



Messenger  
May 17, 2024



**We are so excited for our next big event hosted by the Inclusivity Committee!!**

**”Mess Fest”**

**May 23, 5:30-7:30pm**

**A Mess Fest is an opportunity for children to get as sticky, gooey, and dirty as they want!! We will have several games to help accomplish that!! Flyers have been given to Holmes and Randolph Elementary Schools, so we are hoping for a HUGE turnout. We will serve dinner from 5:30-6:00pm, then, let the games begin!**



- Blindfold Jello Pudding feeding
- "Paintball"
- "Pie" eating contest
- Shaving cream/cheese balls on shower cap
- Bucket Relays
- Egg races
- Food Fight

**We have several opportunities for you to support this event!**

- Volunteer for set up, clean up, serve dinner, take pictures. Contact Kim Garrison at [kim.garrison@christumclinc.org](mailto:kim.garrison@christumclinc.org) if you would like to help.
- Help fund the event.
  - [Go Here](#) if you'd like to give online. Specify “Mess Fest” in designation box.
  - Give by check or cash.
  - Walmart Gift Cards
  - Sams Gift Cards
  - Dollar Tree Gift Cards
  - Unwanted food for our “Food Fight”.

***Thank you for supporting our church!!***

## **Prayers**

Deb Ruhrdanz knee surgery

Nancy Peterson in Hospital

Lois Gleaves at Tabitha

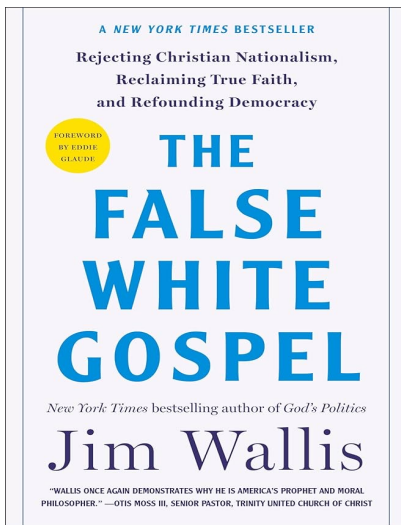
**Sympathies to the family and friends of Mildred Gardner who passed on May 2024. Services were held at CUMC on May 13, 2024.**

**Sympathies to the family and friends of Jerri Michaelson who passed on May 13, 2024. Services will be at CUMC on June 1, 10:30am.**

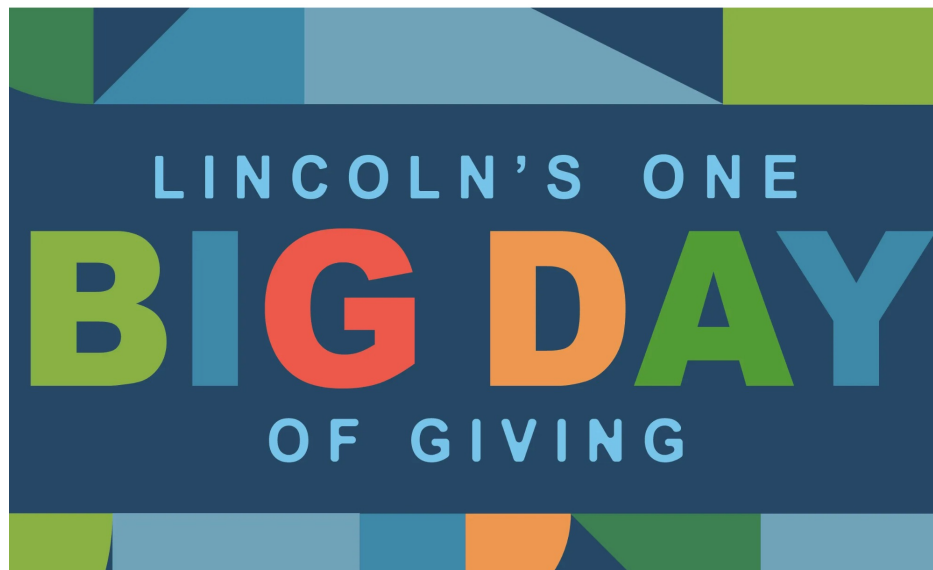
On April 26th severe weather devastated portions of Nebraska. Elkhorn was hit by an EF-3 tornado and many families were impacted. Following the tornado, Heleena Pettee, along with other ERTs from United Methodist churches in our conference went to Elkhorn to spend the week helping those in need. The week consisted of walking fields to clean up debris and sawing large trees and branches that had been knocked over by the wind. Christ UMC would love to be able to get more of our congregation trained with their Early Response Training so during times of need in our community we are able to respond.



We are working to set up a training at the church one Saturday in June or July. If you are interested in getting your ERT certification or would like to learn more about what it involves, please reach out to Heleena Pettee. I also want to add that NO experience in disaster response/ construction is needed to be a part of the team. There are always important jobs to do for various skill levels and ages. We had one teammate in her 80s helping us pick up debris for the day. God can use everyone.



May 26th Andy will begin leading a new book study following the 10am service. We will be meeting the last Sunday of each month to discuss *The False White Gospel* by Jim Wallis. Please try to have chapters 1 and 2 read so we can discuss them at the first meeting. If you have any trouble getting the book, please contact the church office and we will help you get one. The meeting will be from 11:30-1pm and lunch and childcare will be provided. Please reach out to Heleena Pettee, Mary Woodard, or Alysia Smith if you have any questions.



Life is hard and we all fall on times where we need one another. At Open Shelf, we hope to remind people just how much worth they have, even if they feel like life has knocked them down. We hope our pantry provides more than just food---we hope it provides real community. Your donation helps us provide food and toiletries to those in need in the Lincoln community. We can't do this amazing work without your generous gifts.

We are located in ConnectioN Point---a community center in the Clinton Neighborhood of Lincoln NE.

To support Open Shelf you may give by check or cash labeled "Give to Lincoln Day" you can follow this link to give online. Thank you for supporting this vital mission!

[Give to Lincoln](#)



**Kaitlyn Michaelson**  
**Allyance Team Leader**

I am very excited to share that Christ United Methodist Church and Allyance will have a booth at the Lincoln PRIDE Festival in June! Feel free to stop by and say hi on June 7th and 8th during the festival!

For our table, we have made an Amazon wishlist of items we wish to have to be able to pass out to people who attend the festival and check out our booth. An address has already been connected to the list, so you will not need to worry about putting a delivery address in. Thank you in advance to those who buy/consider buying something off our list!

[https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2LC92NIANVW34?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2LC92NIANVW34?ref=wl_share)

The Allyance team is working to plan more events, and we need your help! If you are interested in helping at an event, contact Allyance Team Leader Kaitlyn Michaelson at [kitkat.michaelson@gmail.com](mailto:kitkat.michaelson@gmail.com). If you are unable to attend events in person but still want to help, we would love donations. When you donate to Allyance, the money will be used to buy supplies for events such as a couple board games for our next event and refreshments. The money will also be used to buy more products with our Allyance logo on them to help get our group out in the community and pay for future speakers like the event we hosted with Dr. Ron Holt.

Thank you in advance to anyone who donates/considers donating!

<https://secure.myvanco.com/L-YR81/campaign/C-14FSM>



**Have you thought about learning Sign Language?  
Here's your chance!**

Angela Michaelson will host a video led curriculum. Classes are Wednesdays, 7:00-9:00pm in the church library starting June 5. If you have any questions, please contact Angela at [angela.michaelson@gmail.com](mailto:angela.michaelson@gmail.com).

**We are looking for additional bus drivers for Sunday mornings. If you're interested, please contact Kim Garrison at [kim.garrison@christumclinc.org](mailto:kim.garrison@christumclinc.org).**



**BOARD  
GAME NIGHT**

Free Pizza !!

June 2nd, 2024 | 5:00 PM

**ConnectionN Point**  
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Hosted by Allyance  
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