



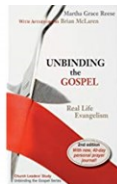
SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

Rummage Sale
Halloween Party
Christmas Sweater

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Reflections



Continuing our Book Review:

Unbinding the Gospel: Real Life Evangelism by Martha Grace Reese.
St. Louis: Chalice Press, 2008. **Chapter 2: Why Do Evangelism?**

Unbinding the Gospel is the result of a four-year evangelism study and over 1,000 interviews. Ms. Reese, a Disciples clergy, has named the term “evangelism,” the “E Word.” She dares to ask, 1) “What do we think when we hear the word *evangelism*?” 2) “What difference does it make if people are Christians?” and 3) “What motivates us to share the Gospel?” The author and her team “found that most mainline Christians who are doing successful evangelism are motivated by two things: a love of their church and a living relationship with God. Now, *many* of us love our churches and have a living relationship with God.” So, she asks, “Why aren’t we all doing significant evangelism?” Her answer: “We haven’t focused on it in decades.”

Throughout this chapter on “Why Do Evangelism?” the author encourages us that we all have it within us to tell others about our faith without shoving it down someone else’s throat. After all, isn’t that what we’re afraid of doing? We don’t want to offend anyone, so we stay quiet. We hang on to the adage, “They’ll know we are Christians by our love!” and we don’t share the joy of the most important relationship we will ever have in our lives.

Rev. Reese urges that we TELL about our faith in WORDS and gives us questions to consider to help us formulate our own answers. “What’s at the heart of life with God?” “What difference does it make in your own life that you are a Christian?” “Why does it matter that other people become Christians?” “How could being a Christian matter in someone else’s life?”

We are all motivated differently to tell about our faith. It’s important that we are clear about what we believe. Do you have a living relationship with God? What do you believe about other faith traditions—are they important to God? What do you believe about theological diversity? What do you believe about heaven and hell? Is it OK to have conservative or progressive or liberal ideas about Jesus Christ and still belong to the same church?

These are questions that each of us need to grapple with in order to talk to others about our faith. We can lovingly share our stories of faith and God’s grace in our lives with others—even other Christians who go to other churches! In fact, good Christian friends are great to practice talking about it! So, practice saying it in words!

Telling it “on the way!”
Pastor Lorraine

Upcoming Serving Schedule

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

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** ~ Sandy Heller
- Diaconate** ~ Jake Dalton*, Joy Wonser
Carl & Lana Richardson
- Elder** ~ Gary Lukert
- Greeters** ~ (N) Richard Becker
(S) Lisa Rickbaugh
- Nursery** ~ Rita Headrick
- Worship Leader** ~ Judy Moore
- Children’s Church** ~ None Today

In October we helped **58 families**, consisting of **159 people** with 60 bags of food plus **23 dozen eggs, calendars, and miscellaneous donated food items**. Of those families, **20 were new to us**.



Voices of the people you have helped this month—
“You can’t imagine how glad we are that you are here to help us. Thank you.”

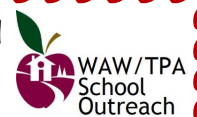
Lonnie Atchison (*cancer*); **Denise Calvert**; **Joe Denson** (*stroke/rehab*); **Ana Gonzales** (*back problems*); **Amy Hossfeld** (*brain tumor*); **Grace Hyatt** (*Betty Pearson’s mother*); **Brad Jones** (*son of Jan Jones, heart problems*); **Gale Kelley** (*hospice*); **Joyce Kellison** (*health 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*); **Elizabeth Wells** (*cancer & recovery*); and **Aubrey Wescott** (*stomach & digestive problems*).
Eric MacGregor (*Military-Deployed*)



Ugly Christmas Sweater Sunday

On Sunday, December 9, 2018 everyone wear your **ugly Christmas sweater** to church. Between now and then be on the lookout for the classic sweater to wear that Sunday.

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

ATTENDANCE & GIVING RECORD

October 28, 2018 SS 13 / Worship 64
November 4, 2018 SS 13 / Worship 76

GIVING RECORD

Oct. 28, 2018 ~ Offering \$2,455.00 / Building \$210.00
Nov. 4, 2018 ~ Offering \$1,745.00 / Building \$15.00



November Anniversaries

None

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
- 15 Anita Imhoff
- 19 Karen Monroe
- 21 Randi Dalton
- 21 Shirley Pearson
- 23 Marie Harding
- 23 Laurie Kurzen
- 25 Dana Witten
- 28 Richard Headrick
- 30 David Harding (1968)
- 30 William Hopkins

Mark The Dates

- Friday's 3-6 pm—Clothes Closet & Household Hut open
- Saturday's from 9—Noon—Clothes Closet and Household Hut
- Sat. Nov. 10—9:30 am Veteran's Parade, Commercial St.
- Sun. Nov. 11—Church Thanksgiving Dinner after Worship
- Tue. Nov. 13—6:00 pm Chi Rho meets
- Wed. Nov. 14—9:30 am NE KS Clergy-Topeka
6:00 pm Stewardship Committee meets
- Fri. Nov. 16—8:30 am CWU Friendship Coffee-Braum's 6th St.
- Sat. Nov. 17—10 am Girl Scouts in FH kitchen
- Sun. Nov. 18—3:00 pm S. Pederson Baby Shower in FH
- Mon. Nov. 19—Newsletter Deadline
4:00 pm—6:00 pm ESU Nursing Students
Thanksgiving Dinner in FH
- Wed. Nov. 21—No Board Meeting this month
- 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
7:30 pm Emporia Christmas Parade
- Sat. July 20—Wed. July 24, 2019—General Assembly in Des Moines, Iowa



Need Boxes?

Do you have something you want to store and save? Need somewhere to stash away those school art projects? 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.



Check out the Punography!

How does Moses make his tea? Hebrews it.
 I know a guy who's addicted to brake fluid. He says he can stop anytime.
 I stayed up all night to see where the sun went. Then it dawned on me.
 This girl said she recognized me from the vegetarian club, but I'd never met herbivore.
 I did a theatrical performance about puns. It was a play on words.



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

Rummage Sale Update

Oh the things you will find at a church rummage sale. We had books, pictures, frames, baskets, glassware and dishes, rooms of holiday decorations, clothes, toys, books, walkers, bookcases, tables, couches and even a plaque for the winner of the ugly sweater contest. You name it, we had it and sold it!!!



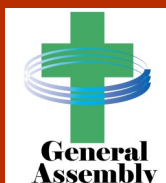
THE PROCEEDS FROM THE RUMMAGE SALE GOES TO SUPPORT OUR VARIOUS CHURCH MISSIONS.

Thank you all for your help in making this year's sale such a success. We raised over \$3,500 to help fund these missions.



time and talents for the Prayer Chain.

We are in need of more people to be on our church prayer chain to pray for others. Please volunteer by calling Jeanice Miller at 343-9592. It is easy and something everyone can do, so please consider giving your



GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2019

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

JULY 20-24, 2019 • Des Moines, IA

Disciples.org/ga
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 #Abide2019
[Facebook.com/groups/docgeneralassembly](https://www.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

2018 Thanksgiving Offering

From the very beginnings of the movement, Disciples have founded institutions of higher learning, encouraging students in their intellectual pursuits. The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) is still committed to higher education. Currently, over 50,000 students attend our 14 Disciples-related colleges, universities or one of the seven seminaries and divinity houses. And in the past 12 months, over 12,000 students have graduated from these fine schools.

THANKSGIVING OFFERING NOV 2018

www.DisciplesMissionFund.org

Colleges & Universities
 of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

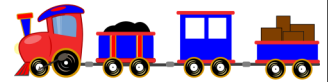
Seminaries & Divinity Houses
 of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Higher Education & Leadership Ministries
 of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

On Nov. 11 and 18, Disciples churches across the United States and Canada will collect the Thanksgiving offering. Your gift to the Thanksgiving offering helps to support the work of our institutions of higher learning in many ways: financially supporting Disciples-related schools, providing undergraduate scholarships and support for spiritual life offices, and providing scholarships and support for those pursuing theological education.

This November, please give generously to this year's Thanksgiving offering. Your gifts make a world of difference as Disciples continue our legacy of supporting education and our institutions of higher learning.

The Train



At birth we boarded the train and met our parents, and we believe they will always travel on our side. However, at some station our parents will step down from the train, leaving us on this journey alone. As time goes by, other people will board the train, and they will be significant like our siblings, friends, children, and even the love of your life. Many will step down and leave a permanent vacuum. Others will go so unnoticed that we don't realize they vacated their seats. This train ride will be full of joy, sorrow, fantasy, expectations, hellos, goodbyes, and farewells. Success consists of having a good relationship with all passengers requiring that we give the best of ourselves. The mystery to everyone is: We do not know at which station we ourselves will step down. So, we must live in the best way, love, forgive, and offer the best of who we are. It is important to do this because when the time comes for us to step down and leave our seat empty we should leave behind beautiful memories for those who will continue to travel on the train of life. I wish you a joyful journey on the train of life. Reap success and give lots of love. More importantly, thank God for the journey.

First Christian Church hosted a Halloween party and games for the preschool children. What a fun time for all.



W.A. White School
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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

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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 Web Page www.fcemporio.org
 Email Office fccoffices@yahoo.com
 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.

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Next Newsletter Deadline
Nov. 19 & Dec. 3, 2018



November 2018

4	5	6	7	8	9	10
All Veterans Tribute	All Veterans Tribute	All Veterans Tribute	Leadership Edge	All Veterans Tribute	All Veterans Tribute	All Veterans Tribute
Daylight Saving Time end	Newsletter Deadline	● 12pm Gideon's Pastor's	● 10:30am Lyon Co. Minis	Leadership Edge	Leadership Edge	● 9am Clothes Closet & H
● 9:30am Sunday School	● 7pm Boy Scouts	● 6pm Choir Practice	● 1:30pm DWF Day Group	● 5pm FH Kitchen Cooking	● 3pm Clothes Closet & H	● 9:30am Veteran's Day Pe
● 10:30am Worship Servic			● 5pm Worship Ministry M	● 6:30pm Christian Ed.		
			● 6:15pm DWF Night Grou			
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
All Veterans Tribute	NO SCHOOL	NO SCHOOL	S & L gone to KC		● 8:30am CWU Friendship	● 9am Clothes Closet & H
Veterans Day	Veterans Day observed	● 6pm Chi Rho Mission Cl	● 9:30am NE KS Clergy-To		● 3pm Clothes Closet & H	● 10am GS-Pies FH Kitch
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● 12pm Thanksgiving Dini						
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
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● 10:30am Worship Servic	● 4pm ESU Nurse Thanks	● 6pm Choir Practice	● 3pm Emporia Place Ser	NO SCHOOL	Black Friday	
● 3pm FH Baby Shower-S	● 7pm Boy Scouts			Thanksgiving Day	● 3pm Clothes Closet & H	

Spotlight on Disciples

Disciples and Prohibition

Have you ever heard of Carrie Nation (1846-1911), the “smasher’ of saloons? Did you know that she was a Disciple? Her husband was David Nation, minister of First Christian Church, Medicine Lodge, KS. She was active as a “jail evangelist.” She worked with the Women’s Christian Temperance Union and started smashing saloons at Medicine Lodge in the summer of 1899 and became famous after a raid in Kiowa and then Wichita in early 1900. Carrie’s actions were consistent with the Disciple’s view that prohibition was the most important issue of the time. In 1881, Kansas became the first state to enact legal prohibition since the Civil War. Disciples generally agreed that Christians should use their political influence against the liquor industry, but disagreed on political strategy. The *Christian Standard* and *The Christian*, both Disciples publications, published full-scale debates in 1878 among Disciples leading to prohibition events into the 20th century such as Carrie Nation’s saloon smashing career.