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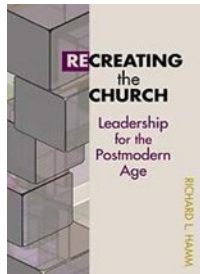
### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

How to Serve  
Life Touch Pics  
Grief Share Starts  
DWF Meets

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### Reflections



### Recreating the Church: Leadership for the Postmodern Age by Richard L. Hamm. Chalice Press, 2007.

Richard Hamm is a past General Minister and President of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Our Kansas Disciples Region has recently brought Dick on board as a consultant for the regional visioning process.

As our church leaders read several books about transformation, it is helpful to have an idea of what they are reading. In the next few newsletters, I'd like to give you a synopsis of the concepts.

#### Chapter 1: *Why is Leadership in the Mainline Church So Difficult?*

In this first chapter about transformation, Hamm identifies common challenges that our mainline churches face in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Many of our congregations have become weak in their church leadership and have become fearful of change. Hamm discusses that it is anxiety that drives the human condition and sin, but gratitude and repentance are the results of relying on God. God calls us to repentance—to be more faithful and effective Christians on the journey of transformation.

#### Chapter 2: *Technical and Adaptive Change*

The second chapter discusses the journey in terms of the changes we need to make as individuals and as church to move into a more faithful and effective ministry. The two types of change are Technical and Adaptive. Hamm believes that the church has been in denial about the need to change since 1968. He says that all we have been doing is "rearranging the deck chairs on the Titanic" (Bill Coffin).

Hamm refers to Ron Heifetz's *Leadership Without Easy Answers*. Heifetz's definitions of change are:

Technical change: "fixes" used to correct ordinary problems in a system *as it is*.

Adaptive change: address fundamental values and demand innovation, earning, and changes in the system itself.

Heifetz also says that we need to "get up on the balcony" to see the big picture.

As we continue this journey together, we will learn and grow together with integrity. Please be part of the process to be in tune with the progress. If you do, you will feel the change slowly rather than in one giant leap. Ask questions and be involved. You'll be glad you did!

Peace,

*Pastor Lorraine*

# Upcoming Serving Schedule



In July we helped **62 families**, consisting of **149 people** with **62 bags** of food plus 12 dozen eggs and donated product. Of these 62 families, **23 were new to us.**

So far in August we have helped **11 families**, consisting of **34 people** with **11 bags** of food plus **2 dozen eggs**. Of the 11 families, **2 were new to us.**

**Voices of the people you have helped this month—**  
*“The other information has been so helpful, can I get a copy for my friend?”*

**August 19, 2018—13th Sun. after Pentecost**

- Candlelighter** ~ Gavin LeClear
- Children’s Message** ~ Joy Frevert
- Diaconate** ~ Carl Headrick\*, Jill McGrath  
Tammie McDiffett, Nik Roth
- Elder** ~ Jean Miller
- Greeters** ~ (N) Karen Garnett  
~ (S) Debbie Hubert
- Nursery** ~ Nikki Simmons
- Worship Leader** ~ Janece Bacon
- Children’s Church** ~ Jen Dalton

**August 26, 2018—14th Sun. after Pentecost**

- Candlelighter** ~ Juliana Martinez
- Children’s Message** ~ Judy Moore
- Diaconate** ~ Nikki Simmons\*, John Lexow  
Joe & Bonnie Denson
- Elder** ~ George Arnett
- Greeters** ~ (N) Jim Tilton  
~ (S) Melissa Tilton
- Nursery** ~ Richard Becker
- Worship Leader** ~ Marlene Hanson
- Children’s Church** ~ Rita Headrick &  
Nikki Simmons

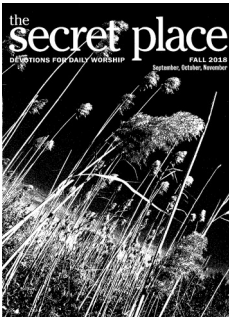
**September 2, 2018—15th Sun. after Pentecost**

- Candlelighter** ~ Jack Dalton
- Children’s Message** ~ Marlene Hanson
- Diaconate** ~ Richard Becker\*, Laurie Kurzen,  
Alan & Betty Richardson
- Elder** ~ Marlene Hanson
- Greeters** ~ (N) Richard Becker  
~ (S) Lisa Rickabaugh
- Nursery** ~ Nicole Dalton
- Worship Leader** ~ John Lexow
- Children’s Church** ~ Faith Coleman

**September 9, 2018—16th Sun. after Pentecost**

- Candlelighter** ~ Kinzie Kurzen
- Children’s Message** ~ Laurie Kurzen
- Diaconate** ~ Jake Dalton\*, Joy Wonser  
Carl & Lana Richardson
- Elder** ~ Gary Lukert
- Greeters** ~ (N) Robert Chatham  
(S) Marilyn Dalton
- Nursery** ~ Briana Becker
- Worship Leader** ~ Marie Harding
- Children’s Church** ~ Faith Coleman

Lonnie Atchison (*cancer*); Denise Calvert; Bonnie Denson (*recovery*); Joe Denson (*stroke/rehab*); Ana Gonzales (*back problems*); Amy Hossfeld (*brain tumor*); 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*); Pam Scheve (*daughter Jan Weeks, health issues*); Sharon Shannon (*back surgery*); Betty Smith (*mother of Rita Headrick, hip surgery*); Andrea Vandruff (*health issues*); Bob Wayman (*potassium issues*); & Elizabeth Wells (*cancer & recovery*).  
 Eric MacGregor (*Military-Deployed*)



**They’re here!**  
 The Fall (September, October, November) **Secret Place Devotions** are on the hall table. Still only \$1 per copy, so get yours today!

## Attendance and Giving Record

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August 5, 2018 SS 11 / Worship 64  
August 12, 2018 SS 14 / Worship 60

**GIVING RECORD**

Aug. 5, 2018 ~ Offering \$2,366.10 / Building \$182.00  
 Aug. 12, 2018 ~ Offering \$2,688.00 / Building \$10.00



**August Anniversaries**

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

**August Birthdays**

- 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



**September Birthdays**

- 01 Marlene Hanson
- 01 Rita Headrick
- 03 Dick Hubert
- 04 Jack Dalton
- 05 Jaiden Kurzen
- 06 Kinzie Kurzen
- 06 Janece Bacon
- 06 Scott Thomas
- 08 Helen Kassens
- 09 Jim Cress
- 09 Janelle Norton

They're Back! Those wonderful **Church Bulletin Bloopers!** Thank God for church ladies with typewriters.

**Don't let worry kill you off—let the Church help.**

**For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.**

**Potluck supper Sunday at 5:00 pm—prayer and medication to follow.**

**Mark The Dates**

- Friday's 3-6 pm—Clothes Closet & Household Hut open
- Saturday's from 9—Noon—Clothes Closet and Household Hut
- Tuesday's 1:30 pm—Grief Share group meets in the parlor
- Tue.—Fri. Aug. 14-17—Leadership for Change @ KS Leadership Center in Wichita, KS
- Fri. Aug. 17—8:30 am CWU at Braum's W. 6th Ave.
- Fri. Aug. 17—6:00 pm NE KS Clergy Cookout in Topeka
- Sun. Aug. 19—Recognition Sunday
- Mon. Aug. 20—ESU Begins Fall Semester
- Wed. Aug. 22—USD 253 Begins school year & the following church activities: 1:30 pm DWF Fellowship; 4:00 pm Leadership Team meets; 5:00 pm Worship Ministry; 6:15 pm Board Meeting (Note date change)
- Sun. Aug. 26—2 pm Presbyterian Manor Service
- Mon. Aug. 27 & Thur. Aug. 30—7:30 am Smart Snacks for ESU students in N. Parking Lot
- Tue. Aug. 28—6:00 pm Choir Practice
- Tue. Aug. 28—7:00 pm Elders meeting

The code to the back door has been changed. If you need it, stop by or call the church office. Thanks

**How Are You Willing to Serve This Year?**

Make sure you check out the parlor table for the various church committees and choose which one or ones you would be willing to serve on this year. The committees are:

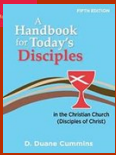
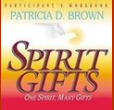
- Stewardship
- Outreach
- Worship
- Facilities
- Christian Ed.
- Evangelism
- Communication



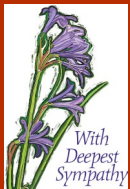
Each committee has room for at least 10 members, so make sure you share your time and talents on a committee this year.



Lectionary Readings



Pictures from "The Escape" (old General Assembly) at Camp Tawakoni



**Lectionary Schedule  
Aug. 19-September 9, 2018**

**August 19**

1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14  
Psalm 111  
Ephesians 5:15-20  
John 6:51-58

**August 26**

1 Kings 8:(1,6,10-11), 22-30, 41-43  
Psalm 84  
Ephesians 6:10-20  
John 6:56-69

**September 2**

Song of Solomon 2:8-13  
Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9  
James 1:17-27  
Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

**September 9**

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23  
Psalm 125  
James 2:1-10, (11-13), 14-17  
Mark 7:24-37

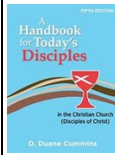


**New Spirit Gifts Class (2-part mini-retreat) Course Leader: Pastor Lorraine**



**Friday evening, September 21, 6:00-8:00 pm  
and Saturday morning, September 22, 9:00 am-12:00 noon.**  
Snacks and continental breakfast will be offered.

Have you ever wondered what your spiritual gifts are? This is the time to uncover them and find out how God intends for you to use them. As we name and claim our spiritual gifts, God can better direct our lives for mission service in the church and community. Come and see how the Spirit will lead you into more sufficient ways of serving God.



**New Discovering Disciples Class Course Leader: Pastor Lorraine**

**Thursdays, September 6, 13, 20, & 27, 6:30-7:30 pm.**

Whether you are a long-time member or a newcomer to our Disciples Tradition, this class will answer the questions you are asking about the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). What do Disciples believe about God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit? Why do we practice communion and baptism by immersion? What are our roots? Will the church meet my needs? What about diversity? We have a rich heritage and an open table. Come discover who we are and where we are headed.

**Pictures from "The Escape" 8/11/18**



The Church's sympathy goes out to the family and friends of **Luella Hush** who entered new life on Sunday, August 5, 2018. Funeral services were held at First Christian Church on Thursday, August 9, 2018 with a private burial in Maplewood Cemetery in Emporia, KS.

Luella was an active member of FCC for over 50 years having been a Sunday school teacher, group leader, on the diaconate and working the past several years in the church library.

**Who Me, An Elder?**

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Information for this article came from *Your Calling as an Elder* by Gary Straub, p. 21. 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.

**4. Feed the Flock. Acts 20:28**

Elders pay attention to the basic spiritual needs of the congregation. This can include teaching and Christian nurture although not all elders are gifted in these areas. The Elders "are charged with paying attention" to the shaping and forming of the ones in their care.

**5. Watch Over and Protect the Flock. Acts 20:29,31.**

Elders keep a close "sentry-type vigilance" over the congregation to anticipate spiritual dangers that come in "various deceptions and disguises." The role of the Elder "may necessitate the ability to offer an admonition, issue a warning, provide strong encouragement, pay attention to potential dangers without becoming alarmist, and even occasionally call for an old-fashioned wake-up call."



This fall we will have **Life Touch Photography** come and take pictures to make a new pictorial directory for First Christian Church. Mark your calendar and plan time for both individual and family portraits either on **Thursday, October 18, or Friday, October 19 or Saturday, October 20**. There will be both day and evening times available, we just wanted you to know the dates.

**Disciple Women’s Fellowship (DWF) Spotlight!**

**Mark your calendars – Wednesday, August 22 at 1:30 pm in the Church Parlor.**

All women are invited – come and bring a friend. Any and all are welcome!  
Join in our end-of-summer get together for fellowship & to get organized for the new year.  
RSVP by Monday August 20 by calling Susan in the church office – 342-1582

If you need a ride or are willing to pick someone up, let Susan know when you call.  
This get together is for the Day Group **and** all Night Group women who can come.  
Regular meetings will be on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of each month beginning September 5.  
The Day Group meetings are at 1:30 pm and the Night Group meetings are at 6:15 pm.  
All meetings are in the Church Parlor.

Plan to come on August 22 and join in the fellowship.  
If you are new to DWF, this will be a good way to get acquainted.

Karen Garnett & Marie Harding, Co-Leaders



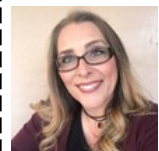
*Save the Date*  
LEGACY OF JOHN BENEFIT DINNER  
Saturday, September 15, 2018  
Fellowship 12:00 - 12:30 pm  
Dinner 12:30 pm  
Meridian Center  
Newton, Kansas  
*Looking Back  
Moving Forward*  
Kansas  
Christian  
Home



Dear Friends,

Thank you for the calls, cards and prayers at the time of the death of Kenny’s brother in Texas, and again at the time Joyce Cress left this earth for her heavenly home.  
Once again, your prayers helped my brother, Jim Cress pull through a difficult time in the hospital starting on July 23rd.  
Your thoughtfulness was sincerely appreciated.  
Sincerely, Jeanice Miller

**Together We are One  
Kansas Disciples Women Fall Retreat  
October 3-5 (midweek) or October 5-7 (weekend)**



Pastor Lori Tapia will keynote.  
Lori Tapia, National Hispanic Pastor-Disciples of Christ, Obra Hispana  
Pastor Lori is the National Hispanic Pastor of Obra Hispana for the Christian Church. She and her husband Martin are the founding co-pastors of Iglesia Alas de Salvacion, a bilingual church in Gilbert, Arizona. They began the church in their living room. Lori serves with a passion for relevantly sharing Jesus and discipleship. As a lifelong musician, worship through music is at her core as a songwriter and worshipper.



Join with other women in a variety of activities, such as a movie study on **Victoria and Abdul**, service projects including Fresh Start Bags and tied blankets, prayer stations, painting (additional \$30 workshop fee), and more!

**Registration cost** of \$100 includes lodging at camp, five meals and program expenses. **SAVE! Register before September 10 to save \$15. Register on-line** at <https://kansasdisciples.org/together-we-are-one-kdw-fall-retreat>

**New this year!** Those who register before September 10 have the opportunity to purchase a KDW Retreat t-shirt for \$10! Get your registration in early!

**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**  
**Aug. 27 & Sept. 10, 2018**



**August 2018**

12	13	14	15	16	17	18
● 9:30am Sunday School	Newsletter Deadline	Lead for Change-KS Le	Lead for Change-Ks Lea	Lead for Change-KS Le	Leadership for change-I	● 9am Clothes Closet &
● 10:30am Worship Serv	● 7pm Boy Scouts	● 1:30pm Grief Share	● 5pm Worship Ministry	Family Promise 6:30-8:00 pm New Life Church	● 8:30am CWU Friendsh	Chinese Students in FH 4pm-10pm
● 2pm Presbyterian Man					● 3pm Clothes Closet &	
					● 6pm NE KS Clergy Cod	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Recognition Promotion Sunday	ESU Fall Sem begins	● 1:30pm Grief Share	USD 253 begins		● 3pm Clothes Closet &	● 9am Clothes Closet &
● 9:30am Sunday School	● 7pm Boy Scouts	● 5:30pm Sertoma Board	● 4pm Leadership Team			
● 10:30am Worship Serv		● 6pm Choir Practice	● 5:30pm Facilities Meet			
			● 6:15pm Board Meeting			
			1:30pm DWF Fellowship 5:00 pm Worship Ministry			
26	27	28	29	30	31	
● 9:30am Sunday School	Newsletter Deadline	● 1:30pm Grief Share		● 7:30am ESU-Smart Sn	● 3pm Clothes Closet &	
● 10:30am Worship Serv	● 7:30am ESU-Smart Sn	● 6pm Choir Practice				
● 2pm Presbyterian Man	● 7pm Boy Scouts	● 7pm Elders Meeting				

**SPOTLIGHT ON DISCIPLES**

**Women and Missions**

Information for this article came from Journey in Faith by Lester G. McAllister and William E. Tucker, pp. 255-263.

A new day was dawning. Something new had awakened. There was new life rising out of the discord of division. Disciples found a common interest in foreign missions and the way was organized by the women. On October 21, 1874, the Christian Women’s Missionary Society was born. Their purpose was to “cultivate a missionary spirit; to encourage missionary effort in our churches, to disseminate missionary intelligence, and secure systematic contributions for missionary purposes.” The effort grew as by-laws and a sample constitution were prepared. Many local and state organizations were developed. Enough money was collected by 1876 to send out to their first missionaries. The first missionary study materials were published in 1884. By the 1890’s the women had made sufficient progress. It was at this time that the first Disciple woman was ordained. Her name was Clara Celestea Hale Babcock. Following her lead, many other women became ordained to Christian ministry and service by the turn of the century. Women played a significant role in the foundations of Disciples foreign missions and would soon make an impact on missions at home.