# CONNECTION CARD

Date: November 17, 2019 Name(s), Email, Phone:

#### First Time Guest

Return Guest

Regular Attender

Member(s)

#### What is Your Next **Step today?**

□ I am making a first-time commitment to trust and follow Jesus

□ I am taking steps back to God (I've been away)

□ I am taking a step to give God this area of my life:

□ I am taking a step to:

I would like a pastor to contact me about my next-step decision



## **PRELUDE**

To God Be The Glory #072 WELCOME & GREETING

Holy Holy Holy Lord God Almighty King Of My Heart

#### **PASTORAL PRAYER**

**OFFERING:** Offering: The Unclouded Day

**CHOIR:** All Creatures of Our God and King

**CHILDREN (AGES 3-2ND GRADE) INVITED TO ROOM 206** 

I Love to Tell the Story #681

SCRIPTURE: Luke 15:1-10 Scripture Reader: Andrew Lieben

#### **SERMON:**

**Evangelism With Integrity Pastor Greg Applequist** 

Great Are You Lord

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

# FIRST COVENANT CHURCH of Omaha

# NOVEMBER 17. 2019 WHAT DISCIPLES DO

Evangelism With Integrity

#### **/ISION:** OURA OVE GOD AND OUR NEIGHBORS

LUKE 10:27

We're glad you've chosen to join us this morning! Childcare is available during the service for infants and toddlers in Room 204. During the offering, children ages 3 - 2nd grade are invited to Children's Worship in room 206. We return during the last song. We'd also love for you to join us for coffee andrefreshments after the service in the Fellowship Hall. Just ask an usher to point you in the right direction.



#### **Covenant World Relief**

For the month of November, we will be focusing on the work of Covenant World Relief. Use the Gratitude Calendar to help you understand the incredible work being done by CWR throughout the world. Each day will prompt you to give a small amount. Together, let's partner with CWR to share God's love with our neighbors all over the world. If you need a calendar or have questions please contact Jim Small rjsmall58@gmail.com or Pastor Mary pastormary@firstcovenantomaha.org.

#### Wonder of the Greatest Gift: An Interactive Family Celebration of Advent by Ann Voskamp

Advent is a time of waiting expectantly for Jesus to arrive! The Children's Christian Formation Team would like to gift families with kids through 6th grade with the Wonder of the Greatest Gift: An Interactive Family Celebration of Advent by Ann Voskamp. We have a sign up sheet and sample at the Children's check in station near the sanctuary. If you would like one, please sign up and we will distribute them on Sunday, November 24th.

Questions can be directed to Pastor Mary at pastormary@firstcovenantomaha.org or Hilary Applequist at hkapplequist4@gmail.com.

#### **Deck the Halls**

Join the fun of decorating the church on Tuesday, December 3rd at 6 p.m. (or anytime after dinner). Everyone is welcome! Please meet in the Sanctuary.

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#### Thank You

We would like to thank you for all of your generosity during Pastor Appreciation Month! We are grateful for the cards, kind words, meals and all the love you have shown to us. We count it a great privilege to work with you at FCC. Pastors Greg, Mary, Coby and Lyle.

#### **Christmas Caroling & Chili**

Come and share Christmas joy with our senior church family. We will go out caroling and deliver poinsettias, then return to church for chili, cinnamon rolls, and fellowship. **DATE:** 12/08 (Sun). **TIME:** 2:30 pm - 6:00 pm. **LOCATION:** Meet at church at 2:30 for assignments. Please RSVP at the welcome desk after service.

Save the Date-Choir Concert & Tea

December 15. Additional information to come.

#### **Christmas Shoe Boxes**

Please bring Christmas Shoe Boxes to church by Monday November 18.

### Angel Tree

Our Angel Tree is all set up now by the Welcome Center upstairs. This year we have 30 residents from Maple Crest Health Center. Many of these residents have no family or friends to visit them. Choose an ornament and on the back of it are 3 items that the individual has requested. Please bring your gift with the name on it by Sunday, December 15th. The gifts will be delivered to the home on the 16th. Thank you for bringing joy to these residents at Christmas! *The Mission Team*.

#### **Seminary Fund**

Thank you for your generosity, \$565 was donated to support the seminary fund at FCC.

# PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

#### PRAISE

- A productive leadership retreat last Saturday
- Our nation and the freedoms we enjoy
- Our senior adults that have and are continuing to serve at FCC
- · Sister churches experiencing renewal!
- Covenant groups and leaders
- Gifted staff and lay leaders at FCC and Midwest Conference

#### **PRAY FOR**

- Revival and renewal of vision at lead teams meetings on Tuesday night
- · Communion visits to shut-ins this week
- Thanksgiving & Christmas planning
- · Those experiencing grief and health issues
- Caregivers of needy family members
- Our nation and it's leaders
- Continued unity and vision for "Building On A Faithful Heritage"
- Churches in transition and change

#### HOMEBOUND

Bill FreemanRuth McIntireCharlotte WhiteBill HammondLarry RundlettShirley -Jim HarrelBonny SwaggardWoodwardRudy HorwathGladys VermillionDonna LangbehnBjarne Westhoff

#### PRAYERS FOR ONGOING NEEDS

Naida - Pat Bivens Aschenbrenner Bob Carlson Juergen Janzik Alaina Shelsta

## PASTORAL STAFF

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#### **Prayer/Comments/Updates**

Please use this space for any of your prayer requests. We pray for these every week at staff meeting. You may also use this space for helpful comments or other information for the office such as address changes. If you are a guest, welcome!

Please let us know how you found First Covenant or who you came with this morning.

#### Please keep this confidential

- Add this to bulletin prayer sheet
- Add this to email prayer chain
- I would like a pastor to call

#### I would like more information:

- Receive "The Loop" (weekly emails)
- Receive Prayer Chain email updates
- Beginning a relationship with Jesus
- Explore FCC (what are we about?)
- Joining FCC on Mission (Membership)
- Small Groups / Bible Studies
- Children's / Youth Ministry
- FCC Database/Directory
- FCC Facebook Group

10 of 159 pledges met Pledges \$817K of \$1.8M received

## CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

The building team is meeting with our architects and contractors on Nov 21 to receive our first cost estimates for the building project. We are excited with the concept of the new design and are curious to see how much it will cost. We have also finalized the plans for the new office space, which will go downstairs at the very north end of the first floor of the building. See Pastor Greg if you have any questions.