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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- *Need Camp Supplies
- *Chi Rho Carnival

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Reflections

Christ is risen. He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

The symbolism that comes out of our Easter celebrations is fascinating. All around there are flowers, bunnies, eggs, lambs, crosses, and children. A song that I have enjoyed over the years that has become one of my favorites talks about the response of the earth to the resurrection of Christ.

Was it a morning like this
When the sun still hid from Jerusalem?
And Mary rose from her bed,
To tend to the Lord she thought was dead?

Was it a morning like this,
When Mary walked down from Jerusalem?
And two Angels stood at the tomb,
Bearers of news she would hear soon?

Was it a morning like this,
When Peter and John ran from Jerusalem?
And as they raced towards the tomb,
Beneath their feet was there a tune?

Did the grass sing?
Did the earth rejoice to feel You again?

Over and over like a trumpet underground
Did the earth seem to pound, "He is risen!"
Over and over in a never-ending round
"He is risen! Hallelujah, hallelujah!"

Words and Music by Jim Croegaert

Just think of the idea of it—all of creation rejoiced when Jesus walked out of the tomb that first Easter morning! Did the grass sing? Did all of nature burst forth in a kind of a symphony when Jesus awoke from his slumber?

Perhaps in the days and weeks ahead, as we walk in the freshness of the resurrection, we too, can join with God's creation in singing, "Alleluia, He is risen!. He is risen indeed!"

Pastor Lorraine

Upcoming Serving Schedule

April 15, 2018

- Candlelighter** ~ Jack Dalton
Children's Message ~ Cindy Lexow
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

April 29, 2018

- Candlelighter** ~ Jaiden Kurzen
Children's Message ~ Jaylene Arnett
Diaconate ~ Carl* & Rita Headrick
 Tammie McDiffett, Joy Frevert
Elder ~ George Arnett
Greeters ~ (N) Karen Garnett
 ~ (S) Judy Moore
Nursery ~ Cindy Lexow & John Lexow
Worship Leader ~ Robert Chatham
Children's Church ~ Cindy & John Lexow

May 6, 2018

- Candlelighter** ~ Jayden Johnson
Children's Message ~ Nancy LeClear
Diaconate ~ Jake Dalton*, John Lexow
 Alan & Betty Richardson
Elder ~ Judy Moore
Greeters ~ (N) Richard Becker, Robert Chatham
 ~ (S) Jean Miller
Nursery ~ Rita Headrick, Kat Dorcus
Worship Leader ~ Jean Miller
Children's Church ~ Faith Coleman

In March we helped **23 families**, consisting of **64 people** with **25 bags** of food plus 12 dozen eggs, milk from the Kiwanis Club and 6 pounds of venison. Of these 23 families, **10 were new** to us. So far in **April** we have helped **11 families**, consisting of **35 people** with **11 bags** of food plus 5 dozen eggs and 4 packages of celery. Of these 11 families **3 were New to us.**

Voices of the people you have helped this month—
"Thanks for all your help and information."



Lonnie Atchison (*cancer*); **Chandler Bolen** (*health issues*); **Denise Calvert** (*broken leg*); **Joyce Cress** (*cancer & recovery*); **Diane** (*sister of Joyce Cress, breast cancer*); **Ana Gonzales** (*broken back*); **Amy Hossfeld** (*brain tumor*); **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 McDiffett*); **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.

Call Chad Kurzen at 620-341-1850 for a worry free estimate.

Local lawn care for over 25 years.

Attendance and Giving Record

ATTENDANCE & GIVING RECORD

April 1, 2018 SS 9 / Worship 146
April 8, 2018 SS 5 / Worship 49

GIVING RECORD

April 1, 2018 ~ Offering \$3,103.50 / Building \$10.00
 April 8, 2018 ~ Offering \$1,316.00 / Building \$131.60



April Anniversaries

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

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
- Tue. April 10—6:00 pm Choir Practice
- Tue. April 10—6:30 pm Chi Rho Mission Club
- Wed. April 11—1:30 pm DWF Day Group
- Wed. April 11—6:15 Board Meeting
- Thur. April 12—8:00 am College Coffee in N Parking Lot
- Thur. April 12—6:00 pm Girl Scouts
- Thur. April 12—6:30 pm Christian Ed. meets
- Saturday, April 14—3:00 - 6:00 pm Chi Rho Carnival on front lawn of the church—Can collection, cake walk etc.
- Sun., April 15—4:00 pm "Listening" Session with the Leadership Team—all are invited to participate
- Mon. April 16—NE KS Camp Scholarships Due
- Mon. April 16—8:00 am College Coffee in N. Parking Lot
- Mon. April 16—7:00 pm Boy Scouts
- Tue. April 17—6:00 pm Choir Practice
- Wed. April 18—5:00 pm Worship Ministry
- Wed. April 18—3:00 pm Emporia Place --Pastor Lorraine
- Thur. April 19—8:00 am College Coffee in N. Parking Lot
- Fri. April 20—8:30 am CWU Friendship Coffee, Braum's W 6th

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.

What a friend we have in Mother
 who will all our secrets share
 we should never keep things from her
 Tell her all and she'll be there
 O' what tender love she gave us
 when in sorrow and despair,
 Tell her gently, whisper softly,
 She will listen, she'll be there

Day by Day, as she grows older
 She's the Nations guiding light,
 Don't forget the prayers she taught you,
 You may need them by and by
 Though her hair has turned to Silver
 Send her flowers sweet and fair,
 Drop a card or send a letter
 She'll be waiting, she'll be there

When her eyes have closed in slumber,
 Gently kiss her icy brow,
 Fold her hands upon her bosom,
 She will rest in heaven now,
 When your days are dark and dreary
 And your cross is hard to bear
 Do not let your memory fail you,
 Think of Mother, She'll be there

Thoughts to Ponder
 Mistakes are proof that
 you are trying.



Lectionary Readings



Lectionary Schedule April 15 — May 6, 2018

<u>April 15, 2018</u>	<u>April 22</u>	<u>April 29</u>	<u>May 6</u>
Acts 3:12-19	Acts 4:5-12	Acts 8:26-40	Acts 10:44-49
Psalms 4	Psalms 23	Psalms 22:25-31	Psalms 98
1 John 3:1-7	1 John 3:16-24	1 John 4:7-21	1 John 5:1-6
Luke 24:36b-48	John 10:11-18	San Juan 15:1-8	John 15:9-17

Thank you to the Carolyn Kuhn Family for donating a *Jesus Doll* to the church. Her mother purchased the doll at the Quadrennial Assembly held at Purdue University in West Lafayette, IN June 23-27, 1986, then passed it down to Carolyn, who wanted it donated to the church after she was gone. You may see or visit him anytime as he watches over Susan in the office from his place atop the printer. May he bring us all comfort and peace.

Who Me, An Elder?

Information for this article came from Your Calling as an Elder by Gary Straub, pp. 16-17. Here is Straub's continued brief interpretive summary of the biblical qualifications for elder leadership:

Six Negative Traits

When calling persons for eldership, matters of six negative traits need to be taken into careful consideration *before* the call is made. "The point is: Elders need to exhibit balanced spiritual maturity that allows them to contribute their unity to the bond of peace that holds at the core of the congregation." Every elder's wisdom needs to be part of the solution rather than contribute to the problem.

1. Not a Brawler (Violent). Titus 1:7

Elders stay away from being "habitually argumentative to the point of developing a warlike attitude or 'siege mentality.'" Being given to grudges and carrying around chips on the shoulder or a long memory for slights and hurts is not in the Elder's portfolio. Elders need to resist "offering or responding to digs and bars and side-comments that only stir the pot of controversy and keep the congregation in turmoil." A person in the elder role needs to make every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace" (Ephesians. 4:3).

Who Me, A Deacon?

Information for this article came from *Your Calling as a Deacon* by Gary Straub and James Trader II, p. 57.

One way to keep spiritually focused is to practice the basic spiritual disciplines.

2. Singing our Faith

Spend some time sitting and singing with the Chalice Hymnal. "You will find your emotions evoked, your memory stirred, your spirit touched, your gratitude enlarged, and your perspective restored by leafing through the hymnal." Our deepest beliefs are brought home in the singing of our faith.

3. Sabbath Rest

Honor the Sabbath as Jesus did. Take time away from your busy schedule to regularly be with God. "If Jesus did not honor his Sabbath connection with his Father, he would have been easily overwhelmed by the demands of a difficult ministry. Sabbath is not disconnecting from life to serve God; Sabbath itself serves God by putting our lives in order under God." When we find rest in God, we will find God working within us. God's power will be evident in our lives when we surrender to the gift of Sabbath.

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.

SOUL FEAST

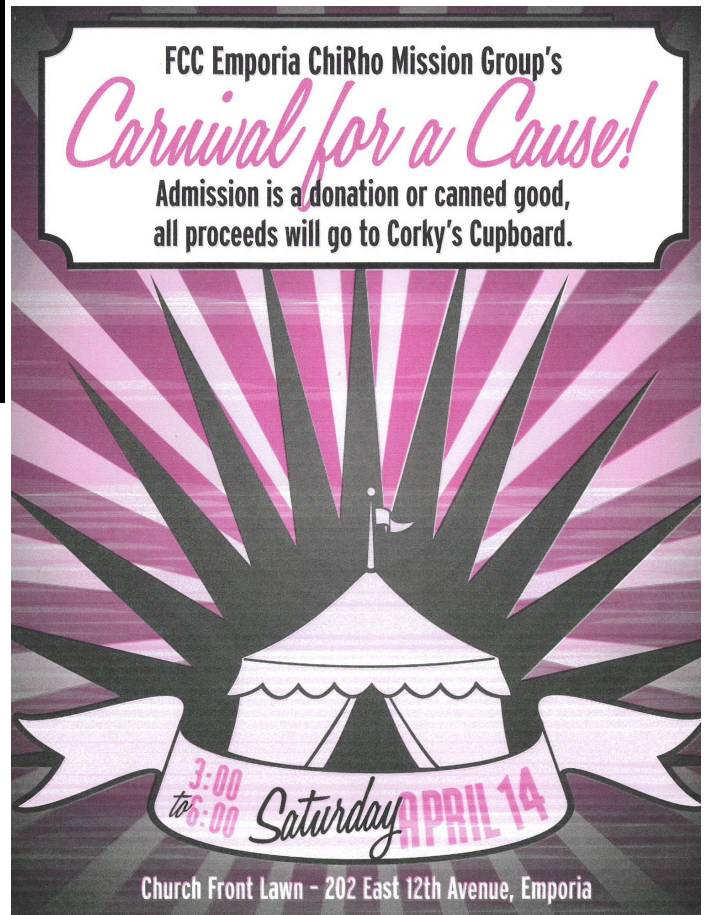


We will work on the next three Chapters in Marjorie J. Thompson's Soul Feast: An Invitation to the Christian Spiritual Life **on May 17, 24, & 31 from 6:30 to 7:30 pm in Fellowship Hall.** Pastor Lorraine will lead the discussion.

FCC Emporia ChiRho Mission Group's

Carnival for a Cause!

Admission is a donation or canned good, all proceeds will go to Corky's Cupboard.



Church Front Lawn - 202 East 12th Avenue, Emporia


CHI RHO at



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We welcome our newest members **Jack Dalton** and **Leonard Wood** who were baptized and joined through affirmation of faith.



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.

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 (or if you forget, to the church office during the month of April).** 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.



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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Sunday School at 9:30 a.m.

Worship at 10:30 a.m.

Office Hours

8 a.m. until Noon, Monday through Friday.

Pastor Lorraine—8:00 am to 11:00 am, Tuesday through Friday. Afternoons by appointment.

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Next Newsletter Deadline

April 9 & 23, 2018



April 2018

8	9	10	11	12	13	14
● 9:30am Sunday Schoo	Newsletter Deadline	● 6pm Choir Practice	● 1:30pm DWF Day Grou	● 8am College Coffee/Si	● 3pm Clothes Closet &	● 9am Clothes Closet &
● 10:30am Worship Serv	● 8am College Coffee/Si	● 6:30pm Chi Rho Missic	● 6:15pm Board Meeting	● 6pm Girl Scouts		● 3pm Chi Rho Carnival-
	● 7pm Boy Scouts			● 6:30pm Christian Ed.		
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
● 9:30am Sunday Schoo	NE KS Camp Scholarshi	Tax Day	● 3pm Emporia Place Se	● 8am College Coffee/Si	● 8:30am CWU Friendshi	● 9am Clothes Closet &
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22	23	24	25	26	27	28
● 9:30am Sunday Schoo	Newsletter Deadline	Clergy Retreat	Clergy Retreat	Clergy Retreat	Glass Blown Open Disc	Glass Blown Open Disc
● 10:30am Worship Serv	● 8am College Coffee/Si	● 6pm Choir Practice	● 5:30pm Facilities Meet	Glass Blown Open Disc	● 3pm Clothes Closet &	● 9am Clothes Closet &
● 2pm Presbyterian Man	● 7pm Boy Scouts	● 6:30pm Chi Rho Missic		● 8am College Coffee/Si		
		● 7pm Elders Meeting		● 6pm Girl Scouts		
29	30	May 1	2	3	4	5
● 9:30am Sunday Schoo	● 8am College Coffee/Si	End Early Bird Camp Re	● 10:30am Lyon Co. Min	● 8am College Coffee/Si	● 3pm Clothes Closet &	Cinco de Mayo
● 10:30am Worship Serv	● 7pm Boy Scouts	● 6pm Choir Practice	● 6:15pm DWF Night Gr	● 5:30pm Youth Choir		Cinco de Mayo Block Pe
● 12pm Annual Church M						● 9am Clothes Closet &
● 3pm G. Taylor Memori						
● 3pm Holiday Resort Se						

Noon-Catered lunch before annual meeting

SPOTLIGHT ON DISCIPLES

Toward a National Organization (part 4)

By 1832, Kentucky had the most congregations of the movement with the most members. The movement continued to grow elsewhere as well. Between 1842 and 1860, Tennessee grew to approximately 106 congregations. Churches in Alabama were the result of migrations bringing Disciples ideas from Georgia and Tennessee. As a result of three tours through Alabama, Mississippi, and Louisiana (1839, 1857, and 1859), many congregations were established. The support of ideas of a simple Christianity were received by settlers migrating to area. By 1853, Ohio had 80 active congregations in its state program. The frontier was ripe for expansion of Disciples' ideas. Soon Indiana and Michigan saw rapid growth. Evangelist, Benjamin Franklin held services in Michigan in 1856.

In 1821, a rush of migration from Kentucky, Tennessee, Virginia, and North Carolina brought followers of the Stone-Campbell movement to Missouri making it one of the strongest states of Disciples. Expansion continued into Arkansas. The first congregation in Arkansas was in Little Rock (1832) because of the preaching of Benjamin F. Hall of Kentucky. Migration to what is now Texas took Disciples there and "Christian" congregations began forming there.