

## FIRST CONNECTION JUNE 2020



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Hello First UMC!

It is the month of June and many of us have passed many milestones in our lives. Some of us have celebrated graduations. Some of us have re-entered back into the workplaces after working from home for the past few months. Some of us have always been working outside their homes. Some of us have experienced loss and sickness. I would suspect all of us are discerning how to re-imagine a world in light of the endemic we are living in. I want to celebrate all of these milestone moments in our lives and honor the feelings and emotions that comes with this.

For now, although restrictions have been lessened on many levels; from a worship perspective, I am inviting all of us to worship online until further notice. In monitoring churches



who have decided to open their doors for face to face worship all across the US and world, it is evident that the transmission of the COVID-19 virus is too risky. Some churches who have opened their doors for face to face worship had to close their doors two weeks later because of the rampant spread of the virus. Therefore, for now, we will wait like Elijah in the cave that I have preached before. We will wait for the still small voice that will let us know that it is safe to come out and gather again face to face.

In the meantime, I want all of you to know the exciting things that are occurring as we wait. The Stewardship and Finance Committee, Board of Trustees and the Worship staff have come together and agreed on a plan to update our sanctuary with internet streaming capabilities; a new audio and visual sound system and more! This will allow us to enhance our worship presence, special services, celebration of life/memorial services, weddings and more. This will provide a better worship experience for both face to face and online worshippers at the same time keeping intact the beauty of our sanctuary.

In addition, there are teams coming together to re-imagine how we might continue to learn and grow together spiritually. There will be a number of small group opportunities that will allow us to meet virtually that I am excited about. On a personal note, I will be taking a couple of more courses towards my Doctoral degree



online in the next few weeks. The bottom line, life and ministry is still happening. This I am grateful for.

From a giving perspective; the generosity of your giving has taken my breath away. Everyone has stepped out on faith in the name of God and community and we are doing exceedingly well. For this I give thanks!

Lastly, I want to publicly thank all of the leaders that I have been working with in a variety of capacities ( worship, finance, Alignment, Flower, Trustees, small group leaders and compassionate congregation members as a whole); to ensure that ministry keeps happening. Without your leadership, it would be impossible to keep sharing God's love and light in the way that we have done.

The good news (in addition to the mantra that I have been saying as part of my daily prayers) is this; *this too shall pass*. Not only **will it pass**, but might we dare look back on this time and see the value in what we have learned about ourselves; one another and God!

For the best is yet to come!

Lovingly and thoughtfully  
submitted by your Spiritual  
Leader,  
Kirstie J. Engel





## **JOHN SPILKER, ASSOCIATE MINISTER OF MUSIC AND FAMILY**

Hi First United Methodist Church family! I enjoyed a life-giving surprise visit with David McCreary on the bike trail. It was a reminder of the small joys that God send me during social distancing. Lily and I celebrated her 12th birthday using Zoom for her to eat cheesecake and share time with grandparents and friends. We do yoga to strengthen our minds and take walks to build our relationship. We miss seeing your faces on Sunday, but we feel your spirits. Please call if you would like to talk. I'm always here and I enjoy the opportunity for fellowship.

PHONE TREE MINISTRY continues their work during social distancing. Many thanks to those of you who call to check-in on our members who don't have email access. We are so blessed to have such a strong church community. I owe a debt of gratitude to Peggy Hall for co-coordinating this important ministry.

REIMAGINING SMALL GROUPS: I know how life-giving small groups are during the weekdays. I miss Wednesdays at the church. I'm working with Terri Storer, Lea Ann Johnson-Kappes and Kirstie to discuss how small groups can gather, learn, and fellowship during social distancing. Now more than ever, we need the spirit that each of

you bring to small groups. Zoom and other online tools can help us gather during social distancing and feel the uplifting spirit small groups. If you have feedback, questions, or ideas let me know. I'm here for you! johndspilker@gmail.com

I have instructions below to Download Zoom. If you have questions, or need help, call me and I will help you get set up. I can even do house calls with my mask on.

· To make meetings easy: Small group leaders would email you a "Zoom website link" that you can click and go into the meeting.

#### DOWNLOADING ZOOM:

1. Open your computer's internet browser and navigate to the Zoom website at <https://zoom.us/>.
2. Scroll down to the bottom of the page and click "Download" in the web page's footer.
3. On the Download Center page, click the blue "Download" button under the section labeled "Zoom Client for Meetings."



Hi Everyone! I hope this finds you well. We are all a little anxious I assure, so I thought a great verse for you to talk to your children about is Isaiah 41:10. This is a great reminder that God is with us through everything. All other Sunday school activities and classes will be postponed until we are able to meet again. In addition I am waiting to hear word from Camp Fontanelle to see if summer camps will still be taking place. With these unprecedented times we must be fluid in our planning. I appreciate your understanding and support. For now, we are still planning to have our summer vacation bible school at the scheduled time listed.

Grace and peace to you all! -- Charity Helter

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## FIRST UMC YOUTH GRADUATING IN 2020

We have two youth that we didn't get in our recognition of high school graduates last month; Alex Goss and Leul Howell. We celebrate their accomplishments and their future endeavors! If there is anyone else we missed, please let the office know.

Matt Borland, *Director of Youth Ministries*

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**FIRST UMC** has contracted to replace the sound system in the Sanctuary. The total cost is \$22,391. Trustees have paid 1/2 of that amount. After installation we will need the remainder. If you would like to help us with that project, please mark this on the memo line of your check. **THANK YOU!**

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**The Stewardship and Finance Committee** continues to monitor the financial health of First United Methodist Church as we together journey through this unique and challenging time of Pandemic. Even though we are not able to meet face-to-face on Sundays in the

Sanctuary or at Sunday School, Committee meetings Bible Study groups, musical groups, or Sunday School, we are still First Church in action and spirit. We are operating in a new, “imagined church” arena, using new technology to reach out to the members, the community, and the world with ministry.

Thanks to your continued generosity, First has been able to sustain and expand our creative and innovative ways to reach out to you through streaming Sunday Worship services with outstanding music and message, electronic messaging of newsletters, sermons, and music inspirations. More is planned in this area with additional Saturday Worship Services, small groups meeting through ZOOM, and expanded Facebook and Website assets. Steps are in process to improve the technology to allow the worship services to return to the Sanctuary with better sound and video, and further improvements that will continue as we eventually return to in-person sanctuary presence. Financially, we are pleased with your continued support, especially with the increased use of electronic giving through PushPay. In a separate direct mailing, we will be providing you information on the first quarter finances which are quite positive.



### **GIVING REPORT:**

A year ago we were saying good-bye to the pastor that led for 13 years. We also were in at least a minor money crisis as well. Glenn Johnson and I put together a letter and your response was very gratifying. We welcomed a new pastor in July who guided us toward many new programs. We were so looking forward to bursting the seams on Easter Sunday. Little did we know a pandemic would occupy our attention as worship evolved into Facebook Live and committee meetings are Zoomed into our homes. In April we received a Small Business Loan to help us sustain our pastor and other members of the church staff. I'm happy to report our income to date is about \$240,000. Despite the limitations we are on target re: our \$500,000 annual budget. Abraham Lincoln said, “Neither let us be slandered from our duty by false accusations against us, nor frightened from it by the menaces of destruction to the Government nor of dungeons to ourselves. Let us have faith that right makes

might, and in that faith, let us, to the end, dare to do our duty as we understand it.” Chuck Leypoldt, Church Treasurer

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## **MATT BORLAND ANNOUNCEMENT!**

Dear First United Methodist  
Church Family:

First, I would like to say thank you to all of your affirmations, joys, concerns, thoughts, and prayers towards me through this process of taking the next step in my life. My journey towards back to bringing Jesus Christ back into my life goes to your credit First Church. About 7 years ago, this community of First Church channeled their love, hope, affection, passion, and welcoming spirit to me here at this congregation. Having conversations after worship with members about how their weeks were going and truly connecting with others was what really brought me to this family. I saw the great leadership by Larry and Jay and their leadership was life-changing to me, which has led to my leadership in the Youth Ministry at First Church and my continued growth in my ministry. Thank you First United Methodist Church-Lincoln, for allowing me to grow, learn about my faith journey, giving me opportunities to share my story, lead young people, being able to learn from you, and connecting and forming relationships in this great community.

We were able to partner with St. Marks Youth Ministry and Jay Stewart on a Learn and Serve Trip to Dallas, Texas in early March. This opportunity was life-



### **Flower Ministry**

As this article is written, we are anticipating two significant Sundays in the church's liturgical year. First is Pentecost, May 31st- a celebration of the Holy Spirit descending upon the followers of Jesus, Pentecost is observed fifty days after Easter Sunday. The liturgical color for Pentecost is red.

The Sunday after Pentecost is Trinity Sunday, celebrating Creator God, Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit. We often use the term Triune God to refer to the Trinity. The liturgical color of Trinity Sunday is white and/ or gold. Sanctuary paraments and altar arrangements will reflect the liturgical colors for Pentecost and Trinity Sunday.

There is still time to plant flowers

changing and being able to connect with Rev. Aaron Black and his son Aaron Black, Jr. (Don) was amazing. Reverend Aaron Black was so moved by being able to see our groups that we were able to connect for a while after the worship service. When looking back at this opportunity for our young people, it was very life giving on what we were able to do in the community of Dallas. Our group was thankful that we could experience this before COVID-19 really hit our country. Transitioning from regular every day routine to staying at home or even working at home has been challenging.

As you know First Church Family, I will be heading off to seminary school to Evanston, Illinois (suburb of Chicago). I am looking forward to this next chapter as I continue my Call to Ministry and strive to be a Lead Pastor of a United Methodist Church in the Great Plains Conference. However, COVID-19 has been changing how things are being done and using safety precautions. My last month at First United Methodist Church was supposed to be August and I would be moving to Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary in mid-August. However, COVID-19 has postponed those plans for now. Garrett Seminary has moved to remote learning (online classes) for all classes for the fall semester. What this all means, is that I will be staying in Lincoln for another 6 months and will be taking a full graduate class load at Garrett online. I will now tentatively be moving in late January to Garrett if they have in-

for cutting in early June. Please keep the church in mind if you have flowers to share through the summer. Many thanks and happy growing!



The beautiful ***All Are Welcome*** sign outside our church doors has recently been fully funded. We are grateful to our First Church family for sharing in our passion to show outwardly that we are an inclusive and welcoming church for all people. Your monetary gifts, given so generously, completes the purchase of the sign resting on the south lawn. This sign is an invitation and visual reminder that at First Church, we are a Reconciling congregation moving forward in open-spirited ways as we follow Jesus Christ.

The Alignment Committee

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person classes. I will continue to be the Youth Director at First UMC and hoping to grow and connect the Youth Ministry. I have reflected that God is not done with me yet here in Lincoln, Nebraska. God has bigger plans for me and I am looking forward to it. I am thrilled to continue my ministry with the youth of First Church and forming those relationships that are important to me.

Blessings,  
Matt Borland , Director of Youth Ministries



## **MUSIC AND WORSHIP DESIGN MINISTER**

Blessings and Praises, First Church, I am so excited to see the new birth and growth around me. The blooming flowers and lush green yards bring comfort and a joy to see what new flowers will be blooming each day. Yet the excitement and joy of blooming flowers makes me ponder on what new growth can be applied to my life. How can I bring joy to others? There is so much symbolism that can be seen in springtime that I could write a whole article, but I want each of you to look at the beauty and think about what it means to you in your life.

## **NOT GOODBYE, JUST SO LONG FOR NOW** by *Destiny Burkett*

How do you put into words the amount of gratitude you have for a woman who has spent her entire career advocating for children?

Someone who has quite literally changed the lives of thousands of kids. We're not really sure either, but we are going to do our best to try...

Lynn's experience working with children began with her first job out of college, when she served as the founding Program Director for the Saunders County Youth Service System, working with delinquent youth. It was during her time there that she quickly learned how abuse and neglect often contribute to adolescent involvement in the criminal system. In 1982, Lynn began working at the Department of Social Services (now Department of Health and Human Services) as an intake worker, assessing allegations of abuse and neglect in Butler and Saunders County. In 1984, she was transferred to the Lincoln office and was promoted to supervisor in 1988.

Then in 1996, in a move that many considered risky at the time, Lynn left the Department of Social Services to address a gap she had studied in the system for nearly two decades - the impact of abuse and neglect on children. It was largely because of Lynn (along with six other very important figures in the CAC's history who will not soon be forgotten) that the Child Advocacy Center was born.

I praise the Lord that we have been able to return to the Sanctuary for worship. The sound of the Organ filling the space, and blending our voices together was amazing. I can't wait to see all of your smiling faces and be able to interact with my church family. May God give you comfort, peace, joy, and a time to become closer to Our Creator, renew friendships, and reconnect as families. I wish that I had the chance to slow down more, yet I am an essential worker in the county jail. I have gotten to help be a calming presence to others, and help others in need. Ministry is all around us, like a blooming flower needs sunlight, water, and tender loving to grow into the beautiful flowers we see, so do others. Being the light of God, giving nurturing words, planting the seeds and watching them grow, all of us can be this light. As my Lieutenant says after our briefing and I think it applies even more during these times of uncertainty. "Be Safe, stay safe, Keep each other Safe."  
Mandy West, Minister of Music and Worship Design



## Youth ministry

Dear First Church,

Lynn's passion, determination, and belief that children deserved better, led to her stepping up to serve as the CAC's founding Executive Director and sole employee from 1996-2001, building the non-profit from the ground up.

Today, the Center staffs 18 full-time employees, along with one medical director and two part-time sexual assault nurse examiners, serves 17 counties in Southeast Nebraska, and has satellite offices in York and Auburn so we are better able to reach the children in our rural communities.

Lynn has made it her mission to help small voices be heard. Every day for the last 24 years, Lynn has been the guiding example for the staff working at the CAC. She has provided strong leadership and demonstrated a fierce commitment to work that is oftentimes overwhelming and challenging. There have been many difficult cases and trying times over the years, and the last 6 months have been no exception. However, there was never any doubt that Lynn would come up with a solution for every problem, and that at the forefront of that solution was the well-being of kids. As she so eloquently puts it, "Kids come first – ALWAYS." She has fostered true partnerships with law enforcement, county attorneys, and case managers from the Department of Health and Human Services, as well as with medical staff and therapists in the community to ensure that every child is heard and that every family is treated with dignity and respect and knows they are not

First Church Youth Ministry was planning on a Learn and Serve Trip to Oakland, California this July 16-28th. We were planning this trip with working with organizations in the San Francisco and Oakland communities. Our plan was to work for about five to six days of 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. days in Northern California and we were all looking forward to this opportunity. However, we have made the decision to cancel our 2020 Summer Learn and Serve Trip to Oakland, California.

My sincere apologies to our youth and young adults who were going to accompany on this life-changing experience, but with what is going on in our country and around the world we need to protect ourselves and be safe during these times of COVID-19. The youth who were going to be attending on this trip are Michael Ault, Jaheim Curry, Jaquez Curry, Jalen Curry, Julian Estrada, Keyan Simonson, Olivia Gentert, Savannah Woundedarrows, Kaitlyn Watson, and Chloe Lyons. I would like to recognize our youth who would have been attending this mission trip and pray for their growth and leadership as young people in this community. Our adult sponsors on this trip were Mike Sterns, Alisha Simonson, and Nyla Witzel. I would like to thank these adults for volunteering their time to help plan for this trip and their commitment to our young people in this great community we call First Church.

I would like to praise this great community of First Church who

alone.

Lynn is a role model that others look up to. She has a true passion for helping others and for being a voice for those in need. Throughout the years, Lynn has worked tirelessly with legislators to improve child welfare legislation to ensure the system was working effectively, and that the safety of children was a priority. The Lincoln community is a better, safer place because of Lynn's leadership, vision, passion, and drive for excellence. Although Lynn has been recognized for numerous achievements and accomplishments over the years, those of us who know her know there is only one accomplishment that she truly cares about... 16,280.

16,280 is the number of child victims of abuse, to date, that have been helped by the Child Advocacy Center. 16,280 children that may have otherwise suffered in silence. 16,280 children who were heard, believed, and supported. 16,280 children who were given a chance at healing, all because of the sheer determination of one woman who refused to believe that we couldn't do better for kids. Lynn, you have impacted the lives of all of us. Not just the children you have helped, but also those of us who have been fortunate enough to have witnessed you fulfilling your purpose in life. You will not be forgotten. Your legacy will live on in those you have served and in those of us who have learned to serve because of you.

The Child Advocacy Center will forever be a safe place for

have shown tremendous support for the Youth Ministry. As we have been advocating for this Learn and Serve trip to Oakland, we have raised funds for this great opportunity and those funds for the Youth trip is now to \$8,500. As we have made the decision to cancel this mission trip, we will decide to what these funds will be used for and we will communicate that to the congregation. A fall Learn and Serve Trip is a possibility for our group to experience or updating our youth rooms. We are brainstorming about possibilities on what to do and looking forward to be doing ministry this fall.

I will be sharing some captured memories on the 2020 Spring Learn and Serve trip to Dallas, Texas (below). Please enjoy the great moments our youth were able to experience, because of this congregation, you were able to give our youth a life-changing experience.



children to tell their truths. On behalf of those of us at the CAC, the families you have helped, the community and beyond, we thank you. And while we understand that it is time for you to move on and fulfill a new purpose, we know that your heart will forever be with the CAC. So this is not goodbye...just so long for now.

Thank you Lynn from Child Advocacy Center and First UMC.



### **WORDS FROM TERRI STORER**

Dear Church Family,  
First of all, can I say how much I miss the human connection, the conversations, the smiles, the handshakes, and the hugs! In a very short amount of time, we find ourselves in a new place in our lives with uncertainty as to how this unfolds. An invisible, uninvited virus has created a pandemic - the likes of which most generations never see or experience, yet here we are in an unsettled time. My experience has been a roller coaster of frenetic activity adapting at work and home, as a host of emotions (some not so good) bubble to the surface during this pandemic



**The boxed sets** of giving envelopes are in. Laura is in the office on Monday and Tuesday mornings at 9 if you feel safe to come get a set. We will have a table set up in the East entryway. If you can't get here, leave a phone message and a team can get them to you.

“pause.” We may not even be consciously aware of the undercurrents swirling beneath our upended lives. Yet, in the midst of it, I’m reminded of the need to extend grace and compassion to ourselves and others as we respond individually and collectively. Then, I wonder . . . Is this a time for new beginnings? For a new awareness of God, ourselves, and others? For new priorities?

John Spilker and I are collaborating on creating a welcoming space for exploring our experience with a new offering called **Compassionate Conversations: Pause and Prayer**. While a virtual Zoom room isn’t the same as sitting next to one another, we will be connected with a visual presence. (Zoom is easy to use and we’ll help along the way.) See the invitation that follows.

May you sense God’s light surrounding you, the tender, warm touch of Jesus’ love, and the swirling movement of the Holy Spirit in your lives,

**Terri Storer**  
**Certified Spiritual Director**  
**Certified Facilitator of**  
**Boundless Compassion**

**Compassionate Conversations: Pause and Prayer**  
We find ourselves and our collective world in a different space and time. In a very short period of time, our lives have been impacted by this pandemic - freedom of movement curtailed, plans interrupted, disconnected from others, and priorities are shifted. We invite you to “pause”



**An opportunity to bring funds back to the church is TAGG.**

This is an app that will give your congregation an opportunity to dine out and support local business; at the same time give back to First UMC. Here is a link:

**<https://togetheragreatergood.com/TAGG;>**

For businesses, TAGG provides a hassle-free way to support local causes while increasing traffic and loyalty. On the website, there is a list of businesses that participate and more are being added. Make sure to keep your receipt to scan it or you can bring it to the church office and we will scan it for you. A certain percentage of your receipts goes back to the church.



Our doors may be closed but our

as we connect with each other to share what is going on in our lives, honoring each experience knowing we are not alone. We'll end in prayer for the journey. More details as to date and time coming soon. If you want to join in the conversation or have questions, please contact Terri Storer at [tstorer@neb.rr.com](mailto:tstorer@neb.rr.com)



**Prayer Requests:**

- Elaine Brown, Bryan East
- Mel Thornton, home
- For the family of Bev Kissinger in the passing of her husband; Dean.
- For the Family of Katherine Lent, in her husband Karl's passing.
- Ike Schlegelmilch, Omaha Children's Hospital, friends of Jan Blue
- Ron Gaddis, home
- For the Family of Dorothy McKee
- Lauree Turner, home
- Richard Voeltz, Gateway Vista
- Jeremy Hickenbottom, home
- Lester Shaw, Kiley Taylor's dad.
- Jim Neumann, home
- Sondra Atkins, home
- Roscoe Shields, Van Dorn Legacy
- Dixie Gannon, home
- Emajane Crossley, Lancaster

Children's and Family ministries is still strong! We will be kicking off this summer with drive in style movies and online teaching on Wednesday nights at 7:30pm for children of all ages. 1-100+you are never to old or young join in the fun!

Manor Rehab  
Dorothyann Haar, 11405  
Farnam Circle, Omaha  
Jim Leyboldt, home



Mark your calendars for the upcoming **sermon Netflix summer series** entitled “Lights, Cinema, Scripture!” beginning Sunday June 7th! Watch ahead safely at home on Netflix. Even if you don’t watch the movie, you will still be able to follow the sermons well enough. Worship online Sunday’s @10:45am!

- Sunday June 7- “Becoming Documentary”** (First Lesson: Psalm 8; Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20)
- Sunday June 14- “First They Killed My Father”**(First Lesson: Psalm 116:1-2,12-19; Matthew 10:16-23)
- Sunday June 21-“Pursuit of Happyness”**(First Lesson: Psalm 86:1-10,16-17; Gospel: Matthew 10:24-39)
- Sunday June 28- “The Theory of Everything”** (First Lesson: Psalm 13; Gospel: Matthew 10:40-42)
- Sunday July 5- “The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind”**(First Lesson: Psalm 45:10-17; Gospel: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30)
- **Sunday July 12- “Beast of No Nation”**( First Lesson: Psalm 119:105-112; Gospel: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23)
- Sunday July 19- “The 13th Documentary”**( First Lesson- Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24; Gospel: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43)
- Sunday July 26- “My Beautiful Broken Brain”** ( First Lesson: Psalm 105:1-11, 45b; Gospel: Matthew 13:31-33,44-52.)



positive. Every Sunday I have such a good time there; I get to see my friends and people who care about me. I'm hoping I can grow a better relationship with people at First Church and create more memories with the congregation. I love when I get to go to the People's City Mission with the Church because it is a good experience. It's made me stay humble and love what I have in life. I was able to experience the 2019 Learn and Serve Trip to Detroit last summer where I really appreciated what I had when I say all the homeless people that lived there and listened to their stories realizing that things can be taken from you in the blink of an eye. I want to say that I am thankful for the life-changing experiences I have been able to live out and so appreciative of the Youth Ministry at First Church led by Matt Borland. —Jaheim Curry

To First United Methodist Church,

So Matt Borland is special. He's gotten me through a lot and been a HUGE impact on me even though I've only known him for a year or so. He brings so much to the table. He interacts well with the youth and actually bonds with the kids. He keeps in touch pretty much every day. He's given me and others extremely good advice at bad times and he's always there to listen to you, no matter what. Matt got me back into the Church and helped get Jesus back into my life. Even though Matt bonds with the kids he still always preaches the Gospel no matter what.

The Church is losing someone



*HUGE as soon as Matt moves and you're not going to get as good as a Youth Leader/Preacher as Matt.—Michael Ault*

*I've been a part of First United Methodist church for six years now, and let me tell you it has been a great experience for me and my family we've all grown up going to the youth group as we got older we started attending church with our youth leader Matt who has made a huge impact in our lives with him and the church they have been so helpful with everything from school to my connection to God.*

*I can't thank them enough for everything this church and Matt has done for me and my family. Matt has been an impact in my life, because he got me involved with the church and showed me to have a relationship with God and grow closer to him. I was baptized for the first time with my brothers Jaheim and Jaquez last fall with my dad Eric by Pastor Kirstie and Matt and that moment was life-changing for me as a man and follower of Jesus Christ and accepting Him as my Lord and Savior.*

*It was a great experience to travel and learn new things and met new people. I was able to meet Miss Emma and we worked on her house, which needed repairs. What really stood out to me was her genuine love for us when we just met her that day.—Jalen Curry*

*First Church has impacted me in a lot of ways. First with being helping me open up to new people and opportunities. I love seeing everyone every Sunday*



### **June Birthdays!**

- 1Eric Wendt
- 2Sheryl Pont
- 3Jackson Louderback  
Bob King
- 4Brenda Venhaus  
Mike Schiwart
- 5Judy Muyskens
- 6Gary Bergstrom  
Hugh Raymond  
Marcell Taladay  
Pam Baccam
- 7Ella Engel  
Jennel Mayfield  
Julie Shaw  
Micah Bratt  
Sara Simmons-Bankson
- 8Brock Buchli
- 10Chelsea McMullin  
Dan Forst  
David Schoenmaker  
Lynn Willey
- 12Diana Sanderson  
Kaitlyn Cross  
Marcee Seng
- 13Susan Leach
- 14Cindy Newsham
- 15Lisa Guill
- 16Jactia Isabell-Farritor  
Morgan Floyd
- 17Bobby Ericson  
Michaela Whitesell

*morning and Wednesday afternoon. I love being in the nursery and working with the kids. I have made a lot of new connections and memories that will last forever at First United Methodist Church.—Olivia Gentert*

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Susan Strong  
18Bonnie Evans  
19Tish Kloch  
20Barbara Voeltz  
Joseph Scherer  
22Ashton Engel  
Bev Kissinger  
Brent Nickol  
Larry Williams  
24Arvin Frohn  
Bill Curtis  
Jerika Scherer  
Julia Bartolome  
26Chris Kloch  
27Elizabeth Sterns  
Madelyn Mertens  
Michaela Wells  
Natalie Delaine  
Tom Srb  
29Dean Barnell  
Evelyn Stewart  
Mia Wendt  
Rubin Sass

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Join Mrs. Charity on Wednesday nights at 7:30pm for Children's Story time online! Fun books, bible lessons and activity ideas for children and families!

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**Going Green?** If you wish to not receive a paper copy of the newsletter anymore and only receive the electronic copy, then please notify Laura at the Church office and we will be sure to update your

request!

## TECHNOLOGY TIPS

- To stream the 10:45 services on your computer without having FACEBOOK:
- Click on the 1UMC Facebook page  
<https://www.facebook.com/FirstUMCLincoln/> and ignore the “Log In or Create an Account” at the bottom of the screen.
  - Click on “Not Now” when later you are again faced with the “Log In or Create an Account.”
  - Scroll down on the Facebook page to find the videos that Kirstie has created.
  - You should be able to actively stream Sunday’s session, starting at 10:45.
  - Previous videos are available as well (look at the dates on the videos)

Submitted By:  
Ed Schneider

## How to Watch Worship Service Online



**A BIG THANK YOU** goes out to all of the ministry leaders and staff who continuously rise above to share God’s love and light to all! Thank you for being YOU!

Peace and Love!  
Kirstie Engel  
Spiritual Leader