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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

RUMMAGE SALE
Thanksgiving Dinner
Community Buddy

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Reflections

It has been another interesting week at the Kansas Leadership Center (KLC) learning about "Teaching Leadership." The whole point of sending people to this training is so that we can have multiple voices speaking the same language as we move forward on our congregational transitional journey. The big and most powerful concept is that in order to work on adaptive and technical change together, we first need to make individual change. This is the challenge that is most difficult and is a life-long process. The KLC is not a religious organization, and these concepts are not new. They are, in fact, the work of every Christian. We are called to help people find Christ. In that finding, there is a change of heart, soul, and mind as we seek to know and love God.

As we walk with Jesus "on the way," we realize how hard the work is. It would make sense that if we are to be more productive in our work, we need to have a clear purpose, instill unity, and have a step-by-step plan (a blueprint) as to how to build whatever it is that comes next. That's technical work.

Adaptive work is different. The purpose is anything but clear and people's attitudes, ideas, and mindset become scattered and feel very unorganized. It's messy and scary and unpredictable. We have to make shifts in how we do things. The work is experimental and risky. It makes us feel irritable, uneasy, and overwhelmed. It makes us think, "Why did I ever agree to this?" "Why can't we just do things like we've always done them?" "I want my old church back!"

If you've been feeling anything like this over the last 18 months, don't worry—you're perfectly normal! The best thing is that God understands. God knows the work we're trying to do and I believe that God honors that work. God is here to comfort and guide us as we grieve over the loss of what we once knew to be church. God knows the struggles inside each and every one of us. God is here to help us through and is at the end of the tunnel. Let us hold onto our faith and trust that Jesus will guide us through.

Paul reminds us in Philippians 4:6-7: "Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

I thank God that we all have each other to cling to as we climb, sometimes fall; walk, sometimes run; and swim, sometimes treading water. God bless us all as we continue to move forward with the Holy Spirit as our sail.

Shalom,

Pastor Lorraine

Upcoming Serving Schedule

October 28, 2018—23rd Sun. after Pentecost

- Candlelighter** ~ Faith Ihde
- Children’s Message** ~ Judy Moore
- Diaconate** ~ Richard Becker*, Laurie Kurzen,
Alan & Betty Richardson
- Elder** ~ Marlene Hanson
- Greeters** ~ (N) Tammie McDiffett
~ (S) Joy Wonser
- Nursery** ~ Nicole Dalton
- Worship Leader** ~ Mary Volland
- Children’s Church** ~ Jen Dalton

November 4, 2018—24th Sun. after Pentecost

- Candlelighter** ~ Gavin LeClear
- Children’s Message** ~ Joy Frevert
- Diaconate** ~ Jake Dalton*, Joy Wonser
Carl & Lana Richardson
- Elder** ~ Robert Chatham
- Greeters** ~ (N) Sonya Ihde
(S) Jill McGrath
- Nursery** ~ Briana Becker
- Worship Leader** ~ Nancy LeClear
- Children’s Church** ~ Faith Coleman

November 11, 2018—25th Sun. after Pentecost

- Candlelighter** ~ Juliana Martinez
- Children’s Message** ~ Cameron Moore
- Diaconate** ~ Carl Headrick*, Jill McGrath
Tammie McDiffett, Nik Roth
- Elder** ~ Jean Miller
- Greeters** ~ (N) Carl Headrick
~ (S) Rita Headrick
- Nursery** ~ John Lexow
- Worship Leader** ~ Gary Lukert
- Children’s Church** ~ Faith Coleman

November 18, 2018—26th Sun. after Pentecost

- Candlelighter** ~ Jack Dalton
- Children’s Message** ~ Marlene Hanson
- Diaconate** ~ Nikki Simmons*, John Lexow
Bonnie Denson
- Elder** ~ George Arnett
- Greeters** ~ (N) Karen Garnett
~ (S) Debbie Hubert
- Nursery** ~ Mikinzi Simmons
- Worship Leader** ~ Jill McGrath
- Children’s Church** ~ Rita Headrick & Nikki
Simmons

So far in October we have helped **34 families**, consisting of **79 people** with bags of food plus **11 dozen eggs**. Of those families, **9 were new to us**.



Voices of the people you have helped this month—
“Are the chickens laying yet?” “Thanks for the calendar.”
“What fun to pick out a freebie!” “Bless You”

Lonnie Atchison (*cancer*); **Denise Calvert**; **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 Kellison** (*health issues*); **Steve** (*broken neck*) & **Ramona Langley** (*brother-in-law and sister of Betty Richardson*); **Steve Martin** (*stem cell cancer treatment*); **Jeanice Miller** (*health issues*); **Pam Scheve** (*daughter Jan Jones, health issues*); **Sharon Shannon** (*back surgery*); **Andrea Vandruff** (*kidney issues*); **Bob Wayman** (*knee surgery*); **Elizabeth Wells** (*cancer & recovery*); and **Aubrey Wescott** (*stomach & digestive problems*).



Eric MacGregor (*Military-Deployed*)

We are collecting Kleenex, Hand Sanitizer and Disinfectant Wipes for William Allen White (WAW) Elementary School and Turning Point Academy. Put your items on the table in the parlor. Thanks for your help.



Attendance and Giving Record

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October 14, 2018 SS 12 / Worship 78
October 21, 2018 SS 17 / Worship 75

GIVING RECORD

Oct. 14, 2018 ~ Offering \$2,017.00 / Building \$13.00
 Oct. 21, 2018 ~ Offering \$1,051.00 / Building \$10.00



October Anniversaries

- 26 Carl & Rita Headrick (1973)
- 28 Tyler & Shelby Pedersen (2017)

October Birthdays

- 20 Karen Garnett
- 24 Bob Wayman
- 24 Steve Coffman
- 29 Mary Ginavan



November Birthdays

- 01 Jaylene Arnett
- 02 Glenn Greenlee
- 03 Vicki Thornton
- 04 George Arnett
- 04 McKenna LeClear
- 04 Carol Rhoades
- 07 Susan Webb
- 08 Adam Harding
- 08 Jerry Marshall
- 10 Vicki Cole
- 13 Shirley Ayers
- 14 Carolyn Meierhoff
- 14 David Meierhoff



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 in the parlor (last meeting)
- Sun. Oct. 28—2:00 pm Presbyterian Manor Service
- Mon. Oct. 22—Fri. Oct. 26—Mark for church Rummage Sale
- Mon. Oct. 29-Wed. Oct. 31—Mark for church Rummage Sale
- Tue. Oct. 30—7 pm Elders Meet
- Thur. Nov. 1—3:00 pm to 7:30 pm Rummage Sale
- Fri. Nov. 2—Noon to 7:30 pm Rummage Sale
9:30 am CWU World Community Day at Emporia Presby West
- Sat. Nov. 3—8:00 am until noon Rummage Sale
- Sun. Nov. 4—Daylight Savings Time begins (Fall back an hr.)
- Mon. Nov. 5—Newsletter deadline
- Sat. Nov. 10—9:30 am Veteran's Parade
- Sun. Nov. 11—Church Thanksgiving Dinner
- Sat. July 20—Wed. July 24, 2019—General Assembly in Des Moines, Iowa

Thanksgiving Dinner

Please mark your calendars—our annual **Thanksgiving Dinner will be held on November 11 at noon**. Elders will prepare turkey, gravy, stuffing, rolls, and beverages. We are asking the congregation to bring side dishes and desserts to complete the meal. There is a sign-up sheet in the parlor to give an idea of which dishes are needed. So please bring your table service and a side dish-traditional or not-and join us for a great family dinner!

Jean Miller and Judy Moore, Co-chairs, Elders



Check out the Punography!

- Energizer Bunny arrested: Charged with battery.
- I'm reading a book about anti-gravity. I can't put it down.
- I wondered why the baseball was getting bigger. Then it hit me!
- What does a clock do when it's hungry? It goes back four seconds.
- What do you call a dinosaur with an extensive vocabulary? A Thesaurus.



Thank you Pastor Lorraine



Lectionary Readings

Lectionary Schedule
Oct. 28—Nov. 18, 2018

October 28

Job 42:1-6, 10-17
Psalm 34:108, (19-22)
Hebrews 7:23-28
Mark 10:46-52

November 4

Ruth 1:1-18
Psalm 146
Hebrews 9:11-14
Mark 12:28-34

November 11

Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17
Psalm 127
Hebrews 9:24-28
Mark 12:38-44

November 18

1 Samuel 1:4-20
1 Samuel 2:1-10
Hebrews 10:11-14, (15-18), 19-25
Mark 13:1-8

DWF News (Disciple Women's Fellowship)



Mark your calendars for Wednesday, November 7 for the next DWF meetings. . . .

Day Group will meet at 1:30 in the Parlor with Sharon Ball as hostess and study leader.

Study entitled, "Abigail, woman of wisdom and action." Read - 1 Samuel 25:1-42

Day Group will decide if they will have meetings in December, January & February.

Night Group will meet at 6:15 in the parlor with Marlene Hanson as hostess & study leader.

Study entitled, "Phoebe and Junia: Two called women in Romans 16." Read - Romans 16

All women are welcome and encouraged to attend either or both groups.

Outreach: In October, the Groups approved participating in the William Allen White Elementary School Outreach project by purchasing some items needed by the teachers for their students or classroom.

RUMMAGE & BAKE SALE – November 1, 2 and 3

Work days: Monday October 22 through Wednesday October 31
Come when you can to help set up, sort, and price items for the sale.

Sign up sheet for the sale days will be in the Parlor next Sunday – please sign up!

BAKE SALE: Items that sell the best: snack mixes, cookies, quick breads, cinnamon rolls, and such
Bring your bake sale items to the church Thursday and Friday mornings, November 1 & 2
Karen Garnett and Marie Harding, DWF Co-Leaders



GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2019

Abide in Me
Demeurez en moi • Permanezcan en mí
Fè youn ak mwen • 내 안에 거하라
John 15: 1-5

REGISTRATION OPENS NOV. 1!

- ✓ Download Bible studies on the theme text
- ✓ Find out who will be preaching Sunday evening
- ✓ See many of the educational offerings
- ✓ Check out many of the hotel and meal options

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Thank You



Dear Friends,
Your prayers and acts of kindness have been appreciated very much. It is comforting to know what the prayer warriors in our church can do. You have helped me through some difficult times in the past few months. Thank you again.

Sincerely,
Jeanice Miller

GOD IS STILL WRITING YOUR STORY. QUIT TRYING TO STEAL THE PEN.

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's an easy fundraiser for us to do, 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, p. 25-27. 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.

12. Call on the Sick. James 5:1

This pastoral duty is to be taken seriously. This is "job one." Elders call regularly on their flock either in person or by card, phone call, or digitally. This is not an option. Elders often take communion to homebound members.

13. Be Teachable and Teaching. Titus 1:9

An Elder is a life-long learner of the faith. This is "requirement one." Teaching flows out of our quiet moments with God. "Listening with a heart ready to obey and joyfully putting into practice those insights gained from scripture, prayer, and conversation are what eldering is all about.

14. Exercise Faithfulness. 2 Timothy 2:2

An Elder shows up. "As leaders, those things we would not get around to do 'just because we felt like it,' we would graciously do because it is part of our communal understanding that we are Christ's body in the world: his (arthritic) hands, his (tired) feet, his (broken) heart." Faithful presence and dependability "proclaims the gospel as effectively as any elaborate sermon."



Need Boxes?

Is it time to pack up summer clothes? Do you have something you want to store and save? Need somewhere to stash away those school art projects? How about a place to store that extra quilt material? We have a solution for you. We have extra sturdy, 5 1/2" deep x 11" wide x 19 1/2" long to give away. They are located in the Kumjoinus Room so take as many as you want/need. We have some now and get at least two of these boxes per week, so take as many as you need.



The Emporia Christian School will be having its Annual Pancake Feed with craft fair and silent auction on **Saturday, November 3, 2018, from 7:00 a.m. to noon at the Anderson Building at the fairgrounds.** Tickets can be purchased from ECS Students or through the school office 342-5353. Volunteers are also needed to make this event a success, so call the office to sign up.



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Community Connections: Buddy Program

William Allen White School is looking for adult volunteers to eat lunch with a K-5 student once a week or to read with a K-5 student once a week. Each meeting would take approximately 30 minutes. We have several students in our school who would look forward to having weekly meetings with a "Community Buddy." If you would like to volunteer your time please submit this form to William Allen White School. If you have questions, please contact the school counselor, Mrs. Tabitha Pavlik, at tabitha.pavlik@usd253.net

Name of Volunteer _____ Phone # _____
Address _____ Email _____

Please share some information to help us best match you with a student. **Check all that apply.**
I would prefer to work with a child who is:

- Kindergarten or 1st Grade
- 2nd or 3rd Grade
- 4th or 5th Grade
- Male
- Female

I would prefer to:

- Eat lunch with a child in the cafeteria
- Read with a child in his/her classroom
- Either

Your availability:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Morning	Morning	Morning	Morning	Morning
Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
Afternoon	Afternoon	Afternoon	Afternoon	Afternoon

Kids like to know a little about their new buddy before meeting them. What are 2-3 facts about you that we could share with your buddy? (hobbies, family/pets, favorite food, likes/dislikes etc.)

Will You Be A Community Buddy?

We are partnering with William Allen White/ Turning Point Academy Elementary School. The school is asking for volunteers to read to a student once a week and/or be a lunch buddy to a student once a week. Each meeting would take approximately 30 minutes. If this is something you would be interested in doing, fill out one of the forms found on the parlor table, or get one from the office and submit it to William Allen White School.

The students are looking forward to meeting you.

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.

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Next Newsletter Deadline
Oct. 22 & Nov. 5, 2018



October / November 2018

21 Bread for the World Sund. ● 9:30am Sunday School ● 10:30am Worship Service	22 Newsletter Deadline ● 7pm Boy Scouts	23 Lead for Change-Ks Lead ● 1:30pm Grief Share ● 6pm Chi Rho Mission Cl ● 6pm Choir Practice	24 Lead for Change-KS Lead ● 5:30pm Facilities Meetin	25 Lead for change-Ks Lead	26 ● 3pm Clothes Closet & H	27 ● 9am Clothes Closet & H
28 ● 9:30am Sunday School ● 10:30am Worship Service ● 2pm Presbyterian Mano	29 ● 7pm Boy Scouts	30 ● 6pm Choir Practice 7 pm Elders Meet	31 Halloween	Nov 1 All Veterans Tribute ● 3pm Rummage Sale ● 5:30pm Youth Choir	2 All Veterans Tribute ● 9:30am CWU Fall Coffee ● 12pm Rummage Sale ● 3pm Clothes Closet & H ● 4pm Betty Smith Funera	3 All Veterans Tribute ● 8am KS Christian Hm B ● 8am Rummage Sale ● 9am Clothes Closet & H
4 All Veterans Tribute Daylight Saving Time end ● 9:30am Sunday School ● 10:30am Worship Service	5 All Veterans Tribute Newsletter Deadline ● 7pm Boy Scouts	6 All Veterans Tribute ● 12pm Gideon's Pastor's ● 6pm Choir Practice	7 All Veterans Tribute Leadership Edge ● 10:30am Lyon Co. Minis ● 1:30pm DWF Day Group 2 more	8 All Veterans Tribute Leadership Edge ● 5pm FH Kitchen Cooking ● 6:30pm Christian Ed.	9 All Veterans Tribute Leadership Edge ● 3pm Clothes Closet & H	10 All Veterans Tribute ● 9am Clothes Closet & H ● 9:30am Veteran's Day Pa
11 All Veterans Tribute Veterans Day ● 9:30am Sunday School ● 10:30am Worship Service ● 12pm Thanksgiving Din	12 NO SCHOOL Veterans Day observed ● 7pm Boy Scouts	13 NO SCHOOL ● 6pm Chi Rho Mission Cl ● 6pm Choir Practice ● 7pm Elder's Study	14 S & L gone to KC ● 9:30am NE KS Clergy-To ● 6:15pm Stewardship Co	15	16 ● 8:30am CWU Friendship ● 3pm Clothes Closet & H	17 ● 9am Clothes Closet & H ● 10am GS-Pies FH Kitch

It's RUMMAGE SALE TIME!!!!

The First Christian Church Annual Rummage Sale will be held:
Thursday, November 1, 2018 from 3:00 pm to 7:30 pm
Friday, November 2, 2018 from Noon to 7:30 pm and
Saturday, November 3, 2018 from 8:00 am until Noon

There will be quite the variety of items from clothing, to bedding, to houseware, to seasonal decorations. Don't forget the children's clothes and toys too. Plus we have some furniture this year to round out your shopping experience. So come one, come all to the giant FCC Fall Rummage Sale where you are sure to find something you need or just can't live without!

