



**First Christian Church**

Disciples of Christ

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## Messenger

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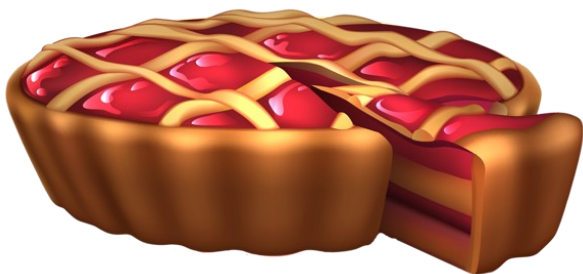
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### Apple Pies are Making a Comeback!!

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](mailto:info@fcclincoln.org)) to place your order!



Our special display honoring World Communion Sunday celebrating our part in the universal Church.



### McPhee Outreach

The Outreach team has been working with McPhee Elementary to identify needs for their students and families and we have been asked to help provide hygiene items for their monthly food bank market. We will have a barrel in the narthex to collect these items starting September 25th. We believe the need will be ongoing through the school year and will provide updates if the items needed change.

Bar soap  
Toothpaste  
Shampoo & Conditioner  
Lotion  
Toothbrushes  
Deodorant  
Feminine hygiene items  
Thank you in advance for your participation!

The Outreach Team

## Pastor's Corner

“Start where you are, use what you have,  
do what you can.” Arthur Ashe

At the close of a recent Weight Watchers meeting our workshop leader left us with the above quote. Although short and simple, it really resonated with me. So often we want to be somewhere else and do amazing things. In our world today we get a lot of messages that try to tell us that who we are and what we have is never enough. As individuals we spend our lives striving to be someone we are not. We work hard to gain power and prestige. When I heard the above quote I thought of myself. As I approach my mid-sixties I am very aware of all the dreams I had for my life. I am blessed to say that many of them have come true. And yet, at times, I think wistfully about the places I still yearn to go and the things I still hope to do. I have to confess that I often do not feel adequate to meet the challenges of life and when I compare myself to others I come out lacking. I suspect I am not alone.

But, as I pondered the above quote I also thought of how often this is true for us as a congregation. When I look around and see other congregations that seem bigger and appear to have more to offer, I feel a bit envious. In our world that asserts that bigger is better, it is sometimes a challenge to accept ourselves as we are. What would happen, as a congregation, if we took Ashe's words to heart?

It is easy to read Ashe's words and forget the challenges in his life that forged them. Ashe had many challenges in his life that he was able to overcome. He became the first, and in some cases still is, the only black man to win a variety of tennis titles. As if that wasn't enough, later in his relatively short life of approximately 50 years he had to battle HIV. Not only did he have to cope with the illness, he also had to battle the stigma associated with it. He had many challenges to overcome and yet was able to embody the above thought. He started where he was, used what he had and did what he could. He has left an indelible mark on tennis, our nation and the world.

It is so easy to be aware of what we think we do not have. We think we do not have enough people, enough money or enough time. In this season of our stewardship campaign we have been invited in our weekly sermons to ponder, what kind of Christian community do we want to be? How can we be a reflection of God's reign as it breaks into our world today? How can we be the incarnation of Jesus Christ in our community and world now? As we ponder these questions how would our answers differ if we also held on to the above quote? So, let's start where we are, use what we already have and do what we can. We start here at FCC. We are called to use the resources we already have; our gifts, our time, our passions, our money and our resources. WE do what we can, one step at a time. We are invited to reach out to the students and families at our nearby elementary school as we collect many of the things we take for granted. Each bar of soap, every toothbrush and tube of toothpaste, every bottle of shampoo make a difference in the daily lives of others.

What we have to offer may seem small and unimportant, but it matters to someone, somewhere. So, let's start where we are, use what we already have and do what we can.

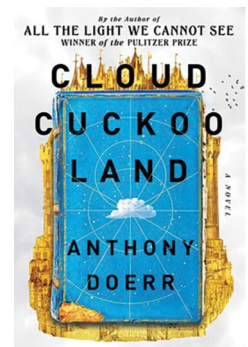
*With joy and love, Pastor Karen*

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## Book Club News

Book Club will be meeting October 22nd in the church parlor!

Our book for discussion is:  
*Cloud Cuckoo Land*  
by Anthony Doerr



Anyone is welcome to join in our discussions at any time.  
Check the FCC Calendar of Events for specific dates, and  
times, or change of location.

## Those Serving in October 2022

### **Worship Leader:**

Oct. Kristi Bowker  
Oct. 16 Leigh Lestina

### **Elders:**

Oct. 2 Cecilia Burkhardt  
Oct. 9 Wayne Duncan  
Oct. 16 Jim Blosser  
Oct. 23 Deb Ortega  
Oct. 30 Elaine Parman

### **Deacons:**

Brady Christianson,  
Kristi Christianson,  
Gwen Belden

### **Communion Prep:**

Gwen Belden, Kristie Christianson  
Homebound Communion: **October 9th**

### **Homebound Communion Teams:**

Brady Christianson & Cecilia Burkhardt  
Kristie Christianson & Wayne Duncan  
Gwen Belden & Jim Blosser  
Monte Dietrick & TBD

### **Hallway Hospitality:**

Oct. 2 Rich Calver  
Oct. 9 Doug Effle  
Oct. 16 Mike Carlin  
Oct. 23 Geoff Putney  
Oct. 30 Vince Ortega

### **Ushers/Greeters:**

Oct. 2 D'Arcy Blosser  
Oct. 9 Jim Blosser  
Oct. 16 Jessica Effle  
Oct. 23 Lindsay Swanson  
Oct. 30 Monte Dietrick

### **Acolytes:**

October 2  
October 9 Trev & Gianna Greeder  
October 16  
October 23 Edryk Christianson  
October 30 Trev & Gianna Greeder

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

## What I Like about FCC!

I am so grateful for a Pastor. Pastor Karen is very special to me, and I am thankful she has adopted us and wants to be our anchor. I love you Pastor Karen! Thanks in Christ.

~Wayne Duncan

## Go and Do the Same

This past Sunday we focused on Luke 17:5-10. In this scripture, faith refers specifically to the confidence that the realm of God—the great time of love, peace, justice, dignity, abundance, and life—is already partially present through the ministry of Jesus and will come to be fully manifest at the second coming.



**Go and Do the Same**  
**Luke 10:37**

We seek to: increase our confidence that this realm is present and coming, increase our willingness to be part of it, and increase our faith as a congregation.

Jesus says, *“If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you.”*

Of course, Jesus is speaking figuratively. The mustard seed was tiny, proverbially the smallest of seeds. The mulberry tree (not our mulberry but something more like a sycamore), had deep roots and stretched 60 feet into the air.

Jesus' point: if you act on what you've got, you can do a lot more than you think you can. It would be great to have an increased faith. You don't need to wait for the gauge to register full on the faith tank in your heart and mind. All you need is a mustard seed.

Think about that as you contemplate your giving for the coming year. Many of us, perhaps most of us, maybe even all of us, can do more than we think we can. And we can do it because we are caught up in the power of something bigger than we are.

May the Spirit of God be with you,

*The Finance Team*

# Prayers & Praises October 6, 2022

- In Our Church Family:**
- Marvin Thurber
  - William Deterding
  - Vic Burgess
  - Jessica Vocasek
  - Harold Baker's Family  
*and friends as they mourn his passing*
  - Donna Baker
  - 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

## Friends:

- Cedric Gibb, healing prayers, friend of Cec Burkhardt
- 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:

- Verdon Christian Church and Rev. Daniel Spencer

## Our Global Ministries Missionaries:

- Cory Driver serving in Egypt

Find more information and stories about our Global Ministry partners at [www.globalministries.org](http://www.globalministries.org)



## October Birthdays

- 1st Cecilia Burkhardt**
- 11th D'Arcy Blosser  
Don True**
- 13th John Swanson**
- 20th Lillie May Everett  
Erin Putney**
- 29th Jim Blosser**



## Lincoln First Christian Church Calendar of Events

### Sunday, October 9

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

### Tuesday, October 11

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

### Sunday, October 16

- 9:15 am Sanctuary Choir - Sanctuary
- 9:45 am The Torch Worship Team - Sanctuary
- 10:30 am Worship - Sanctuary
- 6:00 pm Cabinet Meeting - Conference Room

### Monday, October 17 - Messenger Deadline

### Tuesday, October 18

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

### Thursday, October 20 - Messenger Sent

## 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 @ TBD
- 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