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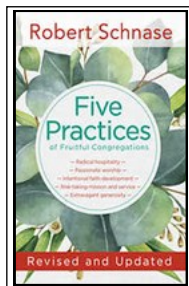
SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- DWF- Sept. 5
- Chi Rho Starts
- Youth Choir Begins
- IHOP Discount
- Women's Retreat-Oct.

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Reflections



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

Robert Schnase is a United Methodist pastor and bishop and is the best-selling author of several books including this one.

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

The basic premise of this chapter is that as important as it is to make technical and adaptive changes to our building and way of doing things at church it is equally and perhaps more important to make adaptive changes in our preparation for and interaction with people in the community.

One congregation decided that "in order to fulfill their mission, the people in the congregation must adapt their ministries to the new context of their community." They stepped back and examined their habits of worship and began the hard work of seeing new ways of conceiving it.

They found courage, energy, and intentionality toward experimental approaches to worship; engaging the downtown business community; and adapting ministries. They reshaped their ministries to reach the homeless and the low-income community.

They found that "attractational models" were necessary to fulfill the mission of Christ, but were not enough. They must also develop ministries that derive from "missional assumptions" that benefit others who are not members of the church. They found that they needed to extend "radical hospitality" that "nudges us to form relationships of mutual respect and service."

Through God's grace, we can update our assumptions to extend Christ's hand to those outside our church community with creativity and flavor. We can break through our passivity to go, tell, teach, pray, give, heal, love, forgive, and baptize.

A missional focus gives the church an "ever restless" quality that grows and changes with the seasons. Making shifts in how we understand ministry will open us to new places and spaces and to take seriously our responsibility for carrying Christ's love out with "intentionality, grace, and humility."

Moving forward in peace,

Lorraine

Upcoming Serving Schedule

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 Wonsler
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

September 16, 2018—17th Sun. after Pentecost

- Candlelighter** ~ Esai Gonzales
- Children’s Message** ~ Sandy Heller
- Diaconate** ~ Carl Headrick*, Jill McGrath
Tammie McDuffett, Nik Roth
- Elder** ~ Marlene Hanson
- Greeters** ~ (N) Carl Richardson
~ (S) Lana Richardson
- Nursery** ~ John Lexow
- Worship Leader** ~ Cameron Moore
- Children’s Church** ~ Sonya Ihde

September 23, 2018—18th Sun. after Pentecost

- Candlelighter** ~ Nicole Dalton
- Children’s Message** ~ Barb Gimple
- Diaconate** ~ Nikki Simmons*, John Lexow
Bonnie Denson
- Elder** ~ Robert Chatham
- Greeters** ~ (N) Barb Gimple
~ (S) Christine Kellum
- Nursery** ~ Mikinzi Simmons
- Worship Leader** ~ Barb Gimple
- Children’s Church** ~ Jen Dalton

So far in August we have helped **42 families**, consisting of **130 people** with bags of food plus **8 dozen eggs**. Of those 42 families, **13 were new to us**.



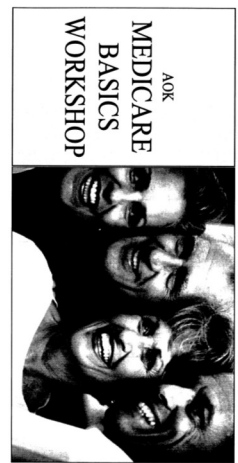
Voices of the people you have helped this month—
“Thanks for the information about Abundant Harvest. We will check that out too.”

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*); **Brad Jones** (*son of Jan Jones, heart problems*); **Gale Kelley** (*hospice*); **Joyce Kel-lison** (*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 Jones, health is-sues*); **Sharon Shannon** (*back surgery*); **Betty Smith** (*mother of Rita Headrick, hip surgery*); **Andrea Vandruff** (*health issues*); **Bob Wayman** (*potassium is-sues*); & **Elizabeth Wells** (*cancer & recovery*).

Eric MacGregor (*Military-Deployed*)

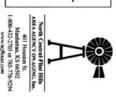


This free Answers for Older Kansans educational program is designed for anyone interested in learning more about the Medicare maze, particularly those who are nearing age 65, who are soon to qualify because of a disability or who are helping family members with insurance and financial matters. We will cover when to apply, what is covered by the various parts, and how to fill the gaps. We will also explain programs available to assist low income individuals and how to watch out for Medicare fraud.



Flint Hills Technical College
3301 W. 18th Ave., Emporia
August 30
6 to 8 p.m.

Answers for Older Kansans
Medicare Basics is one of a series of Answers for Older Kansans (AOK) workshops sponsored by the South Central Flint Hills Area Agency on Aging. The series includes information on Medicare, Medicaid, and other programs. AOK workshops are held in partnership with the Kansas Department of Aging and Disability Services. For more information, contact Aileen at the Area Agency on Aging at 800-433-2703 or 785-776-9294 or send an email to answersforok@okflint.com.



Attendance and Giving Record

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August 19, 2018 SS 13 / Worship 65
August 26, 2018 SS 10 / Worship 62

GIVING RECORD

Aug. 19, 2018 ~ Offering \$1,351.00 / Building \$10.00
Aug. 26, 2018 ~ Offering \$2,554.00 / Building \$210.00



August Anniversaries

31 Dave & Carolyn Meierhoff

September Anniversaries

02 Glenn & Barbara Gimple
 02 Harold & Joy Wonser
 13 Steve & Kat Dorcas
 14 Chad & Laurie Kurzen
 30 Lane & Shelby Fuller

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 Janelle Norton
 15 Glenn Gimple
 17 Blaze Witten
 18 Nancy LeClear
 19 Karen Monroe
 20 Susan Iwert (Office)
 23 Joe Denson
 24 Glenn Boyce
 24 Karen Shumate
 26 Jeanice Miller
 27 Justin Wilson
 28 Alberta Brinkman
 29 Ann McNeese Brown



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. Aug. 28—6:00 pm Choir Practice
Tue. Aug. 28—7:00 pm Elders meeting
Mon. Sept. 3—Labor Day—Office Closed
Wed. Sept. 5—10:30 am Lyon County Ministerial Alliance with First Christian Church as host.
Wed. Sept. 5—1:30 pm DWF Day Group and at 6:15 pm DWF Night Group
Thur. Sept. 6—5:30 pm Youth Choir begins
Thur. Sept. 6—6:30 pm Discovering Disciples Class
Thur. Sept. 7 through Sunday, Sept. 16—Kansas State Fair
Sat. Sept. 8—Great American Market—downtown Emporia
Mon. Sept. 10—Newsletter Deadline

DWF News (Disciple Women's Fellowship) . . .

September 5 is the date for our first fall DWF meetings to be held in the Parlor.

Day Group meets at 1:30 & Night Group at 6:15.

All women are welcome and encouraged to attend

Study: "Called For God's Purpose" and lessons are on several women of the Bible.

Upcoming event:

Kansas Disciples Women Retreat at Camp Tawakoni, Oct 3-5 and again on Oct 5-7.

Pastor Lorraine is the Worship coordinator for the Retreats; it would be a good time to try this out.

Some are going midweek (Oct 5-7); some are going for the day on Thurs., Oct 4 or Sat. Oct 6.

Full 3-day retreat registration is \$85, and the one-day retreat is \$50.

Scholarships available (one-half the cost of registration).

Registrations must be in the church office by Tues, Sept 4, along with your check for one-half the registration. (Make your check to "First Christian Church – DWF" & write Retreat in memo)

We will send all registrations in together so any who are going for the 3-day retreat can get cabin assignments together.

Retreat Theme: Together We are One

Contact us if you have questions about DWF meetings or the Kansas Women's Retreat in October.

Karen Garnett and Marie Harding, Co-Leaders



I would like to thank everyone for their cards, calls, and expression of sympathy due to the death of my brother and sister-in-law.

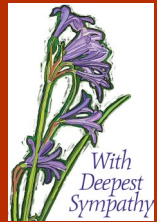
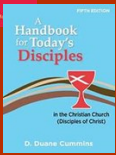
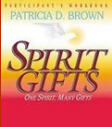
They were in a car accident August 8, 2018. He passed away on the 8th, but she lived until the 21st.

Thank you so much.

Marlene Hanson



Lectionary Readings



Lectionary Schedule

Aug. 19-September 9, 2018

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)

September 16

Proverbs 1:20-33
Psalm 19
James 3:1-12

September 23

Mark 8:27-38
Proverbs 31:10-31
Psalm 1
James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a
Mark 9:30-37

Youth Choir

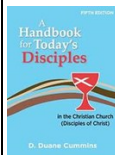
begins **Thursday, 9/6/18 at 5:30 pm.** Open to all children and youth. A light dinner will be served before practice. Hope you can make it.

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.



IHOP

IHOP would like to extend a special invitation to the congregation. They offer a 20% discount off the total check when you bring in your church bulletin to the Emporia location.

For seniors who like to eat dinner early, they have Senior Buy One Get One Free special with purchase of two beverages from 2:00 to 5:00 pm, Monday through Thursday. Take advantage of this great special.

The Church's sympathy goes out to the family and friends of **Jim (Jimmie Eldon) Cress** who entered new life on Monday, August 13, 2018. Funeral services were held at First Christian Church on Saturday, August 18, 2018. A military graveside service and inurnment for Jim and Joyce will be at 11:00 am, Saturday, September 1, 2018 at the Florence, KS cemetery.

Also to the friends and family of **Barbara Burkett**, sister of Larry Gamblian and Wilma Lindsey, who entered new life on August 16, 2018 and to the family and friends of **Nancy Carol Schoeck**, niece of Imegene Marsh, who passed away Aug. 22 in Tulsa, OK. Funeral Services were held at First Christian Church on Saturday, August 25, 2018.

Who Me, An Elder?

Information for this article came from *Your Calling as an Elder* by Gary Straub, p. 21-23. 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.

6. Help the Weak. Acts 20:35 An elder reaches to the fringe of the congregation "to notice and connect with persons who may well need assistance, but will not ask. This type of caring isn't always convenient and may be messy. Philippians 2:5-11 reminds us about Jesus' servant spirit.

7. Give. Acts 20:35 Give generously. Love tithing. Give as a spiritual response to the blessings God gives you. Consider the tithe as a floor to your giving rather than the ceiling.

8. Tend the Flock. 1 Peter 5:2 "Elders are the resident, grassroots, and pastoral caregivers of the congregation." Learn people's names and call people by their name!

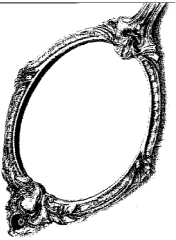


This fall we will have **Life Touch Photography** come and take pictures to make a new pictorial directory for First Christian Church. Mark your calendar and plan time for both individual and family portraits either on **Thursday, October 18, or Friday, October 19 or Saturday, October 20**. There will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

Recognition Sunday



L to R: Gavin, Eden, Jack, Owen, Maddie, Lanaiya, Faith, and Nikki holding Lincoln.



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
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 Home

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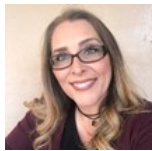
The Chi Rho Mission Club that meets during the school year will have its **first meeting Thursday, September 11, 2018 at 6:30 pm.**

Meet in the Chi Rho Room back of the stage in FH.
 Hope to see you.

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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 Pastor: Rev. Lorraine Bailey
 Email: 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
Sept. 10 & 24, 2018



Aug./September 2018

Sun 26	Mon 27	Tue 28	Wed 29	Thu 30	Fri 31	Sat Sep 1
● 9:30am Sunday School ● 10:30am Worship Serv ● 2pm Presbyterian Man	Newsletter Deadline ● 7:30am ESU-Smart Sn ● 7pm Boy Scouts	● 1:30pm Grief Share ● 6pm Choir Practice ● 7pm Elders Meeting		● 7:30am ESU-Smart Sn	● 3pm Clothes Closet &	● 9am Clothes Closet & ● 11am Graveside J & J
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Thought to Ponder

Sometimes you must **hurt** in order to **know**
fall in order to **grow**
lose in order to **gain**,
 because most of life's **greatest lessons** are
 learned through **pain**

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

Next Thursday there will be tryouts for the choir. They need all the help they can get.

A bean supper will be held on Tuesday evening in the church hall. Music will follow.

SPOTLIGHT ON DISCIPLES

Will be back next issue