



# First Christian Church News

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### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

Soul Feast  
"The Escape"  
Birthday Lunch  
June Biscuit & Gravy  
New Members

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### Reflections

It's Pentecost Season when we celebrate the infusion of the Spirit into humanity. Because of Pentecost, we are equipped to see the world and God differently.

Before Pentecost, God seemed very distant to the people. Even as Jesus spoke to them of God's love, there was a disconnect between what Jesus was saying and the God of laws and rules that they knew so well.

Through time, people tried to honor Jesus through the building of great institutions, but the Spirit got lost in the effort. It worked for a while. This is the Church that most of us remember so well. The mainline church was full of executives who could organize and run church business the same efficient way they ran their local businesses. Times changed. The executives are gone, but the structures continue.

Now churches are left with a "spiritless" business model—an institution that has run its course. In her book, *Grounded*<sup>1</sup>, Diana Butler Bass relates a young woman's reasons of why she is "spiritual, but not religious." Diana asked, "What do you mean by that? Who is God to you?"

The young woman shared "... how she found God in nature, in her relationships with family, friends, and neighbors, and in the work she does in the world. She told [Diana] how God was present to her through doing justice (serving hungry people at a local shelter), contemplative worship (occasional attendance at an evening jazz service at an Episcopal Church), and offering hospitality toward those in need (caring for those who were doubting, ill, or grieving among her own friends)." When Diana asked why she didn't join the church with the jazz service, the woman answered, "I've thought about that . . . but 'joining' an organization strikes me as a strange way to relate to God. And the institutional church is so broken, so hypocritical. It has wounded so many people. I just can't do that again with any honesty . . . but these other things—the Spirit all around, caring and praying for people, working for a better world—they ground me" (pp. 16-17).

What do you think about being part of the church as it exists right now? Should we continue to put our energy into trying to sustain an out-of-date business model or is there a fresh new way the Holy Spirit would have us be church? What if we were to innovate a Spiritual model that would re-energize, equip, and empower us to new kinds of ministries?

Something to ponder as we continue in this Pentecost season.

Shalom,

*Pastor Lorraine*

<sup>1</sup>Butler-Bass, Diana. *Grounded*. Harper One, 2015.

# Upcoming Serving Schedule

## May 27, 2018—1st Sun. after Pentecost

- Candlelighter** ~ Mikinzi Simmons
- Children's Message** ~ Lorraine Bailey
- Diaconate** ~ Richard Becker\*, Briana Becker  
Laurie Kurzen, Linda Maulsby
- Elder** ~ Jaylene Arnett
- Greeters** ~ (N) Joe & Bonnie Denson  
~ (S) Sonya Idhe
- Music** ~ Faith Coleman
- Nursery** ~ Kohlby Ketchum & Elizabeth Brown
- Worship Leader** ~ Betty Richardson
- Children's Church** ~ Jennifer Dalton

## June 3, 2018—2nd Sun. after Pentecost

- Candlelighter** ~ Faith Idhe
- Children's Message** ~ Marlene Hanson
- Diaconate** ~ Carl\* & Lana Richardson  
Jim & Melissa Tilton
- Elder** ~ Mary Volland
- Greeters** ~ (N) Dorothy Matile & Lola Walker  
~ (S) Wanda Davis & Marilyn Dalton
- Nursery** ~ Richard Becker & Briana Becker
- Worship Leader** ~ George Arnett
- Children's Church** ~ Joy Frevert

## June 10, 2018—3rd Sun. after Pentecost

- Candlelighter** ~ Gavin LeClear
- Children's Message** ~ Judy Moore
- Diaconate** ~ Carl\* & Rita Headrick  
Tammie McDiffett, Joy Frevert
- Elder** ~ Marlene Hanson
- Greeters** ~ (N) Carl & Rita Headrick  
~ (S) Janet Lostutter
- Nursery** ~ John Lexow & Cindy Lexow
- Worship Leader** ~ Gary Lukert
- Children's Church** ~ Faith Coleman

## June 17, 2018—4th Sun. after Pentecost

- Candlelighter** ~ Kinzie Kurzen
- Children's Message** ~ Laurie Kurzen
- Diaconate** ~ Jake Dalton\*, John Lexow  
Betty & Alan Richardson
- Elder** ~ George Arnett
- Greeters** ~ (N) Carl & Lana Richardson  
(S) Barb Gimple
- Nursery** ~ Kat Dorcas & Rita Headrick
- Worship Leader** ~ Nancy LeClear
- Children's Church** ~ Sonya Idhe

So far in **May** we helped **23 families**, consisting of **42 people** with **23 bags** of food plus 9 dozen eggs, shampoo, soap etc. Of these 23 families **6 were New to us.**



**Voices of the people you have helped this month—**  
*"Your Clothes Closet is a God send. Please keep the prices low so we can afford the clothes. Thanks"*

**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*); **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*); **Mike LeClear** (*foot wound*); **Steve Martin** (*stem cell cancer treatment*); **Juliana Martinez**; **Nathaniel Pearson** (*friend of Tammie McDiffett*); **Mikinzi Simmons** (*cyst on chin*); **Pam Scheve** (*daughter Jan Weeks, health issues*); **Becky Shannon** (*daughter of Sharon Shannon, health issues*); **Betty Smith** (*mother of Rita Headrick, hip surgery*); and **Elizabeth Wells** (*cancer & recovery*).  
**Eric MacGregor** (*Military-Deployed*)



## 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

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May 13, 2018 SS 14 / Worship 64

May 20, 2018 SS 18 / Worship 81

## GIVING RECORD

May 13, 2018 ~ Offering \$1,742.60 / Building \$92.00

May 20, 2018 ~ Offering \$2,305.00 / Building \$10.00



**May Anniversaries**

24 Kurt & Sheila Steinkuhler

**June Anniversaries**

- 11 Gale & Marie Kelley (1950)
- 15 David & Kathy Harris (1974)
- 17 Joe & Bonnie Denson (1956)
- 17 Kenny & Jeanice Miller
- 20 Jim & Joyce Cress (1965)
- 21 Carl & Lana Richardson (1975)
- 29 John & Marie Harding (1962)
- 30 Joe & Dana Witten

**May Birthdays**

- 21 Bob Foster
- 23 Brandon Hopkins
- 25 Robert Hush
- 27 Robert Wells
- 27 Joseph Wright
- 28 Larry Gamblian
- 28 Nathan LeClear
- 31 Dennis Kelly



**June Birthdays**

- 04 Gary Lukert
- 04 Harold Stevenson
- 05 Elizabeth Brown
- 10 Jeffry Cole
- 10 Bonnie Denson
- 13 Tyson Frevert
- 13 Jim Tilton
- 14 Sarah Richardson
- 19 Michael Lexow
- 20 Mary Ann Law
- 22 Carol Rohling
- 22 Joy Kimbrel
- 24 Cody Kuhn
- 24 Andrea (Williams) Boyce
- 28 Jake Dalton
- 29 June Rochat

**Thought to Ponder**

Your faith can move mountains and your doubts can create them.

**Mark The Dates**

- Friday's 3-6 pm—Clothes Closet & Household Hut open
- Saturday's from 9—Noon—Clothes Closet and Household Hut
- Wed. May 23—3 pm Emporia Place Service
- Thur. May 24—9 am "Discovering Disciples"
- Thur. May 24—6:30 pm Soul Feast "Sabbath Time"
- Sun. May 27—2 pm Presbyterian Manor Service
- Mon. May 28—Memorial Day—Church Office Closed
- Wed. May 30—3 pm Emporia Place Service
- Thur. May 31—9 am "Discovering Disciples"-Self-Emptying
- Sat. June 2—Dirty Kanza Race & Party
- Mon. June 4—Newsletter Deadline
- Wed. June 6—10::30 am Lyon Co. Ministerial Alliance
- Thur. June 7—9 am "Discovering Disciples"
- Sat. June 9—Symphony of the Flint Hills
- Sun. June 10—Covered dish BD lunch after worship
- Sun. June 10—3 pm Martin Cuellar piano concert in the sanctuary with reception to follow in the parlor.
- Wed. June 13—9:30 am Hand in Hand Hospice training
- Fri. June 15—8:30 am CWU Friendship coffee Braum's W 6th

WATCH for THE ESCAPE

Hand In Hand Hospice

VOLUNTEER TRAINING

**Wednesday June 13**  
 9:30am to 4:00pm  
 Location: School of Nursing, 3rd Floor  
 1127 Chestnut, Emporia  
 SW Corner of 12th & Chestnut  
 Lunch is provided

**Volunteer Opportunities:**

- Companionship to terminally ill patients
- Support to grieving individuals

*No special skills or experience needed*

Serving your area since 1983. Hand In Hand Hospice is your Local, Not-for-Profit Hospice  
 \*Please contact our office if you are interested: (620) 340-6177

"Success is not built on what We accomplish for ourselves. It's foundation lies in what we do for others" Danny Thomas





Lectionary Readings

## Lectionary Schedule April 29 — May 20, 2018

<b><u>May 27</u></b>	<b><u>June 3</u></b>	<b><u>June 10</u></b>	<b><u>June 17-Father's Day</u></b>
Isaiah 6:1-8	1 Samuel 3:1-10	1 Samuel 8:4-11	1 Samuel 15:34-16:13
Psalms 29	Psalms 139:1-6, 13-18	Psalms 138	Psalms 20
Romans 8:12-17	2 Corinthians 4:5-12	2 Corinthians 5:6-10	Mark 4:26-34
John 3:1-17	Mark 2:23-3:6	Mark 4:26-34	2 Corinthians 5:6-10

### SOUL FEAST

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



### THE SECRET PLACE

**Devotions for Daily Worship  
The Summer 2018  
(June, July, August)**  
Secret Place daily devotional books have arrived and are located on the hall table.  
Still only \$1.00 per copy so get yours today!



L-R Pastor Lorraine Bailey, Elder Judy Moore, Kate Smith, Shelby Pedersen, & Shelby Fuller

### Welcome New Members

- |         |                 |
|---------|-----------------|
| 2/1818  | Sarah Wyrick    |
| 3/28/18 | Leonard Wood    |
|         | Jack Dalton     |
|         | Jennifer Dalton |
| 4/29/18 | Diana Solis     |
|         | Lisa Rickabaugh |
| 5/13/18 | Jim Seibert     |
| 5/20/18 | Shelby Fuller   |
|         | Shelby Pedersen |



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

Information for this article came from *Your Calling as an Elder* by Gary Straub, pp. 18. 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.

#### **4. Not Greedy. Titus 1:8**

Elders understand that the business aspect of the church is to give itself away and stay away from "trying to save some manna for tomorrow's breakfast." Elders give "wholehearted permission to the church's mission" and empower ministries with generous support that encourages spiritual development.

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

Information for this article came from *Your Calling as a Deacon* by Gary Straub and James Trader II, p. 59-66 One way to keep spiritually focused is to practice the basic spiritual disciplines.

#### **7. Generosity**

There are several ways in which Deacons can demonstrate this discipline. Deacons practice generosity in their daily lives. This practice honors Christ and is contagious. Many Deacons are able to step into awkward moments with resolution. Deacons can "contribute to the wellbeing of Christ's body . . . by being a ministering spirit" through their healthy attitude, setting appropriate boundaries, checking in with members daily, directing their energies toward making disciples, being an example of Christ, being a good follower, welcoming others, helping with healing, praying for and mentoring others, and practicing random acts of kindness in Christ's name.

**Have You Filled Out One of These? ⇨**

We are in the process of updating members records and contact information, so if you haven't filled one of these out, please do so and leave it in the membership box in the parlor or return to the office.

Thanks for your help.

**Individual Membership Record**

(C=cell, H=home, W=work. Please circle where appropriate) Record Updated \_\_\_\_\_

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_(C) (H) (W) Phone \_\_\_\_\_(C) (H) (W)

Phone \_\_\_\_\_(C) (H) (W) Phone \_\_\_\_\_(C) (H) (W)

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_(H) (W) Email \_\_\_\_\_(H) (W)

Name of Employer \_\_\_\_\_

Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Place (City, State, Country) \_\_\_\_\_

Baptism Date \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Baptism (Church, City, State) \_\_\_\_\_

Date Joined First Christian Church, Emporia \_\_\_\_\_

Marital Status: Married \_\_\_\_\_ Single \_\_\_\_\_ Divorced \_\_\_\_\_ Widowed \_\_\_\_\_

Full Name of Spouse \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_

Anniversary Date \_\_\_\_\_ (Date of Spouse's death) \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Name (Maiden) \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Full Name \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Full Name \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_

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**Emergency Contact Information**

Name	Relationship	Address/Phone

**Church Involvement**

\_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_



**Birthday Lunch**

Mark your calendar and plan your dish for the **ALL CHURCH POTLUCK BIRTHDAY LUNCH** on **Sunday, June 10, 2018** after worship. Drink will be provided.



Then stay for the **piano concert** performed by **Martin Cuellar** in the sanctuary at **3:00 pm** with a reception to follow.



**Save the Date—Saturday, June 23**  
**Boy Scout Biscuit & Gravy Breakfast**  
**6:00 am to 1:00 pm**  
**Fellowship Hall**



The Church's sympathy is extended to the family and friends of **Gerald Ingalls**, Uncle of Kent Simmons, who passed away Saturday, May 19, 2018.

**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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 Email Pastor Lorraine Bailey at  
[pastorlorraine@gmail.com](mailto:pastorlorraine@gmail.com)

**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.**



**Next Newsletter Deadline**  
**June 4 & 18, 2018**



**May/June 2018**

20 May	21	22	23	24	25	26
<b>PENTECOST</b> ● 9:30am Sunday Schoo ● 10:30am Worship Serv ● 4pm Schmidt Grad Pa	<b>Newsletter Deadline</b> ● 7pm Boy Scouts	● 6pm Choir Practice ● 7pm Elders Meeting	● 3pm Emporia Place Se ● 5:30pm Facilities Meet	● 9am Study-Discoverin ● 6:30pm Soul Feast-Sal	● 3pm Clothes Closet &	● 9am Clothes Closet &
Sun 27	Mon 28	Tue 29	Wed 30	Thu 31	Fri Jun 1	Sat 2
● 9:30am Sunday Schoo ● 10:30am Worship Serv ● 2pm Presbyterian Man	<b>Memorial Day</b> ● 7pm Boy Scouts	● 6pm Choir Practice	● 3 pm Emporia Place	● 9am Study-Discoverin ● 6:30pm Soul Feast-Sel	● 3pm Clothes Closet &	<b>Dirty Kanza Race &amp; Part</b> ● 9am Clothes Closet &
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10	11	12	13	14	15	16
● 9:30am Sunday Schoo ● 10:30am Worship Serv ● 12pm Covered Dish B ● 3pm Cuellar Concert-R	<b>Pastor Lorraine gone</b> ● 7pm Boy Scouts	<b>Pastor Lorraine gone</b> ● 6pm Choir Practice	<b>Pastor Lorraine gone</b> ● 6:15pm Stewardship C	<b>Pastor Lorraine gone</b>	<b>Pastor Lorraine gone</b> ● 8:30am CWU Friendsh ● 3pm Clothes Closet &	<b>Pastor Lorraine gone</b> ● 9am Clothes Closet &

**SPOTLIGHT ON DISCIPLES**

**Disciples and Civil War**

Information for this article came from Journey in Faith by Lester G. McAllister and William E. Tucker, pp. 200-208.

Alexander Campbell remained a pacifist and recorded his opinion in his journal, *The Christian Baptist*. He concluded that “there never was a *good* war, or a *bad* peace.” Other Disciples stood with him on neutral ground, yet the built-in Disciple diversity found supporters for both the blue and the gray. Rev. James A. Garfield resigned as principal of Western Reserve Eclectic Institute (now Hiram college) to command the Forty-second Ohio Regiment, which led him to becoming the 20<sup>th</sup> president of the United States. John B. Vawter, who fought in Sherman’s army, later became a Disciples preacher in Iowa after being imprisoned in Andersonville prison. Alexander Campbell, Jr. and Baron W. Stone, Jr. both fought for the south. The Christian Missionary Society resolved to side with the north resulting in a split among Disciples that would cultivate a separation of the Churches of Christ a generation later.