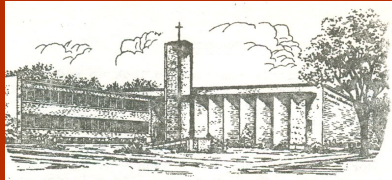




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# First Christian Church News

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### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

Ugly Christmas  
Sweater Sunday 12/9  
DWF Service Project

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### Reflections

“Hoorah for the fun, is the pudding done? --for this is Thanksgiving Day!” Although my family never had pudding on Thanksgiving, this old song brings back memories of great traditional food! Turkey, stuffing, and mashed potatoes were always part of our meal. We had candied yams and peas, too! Then there was the relish plate and the rolls always were a hit. Mom made a cranberry Jell-O salad that I never really liked (later I discovered it was the chopped orange rind that was the culprit). But it was the pumpkin pie that we waited for and ate even though everyone was way too full!

The best part for me was that my grandparents came to our house for Thanksgiving. It was one of the three special meals that Mom cooked every year for all of us, Christmas and Easter being the other two. Our house was too small for a dining room, so Granddad made a cabinet that had pull-out legs with leaves in it. We managed to seat all six of us in our tiny living room around this table with my brother and me on the piano bench at the end. Mom saved back some of her paycheck for several years to buy second hand china and the good silver plate.

Mom’s Thanksgiving meal carried on the tradition from her childhood which was mostly a blend of her mother’s and paternal grandmother’s traditions.

As the years have gone by for me, Thanksgiving meals have been spent in a variety of locales and homes. I am blessed to have experienced Thanksgiving meals expressed in the richness of the diversity of ethnic culture and custom. I’ve sat at tables adorned with food from Ghana, Ethiopia, Mexico, China, and others. I’ve enjoyed families’ large and small gatherings and even quiet Thanksgivings at home or out with two or even one at the table. As wonderful as my childhood memories are of the traditional family holiday meal, I am so thankful that God has placed others in my life who share their unique customs and experiences and are also thankful for that which God has blessed them.

So this year, my friends, may God’s richest blessings and peace be with you as you enjoy a meal of Thanksgiving whether you are a family of one or have many family and friends around the table this year. To God, may we be truly thankful for the bounty and blessings that God has provided.

Happy Thanksgiving!

*Pastor Lorraine*

# Upcoming Serving Schedule

## November 25, 2018—27th Sun. after Pentecost

- Candlelighter** ~ Kinzie Kurzen
- Children’s Message** ~ Laurie Kurzen
- Diaconate** ~ Richard Becker\*, Laurie Kurzen,  
Alan & Betty Richardson
- Elder** ~ Judy Moore
- Greeters** ~ (N) Jim Tilton  
~ (S) Melissa Tilton
- Nursery** ~ Juliana Martinez
- Worship Leader** ~ Marlene Hanson
- Children’s Church** ~ Faith Coleman

## December 2, 2018—1st Sunday of Advent

- Candlelighter** ~ Esai Gonzales
- Children’s Message** ~ Marie Harding
- Diaconate** ~ Jake Dalton\*, Joy Wonsler  
Carl & Lana Richardson
- Elder** ~ Gary Lukert
- Greeters** ~ (N) Richard Becker  
(S) Lisa Rickabaugh
- Nursery** ~ Rita Headrick
- Worship Leader** ~ Judy Moore
- Children’s Church** ~ None Today

## December 9, 2018—2nd Sunday of Advent

- Candlelighter** ~ Nicole Dalton
- Children’s Message** ~ Barb Gimple
- Diaconate** ~ Carl Headrick\*, Jill McGrath  
Tammie McDuffett, Nik Roth
- Elder** ~ Marlene Hanson
- Greeters** ~ (N) Robert Chatham  
~ (S) Marilyn Dalton
- Nursery** ~ Nikki Simmons
- Worship Leader** ~ John Lexow
- Children’s Church** ~ Faith Coleman

## December 16, 2018—3rd Sunday of Advent

- Candlelighter** ~ Jaiden Kurzen
- Children’s Message** ~ Sandy Heller
- Diaconate** ~ Nikki Simmons\*, John Lexow  
Bonnie Denson
- Elder** ~ Robert Chatham
- Greeters** ~ (N) Carl Richardson  
~ (S) Lana Richardson
- Nursery** ~ Richard Becker
- Worship Leader** ~ Marie Harding
- Children’s Church** ~ Sonya Ihde

So far in November we have helped **27 families**, consisting of **71 people** with 27 bags of food plus **20 dozen eggs, calendars, and miscellaneous donated food items.** Of those families, **5 were new to us.**



**Voices of the people you have helped this month—**“Thank you for inviting us to the movie. We try to do different community activities, especially free ones.”

**Lonnie Atchison** (*cancer*); **Denise Calvert**; **Joe Denson** (*stroke/rehab*); **Brooke Franklin** (*cancer*); **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*); **Barry Kimball** (*infection*); **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 Shan-non** (*back surgery*); **Joan Shumate**, (*heart sur-gery*); **Andrea Vandruff** (*kidney issues*); **Liam Wagner**, (*open heart surgery*); **Elizabeth Wells** (*cancer & recov-ery*); and **Aubrey Wescott** (*stomach & digestive prob-lems*).  
**Eric MacGregor** (*Military-Deployed*)



### First Christian Church Members



You are invited to participate in a service project for the Thanksgiving and Christmas season along with the Disciple Women’s Fellowship (DWF Ladies) **for Shiloh Home of Hope, 615 Congress St., Emporia, KS.**

We are collecting a variety of items (see flyer pg.5 for listing). Just bring your items to donate to the church **on or before December 2 and put on the table in the par-lor.** It’s a good feeling to help out locally during this holiday season.

# Attendance and Giving Record

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November 11, 2018 SS 14 / Worship 90  
November 18, 2018 SS 14 / Worship 60

## GIVING RECORD

Nov. 11, 2018 ~ Offering \$2,247.60 / Building \$92.00  
Nov. 18, 2018 ~ Offering \$1,697.00 / Building \$10.00



**December Anniversaries**

15 Bob & Torchy Duncan

**November Birthdays**

- 19 Karen Monroe
- 21 Randi Dalton
- 21 Shirley Pearson
- 23 Marie Harding
- 23 Laurie Kurzen
- 25 Dana Witten
- 28 Richard Headrick
- 30 David Harding
- 30 William Hopkins



**December Birthdays**

- 01 Cameron Moore
- 02 Reece Johnson
- 02 Chad Kurzen
- 05 Kate Smith
- 08 Rachael LeClear
- 10 Richard Kellison
- 12 Mike LeClear
- 15 Debbie Hubert
- 17 Justin Richardson
- 18 Cindy Lexow
- 20 Lisa Rickabaugh
- 20 Sheila Steinkuhler
- 25 Barbara Gimple
- 30 Traeger Garnett



**Mark The Dates**

- Friday's 3-6 pm—Clothes Closet & Household Hut open
- Saturday's from 9—Noon—Clothes Closet and Household Hut
- Wed. Nov. 21—3:00 pm—Emporia Place Service
- Thur. Nov. 22—C & R Headrick use FH all day.
- Sun. Nov. 25—Advent Celebration Sunday  
2:00 pm Presbyterian Manor service
- Tue. Nov. 27—6:00 pm Chi Rho  
7:00 pm Elders  
7:00 pm Emporia Christmas Parade
- Wed. Nov. 28—6:15 pm Board Meeting for Nov. & Dec.
- Sun. Dec. 2—5:00-7:00 pm Advent Workshop
- Mon. Dec. 3—Newsletter Deadline
- Wed. Dec. 5—6:15 pm DWF Night Group (NO DAY GROUP)
- Thur. Dec. 6—5:30 pm Youth Choir
- Sat. July 20—Wed. July 24, 2019—General Assembly in Des Moines, Iowa

**A THANKSGIVING POEM**

May your stuffing be tasty,  
 May your turkey plump,  
 May your potatoes and gravy  
 have nary a lump.  
 May your yams be delicious  
 and your pies take the prize,  
 and may your  
 Thanksgiving dinner  
 stay off your thighs!



**Check out the Punography!**

Energizer Bunny arrested: Charged with battery.  
 I didn't like my beard at first. Then it grew on me.  
 They told me I had type A blood, but it was a Type O.

**DWF News . . . . .**

DWF Night Group will meet Wednesday, December 5 at 6:15 in the Parlor  
 Sarah Wyrick is the Hostess and Faith Coleman is the Study Leader  
 All ladies of the Church are welcome!

Day Group members chose not to meet again until March but all are invited to the Night Group meetings during December, January and February.

Karen Garnett & Marie Harding, Co-Leaders, Disciple Women's Fellowship (DWF)





Lectionary Readings

**Lectionary Schedule  
Nov. 25—Dec. 16, 2018**

**November 25**

2 Samuel 23:1-7  
Psalm 132:1-12, (13-18)  
Revelation 1:4b-8  
John 18:33-37

**December 2**

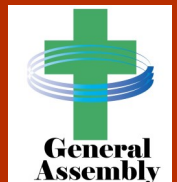
Jeremiah 33:14-16  
Psalm 25:1-10  
1 Thessalonians 3:9-13  
Luke 21:25-36

**December 9**

Malachi 3:1-4  
Luke 1:68-79  
Philippians 1:3-11  
Luke 3:1-6

**December 16**

Zephaniah 3:14-20  
Isaiah 12:6  
Philippians 4:4-7  
Luke 3:7-18



General Assembly

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2019**

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

**JULY 20-24, 2019 • Des Moines, IA**

Disciples.org/ga   DisciplesGA   #Abide 2019  
Facebook.com/groups/docgeneralassembly

Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)  
in the United States and Canada

**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

Dear Friends,

Thank you for the kind acts of support once again. The gall bladder surgery went well and the pain is bearable, just four small incisions instead of one long one.

The powerful Prayer Warriors at First Christian Church in Emporia have helped pull me thru another difficult situation.

In Christian Love,  
Jeanice Miller



**Advent Scriptures for Worship**

Dec. 2	Isaiah 2:1-4; 9:2, 6-7
Dec. 9	Psalm 86:9-11 Luke 2:8-20
Dec. 16	John 1:1-5, 14, 16-17
Dec. 23	Isaiah 9:6 Matthew 2:1-12
Dec. 30	Revelations 21:1-6

**THE SECRET PLACE**

Devotions for Daily Worship  
The Winter 2018-19  
(December, January, February)  
Secret Place daily devotional books  
have arrived and are located on  
the hall table.  
Still only **\$1.00 per copy so get yours today!**



**Do You Still Have One  
In The Back Of The Closet?**

Do you still have that ugly Christmas sweater in the back of the closet? Did you forget about it? Well now you have a place to show it off. First Christian Church is having a wear your **“UGLY CHRISTMAS SWEATER SUNDAY”** on December 9. We want to see what wonderful creations you have, so come decked out, ready to strut your stuff.





**DWF News**  
To all DWF ladies,

The night DWF group talked about a service project for the Thanksgiving and Christmas season and chose to help those who receive services from Shiloh Home of Hope located at 615 Congress Street here in Emporia. The flyer (to the right) gives information about Shiloh. Another source of information would be Faith Coleman as Shiloh is close to her heart.

We will invite everyone in the church to participate in this service project via the newsletter and possibly an email from Susan in the church office.

If you wish to participate, please bring whatever item(s) you wish to donate to the church by Sunday, December 2. We will see that the items are delivered to Shiloh ASAP.

Thanks for your interest and participation in this service project.

Marie & Karen, DWF Co-Leaders

**DWF Service Project for November/December:**

The Night DWF Group chose Shiloh Home of Hope as their service project this season of Thanksgiving and Christmas. This is sponsored by DWF and open to everyone to participate.

Please bring items to the Church by Sunday, December 2. Questions, contact the church office.

**Christmas Store and Shiloh Needs/Wish List**

**New and Unopened:**

- Craft Kits
- Nail Kits
- Balls
- Art Supplies
- Building Toys
- Blocks
- Pretend Play and Dress Up
- Socks and Underwear
- Fleece Blankets
- Fun Hygiene Kits
- Playdough
- Cute Baby Items like bottles with designs, pacifiers, nice bibs, etc
- Bath Kits
- Manipulative Toys
- Board Games
- Card Games

**Other things needed:**

- Diapers sizes 5 & 6
- Baby Wipes
- Canned veggies - anything other than corn and green beans
- Tomato Sauce
- Spaghetti
- Mayonnaise
- Saltine Crackers
- Gift cards to buy milk and eggs and fresh fruit
- Toilet Bowl Cleaner
- Stamps
- Business Size Envelopes
- Deodorant
- Ibuprofen - Adult, Children, Baby
- Acetaminophen - Adult, Children, Baby
- Cold Medicine - Adult, Children
- Cough Drops

\*Please no toys that require batteries

**Shiloh Home of Hope for Women**

"Shiloh Home of Hope for Women is a non-denominational residential Christ-centered facility serving women who are experiencing crisis in their lives. We serve women who want to change their lives. We give women a safe and loving place to live and grow while they learn who they are in Christ and God's purpose and plan for their lives. Shiloh is unique in that we allow women to have their children live with them as they go through our program."

"Services are free to the women

No government funds sought or accepted - funded entirely on private donations

No court or agency placements - women come on their own free will"

The Christmas Store is open from Nov 26-Dec 21.

Carol Alderman, Director  
615 Congress, Emporia, KS 66801  
620-342-2244



Once again, our congregation celebrated Thanksgiving with a bounteous dinner. Fellowship Hall was filled with people enjoying food, family and friends. Good conversation abounded, and a group sing-along was enjoyed following dinner. The elders are grateful for the anonymous donor who provided the turkeys, all those who brought covered dishes, and the deacons who helped with serving and cleanup. A special thanks to Nikki Simmons and members of Girl Scout Troop 30038 for their willing help. Judy Moore and Jean Miller Co-Chairs, Elders



W.A. White School  
902 Exchange St.  
Emporia, KS 66801  
620.341.2294  
fax 620.341.2296

**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](mailto: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.”*

202 East 12th Avenue  
 620-342-1582 Church Office  
 Web Page [www.fcemporio.org](http://www.fcemporio.org)  
 Email Office [fccoffices@yahoo.com](mailto:fccoffices@yahoo.com)  
 Pastor: Rev. Lorraine Bailey  
 Email: [pastorlorraine@gmail.com](mailto: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**  
**Dec. 3 & 17, 2018**



**November/December 2018**

18 Nov,	19	20	21	22	23	24
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9:30am Sunday School</li> <li>10:30am Worship Service</li> <li>3pm FH Baby Shower-S</li> <li>6pm Family Movie Night</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Newsletter Deadline</li> <li>4pm ESU Nurse Thanks</li> <li>7pm Boy Scouts</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5:30pm Sertoma Board</li> <li>6pm Choir Practice</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NO SCHOOL</li> <li>3pm Emporia Place Ser</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>C &amp; R Headrick in FH Tod:</li> <li>NO SCHOOL</li> <li>Thanksgiving Day</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NO SCHOOL</li> <li>Black Friday</li> <li>3pm Clothes Closet &amp; H</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9am Clothes Closet &amp; H</li> </ul>
Sun 25	Mon 26	Tue 27	Wed 28	Thu 29	Fri 30	Sat Dec 1
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Advent Celebration Sundr</li> <li>9:30am Sunday School</li> <li>10:30am Worship Service</li> <li>2pm Presbyterian Mano</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7pm Boy Scouts</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6pm Chi Rho Mission Cl</li> <li>6pm Choir Practice</li> <li>7pm Elders Meeting</li> <li>7:00 pm Christmas Parat</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5:30pm Facilities Meetir</li> <li>6:15 pm Board Meeting for Nov. &amp; Dec.</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3pm Clothes Closet &amp; H</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9am Clothes Closet &amp; H</li> </ul>
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**Spotlight on Disciples**

Information for this article came from Journey in Faith by Lester G. McAllister and William E. Tucker, pp.294-303.

**Post-Civil War Development of Black Disciple Churches**

Before the Civil War, Black Disciples mostly attended White Churches. After the war, progress toward independent congregations was made because of persistent people wanting to achieve self-direction. Prominent evangelical preachers and leaders helped to structure district and state conventions and organizations as early as 1872. Women organized their own “Sisters Union” at Plymouth, North Carolina in 1892. Difficulties remained with racism among Disciples slowing efforts for growth and development. “The Disciples appeal to a rational religion based on New Testament study seemed to lack the warmth and emotional fervor found among the Methodists and Baptists.” However, even with opposition and sparse interest, membership increased from approximately 600 in 1914 to about 48,250 persons by World War I. “Black Disciples constituted between four and five per cent of the total membership of the Disciples in the United States.” It would be after WWII before a more integrated structure was established.