



SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

Membership Records
Library Books
Congrats Troop 157

INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

Serving Schedule	2
Food Pantry	2
Prayer List	2
Secret Place	2
Attendance & Giving	2
Birthdays and Anniversaries	3
Congratulations Troop 157	3
Mark the Date	3
Hospice Volunteer Training	3
Lectionary	4
Library Books	4
"The Escape"	4
"Who Me?"	4
Membership Record	5
Birthday Lunch	5
Cuellar Piano Concert	5
Biscuit & Gravy in June	5
Sympathy	5
Church Contacts	6
Calendar	6
Spotlight on Disciples	6

Reflections

Recently, I thought it would be interesting to browse some old newsletters from the 1990's when I was the Assistant Minister of a church in southern California. I ran across a series of articles I wrote about "Baby Boomers." I had found an article in the August 16, 1993 edition of *Christianity Today* entitled, *Boomer Boom and Bust*. It seems that the church, over the last 25 years is still struggling with many of the same issues as back then, except that our society is much more embedded in secular activities now as ever before. Kenneth H. Sidey described the status of the Boomers, "We have discovered that on any given Sunday, only about 40 percent of those who call our church 'home' are in the services. An 'average' congregant attends only about twice a month." I noticed back then, "It seems that church is a place to 'try and be' if there is time on Sunday. Commitment to church is low and other secular activities seem to take priority over spiritual development for many people" (The Christian Visitor, September 15, 1993). Now, instead of the "boomers," we are concerned with the "millennials," who by the way, are the grandchildren of the "boomers."

My questions today about church commitment don't vary much from my questions then and still go unanswered: "What is commitment to the average person? How are our relationships at church different from those in secular society? Why is it so much easier to commit our children to a season of sports than to their spiritual development?" (1993)

In Mozella G. Mitchell's book, *Spiritual Dynamics of Howard Thurman's Theology* (1985), Thurman explores "commitment." He says, "Commitment means that it is possible for a [person] to yield the nerve center of [one's] consent to a purpose or cause, a movement or ideal, which may be more important than where [one] lives or dies. The commitment is a self-conscious act of will by which [one] affirms [one's] identification with what [one] is committed to. The character of [one's] commitment is determined by that to which the center or core of [one's] consent is given" (p. 16). For Thurman, commitment is a synonym for conversion. By substituting the word "conversion" for "commitment" in the above statement, we get a better understanding, perhaps, of our own spiritual relationship with God.

God created us to be committed spiritual beings—and we are—but commitments have changed! Marjorie J. Thompson reports the results of a Pew Research Center survey from 2007-2012 in her book, *Soul Feast: An Invitation to the Spiritual Life* (2015), that 20% of American adults no longer identify with a particular [faith] tradition, and fully one third of those under the age of 30 are unaffiliated." In this "spiritual, but not religious" society, commitment to be a part of a church family seems to have been replaced with secular commitments.

What if we (society) were to let go of our passions for doing things *our* way and tweak our schedules: 1) by developing a spiritual discipline to enhance our personal time with God, 2) by spending time with our immediate families, and 3) by spending time in worship and with our church family—helping each other grow spiritually and caring for others?

Could it be that our culture might see a change in moral behavior if we were to follow the above 3 steps? It seems so overwhelming. Where do we start?

Shalom,
Pastor Lorraine

Upcoming Serving Schedule

June 10, 2018—3rd Sun. after Pentecost

- Candlelighter** ~ Gavin LeClear
Children's Message ~ Cameron 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) Karen Garnett
 (S) Barb Gimple
Nursery ~ Kat Dorcas & Rita Headrick
Worship Leader ~ Nancy LeClear
Children's Church ~ Sonya Ihde

June 24, 2018—5th Sun. after Pentecost

- Candlelighter** ~ Jack Dalton
Children's Message ~ Cindy Lexow
Diaconate ~ Larry Gamblian*, Joy Wonsler
 Cameron Moore, Carol Rhoades
Elder ~ Judy Moore
Greeters ~ (N) John & Cindy Lexow
 ~ (S) Marie Harding
Nursery ~ Nikki Simmons, Miki Simons
Worship Leader ~ Cameron Moore
Children's Church ~ Volunteer

July 1, 2018—6th Sun. after Pentecost

- Candlelighter** ~ Juliana Martinez
Children's Message ~ Sandy Heller
Diaconate ~ Nikki Simmons*, Volunteer
 Joe & Bonnie Denson
Elder ~ Cameron Moore
Greeters ~ (N) David & Carolyn Meierhoff
 ~ (S) Wilma Lindsey
Nursery ~ Richard Becker, Briana Becker
Worship Leader ~ Barb Gimple
Children's Church ~ Rita Headrick, Nikki Simmons

In May we helped **44 families**, consisting of **90 people** with **44 bags** of food plus 18 dozen eggs, shampoo, soap etc. Of these 44 families **10 were New to us.**



Voices of the people you have helped this month—
"Thank you for the food and the information on Abundant Harvest. It is greatly appreciated."

Lonnie Atchison (*cancer*); **Chandler Bolen** (*health issues*); **Denise Calvert** (*broken leg*); **Joyce Cress** (*cancer & recovery*); **Diane** (*sister of Joyce Cress, breast cancer*); **Bonnie Denson** (*stone in neck*); **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** (*health issues*); **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*); and **Elizabeth Wells** (*cancer & recovery*).
Eric MacGregor (*Military-Deployed*)



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!

Attendance and Giving Record

ATTENDANCE & GIVING RECORD

May 27, 2018 SS 6 / Worship 51
June 3, 2018 SS 5 / Worship 56

GIVING RECORD

May 27, 2018 ~ Offering \$1,593.00 / Building \$10.00
 June 3, 2018 ~ Offering \$1,860.00 / Building \$125.00



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

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



Mark The Dates

- Friday's 3-6 pm—Clothes Closet & Household Hut open
- Saturday's from 9—Noon—Clothes Closet and Household Hut
- 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
- Wed. June 20—3:00 pm Emporia Place Service
- Thur. June 21—9:00 am "Discovering Disciples"
- Saturday, June 23—6:00 am Boy Scouts Biscuits & Gravy
- Sunday, June 24—2:00 pm Presbyterian Manor Services
- Thur., June 28—9:00 am "Discovering Disciples"
—6:30 pm Christian Ed meets

WATCH for THE ESCAPE



Dirty Kanza

Congratulations to Boy Scout Troop 157

Congratulation to all who participated in and/or rode in the Dirty Kanza bike race June 2, 2018. You looked "fab" in your jersey's and deserved the recognition you received at the Sunday Closing Ceremony. Way to go Troop 157!!



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 June 10 — July 1, 2018

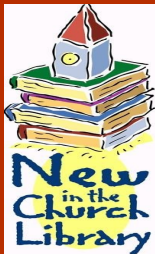
<u>June 10</u>	<u>June 17-Father's Day</u>	<u>June 24</u>	<u>July 1</u>
1 Samuel 8:4-11	1 Samuel 15:34-16:13	1 Samuel 17:32-49	2 Samuel 1:1
Psalms 138	Psalms 20	Psalms 9:9-20	2 Corinthians 8:7-15
2 Corinthians 5:6-10	Mark 4:26-34	2 Corinthians 6:1-13	Mark 5:21-43
Mark 4:26-34	2 Corinthians 5:6-10	Mark 4:35-41	Psalms 130

New Books in the Library

We have new books in the library. *Over What Hill* by Effie Leland Wilder; *Somewhere Safe with Somebody Good, Come Rain or Come Shine* both by Jan Karon given to the Library by Barbara Gimple and one by Barbara & Marie Harding.

"The Bluebird and the Sparrow" by Janette Oak given by Janece Bacon.

The following titles were given from the library of Carolyn Kuhn: "The Power of Intention" by Dr. Wayne W. Dryer, *I Saw the Lord!* by Anne Graham Lotz, "Apples of Gold" by C. R. Gibson, "Stone Heart" by Luanne Rice, "Something to Love" compiled by Caesan Johnson, "Our Family's Favorite Grace" edited by Cliff Muehlenberg, and "Ghosts from the Nursery" by Robin Karr-Morse & Meredith S. Wiley.



Come to the Escape! Congregational Escape and MissionFest (formerly known as Regional Assembly): Saturday, August 11, 2018, Camp Tawakoni. Admission: \$10/person, \$25/family. Registration 9am; Opening Session, 10am; Closing Session 3:15 pm. Pre-Event Activities: Friday night swim, Disciples Men/Women fellowship, Mission Opportunities; Activities: Worship, workshops, carnival games, fair food, Mission Grant Awards; voting booth, swimming, challenge course. Important worship workshop (especially for our Kansas churches) with Marcia McFee (specializing in worship planning and design).



Who Me, An Elder?

Information for this article came from *Your Calling as an Elder* by Gary Straub, pp. 18-19. 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.

5. Not a Novice 1 Timothy 3:6

One chosen to be an Elder should have a "consistent experience in the Christian way of life." It is important that the Elder is "given to steadfast faithfulness under pressure" and should be a witness to Christ's principals of truth.

Who Me, A Deacon?

Information for this article came from *Your Calling as a Deacon* by Gary Straub and James Trader II, p. 66-67.

Encouragement

The word encouragement comes from the Greek word, *parakalleo*, meaning "to come alongside." It is related to the word for Holy Spirit, *paraclete* (John 14:16, 26; 15:26; 16:7). "Deacons are ministering spirits who come alongside others for blessing as God has 'come alongside' them." Encouragement is a spiritual gift of a Deacon, receiving the grace of the Holy Spirit for this ministry and can embody this grace for others. This work can take many forms which will be discussed next time.

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 _____

Child's Full Name _____ Birthdate _____

Child's Full Name _____ Birthdate _____

Child's Full Name _____ Birthdate _____

Emergency Contact Information

Name	Relationship	Address/Phone

Church Involvement



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 **Marvin Reece** who passed away Monday, May 21, 2018 in Gardner, KS at age 95.

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.”

202 East 12th Avenue
 620-342-1582 Church Office
 Web Page www.fccemporia.org
 Email Office fcceffices@yahoo.com
 Email Pastor Lorraine Bailey at
pastorlorraineb@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 18 & July 2, 2018



June 2018

3 ● 9:30am Sunday School ● 10:30am Worship Serv	4 Newsletter Deadline ● 7pm Boy Scouts	5 ● 6pm Choir Practice	6 ● 10:30am Lyon Co. Min	7 ● 9am Study-Discovering	8 Set up for BD lunch on 8 ● 3pm Clothes Closet &	9 Symphony of Flint Hills ● 9am Clothes Closet &
10 ● 9:30am Sunday School ● 10:30am Worship Serv ● 12pm Covered Dish BC ● 3pm Cuellar Concert-R	11 Pastor Lorraine gone ● 7pm Boy Scouts	12 Pastor Lorraine gone ● 6pm Choir Practice	13 Pastor Lorraine gone ● 6:15pm Stewardship C	14 Pastor Lorraine gone	15 Pastor Lorraine gone ● 8:30am CWU Friendshi ● 3pm Clothes Closet &	16 Pastor Lorraine gone ● 9am Clothes Closet &
17 Father's Day Pastor Lorraine gone ● 9:30am Sunday School ● 10:30am Worship Serv	18 Newsletter Deadline ● 7pm Boy Scouts	19	20 ● 3pm Emporia Place Se ● 5pm Worship Ministry ● 6:15pm Board Meeting	21 ● 9am Study-Discovering	22 Natl Teachers Hall Fam ● 3pm Clothes Closet & ● 6pm BS Set up for Bisc	23 ● 6am BS Biscuit & Grav ● 9am Clothes Closet &
24 ● 9:30am Sunday School ● 10:30am Worship Serv ● 2pm Presbyterian Mar	25 ● 7pm Boy Scouts	26 ● 7pm Elders Meeting	27 ● 5:30pm Facilities Meet	28 ● 9am Study-Discovering ● 6:30pm Christian Ed.	29 ● 3pm Clothes Closet &	30 ● 9am Clothes Closet &

SPOTLIGHT ON DISCIPLES

The Power of the Press

Information for this article came from Journey in Faith by Lester G. McAllister and William E. Tucker, pp. 209-224.

“Disciples don’t have bishops; they have editors!” was a cliché of the second-generation Disciples. In 1909, William T. Moore wrote, “from the beginning of the movement to the present time, the chief authority in regard to all important questions has been the Disciple press.”

Authors and editors prevailed during this time. Robert Milligan wrote a systematic statement of theology for Disciples in 1868 that became a classic in Disciples’ literature. Winfred E. Garrison (1874-1969) was a widely published author and editor for Disciples. The denomination established a denomination publishing house in 1910 which led to respected pastors, national church executives, and heads of institutions to becoming “dominant figures in decision-making among Disciples.”

Publications have come and gone. The most prominent throughout Disciples history were: *The Millennial Harbinger*, *The American Christian Review*, *The Christian Standard*, *The Christian-Evangelist* (the oldest continuously published journal among Disciples) and *The Disciple*. Each of the journals and their editors contributed greatly to the growth and vitality of the “Brotherhood” throughout the late 19th and most of the 20th century.