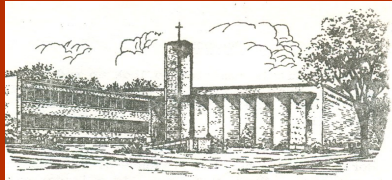




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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

Family Promise-FCC
Focus Groups-FCC
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Movie Night

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Reflections

We have moved into our second year together. As we travel along through this coming year, we will continue to grow in our understanding of "transformation" and "transition".

Your Church Board has agreed to embark on a three month long "reading and discussion" journey that will take us to unknown territory. We're like modern day Lewis and Clark's setting out to map the country. We'll create our own map of what it means to be church in the 21st century, discovering our own path and uncovering hidden treasures along the way. Parts of the trip will be difficult to navigate, but new guides will be found to take us where we've never been before.

Below is a list of the books we will study on this leg of the trip. If you have questions or would like to be part of reading and discussing these books and topics, please call the church office or you are welcome to order any of these books online. Some sources for the books are Amazon, Cokesbury, and Chalice Press. This is an exciting time for our church to grow in understanding of the work that we need to accomplish in the coming months and years ahead. We've only just begun . . .

Shalom,
Pastor Lorraine

Recreating the Church by Richard L. Hamm. St. Louis: Chalice Press, 2007

Chapter 1: *Why Is Leadership in the Mainline Church So Difficult?* and **Chapter 2:** *Technical and Adaptive Change.*

Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations: Revised and Updated by Robert Schnase. Nashville, Abingdon Press, 2018.

Chapter 1: *"Come and See" and "Go and Do"*.

Reaching People Under 30 While Keeping People Over 60: Creating Community Across Generations by Edward H. Hammett. TCPBooks.com., 2015.

Chapter 2: *Church: A Hotel for Saints or a Hospital for Sinners?*

Making Shifts Without Making Waves: A Coach Approach to Soulful Leadership by Edward H. Hammett and James R. Pierce with Stephen DeVane. St. Louis: Chalice Press, 2009.

Chapter 1: *Making Shifts without Making Waves—Is It Really Possible?* and **Chapter 2:** *Soulful Leadership Creates Transformation through Coaching.*

Unbinding the Gospel: Real Life Evangelism by Martha Grace Reese. St. Louis: Chalice Press, 2008.

Chapter 2: *Why Do Evangelism?*

Transforming Congregational Culture by Anthony B. Robinson. Grand Rapids, Eerdmans Publishing, 2003.

Chapter 3: *From Civic Faith to Human Transformation.*

Go Big with Small Groups: Eleven Steps to an Explosive Small Group Ministry by Bill Easum and John Atkinson. Nashville: Abingdon Press, 2007.

Chapter 1: *The Need for Connection.*

Upcoming Serving Schedule

July 22, 2018—9th Sun. after Pentecost

- Candlelighter** ~ Nicole Dalton
- Children’s Message** ~ Lorraine Bailey
- Diaconate** ~ Carl Headrick*, Jill McGrath
Tammie McDiffett, Nik Roth
- Elder** ~ Judy Moore
- Greeters** ~ (N) Richard Becker, Robert Chatham
~ (S) Jean Miller
- Nursery** ~ John Lexow
- Worship Leader** ~ Marlene Hanson
- Children’s Church** ~ Rita Headrick, Nikki Simmons

July 29, 2018—10th Sun. after Pentecost

- Candlelighter** ~ Kelsey Shull
- Children’s Message** ~ Jaylene Arnett
- Diaconate** ~ Nikki Simmons*, John Lexow
Joe & Bonnie Denson
- Elder** ~ Gary Lukert
- Greeters** ~ (N) Guy & Janece Bacon
~ (S) Christine Kellum
- Nursery** ~ Mikinzi Simmons
- Worship Leader** ~ Anita Imhoff
- Children’s Church** ~ Sonya Ihde

August 5, 2018—11th Sun. after Pentecost

- Candlelighter** ~ Mikinzi Simmons
- Children’s Message** ~ Nancy LeClear
- Diaconate** ~ Richard Becker*, Laurie Kurzen,
Alan & Betty Richardson
- Elder** ~ Marlene Hanson
- Greeters** ~ (N) Guy Bacon
~ (S) Janece Bacon
- Nursery** ~ Juliana Martinez
- Worship Leader** ~ Judy Moore
- Children’s Church** ~ Faith Coleman

August 12, 2018—12th Sun. after Pentecost

- Candlelighter** ~ Faith Ihde
- Children’s Message** ~ Cameron Moore
- Diaconate** ~ Jake Dalton*, Joy Wonser
Carl & Lana Richardson
- Elder** ~ Robert Chatham
- Greeters** ~ (N) Carl Headrick
(S) Rita Headrick
- Nursery** ~ Rita Headrick
- Worship Leader** ~ Jill McGrath
- Children’s Church** ~ Faith Coleman

So far in **July** we have helped **28 families**, consisting of **56 people** with bags of food plus 3 dozen eggs and donated product. Of these 28 families, **10 were new to us.**



Voices of the people you have helped this month—
“Thanks for the extra product. Pasta doesn’t ever go bad.” “Thanks for the info on Abundant Harvest.”

Lonnie Atchison (*cancer*); **Chandler Bolen** (*health issues*); **Denise Calvert**; **Bonnie Denson** (*stone in neck*); **Joe Denson** (*stroke*); **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*); **Gale Kelley** (*hospice*); **Joyce Kellison** (*health issues*); **Steve** (*broken neck*) & **Ramona Langley** (*brother-in-law and sister of Betty Richardson*); **Doug Law**, (*health issues*); **Nathan McDonald & Family** (*motorcycle accident*); **Steve Martin** (*stem cell cancer treatment*); **Juliana Martinez** (*health issues*); **Pam Scheve** (*daughter Jan Weeks, health issues*); **Sharon Shannon** (*back surgery*); **Betty Smith** (*mother of Rita Headrick, hip surgery*); **Andrea Vandruff** (*health issues*); and **Elizabeth Wells** (*cancer & recovery*).
Eric MacGregor (*Military-Deployed*)



Thought to Ponder

I sat with my anger long enough,
until she told me her real name was grief.

Attendance and Giving Record

ATTENDANCE & GIVING RECORD

July 8, 2018 SS 13 / Worship 51
July 15, 2018 SS 13 / Worship 56

GIVING RECORD

July 8, 2018 ~ Offering \$1,574.50 / Building \$15.00
 July 15, 2018 ~ Offering \$1,714.50 / Building \$15.00



August Anniversaries

- 07 George & Jaylene Arnett
- 07 Bob & Margi Colerick
- 07 Alan & Betty Richardson
- 31 Dave & Carolyn Meierhoff

July Birthdays



- 18 Lola Walker
- 18 Sarah Wyrick
- 24 Joy Frevert
- 25 Addison Lee (Garnett) Oulette
- 25 Corey Giger
- 26 Ty Michael Barrett
- 26 Jared Johnson
- 26 Brayden Dill
- 28 Dorothy Boyce
- 28 Melissa Tilton
- 29 Jeremy Dalton
- 30 Lorraine Bailey

August Birthdays

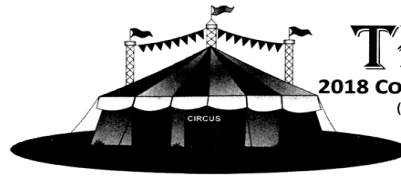


- 05 Carl Headrick
- 05 Matthew Lexow
- 05 Lana Richardson
- 07 Jean Miller
- 08 Jayden Johnson
- 10 Owen Tyler Hopkins
- 12 Dee Holmes
- 14 Wade Miller
- 15 Novella Merry
- 16 Carol Hopkins
- 20 Ed Dalton
- 23 Doris Baird
- 23 Nicole Dalton
- 24 Lola Farr
- 26 Don Allen
- 26 Marilyn Dalton
- 27 Carl Richardson
- 29 Josie (Witten) Kindhart



Mark The Dates

- Friday's 3-6 pm—Clothes Closet & Household Hut open
- Saturday's from 9—Noon—Clothes Closet and Household Hut
- Tue. July 17—1:30 pm Grief Share Training
- Tue. July 17—Sertoma board meets
- Wed. July 18—3:00 pm Emporia Place Services
- Wed. July 18—5:00 pm Worship Ministry meets
- Wed. July 18—6:15 pm Light meal & Board Meeting
- Thur. July 19—6:00 pm Friends of Troop 157 meet
- Thur. July 19—6:30 pm Family Promise Church Committee
- Fri. July 20—8:30 am CWU Friendship Coffee-6th Ave Braum's
- Fri. July 20—7:00 pm Movie Night—Mr. Holland's Opus
- Sun. July 22—2:00 pm Presbyterian Manor service
- Tue. July 24—1:30 pm Grief Share Training
- Tue. July 24—6:00 pm Light supper & Focus Groups in FH
- Wed. July 25—'THE ESCASPE' registration due in office.
- Wed. July 25—5:30 pm Facilities meets
- Sun. July 29—3:00 pm Holiday Resort services



THE ESCAPE!

2018 CONGREGATIONAL ESCAPE AND MISSIONFEST
(The event formerly known as Regional Assembly)

Saturday, August 11
Disciples Center at Tawakoni
Between Andover and Augusta
Under the Big Top

Disciples Men & Fellowship
6:30 p.m. on Friday, August 10
Hillside Christian Church, 8330 E. 10th
Taco Salad and Ice Cream
Cost: \$8

Admission:
Gates open — 9 a.m.
Opening — 9:45 a.m. Closing by 3 p.m.
\$10/person, \$25/household
opens in early June at kansasdiscalples.org
All booth donations go to
Cooking for Mission.

Lodging:

The Marriott Hotel & Convention Center, (316-651-0333)
9100 E Corporate Hills Drive — \$89/night

Comfort Inn (316-686-2844)
9525 E Corporate Hills Drive — \$79/night

RV Parking (limited)

Call each hotel for reservations. Group rates reserved
under "Mission Fest." The deadline is July 27.

Children:

This is a family-centered event. A cooling and napping area will be in the Training Lodge with attendant available during workshops. Play area will not be supervised.



Turn in to office by 7/25 to mail as a group.
Sign up today!

Worship Design Studio's Marcia McFee will lead opening worship and a workshop. Renew your worship skills and connect with visitors, new members, and new Christians. With support from Kansas Bible Chair, this will launch a 1-year partnership between the region and local churches to subscribe to the Worship Design Studio's webinar service.





Lectionary Readings

Lectionary Schedule
July 22—Aug. 12, 2018

July 22

2 Samuel 7:1-14
 Psalm 89:20-37
 Jeremiah 23:1-6
 Ephesians 2:11-22
 Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

July 29

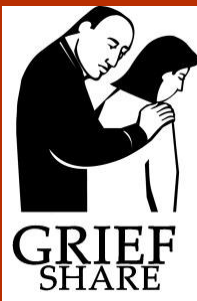
2 Samuel 11:1-15
 Psalm 14
 Ephesians 3:14-21
 John 6:1-21

August 5

2 Samuel 11:26—12:13a
 Psalm 51:1-12
 Ephesians 4:1-16
 John 6:24-35

August 12

Psalm 130
 2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33
 John 6:35, 41-51
 Ephesians 4:25—5:2



Help and encouragement after the death of a spouse, child, family member, or friend.

GriefShare is a support group that meets weekly. You'll find it to be a warm, caring environment and will come to see your group as an "oasis" on your long journey through grief. There are three key parts to your GriefShare experience:

Video seminar

Encouraging, information-packed videos featuring leading grief recovery experts.

Support group

Small group discussion about the weekly video content

Workbook

Journaling and personal study exercises that reinforce the weekly session topics.

Join Us

GriefShare will begin on **Tuesday, August 7, 2018 at 1:30pm** in the Multi-purpose Room. We are offering the class as a pilot program for our members free of charge. Join us for a 13-week cycle on "Your Journey from Mourning to Joy."

Facilitators

Nancy LeClear, Mary Volland, Lorraine Bailey

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They're Back! Those wonderful Church Bulletins! Thank God for church ladies with typewriters. These sentences (with all the BLOOPERS) actually appeared in church bulletins or were announced in church services: (We will include several of these as space is available. Enjoy!)

The sermon this morning: 'Jesus Walks on the Water.' The sermon tonight: 'Searching for Jesus.'



Who Me, An Elder?

Information for this article came from *Your Calling as an Elder* by Gary Straub, p. 20. Here is Straub's continued brief interpretive summary of the biblical qualifications for elder leadership:

The Biblical Duties of an Elder

At least 14 responsibilities can be found in scripture specifically mentioned as duties of the office.

2. Take Heed of the Flock. Acts 20:28

"Keep watch over yourselves and over all the flock, of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God that he obtained with the blood of his own Son." Stay disciplined and beware of false teaching (2 Timothy 4:3) and the seduction of the powerful evil one (1 Peter 5:8)

Who Me, A Deacon?

Information for this article came from *Your Calling as a Deacon* by Gary Straub and James Trader II, p. 68.

Five Forms of Encouragement

4) Cheering. A deacon notices others' efforts and affirms them helping them to draw courage from a deep source.

5) "Bear one another's burdens" (Galatians 6:2). Deacons come alongside struggling people, lift them up, and stand them on their own two feet so that they can carry their own weight.



FAMILY PROMISE

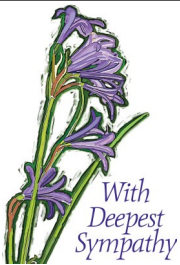
We are having a Family Promise informational meeting on Thursday, July 19, 2018 at 6:30—7:30 pm in the Parlor. If you have a heart for helping homeless families in the community, come help us discern how FCC can help! Program details will be discussed. Join us on Thursday, July 19th at 6:30 pm.



KICKS 4 KIDS

The Jr./Sr. High youth Group at Grace United Methodist church is doing a Mission Project by collecting and purchasing shoes for students in Emporia USD 253. Their goal is to collect 300 pair of shoes by August 1.

You can Double the Impact of your Monetary Gift to the Project! The Grace Missions Fund will match total monetary donations up to \$5,000 for purchasing new shoes! Write checks to Grace UMC with Kicks4Kids in the memo line. **Let's help them out by donating money or new to slightly used shoes in the collection box in the hall by August 1.** Thanks for your help and participation.



The Church's sympathy goes out to the family and friends of **Jacob Osage**, nephew of Janelle Norton who entered new life June 7, 2018.

The family and friends of **Charles Vorse** who entered new life June 12, 2018.

The family and friends of **Barbara Wilhite** who entered new life on June 27, 2018. Service will be held at a later date.

The family and friends of **Janet Parks** who entered new life on July 7, 2018. A gathering will be held from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., Thursday, July 19, 2018 at the Emporia Country Club.

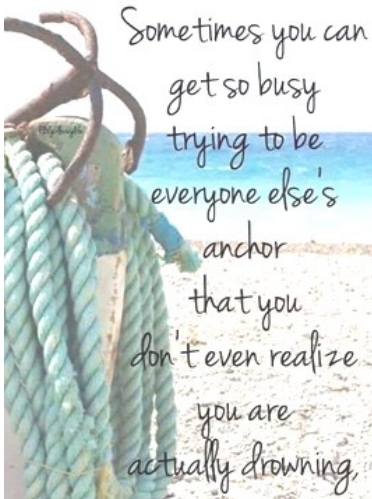
The family and friends of **Joyce Cress** who entered new life on Monday, July 16, 2018. Services are pending at this time.

Fellowship Focus Group

The Leadership Team narrowed the comments from the April listening session (where you were asked three questions: 1. focus of the church, 2. implementing that focus, and 3. kind of small groups) into five categories: Membership, Visibility, Nurture, Fellowship and Spiritual Growth.

There will be a second Focus Group discussion of these five topics on **Tuesday, July 24, 2018 at 6:00 pm in Fellowship Hall.** There will be a light sandwich supper before the discussion begins.

Plan to attend and join the discussion as the church moves forward implementing various ideas this next year.



Transformation

At the last board meeting, we all voted to start reading some books about Transformation. All board members should participate, if possible. The books are here! The plan is:

Starting Tuesday, July 17, stop by the church office (or at Wed. 7/18 board meeting) to pick up your first book. The official start date is Sunday, July 22, 2018.

1. Choose a book, look inside, write your name on the sticky note list.
2. Sign the check out sheet that corresponds with your book and book number.
3. The bookmark gives instructions about using the book.
4. Check your name off the list. Take a journal if you wish, to make notes.

First Christian Church
Lorraine W. Bailey,
Transitional Minister

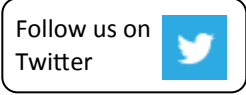


“The mission of First Christian Church is to inspire each other to reach out to the un-churched and to serve and share with our community by proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ.”

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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
July 30 & Aug. 13, 2018



July/August 2018

15	16	17	18	19	20	21
● 9:30am Sunday School	● Newsletter Deadline	● 1:30pm Grief Share Tr	● 3pm Emporia Place Se	● 6:30pm Family Promis	● 8:30am CWU Friendsh	● 9am Clothes Closet &
● 10:30am Worship Serv	● 7pm Boy Scouts	● 5:30pm Sertoma Boar	● 5pm Worship Ministry		● 3pm Clothes Closet &	● 6pm TX Scout Troop S
			● 6:15pm Board Meeting		● 7pm Movie Night-Mr. F	
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● 10:30am Worship Serv		● 6pm Focus Groups	● 5:30pm Facilities Meet		● 3pm Clothes Closet &	● 9am Clothes Closet &
● 2pm Presbyterian Man						
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SPOTLIGHT ON DISCIPLES

Discord Leads to Division (part 2)

Information for this article came from Journey in Faith by Lester G. McAllister and William E. Tucker, pp. 242-246
The case of instrumental vs. non-instrumental worship turned from a dispute to a brawl in the 1860s through the '80s. Conservatives felt that if the Disciples church claimed to restore apostolic Christianity, instrumental music was totally unwarranted as it lacked explicit authorization of the New Testament. Moderates held that the organ enhanced the worship experience. Reconciliation was lost.

Article after article in The Millennial Harbinger, *The Christian-Evangelist*, *The Christian Standard*, *The Gospel Advocate*, and *the American Christian Review* among others, fueled the fire. Articles such as Moses E. Lard's warning in 1864, "The day on which a church sets up an organ in its house is the day on which it reaches the first station on the road to apostasy" led way to his threefold strategy opposing the "infamous box." Isaac Errett, a spokesperson for progressive Disciples wrote in 1870, "A generation, educated to the use of instruments in school and parlor, will seek to use them in the churches; and mere denunciation of pride and worldliness will not cure the evil." Disciples were thrown into chaos over the sound or organ music and were either split or standing with one of the two contending sides.
 There's still more unrest . . .