

We are Disciples

+ We are affiliated with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), the largest mainline Protestant denomination founded on American soil in 1832.

+ Presidents Lyndon Johnson and Ronald Reagan were both raised in the Christian Church. In fact, the only ordained minister ever elected President was James Garfield, a Disciples minister.

+ We believe that each individual has the freedom and responsibility to interpret the Scriptures themselves.

+ We have no formal creedal statement, but we each affirm the Great Confession that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the Living God, and our personal Savior.

+ We do not believe that we have a "lock" on the truth. One of our early church leaders made the statement: "We are not the only Christians, we are Christians only."

+ We celebrate the Lord's Supper every Sunday, and practice both open Communion and open membership. This makes us a good "bridge" church for couples with differing religious backgrounds.



Pumpkin Patch

October 14-31, 2017

Noon until 6:00 p.m.



First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

3500 N Loop 336 W, Conroe TX 77304

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Sunday Worship—10:45 a.m.

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**Chalice Abbey Fair Trade Market
in the Pumpkin Patch**

October 28—Noon—6:00 p.m.

**Chalice Abbey Fair Trade Market
in the Building**

November 18—10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

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The global fair trade movement began with the founding of Ten Thousand Villages more than 60 years ago through the visionary work of Edna Ruth Byler, a pioneering businesswoman. Byler was struck by the overwhelming poverty she witnessed during a trip to Puerto Rico in 1946, where she was moved to take action. The seminal contribution of Byler ignited a global movement to eradicate poverty through market-based solutions. The original philosophy of Ten Thousand Villages was inspired by Mennonite values including compassion, service, mutual aid, and peace-making.



Byler believed that she could provide sustainable economic opportunities for artisans in developing countries by creating a viable marketplace for their products in North America. She began a grassroots campaign among her family and friends in the United States by selling handcrafted products out of the trunk of her car. Byler made a concerted effort to educate her community about the lives of artisans around the world.

For the next 30 years, Byler worked tirelessly to connect individual entrepreneurs in developing countries with market opportunities in North America. From humble beginnings, Ten Thousand Villages has grown to a global network of social entrepreneurs working to empower and provide economic opportunities to artisans.

