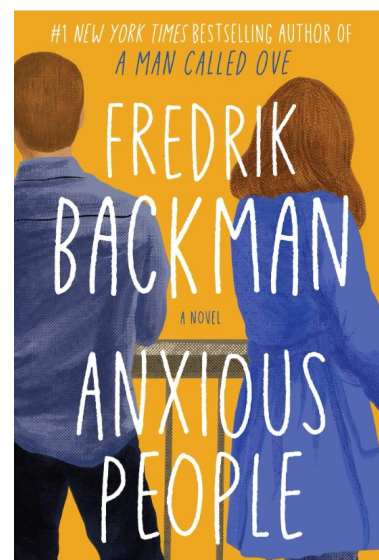
As we move through the summer I invite us all to ponder both quotes. What might it mean for us as individuals to embrace both sentiments? What might it mean for us as a congregation if we began to see ourselves through these lenses?

In love and peace, Pastor Karen

Book Club News

**Book Club will be
meeting in July,
more details to
come soon!**

**Our book for
discussion is:
Anxious People
by Fredrik
Backman**



2022 Kamp Kaleo

Beginning this past Sunday, June 5, campers have made their way to Kamp Kaleo at Burwell, NE for a few days or a week of learning and fun, depending upon the age group. The Middle Schoolers are there now, followed by Little Kampers this weekend, Senior High youth starting Sunday and then Juniors the week after. We have FCC related youth at Little Kampers, Senior High and Juniors and leaders/counselors at Little Kampers and Senior High. Keep all our campers and counselors in prayer as they experience God in nature, learn about how we are to love one another, share in meals, Bible study, crafts, outdoor play, water activities, morning meditations and evening vespers. It will be a busy time for all participants and we pray for good weather as well as spiritual growth in youth and adults alike. We'll report on how Kamp went in a future Messenger! Thanks to FCC-Lincoln for paying 1/2 of all camper fees so that all of our interested youth can attend!

FCC Social Media!



All Hands on Deck

Vacations, family get-togethers, sporting events and concerts are just a few of the many activities going on this summer. With all these activities, it's only natural for members to be less focused on the church during the summer.



Pledges are running a little behind for the year.

Now might be a good time to set up your pledge on auto-pay, so it is taken care of while you are enjoying summer. If you are already enrolled in auto-pay, THANK YOU.

The mission and ministry of FCC doesn't take a break during the summer months, and we pray that you will continue giving during yours.

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



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

Those Serving in June 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 Leader:

June Jessica Effle

Elders:

June 5 Deb Ortega
June 12 Elaine Parman
June 19 Cecilia Burkhart
June 26 Wayne Duncan

Deacons:

Carla Pinneo, Lindsay Swanson, Susan Pallas-Duncan

Communion Prep:

Carla Pinneo, Susan Pallas-Duncan
Homebound Communion: **June 12th**

Homebound Communion Teams: (June 12th)

Deb Ortega & Carla Pinneo
Monte Dietrick & Lindsay Swanson
Elaine Parman & Susan Pallas-Duncan
Jim Blosser & TBD

Hallway Hospitality:

June 5 Rich Calver
June 12 Vince Ortega
June 19 Doug Effle
June 26 **NEED VOLUNTEER**

Ushers/Greeters:

June 5 Jim Blosser
June 12 D'Arcy Blosser
June 19 Monte Dietrick
June 26 Susan & Wayne Pallas-Duncan

Acolytes:

June 5 Riley & Evan
June 12 Christian & Kyson
June 19 Hunter & Edryk
June 26 Rebecca & Katrina

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

June Birthdays:



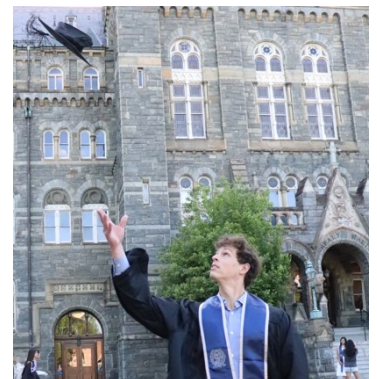
8th	Bailey Taylor
9th	Debby Ortega
11th	Eric Fawl
22nd	Beth Zager
23rd	Trevallion Greder
26th	Nichole Calver

Congratulations to All our Graduations

May was a busy month for many here at FCC. We extend our congratulations to those who have graduated and wish them well as they move on to the next chapter of their lives.



William Everett graduated from Georgetown University in Washington, D.C. this May 2022 with dual major in Finance and Operations & Information Management. He looks forward to pursuing a Masters of Science Degree in Business Analytics on the West Coast in the fall of 2022.



Prayers & Praises

June 9, 2022

In Our Church Family:

- Marvin Thurber
- William Deterding
- Vic Burgess
- Dick & Roxie Pickel
- Harold & Donna Baker
- Polly Putney
- Jessica Vocasek
- Lois Frogge
- Joan Dietrich

Relatives:

- Friends and Family of Vic Burgess
- Mark Carpenter, with colon cancer, brother of Jill Carpenter and Dick & Roxie Pickel
- Lorie Chrastel, Mark Carpenter's fiancée, prayers for recovery from a stroke
- Roger Christianson, with stage 4 cancer, father of Brady Christianson
- Annie DeLosSantos, with liver cancer diagnosis, sister of Vince Ortega

Friends:

- Cedric Gibb, healing prayers, friend of Cec Burkhardt
- Carson Mousel, grandson of Bob and Eileen Kunz, from Mildred Brockmeyer

Our Timothys:

- Bruce Frogge at Cypress Creek CC in Spring, TX
- Glenda Dietrich Moore, Creative Arts Ministry in Lincoln, NE

In the Nebraska Region:

- Lincoln First Christian Church and Rev Dr. Karen Moritz

Our Global Ministries Missionaries:

- Bruce and Linda Hanson serving in Honduras



Find more information and stories about our Global Ministry partners at

www.globalministries.org



STEPHEN MINISTRY

"But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere."

James 3:17

Lincoln First Christian Church

Calendar of Events

Saturday, June 11

10:00am SuperSaver Outreach

Sunday, June 12

9:15 am Summer Choir - Sanctuary
9:45 am Worship Team Rehearsal - Sanctuary
10:30 am Worship - Sanctuary

Tuesday, June 14

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

Saturday, June 18

10:00 am Disciple Women's Brunch - Parlor

Sunday, June 19

9:15 am Summer Choir - Sanctuary
9:45 am Worship Team Rehearsal - Sanctuary
10:30 am Worship - Sanctuary

Monday, June 20 - Messenger Deadline

Tuesday, June 21

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

Thursday, June 23 - Messenger Sent

Sunday, June 26

9:15 am Summer Choir - Sanctuary
9:45 am Worship Team Rehearsal - Sanctuary
10:30 am Worship - Sanctuary

Tuesday, June 28

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

Sunday, July 3

9:15 am Summer Choir - Sanctuary
9:45 am Worship Team Rehearsal - Sanctuary
10:30 am Worship - Sanctuary

Monday, July 4 - Messenger Deadline

Tuesday, July 5

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

Thursday, July 7 - Messenger Sent