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### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- \*Need Camp Supplies
- \*Good Friday Walk
- \*DWF Ditty Bags
- \*Jelly Bean Prayer

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### Reflections

The people of Jesus' time certainly thought about their ancestors' liberation from Egypt, especially at the Passover Festival. Their plight was similar. The people were sorely oppressed by their government causing widespread distress and fear. It is in that climate that Jesus rode the donkey into Jerusalem on that first "Palm Sunday." The triumphant event was the rally cry of the people. Their King had come to save them although they did not know how it would come about.

As we enter Holy Week, we remember the "turning of the tables" at the Temple, the Last Supper, the Garden of Gethsemane, the trial, the beatings and the crucifixion. "The Son of Man," Jesus said, "must be lifted up as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him" (John 3:14-15). Jesus rode in protest of the Roman oppressors to save the people who were shouting, "Hosanna (Save us)!" He, in effect, replaced the wounds of the people with his own wounds.

Jesus took our powerlessness with him to his trial. He stood there before his judges as a passive victim. They just could not get any information from him. He engulfed our powerlessness into his being and changed everything. In the few hours of Jesus' trial, he showed that passiveness is strength. In his passiveness, he gave voice to those who have no voice. Christ, the Messiah, the lowly One on the donkey surpassed the greatness of the one on the warhorse (Pontius Pilate) sentencing him to the cross.

The disciples, Jesus' dearest friends, ran away that night. They were so frightened for their lives. Only a few remained—Mary, his mother, Mary, and John along with a few others. The sorrow was great, but so was the love. God cried a great thunderstorm and shook the earth. God tore the curtain of the Temple from top to bottom to tell the world that God no longer lived behind a curtain with limited access, but in the hearts of all people through Jesus Christ. Courage and confidence were restored.

Finally, on Easter Day, Jesus appeared to Mary Magdalene and to the disciples gathered in fear in a locked room. Their hope returned as they regrouped their courage and confidence. The One riding on the donkey really HAD come to save them and they would go out and tell the GOOD NEWS to the world!

Hope turned powerlessness into the power of love so great that through that love the world might live in peace. May our courage be strengthened, and our confidence emboldened that we, too, will spread the GOOD NEWS far and wide. HE IS ALIVE!

Happy Easter,  
*Pastor Lorraine*

## Upcoming Serving Schedule

### April 1, 2018

**Candlelighter** ~ Gavin LeClear  
**Children's Message** ~ Sandy Heller  
**Diaconate** ~ Larry Gamblian\*, Joy Wonser  
 Carl Headrick, Carol Rhoades  
**Elder** ~ Cameron Moore  
**Greeters** ~ (N) Carl & Lana Richardson  
 ~ (S) Barb Gimple  
**Nursery** ~ Nikki Simmons & Mikinzi Simmons  
**Worship Leader** ~ Marlene Hanson  
**Children's Church** ~ EASTER-No Children's Church

### April 8, 2018

**Candlelighter** ~ Kinzie Kurzen  
**Children's Message** ~ Marie Harding  
**Diaconate** ~ Nikki Simmons\*, Elizabeth Brown  
 Joe & Bonnie Denson  
**Elder** ~ Jean Miller  
**Greeters** ~ (N) John & Cindy Lexow  
 ~ (S) Marie Harding  
**Nursery** ~ Marilyn Dalton & Jennifer Dalton  
**Worship Leader** ~ Anita Imhoff  
**Children's Church** ~ Faith Coleman  
**Preaching** ~ Steve Martin

### April 15, 2018

**Candlelighter** ~ Jack Dalton  
**Children's Message** ~ Barb Gimple  
**Diaconate** ~ Richard Becker\*, Briana Becker  
 Laurie Kurzen, Linda Maulsby  
**Elder** ~ Mary Volland  
**Greeters** ~ (N) David & Carolyn Meierhoff  
 ~ (S) Wilma Lindsey  
**Nursery** ~ Elizabeth Brown & Kohlby Ketchum  
**Worship Leader** ~ Marie Harding  
**Children's Church** ~ Elizabeth Brown

### April 22, 2018

**Candlelighter** ~ Juliana Martinez  
**Children's Message** ~ Lorraine Bailey  
**Diaconate** ~ Carl\* & Lana Richardson  
 Jim & Melissa Tilton  
**Elder** ~ Anita Imhoff  
**Greeters** ~ (N) Jim & Melissa Tilton  
 (S) Joy Womser  
**Nursery** ~ Briana Becker & Richard Becker  
**Worship Leader** ~ Cameron Moore  
**Children's Church** ~ Rita Headrick/Nikki Siimmons.

So far in March we have helped **17 families**, consisting of **49 people** with **19 bags** of food plus 5 dozen eggs, milk from the Kiwanis Club and 4 pounds of venison. Of these 17 families, **6 were new** to us.



**Voices of the people you have helped this month—**  
 “Thanks for the new information on Catholic Charities and the Congregational Church Essential pantry. I’ll try it!”

Lonnie Atchison (*cancer*); Tom Bell; Chandler Bolen (*health issues*); Denise Calvert (*broken leg*); Joyce Cress (*cancer & recovery*); Marla Darby (*spine surgery*); Diane (*sister of Joyce Cress, breast cancer*); Ana Gonzales (*broken back*); Amy Hossfeld (*brain tumor*); Robert Hossfeld (*hernia surgery*); Luella Hush; Grace Hyatt (*Betty Pearson's mother*); Myrna Jensen (*sister of Sharon Ball, cancer surgery*); Jim Johnson (*Jean Miller's nephew*); Brad Jones (*son of Jan Jones, heart problems*); Wes Jones (*health issues*); Gale Kelley (*hospice*); Joyce Kellison (*health issues*); Steve (*broken neck*) & Ramona Langley (*brother-in-law and sister of Betty Richardson*); Malory Mitchell (*heart attack, friend of Tammie McDuffett*); Pam Scheve (*daughter Jan Weeks, health issues*); Becky Shannon (*daughter of Sharon Shannon, health issues*); and Elizabeth Wells (*cancer & recovery*)  
 Eric MacGregor (*Military*)



### Spring is here!

Kurzen Lawns can help with your mowing and trimming.



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## Attendance and Giving Record

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March 18, 2018 SS 6 / Worship 63  
 March 26, 2018 SS 12 / Worship 76

### GIVING RECORD

March 18, 2018 ~ Offering \$1,696.00 / Building \$10.00  
 March 25, 2018 ~ Offering \$2,835.00 / Building \$110.00



**April Anniversaries**

- 08 Jon & Laura Breshears (2000)
- 14 Robert & Luella Hush (1957)
- 16 Reese & Breann Johnson (2005)
- 29 Richard & Joyce Kellison (1951)

**March Birthdays**

- 29 Dorothy Matile
- 29 Craig Richardson
- 31 Mary Volland



**April Birthdays**

- 07 Briana Becker
- 08 Debbie Davis
- 08 Porter Garnett
- 08 Desstaini Russell
- 10 Sandy Heller
- 13 Dina Breckenridge
- 20 Diana Schaefer
- 21 Tammie McDiffett
- 21 Mark Schaefer
- 22 Kohlby Ketchum
- 22 Joyce Cress
- 22 Penny Fleming
- 24 Gale Kelley
- 24 Bill McClellan
- 24 Betty Richardson
- 25 Andy Kuhn
- 25 Mark Shumate
- 29 Wilma Lindsey
- 30 Wanda Davis



**Mark The Dates**

- Friday's 3-6 pm—Clothes Closet & Household Hut open
- Saturday's from 9—Noon—Clothes Closet and Household Hut
- Mon. March 26—8:00 am College Coffee in N. Parking Lot
- Mon. March 26—2:00 pm CrossWinds Ribbon Cutting
- Tue. March 27—6:30 pm Chi Rho Mission Club
- Thur. March 29—8:00 am College Coffee in N. Parking Lot
- Thur. March 29—7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Service
- Sun. April 1—9:00 am Easter Breakfast in the Parlor
- Mon. April 2—8:00 am College Coffee in N. Parking Lot
- Wed. April 4—10:30 am Lyon Co. Ministerial Alliance
- Wed. April 4—6:15 pm Stewardship Committee meets
- Wed. April 4— 6:15 pm DWF Night Group meets
- Thur. April 5—8:00 am College Coffee in N. Parking Lot
- Thur. April 5—5:30 pm Youth Choir practice



**Thoughts to Ponder**

Don't ask for an easier life; ask to be a stronger person.

**It's Camp Time**

Have you checked out the poster in the parlor? There are a variety of camp experiences to enjoy over the summer including: Grand Camp, Music & Drama Camp, and Equestrian Camp.

The theme for this year is *"Beyond Belief: The Universe of God"*.

**You qualify for an Early Bird discount if you register before April 30, 2018.**

All camps are held at Camp Tawakoni, near Augusta, KS. It is a beautiful place with lots of activities and things to do.

So, pick up a registration form, pick out your favorite camp, ask a friend to go too, and get signed up today. You will be glad you did.

*Jelly Bean Prayer*

*Red is for the blood He gave,  
 Green is for the grass He made,  
 Yellow is for the sun so bright,  
 Orange is for the edge of night.  
 Black is for the sins that were made,  
 White is for the grace He gave.  
 Purple is for the hour of sorrow,  
 Pink is for the new tomorrow.  
 A bag full of jelly beans,  
 Colorful and sweet,  
 Is a Prayer...is a Promise...  
 Is an Easter treat!*



Lectionary Readings



## Lectionary Schedule March 18 — April 15, 2018

### April 1, 2018

#### Easter Sunday

Acts 10:34-43 or

Isaiah 25:6-9

Psalm 118:1-2; 14-24

1 Corinthians 15:1-11 or

Acts 10:34-43 & John 20:1-18 or Mark 18:1

### April 8, 2018

Acts 4:32-35

Psalm 133

1 John 1:1-2:2

John 20:19-31

### April 15, 2018

Acts 3:12-19

Psalm 4

1 John 3:1-7

Luke 24:36b-48

### **DWF Collecting for CWU Job Corp Ditty Bags**

Both our day and night DWF groups are collecting the following items to be put in the Church Women United Ditty Bags that are donated to the Flint Hills Job Corp in Manhattan, KS. **Please bring your items to the April DWF meeting.** Needed items: toothbrush & paste, comb, shampoo, bar soap. Optional items: hair conditioner, lotion, band aids, sewing kits, stationery & stamps, tissues, deodorant, and small address book & pens.

### **Remember These?**

DWF is still collecting Best Choice labels as a fund raiser. So, cut the UPC Code off any Best Choice can, bag or other Best Choice item and drop them by the office or put in the Best Choice Label Box in the parlor kitchenette. Thanks for your help. It is an easy fundraiser for us to do and with all of us saving, it counts up.

### **Who Me, An Elder?**

*Information for this article came from Your Calling as an Elder by Gary Straub, pp. 15-16. Here is Straub's continued brief interpretive summary of the biblical qualifications for elder leadership:*

#### **14. Good Reputation. Titus 1:6**

“Elders do not attempt to mask or cover up imperfections in a way that could be construed as ‘phony or hypocritical.’” They are the real deal. Christ then shines through any human flaws, faults or foibles of the personality.

### **Who Me, A Deacon?**

Information for this article came from *Your Calling as a Deacon* by Gary Straub and James Trader II, pp. 56

When the storms, controversies, and organizational dilemmas are strong, we need to practice keeping our faith centered in Christ. One way to do this is to practice the basic spiritual disciplines.

#### **1. Scripture Meditation**

When reading scripture, it is helpful to meditate on the words, reading them slowly, “moving the meanings through various dimensions of our soul and allowing every particle of the presence of Christ through the Holy Spirit to become the sustenance that feeds the soul.”

### Camp Supplies Needed

Camp Tawakoni, our Church Camp near Augusta, KS is in need of the following supplies.

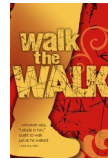
**Greatest Need:**

- Paper towels
- Napkins
- 13 & 33 Gal. Trash Bags
- Toilet Cleaner
- Flour Sack Dish Towels
- Dish Cloths

**Other Needs:**

- Soft Scrub Comet
- Trash Bags 33 or 55 gal.
- Zip-lock bags—quart & gallon sizes
- Crock Pot liners

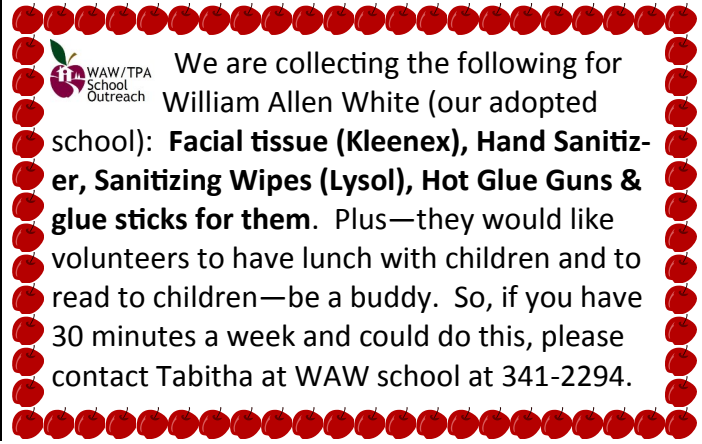
You may send these items with your camper, or bring them to the church by **May 1** and we will see that they get to Camp Tawakoni.



### Good Friday Community Walk

Join in the community walk. Meet at noon on Friday, March 30 at St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church and walk to Grace Methodist Church observing Stations of the Cross on the way.

There will be a service at Grace Methodist following the walk.



We are collecting the following for William Allen White (our adopted school): **Facial tissue (Kleenex), Hand Sanitizer, Sanitizing Wipes (Lysol), Hot Glue Guns & glue sticks for them.** Plus—they would like volunteers to have lunch with children and to read to children—be a buddy. So, if you have 30 minutes a week and could do this, please contact Tabitha at WAW school at 341-2294.

**grat-i-tude**

[grat i tood]  
*noun*  
 the quality of being thankful; readiness to show appreciation for and to return kindness



You are holding a cup of coffee when someone comes along and bumps into you, making you spill your coffee everywhere. Why did you spill the coffee? You spilled the coffee because there was coffee in your cup. Had there been tea in the cup, you would have spilled tea. The point is whatever is inside the cup, is what will spill out. Therefore, when life comes along and shakes you (which will happen), whatever is inside you will come out. It’s easy to fake it, until you get rattled. So, we have to ask ourselves, “What’s in my cup?” When life gets tough, what spills out? Joy, gratefulness, peace and humility? Or does anger, bitterness, harsh words and reactions come out? You choose! Today let’s work towards filling our cups with gratitude, forgiveness, joy, words of affirmation, kindness, gentleness and love for others.

### Where to look in the Bible when you...

- need rest and peace ..... Matthew 11:28-30
- worry ..... Matthew 6:19-34
- are lonely or fearful ..... Psalm 23
- need peace of mind ..... John 14:27, Philippians 4:6-8
- are disappointed by people ..... Psalm 27
- grow bitter or critical ..... 1 Corinthians 13
- have sinned ..... Psalm 51, 1 John 1
- are discouraged. .... Psalm 34
- feel God seems far away ..... Psalm 139
- think the world seems bigger than God. .... Psalm 90
- are sick ..... Psalm 41
- feel sorrowful ..... John 14, Psalm 46
- are in danger ..... Psalm 91
- want courage. .... Joshua 1:1-9
- need assurance ..... Romans 8
- forget your blessings ..... Psalm 103
- are looking for joy. .... Colossians 3
- leave home to travel. .... Psalm 121
- think of investments. .... Mark 10:17-31
- need guidelines for living. .... Matthew 5-7, Romans 12
- need rules of conduct. .... Exodus 20:1-17
- need to know God’s will for your life ... Proverbs 3:1-6

**First Christian Church**  
**Lorraine W. Bailey,**  
**Transitional Minister**



*“The mission of First Christian Church is to inspire each other to reach out to the un-churched and to serve and share with our community by proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ.”*

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**Next Newsletter Deadline**

**April 9 & 23, 2018**



**March /April 2018**

25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Palm Sunday ● 9:30am Sunday Schoo ● 10:30am Worship Serv ● 2pm Presbyterian Man	Newsletter Deadline ● 8am College Coffee/Si ● 2pm Preschool Ribbon ● 7pm Boy Scouts	● 6pm Choir Practice ● 6:30pm Chi Rho Missi ● 7pm Elders Meeting	● 5:30pm Facilities Meef	● 8am College Coffee/Si ● 7pm Maundy Thur Ser	Good Friday ● 3pm Clothes Closet &	● 9am Clothes Closet &
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15	16	17	18	19	20	21
● 9:30am Sunday Schoo ● 10:30am Worship Serv ● 4pm "Visioning"	NE KS Camp Scholarshi ● 8am College Coffee/Si ● 7pm Boy Scouts	● 6pm Choir Practice	● 5pm Worship Ministry	● 8am College Coffee/Si	● 8:30am CWU Friendsh ● 3pm Clothes Closet &	● 9am Clothes Closet &

**SPOTLIGHT ON DISCIPLES**

*Information for this article came from Journey in Faith by Lester G. McAllister and William E. Tucker, pp. 182-183.*

**Toward a National Organization (part 3)**

Although Disciples have never been numerous in the East and Northeast, there were some early starters. Park Avenue Christian Church planted its roots in the pre-Campbell era in 1810 and is New York's oldest Disciples congregation. Other eastern congregations in Maryland (1833), Philadelphia (soon after Maryland), and Connecticut (1840) affiliated with Disciples after visits by Alexander Campbell.

Campbell's message of Christian unity and the revival of the New Testament church was strongly heard by churches withdrawing from their Baptist affiliations in Virginia, Georgia, North Carolina, and South Carolina. Audiences of *The Christian Baptist* and *The Millennial Harbinger* were fertile ground for Campbell's vision. Nathan W. Smith was responsible for organizing many Disciples congregations in Georgi over his 60 years of preaching on unity.