

ACT INCLUSIVELY – SEEK GOD – DO JUSTICE – SERVE OTHERS



CHRIST UNITED

Messenger
May 2, 2024

Connection

1333 N 33rd St. Lincoln, NE

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Connection Point serves Lincoln by connecting the community in service, programs, and a safe space for people of all nationalities, languages, and religions to gather together. We believe that all people can reach their full potential by acting inclusively, serving others, doing justice.

There are several jobs we would love your help with. Here are basic descriptions:

- Pantry Organizer** - This volunteer works to help set up the pantry and hospitality table before guests arrive.
- Donation Sorter**-This volunteer works behind the scenes to sort and organize new donations for us.
- Open Shelf Pantry Volunteer**-This volunteer welcomes guests, helps guests get through the line or is a personal shopper for a guest going through through the pantry.

We need **THURSDAY** volunteers. If you would like to sign up online, please go [HERE](#).

For questions or more information, please email Pastor Katherine at pastorkeblingfrazier@gmail.com

Pantry Needs: Toilet Paper.

Prayers

Deb Ruhrdanz knee surgery

Gary Schweitzer knee surgery

Nancy Peterson in Hospital

Lois Gleaves at Bryan

Val & Darlene Bohaty's son is on hospice



We are celebrating our graduates in the May 26 Worship Service. If you or a family member would like to be recognized, please email Kim at kim.garrison@christumclinc.org or call the church office, 402-489-9618. Deadline is Monday, May 13.

UMCOR US DISASTER RESPONSE AND RECOVERY



UMCOR responds to natural or civil disasters of such magnitude that they overwhelm a community's ability to recover on its own. Through UMCOR, United Methodists extend loving care to people within the United States. When disaster strikes, it is local churches that provide the first response to their communities. This basic understanding—that disaster response is local—forms the foundation for UMCOR's US disaster training and response. When responding to a disaster in the United States, UMCOR provides training, financial assistance, expertise, community collaboration to churches and partners making them more resilient to disasters. If you would like to give to the UMCOR US Disaster Response, please go [Here](#)

YOU'RE INVITED!

Mark Your Calendars! The Young(ish) Adult Group is headed to Adventure Golf & dinner on May 19, 2024 from 3:00 pm - 7:00 pm.

- Miniature Golf Admission Price is \$9.00 per participant.
- Childcare Provided
- Dinner Location TBD



Sign up for these activities in The Great Hall at Christ UMC or email Jessica at sweet.little.lady2012@gmail.com for more information.

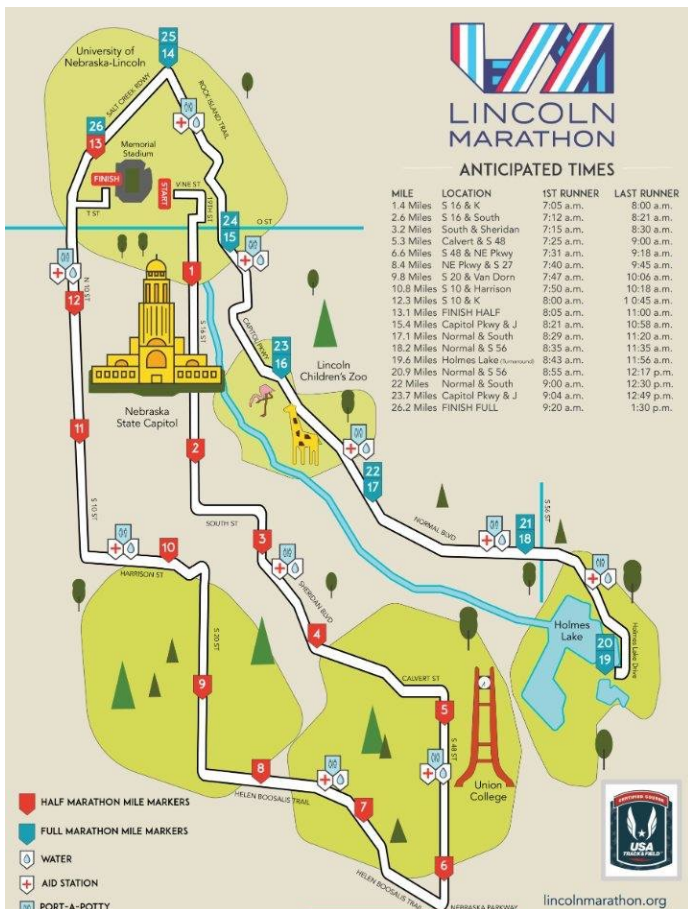


Mother's Day May 12 at 9AM

We are celebrating the women in our church with **FREE** coffee for them from **The Harbor Coffee Truck !!**

To celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary, Lyle and Susan Schoen invite you to a light reception on Sunday, May 12.

They were married on Mother's Day, May 12, 1974. Lyle had been hired by Christ UMC nine months earlier as a Student Apprentice and would become a full time Lay Associate beginning in June. Susan and Lyle worshiped together in our sanctuary at the 9:00 am worship service, the morning of their afternoon wedding at Wesley House Student Chapel on the UNL campus. They don't want to interfere with families' Mother's Day plans, so the reception menu is the same as their wedding day: cake, nuts, mints, and coffee or punch. Please stop by the Family Life Center immediately following worship to celebrate with them. Serving time will be 11:00 am to 1:00 pm



Lincoln Marathon and Half Marathon May 5

Remember, [#LPD](#) officers will control intersections during the races Sunday, May 5, for the Marathon and Half Marathon.

Please determine another way to make it safely to your destination if the race route and timing impact your travel plans.

Midwest Mission Plarn Mat Update

From Angela Michaelson & Teena Faubel

Ladies from CUMC-Lincoln visited the Jefferson site in the summer of 2023 and immediately became enamored with the idea of the plarn mats. After training they purchased a loom and took it home for introduction to the members of CUMC-Lincoln. The first “Plarn-Nation” event brought in over 40 members interested in the process.

Less than a year later, we have:

- Completed 10 mats,
- Provided a Service Hour Opportunity to a team of High School students,
- Passed on information to support churches in Arkansas and Grand Island, NE,
- Added a homemade blanket with each mat at distribution.
- Welcomed visitors from North Carolina to learn and weave.
- Set 4 trash bags of plastic scraps to Des Moines for compression into a bench,
- Received plastic bags from all over Lancaster County supporting our efforts.

Less than a year later, we have a well-established process in a dedicated craft room ready for use by the Plarn-Nation!



PLARN PROGRESS

Join us on the 2nd and 4th Thursday, 4:30-6:30pm, in the Stage Room

THIS YEAR	PREVIOUS YEAR	TOTAL
6	4	10

Vote! May 14, 2024, Voter Information

We encourage everyone to vote in the primary on May 14 in Nebraska. The United Methodist Social Principles (2016) encourage participation in elections under the Political Responsibility section: “The strength of a political system depends upon the full and willing participation of its citizens.” We encourage you to get to know the candidates and their positions, so you can make informed choices.

NEW THIS YEAR: required photo ID to vote. Acceptable forms of photo ID are Nebraska driver’s license, Nebraska state ID, Nebraska college ID, Nebraska political subdivision ID, hospital/assisted-living/nursing home record, military ID, tribal ID, U.S. passport. Note: Friday May 3 is the last day to register to vote in person; the mail-in voter registration deadline has passed for the May election. You can get a free Nebraska state ID (information [here: https://sos.nebraska.gov/elections/voter-id](https://sos.nebraska.gov/elections/voter-id))

Official Lancaster County information is [here: https://www.lancaster.ne.gov/1337/2024-Statewide-Primary-Election](https://www.lancaster.ne.gov/1337/2024-Statewide-Primary-Election)

You can find your voting precinct [here: https://www.lancaster.ne.gov/488/Precinct-Maps](https://www.lancaster.ne.gov/488/Precinct-Maps)

Civic Nebraska has compiled frequently asked questions (and answers) [here: https://www.civicnebraska.org/election-2024/faqs/](https://www.civicnebraska.org/election-2024/faqs/)

UNL also has compiled helpful guides to decoding the ballot, polling place locator, voter ID, and other important information [here: https://involved.unl.edu/husker-vote-coalition](https://involved.unl.edu/husker-vote-coalition)

Channel 10/11 sent questionnaires to all of the candidates, and report the results [here: https://www.1011now.com/2024/04/11/2024-nebraska-primary-election-voters-guide/](https://www.1011now.com/2024/04/11/2024-nebraska-primary-election-voters-guide/)

If you need help getting to your polling place or to the DMV to get a free Nebraska state ID, please contact the church office.

Information in this article was compiled by the CUMC Do Justice Team.



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

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. 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>

Veteran to Veteran Honor

One of my Volunteers is a local Veteran in the community and he goes to see our Veteran after Admission and visit with him/her and family. He connects with them and honors the Veteran with a prayer shawl of bold colors: red, white and blue, a thank you for your service pin, and a framed certificate of service with their name and branch.

We are always in need of prayer shawls for our Veterans. If you have anyone in your congregation or a group that would like to crochet these for us, our Hospice Team would really appreciate it.

Blessings.

Please contact Michelle if this is something you can do.

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