

October 2020 First Connection

Dear First Family!

I am excited for the month of October for many reasons. It is a sign of the season changing with the leaves beginning to fall. Walking through the grocery store aisles, seeing the sights of pumpkins and even Christmas decorations, gives me a measure of hope and comfort as well.

I am particularly excited as we come together for worship in the hybrid mode I presented in earlier announcements. This month will truly mark the beginning of how we move forward together. Some of how we do things will feel familiar as a church community. Some of the way we have to do things will be new for most of us. However, I don't know about you, but I am just grateful that we will be TOGETHER! It is proven, that when people go through hard times together, it truly builds a bond! First UMC Lincoln, what we have gone through and will continue to navigate will make us unstoppable! Although the future may have its challenges here and there, I believe

the future will be ultimately bright and exciting! I anticipate our community growing stronger and more adaptable daily. I anticipate ministry flourishing in ways we may not have even considered. Therefore, during this month I plan to keep my eyes, ears and heart open to the possibilities. For I know God is doing a New thing..... can you perceive it?! (Isaiah 43:19)

Flower Ministry

September flower providers included: Mike and Peggy Loos, Bill and Margrethe Ahlschwede, Lynn Kalemkiarian (in memory of her parents, Van and Georgia Lemon Duling), and Lois and Doug Wilson. We are thankful to all of these people for their generosity in bringing beauty to the Sanctuary.

On September 20th, the bouquets given by the Wilsons honored Pastor Kirstie Engel on behalf of the First Church family. Pastor Kirstie was among women honored by Inspire 2020 for leadership, commitment, and service in the Lincoln Community and right here at First United Methodist Church.

In the past weeks, we have had remembrance bouquets honoring the lives of Taven Thompson on August 23rd and Van and Georgia Duling on September 13. Place cards with their names and the 23rd Psalm were set near the floral arrangement. We plan to continue with this remembrance through the pandemic.

Though we are still in the long liturgical Season after Pentecost, nature's season of Autumn began with many subtle changes in the outdoor world. Through October and November, we will observe more seasonal changes as mums bloom and leaves turn from green to vivid colors. Floral arrangements for worship will reflect the beauty of plant life cycles.

During October, preparations will be made for All Saints Sunday, November 1st. Once again, the church will provide red roses to remember the lives of church members who have died in the



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YOUTH MINISTRY

Dear First Church,

I would like to affirm First Church congregation and community with the continued support of the Youth Ministry and making the ministry a top priority for our congregation. I am grateful to say that the Youth Ministry has been successful throughout my time here at First Church and I look forward to continuing to be the Youth Minister. As we continue through Covid-19 and this pandemic, First Church Youth and adult sponsors will be raising funds for a 2021 Summer Learn and Serve Trip to Oakland/San Francisco, California. We are hoping this planned trip that was supposed to happen this

past year. Any of us can order additional roses to honor our loved ones who have died in the past. More information and the order form can be found in another part of this newsletter. Additional order forms will be available at the church. Orders must be placed by October 25th.



Hunger and Poverty Response Ministry

For I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty, and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in. Matthew 25:35

Dear Church Family, Thank you for your kind generosity in purchasing twentyeight books for the Media Center at Lydia Patterson Institute. Mike Sterns will soon be mailing these books to LPI, and certainly, the students will be delighted to receive your wonderful gifts! The remaining books will be available for purchase in Munden Parlor on Monday and Tuesday mornings.

We also wish to thank you for your monetary gifts given for Huntington Elementary. Due to your faithful generosity, Chuck Leypoldt will soon be mailing a summer, will be possible next summer in 2021. Our youth and adult sponsors have been able to raise funds for this opportunity for the past year and we have exceeded \$10,000 and look to continue to raise funds. Our group will be brainstorming ideas on how to creatively plan fundraisers during this pandemic. Thank you for your continued support to the Youth Ministry.

As we have been living through this pandemic, I have struggled to figure out what youth group would like this school year or even during a bible study. What would that look like outside with 6 feet distance spread out with our masks on. I have been reflecting and getting insight from other colleagues who are leading ministry in the city of Lincoln. I believe I have come to the realization that we can do ministry in person with the safety precautions being practiced as we do with bible studies, service projects, fellowship activities, devotional time, etc.

Blessings,

Matt Borland Youth Minister First United Methodist Church

Matt's Seminary School Update

As this pandemic has caused many closures, delays, and changes, I made the decision to stay at First United Methodist Church as your Youth Minister until August 2021. Garrett will be having the opportunity for hybrid courses, but I would also be able \$150 check to Huntington which will impact student learning. You are a blessing to all these hard working and eager students. Thank you, Church.

The Hunger and Poverty Response Ministry Team

An Advocacy Opportunity October 11, 2020 9:30 -10:30 AM ZOOM event The First **United Methodist Church** family is invited to learn about an easy way to correspond with the Nebraska delegation in the US Senate and House and the importance of communicating with candidates for state political offices concerning issues impacting families (i.e. food insecurity, proposed legislation) Join us and receive information on how to participate in this dialogue by sending an RSVP to: Terri Storer at tstorer@neb.rr.com or 402-742-7378 Event sponsored by the Hunger and Poverty **Response Ministry**

to do online classes with what they are doing this fall semester. I will be completing my first year of seminary with online classes and I will postpone my move to inperson classes in seminary until next year. I want to affirm the unending gratification for the support I have been given from this congregation on my call to ministry. I appreciate the financial, emotional, and mental support from First Church as I walk through this journey as I strive to become a Lead Pastor of a United Methodist Church.

Youth Minister—Matt Borland











All Saints Sunday -- Roses for November 1, 2020



Just Us is still meeting on ZOOM!

If you have a middle school or high school girl and would like to join our women's bible study we would love to have you join us on Thursdays from 7:00pm-8:00pm via Zoom.

Meeting ID is 826 257 3350 passcode of 9qsFW6.

We are studying the women of the bible currently. What a great opportunity for you and your daughter or important teen to have bible reading, fun conversation and real talk about questions they have. Want to attend once or every time you are welcome anytime! Zoom meeting will continue until we are able to have in person Sunday School or classes.

Nursery and Children's Ministry update

We are still hard at work reorganizing and cleaning the nursery and Sunday school rooms. As of now, we will not be offering Sunday school or Nursery services at this time when we resume in person worship. Families will remain together in their area during the service. In addition, our church quiet books with colors and coloring pages will not be accessible. Please email Charity at charity@firstumclincoln.org should your family have any questions. Thank you!

On All Saints Sunday, November 1, the lives of First Church members who have died during the past year will be remembered during the worship services. They include: Stuart Vculek, Dorothy McKee, Margaret Fuller, Karl Lent, Dean Kissinger, Mel Thornton, Frank Dougherty, Dorothyann Haar, Sharon Johnson, and Taven Thompson, Thomas Howell. The church will provide a red rose for each one and arrange them in a vase near the Altar.

If you have loved ones who have died anytime in the past and you would like to honor their life with a rose, please fill out the form below. These roses will be arranged in vases in the Chancel area. Their names will be added to the bulletin or listed on the monitor screen in the Sanctuary. Roses are \$3.00 each.

You may take your rose(s) home following the worship service or you may come to the church office on Monday, Nov. 2 between 9:30-noon to pick up your rose(s).

Please complete the form below and place it in the offering plate along with payment OR return order form and payment to the Church office, 2723 North 50th St., Lincoln, NE 68504. Payable at time of ordering.

Rose orders needed by Sunday, October 25, 2020.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY:

ROSE(S) GIVEN



In this season of harvest, I connect with seeds. They are everywhere right now . . . Ripe for noticing, gathering, and saving for a new season next spring. Jesus uses the parable of the sower of seeds to illustrate the value of good soil. Joyce Rupp uses the image of seeds in her Boundless Compassion work. She outlines her four seeds of compassion non-judgment, non-violence, forgiveness, and mindfulness considering how they can be planted within us. Each seed invites us into deep reflection and intention to create good soil, I initially thought the seed of nonviolence would be easy for me. I don't consider myself to be a violent person. Yet, digging deeper and exploring violence more . . . I have to pause . . . And acknowledge I am not as nonviolent as I think I am. Thoughts? Sometimes I have a

heart of war, at least in my mind, as I process frustration with a person or situation. I may be thinking ill of someone or wishing a difficult person would not be in my life.

Words? My choice of words makes a difference. Is what I'm about to say helpful or harmful? Even common phrases such as "Kill them with kindness.",

"Putting on my armor.", or "They shot down his suggestion"

BY:____

Phone:

ROSE IN MEMORY OF:_____

ROSE IN MEMORY OF:

TOTAL NUMBER OF ROSES:_____ @ \$3.00 per rose = \$

If paying by check, make check to First U. M. C. and write All Saints rose on memo line.



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Silence? When I don't speak up for, and with, someone without a voice it implies I don't see the suffering and that they don't count. If I impose silence on someone else, cutting them off, not listening or shutting them down, it is a form of violence. Gestures? Am I watching my body language? Do I roll my eyes, smirk, or glare? Do I close myself off when someone I disagree with starts talking?

In our divisive and chaotic world, we need space and time for safe conversations. It is in speaking our truth and in opening our mind and heart to others, that we can start to honor differences, acknowledge our own judgments/unconscious biases, and take down the walls between us.

Join us for Compassionate Conversations: Pause and Prayer. Our time together has become a safe space for sharing; learning and engaging in dialogue - deep listening for understanding; and practicing being present to God, to ourselves, and to others. We are finding comfort, connection, acceptance, belonging, honesty, and gratitude in our conversations.

We gather on Tuesday evenings, 6:30 - 7:45. All are welcome to join anytime. If you want to join in the ZOOM conversation or have questions, please contact Terri Storer at <u>tstorer@neb.rr.com</u>

Prayers during this time of harvest, may your harvest be

working and eager students. Thank you, Church.



Dear First Church Friends: I am very excited about our plan to reopen our sanctuary in October. I am also pleased to report that our giving continues to support our 2020 budget. We have paid \$29,688 to the annual conference as a full partner in the vital work of The United Methodist Church throughout the world. I recently came across the four key principles of Christian Stewardship:

1. Discipleship: How we handle money, wealth and possessions is a central part of our discipleship.

2. Mission: Our giving of time, money and talents resources God's mission in the world.

3. Generosity: Our generosity is one of the values that should mark us out as Christians

4. Lifestyle: Giving is from our whole income, not from what's left over.

Thank you for all you do! **Chuck Leypoldt, Treasurer** plentiful in mind, body, and spirit and may you freely notice and receive the rich blessings of God's abundant love, mercy, grace, and peace. **Terri Storer Certified Spiritual Director**



Hostile Terrain 94

An exhibit titled "Hostile Terrain 94" will be on the UNL campus in four locations from September 21 through October 24, 2020. The exhibition is about the humanitarian crisis at the US-Mexico border. It has been organized by the Undocumented Migration Project and calls attention to US border policy and its impact on the lives of migrants.

150 locations are participating globally. Nebraska is the only location that has created an exhibition as a quilt. Attached to a quilted "map" will be approximately 3200 handwritten toe tags representing migrants who have died trying to cross Arizona's Sonoran Desert. Dr. Jonathan Gregory, Assistant Curator of Exhibitions at the International Quilt Museum, has organized and guided this special exhibition. He created the quilted map for the toe tags.

Exhibition Dates: UNL, City Campus Union, The



Dear First Church Community, Thank you for all your support during Mel's illness and passing. The many cards and donations to his memorial warmed my heart and took away some of the sorrow I felt at losing him. The donations to his memorial was a substantial amount, with the larger portion going to our church children and youth program and the rest to Center for People in Need and the Friends of the Niobrara. A special thanks to Kirstie for her message at the graveside service and to Mike Coffey for his beautiful music. My family and I loved the graveside service! Love, Rosemary



Holy wrestling- A series that will take the congregation through various topics surrounding our faith, families and pursuits. Crib, Sept. 21-26 UNL, Johnny Carson Center for Emerging Media Arts, Sept. 30-Oct. 10 UNL, East Campus Union, Loft Gallery, Oct. 13-17 International Quilt Museum, 33rd & Holdrege, Oct. 20-24 Amplify Arts Gallery, Omaha, Nov. 5-29

For more information: Hostile Terrain 94/School of Global Integrative Studies, UNL

Note: Among local people who helped with the handwritten toe tags are First Church Crosstalk friends - Lois Wilson, Marty Eischeid, and Judy Lane.

October 11: 8:30 am

Scripture: Exodus 32: 1-14 Message: Holy Wrestling: Idols Preacher: Kirstie J. Engel

October 11: 10:45am

First Lesson: Psalm 106: 1-6, 19-23 Gospel Lesson: Matthew 22: 1-14 Message: Holy Wrestling: Purpose Preacher: Kirstie J. Engel

October 18: 8:30am

Scripture: Exodus 33: 12-23 Message: Holy Wrestling: Investor Preacher: Kirstie J. Engel

October 18: 10:45am

First Lesson- Psalm 99 Gospel Lesson- Matthew 22: 15-22 Message: Holy Wrestling: Investment Preacher: Kirstie J. Engel

October 25: 8:30 am

Scripture: Deuteronomy 34: 1-12 Message: Holy Wrestling: Covenant Preacher: Kirstie J. Engel

October 25: 10:45am

First Lesson: Psalm 90: 1-6, 13-17 Gospel: Matthew 22: 34-46 Message: Holy Wrestling: Commitment Preacher: Kirstie. J. Engel

Hello First Church, this is Matt Borland!





I have been blessed so much in my life and I am thankful for all the Lord has done for me over the years. I was blessed to be adopted by a minister and his wife who loved God unconditionally and taught me so much about faith, church, love, family, and forgiveness. I attended a great high school and two universities where I received a great education. I have had an awesome career over the last 34 years which has challenged and fulfilled me. My present 'retirement' position still gives me the opportunity to make a difference where I can. I have battled doubt in God, addiction, and cancer, but I have been blessed by all those who helped me along the way in those challenges and doubt. At this point in my life, I feel so blessed to be part of this church family and this worship team. There is no question my faith and belief in God gets stronger and my hope for the future, despite everything, still grows each day.

I have been part of this family for eight years now with first attending this congregation as a guest when Pastor Jay invited me to attend a service. Before I started attending First Church, I was part of the St. Joseph's Catholic Parish with my dad's side of the family and I stopped attending church for about 3 years. I met Jay Stewart who was a friend and a mentor as I was a lost sheep trying to find my way back to the flock. I have had an interesting family growing up, for everyone who doesn't know, I was adopted within my biological moms family (Borland). I have always known my biological mom, but I did not meet my biological father until I was 18 years old. As time goes past, I have gained two full blood siblings who are 8 years old and 9 years old, birth parents getting back together and divorcing one another, and seeing my biological father deal with his addiction. Now I have no relationship with my biological father, and it is something I have accepted as a young man. I would like to remind the congregation the mom who you have seen at church service is the mother who raised me since day one and without her and the trials and tribulations I have been through would not make me the man I am today. I thank you for this congregation, my mom who raised me (Danielle McClure Borland), friends, my mentors in Jay Stewart and Larry Moffet, my professors, coworkers, and most importantly God.

I was born in Lincoln, Nebraska at Saint Elizabeth hospital, but

Larry Williams



Morgan Cowell - Minister of Music

Hello First Church Family, I wanted to share a little bit about my history and what I do when I'm not sitting at the organ.

I'm originally from Beatrice Nebraska. I first began my journey into music while in highschool. That culminated into studying music at Nebraska Wesleyan as a piano major. It was during my freshman year that I first visited First Church and played in the orchestra that Brent Shaw had compiled for some occasion. I can still vividly remember that first time as of course, Sharon Johnson introduced herself to me and Pastor Moffet took the time to learn where I was from and what I was studying. The following year, I decided on a career change and enrolled in the Piano Technology Program at the North Bennet Street School in Boston, MA. Upon graduation, I returned to Nebraska and started my business, M.T. Cowell Piano. Several years into the business, I reconnected with First Church, and starting servicing the many pianos the church has. In early 2016. I was invited to audition as the assistant organist and the rest once I was adopted, I lived in Estes Park, Colorado, Fort Collins, Colorado, Kansas City, Kansas, and Boulder, Colorado. I moved back to Lincoln, Nebraska in June 2002 from Boulder, Colorado. I just finished the fourth grade when we moved back. I graduated from Lincoln East High School and went on to graduate from Southeast Community College with an Associate of Arts and transferred to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln to get my bachelors degree in Human Sciences and my major in that department was Child, Youth, and Family Studies, with a minor in education. I was very proud of earning that degree from Nebraska as that school was my dream school growing up watching Husker football.

This is just a little bit about myself and I hope you get an idea of who Matt Borland is. Thank you, First United Methodist Church, for your love and grace and giving me the opportunity to grow in my leadership and faith!

Youth Minister Matt Borland First United Methodist Church



Hi First United Methodist Church! I'm so happy to be able to sing and worship with you! I am from North Carolina and have sang in is history.

My business has continued to grow and in October of 2019, I expanded into my current workshop/gallery on N. 48th street, just a few blocks from the church. I now have multiple employees where we offer basic tuning and repair, to complete refinishing and restoration of keyboard instruments. We also service major venues such as UNL, Doane, Peru State, Pinnacle Bank Arena, Abendmusik, and more.

I'm a serial hobbyist, but in my free time you will find me enjoying composing, poetry, intricate boardgames, woodworking, collecting scotch, spending time outside, driving my convertible, and spending time with my two cats, Merry and Pippin.



Morning First Church, a little bit about myself. I moved to Lincoln from New Jersey about 10 years ago. I've been a member for about half that time. Currently I attend Nebraska Wesleyan as a Political Science & Global Studies double major.

When I'm not helping out at the church I'm slacking on my home work with video games :o) I also enjoy reading, cooking, & working on the farm art Shadowbrook. churches since I was a little girl! I'm all about ushering in the spirit and singing songs that challenges believers to dive deeper into their relationship with God and the love God has for us. I'm thankful this church is so open to hearing all Christian genres of music because that is what heaven is going to sound like! Sending prayers and love to you church family, Jael Pembrick



Hello! I'm John Spilker.

My 12 year old daughter Lillian and I found a home at First UMC Lincoln in January 2018 after a divorce. This reconciling ministries church family helps me thrive as a gay divorced parent of an awesome almost-teenageddaughter. Lily and I learn, love, and grow together on this life journey. First UMC Lincoln was my second major faith transition. I was raised Catholic and converted to the Mormon church at age 19.

I moved to Lincoln in 2011 to be a professor at NWU. I teach interdisciplinary courses about music, community, and social justice topics such as equity, gender, race, poverty, and wellbeing. I value spiritual exploration, connections, conversations, learning, vocation, and growth. I swim laps, practice

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Blake Stephens is our Social Media and Website Designer. He makes sure that important posts and updates go out to the church and community. He also makes sure that our worship services are broadcasted. We are thankful for his gifts! yoga, love reading, music, film, and travel. The many communities I have lived with have taught me to bloom where I'm planted. I grew up in suburbs of Chicago, Indianapolis, and Dayton. I lived in Provo, Utah to do my undergrad in music at Brigham Young University. I lived in Tallahassee, Florida to do my Master's an PhD in musicology at Florida State University.



Hello this is Kirstie and Stephen! In worship we both wear many hats! Some of my roles include being Spiritual leader, teacher, preacher and administrator. Stephen is my ministry partner who is our worship videographer. He also assists me with worship preparation and anything else the Church needs. He is truly the "jack of all trades!" We are grateful to serve as your pastoral couple!



Hi First Church Family,

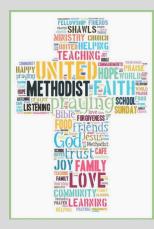
Growing up I never thought I would be in love with God and involved so heavily with Church. As a child my family went around to a few different churches in Lincoln trying to find the right fit. It was difficult to make friends because as soon as things became familiar, we moved to the unfamiliar.

When I started College, I stopped going to church altogether. I had placed many of my priorities before God, and although I believed in God, I thought I just didn't have time for it. I remember my grandma would call me on Sunday mornings asking me if I wanted to go to Church. Half-asleep I would answer and come up with some reason why I couldn't go; most of the time I was just too tired. I thought to myself, "Why do I need to go to a certain building, sit down in a seat, and listen to someone speak to have a relationship with God? Someone who walks with us through our life?" I firmly believed that. I believed that I didn't need a church to be a Christian and that was that.

I didn't see how my stubbornness and my pain towards church was affecting those around me. Those phone calls from my grandma stopped coming. Instead of asking if I was going to church she started going on her own. My Christian walk had me walking alone.

Out of the blue I received a call from my grandma saying there was a college group starting. I decided to go to appease her and see what it was about. Suddenly I became connected with a group that were doing the same things I was, but striving to put God first! We discovered together how trusting in God can help us through a lot of difficult life journeys that we think are impossible.

My faith grew tenfold when I started walking with others than it did when I was walking by myself. Praise God, who showed me that church is about community. We find strength in the community by listening and holding each other in prayer and support. Church is a community, not just a building. Regardless of wherever we are, I'm thankful for you. I'm thankful for First Church. I'm thankful for everybody God has surrounded me with. **Mike Coffey**





DR. JOHN SPILKER-

MINISTER OF MUSIC & LITURGY, SOCIAL JUSTICE, LEADERSHIP Brené Brown said, "gratitude is knowing

October 4 will be our annual UMW Sunday, and we are very excited that the date is also scheduled to be our first Sunday with an inperson worship option in several months! We will be celebrating the mission and social justice work of UMW around the world, will honor four special people with our Dedicated Light and Special Mission Recognition awards, and will hear Pastor Kirstie's relevant sermon. We hope all our UMW members will make plans to be present at one of the two services, either in-person or online. We also want to extend a special invitation to the women of our church family who have not yet chosen to join us as we share the joy we find in being part of a fellowship of women dedicated to being "faith, hope, and love ... in action." If you find yourself moved to learn more about membership, contact Joyce at joyce.gettman@gmail.com or 402-430-4249 or any UMW member.

Nut sales are on through October 15, and an order form can be found in last months newsletter. We are not ordering extras for inperson sales this year, so if you want to be assured of getting your snacking favorites and having plenty for Christmas baking and giving, you must order in advance. This will be our UMW unit's only fund raiser of 2020, so we thank you in advance for your generosity. We know how important it is to our National Mission Institutions and our international projects that as many local units as possible meet their pledges to mission, and we are committed to doing that.

Some of our members were able to participate in the Great Plains Conference UMW's virtual annual meeting on September 19. We hope even more will take part in the Blue River District's virtual meeting on October 17. We will share details about that event as we receive them.

We will have a meeting on November 4 as scheduled but with a modified format which

that we are enough and honoring what is ordinary about our lives." Amen! As a church family, we reach out and practice gratitude together in small ways. As we experience how COVID-19 can complicate daily life, we honor that everyone continues to cope with uncertainty, worries, and lots of other emotions right now. I lift up prayers for strength, healing, and care for all of us. I strive to remember: "Breathe. Slow down. We are in a global health pandemic. Everyone is doing their best." God is with us, strengthening and blessing us, as we live together in community. You are seen, heard, and valued. S

ANTIRACIST EQUITY AND EDUCATION

- As part of our reconciling ministry, I share with you my commitment to antiracist equity, which I continue to update with online learning resources: <u>https://bit.ly/2YsN</u> <u>3UQ</u>.
- On Facebook Live, I represent First UMC

is yet to be determined. We will vote on the full (!) slate of officers for 2021 presented by our hard-working Nominations Committee and will approve next year's budget.



Low-Income Bus Pass Program in Honor of Sharon Johnson

Remember Sharon?

Sharon Johnson rode the bus I was the Administrative Assistant at First Church from 1986 to 1999. During that time, Sharon was a beloved office helper, always willing to do anything that was needed. She spent time at the church almost every day, doing whatever anyone asked of her. From 1987 to 2014, when I moved to Kansas City, I was a member of the Covenant Discipleship group with Sharon, Coleen Seng, and John Eischeid, I was shocked and saddened when I learned of her death upon reading the electronic copy of the Lincoln Star. Even before she was identified. I was afraid she must be the one, shot in a random act of gun violence, riding the bus in the front seat as always, on her way to help serve at one of the many assisted living facilities where she volunteered. I encourage everyone to support the Low-Income Bus Pass Program in her honor. Lois Haupt

Lincoln every Thursday at 6pm for "Courageous Antiracism Clergy Conversations" created and hosted by Rev. Annettra Jones. Currently we are reading and discussing Race Talk and the Conspiracy of Silence by **Derald Wing** Sue. Feel free to watch through the First UMC page or join in the chats on Pastor Annettra's Daily Becoming Facebook page. SMALL GROUPS

- "Compassionate Conversations: Pause & Prayer" is a life-enriching soul-filled spiritual experience every Tuesday evening via Zoom. Would you like to try it out? We would love to have you join us. Email Terri Storer.
- Terri Storer, Lea Ann Johnson-Kappes, and I continue to collaborate to reimagine possibilities for small groups during COVID-19 and beyond.



October Birthdays

1 Daniel Cadenbach 2 Amanda Turner **Gracy Seefeld** Kyler Karr 3 Amber Seitz **Jim Williams** Joe Grenfell Lydia Reynolds 5 Kristen Witham 6 Greg Turner Judy Brhel Michael Reynozo Jr. 7 Mikhaila Hosler Savannah Bacon 8 Darin Turner Doug McLeese Heidi Beattie **Roscoe Shields** 9 Gannon Holland Levi Stiles 10 Leul Howell 11 John Westerholm 12 Briella Zeff 13 Anne Bowman **Brandon Vculek** Max Steiner 14 Chris Leypoldt **Grace Francis** Terri Storer

What ideas do you have? Zoom? Small patio visits at home? Let us know what you need, what ideas you have, what's on your heart and mind right now. Email me: john@firstumclin coln.org. I'm here to support your needs for community! PHONE TREE **MINISTRY** continues their work during social distancing. Many thanks to those of you who call to minister to 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 cocoordinating this important ministry with me.



Prayer Requests:

Jeremy Hickenbottom, Madonna, room 329

15 Andrew Edwards 16 Tim Van Meveren 17 Greg Lyons Hayden Eslick Paula Latas 19 Marisa Westerholm Mark Sass 20 Ray Pont 21 Shannon Fisher 23 Abrianna Eilers Jackie Redmond Jim Potter Morgan Glenn 24 Maxine Case 25 Lane Allen 26 Deb Faith Gayle Angus Heidi Brokenicky John Uland 27 Judy Clark Ben Leypoldt 28 Emily Cardin 29 Amanda Jakub **Beth Brady-Wendt** Hailey Franzen Holden Franzen Marilyn Wuster 30 Kristi Cadenbach 31 Tony Fulmer Joshua Reynolds

Sending a BIG THANK YOU for your Prayers, Presence, Gifts, Service and Witness during these uncertain times. We will get through this TOGETHER! For the Family of Taven Thompson, **First Church Youth** For the Family of Mark McClanahan, Judy Clark's son-in-law For the Family of **Dorothyann Haar** For the Family of Sharon Johnson Sandy Conrad, home For the Family of Margaret Dougherty in the passing of her husband Frank Jim Neumann, home Ron Gaddis, home Dixie Gannon, home Cindy Newsham, home Maxine Case, home For the Family of Joyce Ryan For the Family of Rosemary Thornton in the passing of her husband Mel. Elaine Brown, Bryan East Lauree Turner, home Richard Voeltz. **Gateway Vista** Lester Shaw, Kiley Taylor's dad. Sondra Atkins, home Roscoe Shields, Van Dorn Legacy Emajane Crossley, Lancaster Manor Rehab Jim Leypoldt, home



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