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### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

Our Graduates  
Soul Feast

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### Reflections

Graduation announcement cards are being readied. Caps and gowns sized and ordered. Final exams are fast approaching. Parties are being planned. Diplomas are being printed. Commencement speeches are being written with opening lines like "Even if you are on the right track, you will get run over if you just sit there" - Will Rogers.

Some fun commencement facts – the traditions of gowns goes all the way back to the 12<sup>th</sup> century because universities had no heating systems. The caps or mortarboard became popular in the 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> centuries by artists and students who wore them. The tossing of the cap was started by Naval Academy in 1912. The turning of the tassel is a young tradition of the last 40 to 50 years.

Students walk in to the tune of "Pomp and Circumstance." It was first known as "Land of Hope & Glory" when Sir Edward Elgar wrote it 1901. The phrase "Pomp and Circumstance" came from Shakespeare's *Othello*. It was first played at a graduation in 1905 when Sir Elgar received an honorary doctorate from Yale University.

*Graduation history information courtesy of Pastor David Webb*

Graduation season is time of joyous celebration. Your First Christian Church family celebrated with you Sunday, May 6, 2018 during Worship.

Local Graduation dates are:

- ESU            Friday, May 11, 2018 6:00 pm    WAW Auditorium  
Graduate Degrees
- ESU            Saturday, May 12, 2018 9:30 am    WAW Auditorium  
College of Liberal Arts and Science
- ESU            Saturday, May 12, 2018 2:00 pm    WAW Auditorium  
School of Business and The Teacher's College
- FHTC          Saturday, May 19, 2018  
10:00 am    WAW Aud.
- EHS            Sunday, May 20, 2018  
3:00 pm    WAW Auditorium



### Happy Graduation

# Upcoming Serving Schedule

## May 13, 2018 Mother's Day—Youth Choir

- Candlelighter** ~ Nicole Dalton
- Children's Message** ~ Joy Frevert
- Diaconate** ~ Larry Gamblian\*, Joy Wonser  
Cameron Moore, Carol Rhoades
- Elder** ~ Cameron Moore
- Greeters** ~ (N) Guy & Janece Bacon  
~ (S) Christine Kellum
- Nursery** ~ Nikki Simmons & Minkinzi Simmons
- Worship Leader** ~ Cindy Lexow
- Children's Church** ~ Faith Coleman

## May 20, 2018 Pentecost

- Candlelighter** ~ Kelsey Shull
- Children's Message** ~ Cameron Moore
- Diaconate** ~ Nikki Simmons\*, Elizabeth Brown  
Joe & Bonnie Denson
- Elder** ~ Jaylene Arnett
- Greeters** ~ (N) Dick & Debbie Hubert  
(S) Joan Shumate
- Music** ~ Martin Cuellar
- Nursery** ~ Jennifer Dalton & Marilyn Dalton
- Worship Leader** ~ Janece Bacon
- Children's Church** ~ Joy Frevert

## May 27, 2018

- Candlelighter** ~ Minkinzi Simmons
- Children's Message** ~ Lorraine Bailey
- Diaconate** ~ Richard Becker\*, Briana Becker  
Laurie Kurzen, Linda Maulsby
- Elder** ~ Judy Moore
- 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

- 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** ~ Faith Coleman

In April we helped **47 families**, consisting of **114 people** with **48 bags** of food plus 18 dozen eggs, 4 packages of celery, OJ and cookies. Of these 47 families **22 were New to us.**



In May (1 day) we served **4 families** consisting of **9 people**. Of those families, **1 was New to us.**

**Voices of the people you have helped this month—**  
*"We just moved here from Oklahoma and Texas so thank you very much for all the information and where to find places around town. Bless you for your kindness."*

**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); **Nathaniel Pearson** (friend of Tammie McDiffett); **Pam Scheve** (daughter Jan Weeks, health issues); **Becky Shannon** (daughter of Sharon Shannon, health issues); **Betty Smith** (mother of Rita Headrick, hip surgery); **Tyler Tilton** (surgery); 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**

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Local lawn care for over 25 years.

# Attendance and Giving Record

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April 29, 2018 SS 4 / Worship 66

May 6, 2018 SS 12 / Worship 62

## GIVING RECORD

April 29, 2018 ~ Offering \$2,095.00 / Building \$110.00

May 6, 2018 ~ Offering \$1,926.00 / Building \$15.00



**May Anniversaries**

- 17 Jeffrey & Vicki Cole
- 24 Kurt & Sheila Steinkuhler

**May Birthdays**

- 02 Chris Parsons
- 06 Bob Duncan
- 07 Joan Shumate
- 08 Michelle Harding
- 08 Jan Jones
- 10 Jay Schaefer
- 11 Shelley Findlay
- 11 Cindy Kuhn
- 15 Jami LeClear
- 15 Grant McClellan
- 16 Slay'tn Davis
- 17 William Calvert
- 18 Tracie Bauer
- 21 Bob Foster
- 23 Brandon Hopkins
- 25 Robert Hush
- 26 Brittany McWilliams
- 26 Alexa Sunderman
- 27 Robert Wells
- 27 Joseph Wright
- 28 Larry Gamblian
- 28 Nathan LeClear
- 31 Dennis Kelly



**Mark The Dates**

- Friday's 3-6 pm—Clothes Closet & Household Hut open
- Saturday's from 9—Noon—Clothes Closet and Household Hut
- Tue. May 8—6:30 pm Chi Rho Mission Club
- Wed. May 9—1:30 pm DWF Day Group
- Wed. May 9—6:15 pm Stewardship meets
- Thur. May 10—8:00 am College Coffee
- Thur. May 10—6:30 pm Christian Ed.
- Thur. May 10—6:30 pm Emporia Children's Choir practice
- Fri. May 11—6:00 pm Emporia Children's Choir performance
- Fri. May 11—6:00 pm ESU Graduate Commencement-WAW
- Sat. May 12—9:30 am ESU Grad @WAW Liberal Arts/Science  
2:00 pm ESU Grad @ WAW Business & Teachers College
- Sat. May 12—3:00 pm Emporia Piano Teachers Spring Recital  
with reception to follow in the parlor.
- Sun. May 13—Mother's Day—Youth Choir to sing
- Wed. May 16—5:00 pm Worship Ministry
- Wed. May 16—6:15 pm Board Meeting
- Thur. May 17—6:30 pm "Soul Feast"—Our Common Worship
- Fri. May 18—8:30 am CWU Friendship Coffee
- Fri. May 18—6:00 pm Bible Study—"Living the Question"
- Sat. May 19—10:00 am FHTC Graduation at WAW Aud.
- Sun. May 20—Pentecost Sunday
- Sun. May 20—3:00 pm Emp High School Graduation WAW Aud
- Sun. May 20—4:00 pm Schmidt Graduation Party-FH



**Thoughts to Ponder**

One moment of patience in a moment of anger can save you a hundred moments of regret.

**It's Camp Time**

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"*.

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.

## Lectionary Schedule April 29 — May 20, 2018



Lectionary Readings

**May 13, 2018**

Mother's Day  
Acts 1:15-17, 21-26  
Psalm 1  
1 John 5:9-13  
John 17:6019

**May 20**

Pentecost  
Acts 2:1-21  
Psalm 104:24-34  
Romans 8:22-27  
John 15:26-27

**May 27**

Isaiah 6:1-8  
Psalm 29  
Romans 8:12-17  
John 3:1-17

**June 3**

1 Samuel 3:1-10  
Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18  
2 Corinthians 4:5-12  
Mark 2:23-3:6

### 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. 17-18. 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.

#### **3. Not Soon To Anger (Quick-tempered) Titus 1:7**

Anger is a human emotion. We all become angry at times. Even Jesus became angry. "Our anger will most likely work trouble unless it is grounded in scripture and holy boldness against oppression and other indignities consistent with the character of God." We need to ask, "Is [our anger] under God's control?" Anger can serve to contaminate the community with negative feelings and needs to be tethered. "Anger is like nitroglycerin: it can either heal a heart or blow up a bridge, and elders who haven't submitted their anger to the Spirit are lose canons!

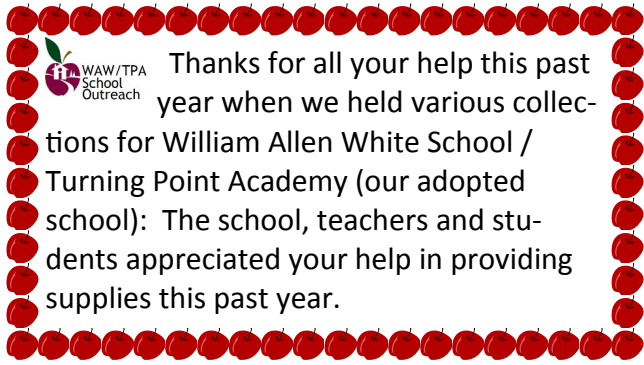
### **Who Me, A Deacon?**

*Information for this article came from Your Calling as a Deacon by Gary Straub and James Trader II, p. 58-59.*

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

#### **6. Intercession**

Work and prayer go together. "In many ways, deacons' prayer work down in the trenches of ministry follows the frontier practice of the Shakers, whose motto was 'hearts to God, hands to work.'" As deacons work in Christ's ministry, they will find "the rhythm of work and prayer repeats itself until these two distinct elements meld into one continual life of prayer."



Thanks for all your help this past year when we held various collections for William Allen White School / Turning Point Academy (our adopted school): The school, teachers and students appreciated your help in providing supplies this past year.

## 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.

## Our 2018 FCC Graduates



### College

Elizabeth Anne Brown BS Athletic Training ESU  
Elizabeth plans to do an internship in athletic training.

Adam David Harding AA Graphic Arts FHTC  
Adam plans to continue working at the Sweet Granada.  
Parents: David & Kaari Harding; Krista Harding  
Grandparents: John and Marie Harding

Kohlby Ketchum BS Crime & Delinquency Studies ESU  
Kohlby plans to attend graduate school.

### Middle School

Allison Arment Hiawatha Middle School  
Grandmother: Jean Miller

### 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

Jared Alan Johnson Timmerman Elementary  
Parents: Reese & Bre Johnson  
Grandmother: Joy Frevert



## 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!



**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.**



**Next Newsletter Deadline**  
**May 21 & June 4, 2018**



**May 2018**

v Graduation Sunday ● 9:30am Sunday School ● 10:30am Worship Serv	/ Newsletter Deadline ● 7pm Boy Scouts	o ● 3:30pm Leadership Te ● 6pm Choir Practice ● 6:30pm Chi Rho Missic	y ● 9:30am NE KS Clergy- ● 10:30am Lyon Co. Min ● 1:30pm DWF Day Grou ● 6:15pm Stewardship C	u ● 8am College Coffee/Si ● 6:30pm Christian Ed. ● 6:30pm Emporia Childi	i ● 3pm Clothes Closet & ● 6pm Emporia Children ● 6pm ESU Grad Comm	12 ESU Undergrad Graduat ● 9am Clothes Closet & ● 3pm Music Recital-Ar
13 Mother's Day ● 9:30am Sunday Schoo ● 10:30am Worship Serv	14 Susan gone today ● 7pm Boy Scouts	15 ● 6pm Choir Practice	16 ● 5pm Worship Ministry ● 6:15pm Board Meeting	17 ● 6:30pm Soul Feast-Ou	18 ● 8:30am CWU Friendsh ● 3pm Clothes Closet & ● 6pm "Living the Quest	19 ● 9am Clothes Closet & ● 10am FHTC Graduatio
20 PENTECOST ● 9:30am Sunday Schoo ● 10:30am Worship Serv ● 4pm Schmidt Grad Par	21 Newsletter Deadline ● 7pm Boy Scouts	22 ● 6pm Choir Practice ● 6:30pm Chi Rho Missic ● 7pm Elders Meeting	23 ● 3pm Emporia Place Se ● 5:30pm Facilities Meet	24 ● 6:30pm Soul Feast-Sat	25 ● 3pm Clothes Closet &	26 ● 9am Clothes Closet &
27 ● 9:30am Sunday Schoo ● 10:30am Worship Serv ● 2pm Presbyterian Man	28 Memorial Day ● 7pm Boy Scouts	29 ● 6pm Choir Practice	30	31 ● 6:30pm Soul Feast-Sel	Jun 1 ● 3pm Clothes Closet &	2 Dirty Kanza Race & Part ● 9am Clothes Closet &



**Thank You!!!!**

A **BIG THANK YOU** goes out to **Nik Roth** for donating lawn equipment to help with our church yard work this summer.

**SPOTLIGHT ON DISCIPLES**

**Disciples and Slavery**

*Information for this article came from Journey in Faith by Lester G. McAllister and William E. Tucker, pp. 189-200.*

The Disciples founders agreed wholeheartedly in their opposition to slavery. As the country began to divide on this subject, the founders “were determined to keep Disciples from splitting over pollical disagreements.” They insisted that they were justified in the fact that the New Testament did not explicitly condemn slavery. They did not declare abolition as an answer to the problem, but remained neutral. Their agreement of “Where the scriptures speak, we speak. Where the scriptures are silent, we are silent,” they argued that “one’s position on slavery was a matter of ‘opinion’ rather than ‘faith’ and should not become a test of Christian fellowship.” Even though they spoke out against slavery, they maintained relationship with other Disciples who were slaveholders. Disciples of the North and the South were as diverse on the subject as they were in their opinions about scripture. The built-in organizational pliability and commitment to individual interpretation and choice of the Disciples helped the young movement to remain intact through the conflict of the Civil War.