



First Christian Church

Disciples of Christ

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Messenger

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

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Show Hospitality



Hot chocolate was gratefully received by those coming to watch the Veteran's Day parade as it progressed down K Street in front of the church.



We hosted a wonderful concert by the community bell choir "Bellissimo" and welcomed over 150 people from the community who attended.

McPhee Outreach Update

Dear FCC,

Thank you for committing your time and resources to our



ministries! In addition to the hygiene items we've been asked to collect kids size stretchy gloves for McPhee for the winter months since gloves often get lost. Please continue to place items in the collection barrel. Let's see how many little hands we can keep warm this winter!

Thanks,
The Outreach Team

What I Like about FCC!

What I love about FCC is that there are people willingly to serve the Lord with gladness and taught me what it means to be a servant of the Lord Almighty, I am so thankful to God in Jesus' name

~Tony Flack



Go and Do the Same
Luke 10:37

More than 70 people celebrated the culmination of our "Go and Do the Same" 2023 Stewardship campaign on Commitment Sunday, November 13th joining in Worship and enjoying a catered lunch in our gym.

As of November 15, 2022, we have received 27 pledge cards.

Thank you to all of FCC's dedicated volunteers who assisted with the celebration lunch.

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



Pastor's Corner

“For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind. But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating;”
Isaiah 65:17-18a

The prophet Isaiah proclaimed a message of hope to a weary people. Things looked pretty bad. They had been in exile for generations. The land and home they once knew was gone. The Temple in which they worshipped God had been destroyed and they feared that this meant God was no longer with them. Earlier the prophet had promised them that God was not tied to the Temple. God had journeyed with them to this new land of exile. Everything they had once known and loved was gone. It was in the midst of this experience that the prophet shared a message of hope. Yes, things would never be as they once had been, this was true. However, the prophet told them that something new was coming. God was radically transforming everything, they simply had to continue trusting in God's wisdom and presence. It was in the midst of this period of exile that God called to people to remain steadfast and trust in God. The prophet called them to “be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating.”

Although we are not literally in exile, it is sometimes easy to empathize with the struggles of those in ancient Israel. We look around and notice that things are not as they once were. The world around us is constantly changing. The Church is changing too. As we look around we notice that FCC is not what it once was, it has changed. While the Church in general has radically changed, it is easier to see and lament those changes here in our own congregation. We have faced internal and external forces that have ushered in and accelerated these changes. We can name some of those challenges, like a global pandemic. Naming and identifying some of those other changes often elude us. The leadership here at FCC has begun meeting to examine and discuss some of these changes and how we might respond. On Wednesday November 9th the entire Executive Committee met in the library to begin discussing some of these issues. We began by exploring the issue of declining numbers in our congregation. What are some of the reasons people have left our community? Sadly, one reality in most congregations is that every year we lose some of our saints to death. Others had life transitions that involve moves to other parts of the country. All these departures take a toll on us all. Even when people leave for these understandable reasons we often feel sadness and a sense of loss. As the group continued our discussion we realized that others sometimes leave for other reasons. We have not developed a way of learning from these departures. We hope to develop a process to help us learn and grow as we deal with departures. How can we acknowledge the various feelings that arise and find ways to learn and grow from those experiences? We also discussed the need to be intentional about saying goodbye and tying up loose ends.

With joy and love, Pastor Karen

Those Serving in December 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:

December	Cecilia Burkhart
December 18th	Leigh Lestina

Elders:

December 4	Deb Ortega
December 11	Jim Blosser
December 18	Monte Dietrick
December 25	Wayne Duncan

Deacons:

Carla Pinneo, Susan Pallas-Duncan

Communion Prep:

Carla Pinneo, Susan Pallas-Duncan
Homebound Communion: **December 11th**

Homebound Communion Teams:

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

Hallway Hospitality:

December 4	Vince Ortega
December 11	Rich Calver
December 18	Doug Effle
December 25	Mike Carlin

Ushers/Greeters:

December 4	Lindsay Swanson
December 11	Susan & Wayne Pallas-Duncan
December 18	Monte Dietrick
December 25	D'Arcy Blosser

Acolytes:

December 4	
December 11	Trev & Gianna Greeder
December 18	Kyson Effle & Edryk Christianson
December 25	

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

Prayers & Praises November 17th, 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:

- Nebraska Chaplains -
Rev. Nancy Gillett, Nebraska Medical Center
Rev. Melissa Strong, Methodist Hospital in Omaha
Rev. Jerry Albright, Chaplain St. Croix Hospice
Chaplain Rachel Johnson, Lincoln Regional Center
Rev. Thomas Williamson, Chaplain/Spiritual Care
Rev. Gary George, Director of Hospice House

Our Global Ministries Missionaries:

- Taylor Rapp serving in the Dominican Republic

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



December Birthdays

- 2nd Brady Christianson
- 3rd Ashley Lugn
- 5th Karen Moritz
- 7th Kyson Effle
- 14th Tom Mason
- 22nd Hunter Christianson



**D'Arcy and Jim Blosser
invite all members and friends
to a Holiday open house
Friday, December 9 - 7 p.m.
4648 Happy Hollow Ct.**

Lincoln First Christian Church Calendar of Events

-The Next Messenger will be December 22nd-

Sunday, November 20

- 9:15 am Sanctuary Choir - Sanctuary
- 9:45 am The Torch Worship Team Rehearsal
- 10:30 am Worship - Sanctuary
- 5:30 pm Youth Group
- 6:00 pm Board Meeting

Tuesday, November 22

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

Thursday, Nov. 24 - Thanksgiving Day, Office Closed

Friday, Nov. 25 - Office Closed

Sunday, November 27 - First Sunday of Advent

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

Tuesday, November 29

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

Sunday, December 4

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

Check on our website for a full calendar and any event updates!

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