



First Christian Church

Disciples of Christ

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Messenger

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

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Apple Pies Orders are Open!!

As the pandemic wanes, Deborah Group (Disciples Women) feels comfortable getting together once again to fellowship and make pies! We have scheduled two days in October to assemble apple pies from scratch and will take orders for the 10” deep dish and small “tart” size pies.



These treats come to you frozen and are very easy to bake at home, filling your kitchen with the aroma of fresh baked apple pie. The 10 inch pies are \$15 each and the tarts (can be cut into 4 small or 2 large pieces) are \$8.00. The funds raised go to local outreach projects. Call or email the church office (402-475-4289 or info@fcclincoln.org) to place your order!

McPhee Outreach Update

FCC, thank you so much for your generous donations to McPhee. They were thrilled to receive the items and look forward to our continued partnership.

For the next round we'd also like to collect a few Russ' gift cards and a few U-Stop gift cards via Scrip for emergency needs in addition to the hygiene items.

Thank you!
The Outreach Team



Picture from the church outing to see Godspell last week





Pastor's Corner

“Day by day, Day by day, Oh, Dear Lord
Three things I pray To see thee more clearly, Love
thee more dearly, Follow thee more nearly. Day by
day”

(Songwriters: John Michael Tebelak/Stephen
Lawrence Schwartz)

On Sunday afternoon October 15th several of us from FCC and a couple guests attended a performance of “Godspell” at the TADA Theater here in Lincoln. It brought back a lot of memories for me. As I thought about attending the performance while preparing for worship that morning the above song came to mind. The musical was written in the early 1970’s and was intended as a contemporary presentation of the Gospels and the life of Jesus. It was very popular when I was in High School and college. So, preparing to see it again after so many years was a real treat for me. As the above words and music floated through my mind I found myself wondering what it might mean to live by those words today. What would it be like to live by such a simple mantra as individuals and as a community of faith. How might we embrace each and every day and “see God more clearly, love God more dearly and follow God more nearly day by day.”

“Seeing God more clearly day by day” seems even more challenging these days. With the struggles many of us face each day it might be particularly difficult to “see God more clearly.” I know I have to discipline myself to “see God more clearly.” As I walked to the church this morning I was keenly aware of the beauty of the day. Although it was much cooler than I like, it was truly a beautiful day. The sun was shining, the sky was a gorgeous shade of blue, much of the grass was still green and the trees are full of leaves even though many of them are beginning to fall. I could hear squirrels scampering around collecting food for the winter. It struck me how marvelous the world God created truly is. We are truly blessed to live in a beautiful city filled with the natural wonders of God’s world. God is apparent in many other ways as well. If we allow ourselves to “see God more clearly” we can find God in the people around us, those close to us and those we meet on our daily journeys. We can also “see God more clearly” in the four-legged creatures that grace our lives and our world. We can discipline ourselves to “see God more clearly day by day.”

This simple song also invites us to ponder how we can “love God more dearly day by day.” We are invited to love God more dearly by spending time with God each day. As we pray and meditate, read scripture and other devotional material, and worship God weekly we express our love for God and enter more deeply into that relationship. We are also invited to love God more dearly by loving those closest to us. We can be aware of all our frustrations with those we love. Often it is easiest to see all their bad habits and foibles. When we set those aside, we become more able to love them and thus love God more dearly. Jesus invited us to “love our neighbor as ourselves.” How can we love those around us? Often it is the small things; the kind words, a short note, a thoughtful act. In addition to loving those close to us we are invited to love our neighbors. Sometimes our neighbors are those in our faith community. Our Elders have been very intentional about reaching out to all the members and friends of FCC. This intensified during the height of COVID when we could not gather in person. Happily, they have continued to faithfully reach out to those in our community through visits, calls and cards. That is only one example of ways in which we have loved God more dearly by loving those around us. And perhaps the most challenging invitation of all is to love ourselves. Loving ourselves makes it possible to love others and God more dearly.

This love of God and others has led us to “follow God more nearly day by day.” Following God has involved reaching out to those in need around us. Ministry with our neighboring elementary school McPhee involves providing basic toiletries to families we do not know personally. Our ongoing ministry with an Afghan family in our neighborhood has also been another way in which we have followed God more nearly. We also follow God more nearly as we gather for worship weekly and come together in fellowship. Each time our Youth Group and Disciple Women’s Deborah Group meet they learn more about the love of God and others. They explore ways to follow God more nearly.

As we prepare for the holidays, particularly the season of Advent, we will be invited to “see God more clearly, love God more dearly and follow God more nearly day by day.” The invitation to experience God through the birth and life of Jesus will enable us to “see Jesus more clearly, love Jesus more dearly and follow Jesus more nearly day by day.”

With joy and love, Pastor Karen

Those Serving in November 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:

November Jessica Effle
September 20th Leigh Lestina

Elders:

November 6 Monte Dietrick
November 13 Cecilia Burkhart
November 20 Wayne Duncan
November 27 Jim Blosser

Deacons:

Kristi Bowker, Keaton Bowker,
Riley Bowker, Brad Bowker

Communion Prep:

Kristi Bowker, Riley Bowker
Homebound Communion: **November 13th**

Homebound Communion Teams:

Kristi Bowker & Deb Ortega
Keaton Bowker & Elaine Parman
Brad Bowker & Wayne Duncan
Riley Bowker & Cecilia Burkhart

Hallway Hospitality:

November 6 Rich Calver
November 13 Doug Effle
November 20 Mike Carlin
November 27 Geoff Putney

Ushers/Greeters:

November 6 Susan & Wayne Pallas-Duncan
November 13 D'Arcy Blosser
November 20 Jim Blosser
November 27 Jessica Effle

Acolytes:

November 6 Kyson Effle
November 13
November 20 Trev & Gianna Greeder
November 27 Kyson Effle & Edryk Christianson

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

Go and Do the Same

FAITH AND GIVING = giving that results from faith.

Faith is trust in the presence and purposes of God. The person who has faith has confidence that there is a living presence we call God who loves all. People who seek to be faithful seek for this trust to permeate their lives and to embody loving values and practices.



Go and Do the Same
Luke 10:37

Giving is a way of expressing faith in God. A giver has confidence in God's presence, purposes, and providence. We might even see the degree to which we give as an index of our faith (trust) in God and of our commitment to God's purposes of love, peace, grace, freedom, dignity, justice, and abundance in Lincoln, Nebraska through First Christian Church.

Giving can help increase faith. When we give, even when we have questions about whether we have the resources to do so, we become more aware of the divine presence blessing and supporting us.

May the Spirit of God be with you,

The Finance Team

What I Like about FCC!

I love that this is the friendliest and most inclusive church that I have ever belonged to.

-Carla Pinneo

Prayers & Praises October 20, 2022

- In Our Church Family:**
- Donna Baker
 - Marvin Thurber
 - William Deterding
 - Vic Burgess
 - Jessica Vocasek
 - Polly Putney
 - Lois Frogge
 - Joan Dietrich
 - Mildred Brockemeyer

Relatives:

- Friends and Family of *Vic Burgess*
- Roger Christianson, *with stage 4 cancer, father of Brady Christianson*
- Laurie Aufdemberge, *with breast cancer, sister of Kristi Bowker*
- Nicole Lee, *as she recovers in the hospital, mother of Leigh Lestina*

Friends:

- Cedric Gibb, *healing prayers, friend of Cec Burkhart*
- Carson Mousel, *grandson of Bob and Eileen Kunz, from Mildred Brockemeyer*
- Sue Babovec, *recovering from heart surgery*

Our Timothys:

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

In the Nebraska Region:

- Wilsonville United Baptist Christian Church and Rev. Keith Theobald

Our Global Ministries Missionaries:

- Bryan Parrish serving in the Republic of Congo

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



Lincoln First Christian Church Calendar of Events

-The Next Messenger will be November 17th-

Sunday, October 23

- 9:15 am Sanctuary Choir - Sanctuary
- 9:45 am The Torch Worship Team Rehearsal
- 10:30 am Worship - Sanctuary
- 12:00 pm Elders Meeting
- 5:30 pm Youth Group

Tuesday, October 25

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

Sunday, October 30

- 9:15 am Sanctuary Choir - Sanctuary
- 9:45 am The Torch Worship Team Rehearsal
- 10:30 am Worship - Sanctuary
- 5:30 pm Youth Group

Tuesday, November 1

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

Parking Lot Volunteers Needed

FCC Faith Giving has increased by \$1,155 from parking lot donations for the first four Husker home football games.



Jim Christ and Monte Dietrick continue to oversee this ministry and invite you to join them. At least one more volunteer is needed each home game day. This year Susan Pallas-Duncan, Wayne Duncan, Elaine Parman, and Brad & Keaton Bowker have joined them. Visit with one of them and hear how much fun it is (even in the rain).

The set-up of signs, coffee, bottled water, and cookies begins 4 hours prior to kickoff. Do you have 4 hours to volunteer? Hint: this is a part of Stewardship, giving of your time!

The remaining home games are:

- October 29th vs. Illinois @ 2:30 PM
- November 5th vs. Minnesota @ TBD
- November 19th vs. Wisconsin @ TBD

Look at your calendar and then let the church office know which date works for you

November Birthdays

- 3rd Doug Effle
- 8th Rebecca & Christian Swanson
- 9th Evan Foster
- 12th Bobbi Carlin
- 14th Jessica Vocasek
- 16th Brad Bowker
- 20th Donald Everett Jr.
- 23rd Logan Calver

