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### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

Couch Time  
100th BD Celebration  
Pantry Stats  
BS Pancakes Feb. 9

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### Reflections

Happy New Year! At this writing, I'm preparing to fly home tomorrow from sunny southern California. God is so good. On my vacation, I've enjoyed fantastic weather, sapphire blue skies, gorgeous palm trees, majestic mountains, sandy beaches, beautiful flowers, and relaxing, fun visits with family and friends. There's nothing like getting drenched at 9:00 a.m. on that final 49 foot drop on Splash Mountain at Disneyland (got a great picture)! There were also quiet moments like walking through beautiful gardens at the L.A. Arboretum and Balboa Park, San Diego, that were so peaceful.

I am also thankful for times of much needed rest God has allowed me. There was time for reflection and time for extra sleep alongside of the fun activities. All in all, it was a great vacation!

Now as we begin this New Year, we will continue our quest of transformation and transition. In the coming weeks, we will explore our spiritual gifts (please plan on attending our February 2 workshop), and how God calls us to serve.

It is time to not only reflect on what we have learned over the last 19 months, but time to live into God's mission with renewed energy and vitality. It will certainly be amazing to see what we can accomplish as we allow God to work within and through us this coming year. Get ready, there is much to do!

Join us, won't you, in this spiritual endeavor as we receive God's urgings to do great things as we find ourselves saying, "Here am I, Lord; send me!" (Isaiah 6:8, adapted).

Looking forward to our next chapter together,

*Pastor Lorraine*

# Upcoming Serving Schedule

## January 20, 2019—2nd Sunday after Epiphany

- Candlelighter** ~ Gavin LeClear
- Children’s Message** ~ Joy Frevert
- Diaconate** ~ Richard Becker\*, Laurie Kurzen, Alan & Betty Richardson
- Elder** ~ Marlene Hanson
- Greeters** ~ (N) Tammie McDiffett  
~ (S) Joy Wonser
- Nursery** ~ Juliana Martinez
- Worship Leader** ~ Marie Harding
- Children’s Church** ~ Sonya Ihde

## January 27, 2019—3rd Sunday after Epiphany

- Candlelighter** ~ Juliana Martinez
- Children’s Message** ~ Judy Moore
- Diaconate** ~ Jake Dalton\*, Joy Wonser  
Carl & Lana Richardson
- Elder** ~ Robert Chatham
- Greeters** ~ (N) Sonya Ihde  
(S) Jill McGrath
- Nursery** ~ Rita Headrick
- Worship Leader** ~ Nancy LeClear
- Children’s Church** ~ Jen Dalton

## February 3, 2019—4th Sunday after Epiphany

- Candlelighter** ~ Jack Dalton
- Children’s Message** ~ Marlene Hanson
- Diaconate** ~ Carl Headrick\*, Jill McGrath  
Tammie McDiffett, Nik Roth
- Elder** ~ Jean Miller
- Greeters** ~ (N) Carl Headrick  
~ (S) Rita Headrick
- Nursery** ~ Nikki Simmons
- Worship Leader** ~ Gary Lukert
- Children’s Church** ~ Faith Coleman

## February 10, 2019—5th Sunday after Epiphany

- Candlelighter** ~ Kinzie Kuraen
- Children’s Message** ~ Laurie Kurzen
- Diaconate** ~ Nikki Simmons\*, John Lexow  
Bonnie Denson
- Elder** ~ Marlene Hanson
- Greeters** ~ (N) Guy Bacon  
~ (S) Janece Bacon
- Nursery** ~ Richard Becker
- Worship Leader** ~ Jill McGrath
- Children’s Church** ~ Faith Coleman

The total for the month of December were: **52 families, 114 people plus 20 dozen eggs, and other items (lotion, calendars, magazines etc.).**



So far in January we have helped **18 families**, consisting of **41 people** with 18 bags of food plus **4 dozen eggs and various miscellaneous donated items.** Of those families, **4 were new to us.**

**Voices of the people you have helped this month—**  
*“Thank you for providing information of where we can find help. You don’t know how helpful that is. Thank You.”*

**Don Allen** (*tumor*); **Lonnie Atchison** (*cancer*); **Alberta Brinkman**, (*heart problems*); **Denise Calvert**; **Joe Den-son** (*fall & rehab*); **Brooke Franklin** (*cancer*); **Ana Gonzales** (*back problems*); **Amy Hossfeld** (*brain tumor*); **Grace Hyatt** (*Betty Pierson’s mother*); **Brad Jones** (*son of Jan Jones, heart problems*); **Gale Kelley** (*hospice*); **Joyce Kellison** (*health issues*); **Barry Kimball** (*infection*); **Steve** (*broken neck*) & **Ramona Langley** (*brother-in-law and sister of Betty Richardson*); **Steve Martin** (*stem cell cancer treatment*); **Pastor Andrew McHenry & wife Hillary** (*Paradise, CA fire*); **Pam Scheve** (*daughter Jan Jones, health issues*); **Sharon Shannon** (*back surgery*); **Andrea Vandruff** (*kidney issues*); **Liam Wagner**, (*open heart surgery*); **Elizabeth Wells** (*cancer & recovery*); and **Aubrey Wescott** (*stomach & digestive problems*).  
**Eric MacGregor** (*Military-Deployed*)



# Attendance and Giving Record

## ATTENDANCE & GIVING RECORD

- December 23, 2018 SS 6 / Worship 59
- December 24, 2018 Christmas Eve 65
- December 30, 2018 SS 5 / Worship 52
- Average for 2018** SS 12 / Worship 67
- January 6, 2019 SS 14 / Worship 57
- January 13 SS 7 / Worship 52

## GIVING RECORD

- Dec. 23, 2018 ~ Offering \$2,031.00 / Building \$110.00
- Dec. 30, 2018 ~ Offering \$2,020.59 / Building \$20.00
- Jan. 6, 2019 ~ Offering \$1,759.50 / Building \$122.00
- Jan. 13, 2019 ~ \$1,452.60 / Building \$91.00



**January Anniversaries**

- 16 David & Kaari Harding
- 19 Jesse & Diana Solis
- 28 Larry & Glenna Gamblian

**January Birthdays**

- 12 Suzanne West
- 15 Treva Stuck
- 16 Dona Jones
- 18 John Lexow
- 21 Brenda Hall
- 22 Charles Wilhite
- 26 Marie Kelley
- 26 Curtis Rhoades—100 yrs
- 26 Tyler Tilton
- 28 Sadj Davis
- 29 Ed Mercer, Jr.
- 29 Stanley Smith
- 29 Joe Witten
- 30 Robert White
- 31 Tim Norton

**Mark The Dates**

- Friday's 3-6 pm—Clothes Closet & Household Hut open
- Saturday's from 9—Noon—Clothes Closet and Household Hut
- Tue. Jan. 15—7:00 pm Christian Ed. meets
- Wed. Jan 16—3:00 pm Emporia Place Services  
5:00 pm Worship ministry Meets  
6:15 pm Board Meeting
- Fri. Jan 18—8:30 am CWU Friendship Coffee
- Tue. Jan. 22—5:00 pm Elders Meet  
6:00 pm Chi Rho Mission Club meets
- Sat. Jan. 26—Rhoades Family Celebration for Curtis' 100 BD
- Sun. Jan 27—Noon-2:00 pm Reception for Curtis Rhoades BD  
Come and go for family & friends in the parlor.
- Sat. Feb. 2—9 am –2 pm Spiritual Gifts Workshop
- Sat. Feb. 9—Boy Scout Pancake Day
- Sat. July 20—Wed. July 24, 2019—General Assembly in Des Moines, Iowa

**Paraprodsokians**

Paraprodsokians are figures of speech in which the latter part of a sentence or phrase is surprising or phrase is surprising or unexpected and is frequently humorous.

I didn't say it was your fault, I said I was blaming you.

In filling out an application, where it says, "In case of emergency, notify..." I answered "a doctor".

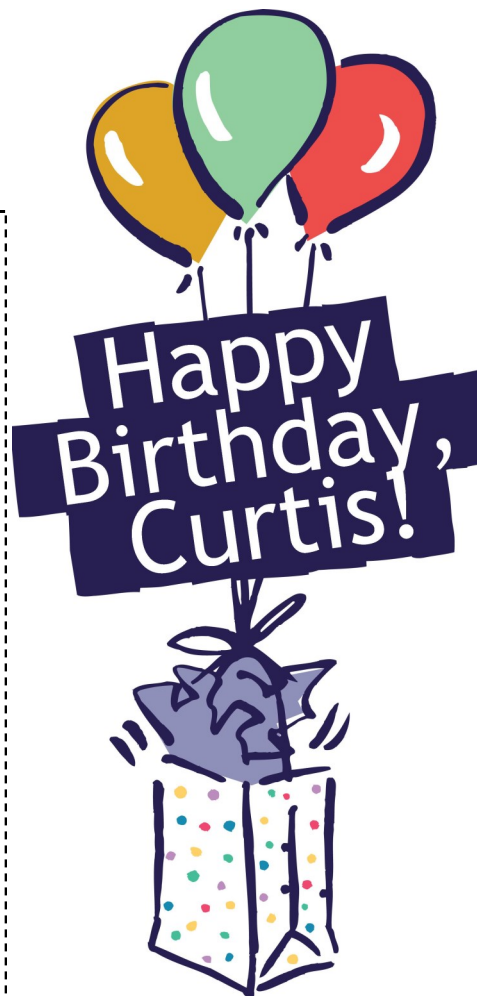
You do not need a parachute to skydive. You only need a parachute to skydive twice.

To be sure of hitting the target, shoot first and call whatever you hit the target.

Going to church doesn't make you a Christian, any more than standing in a garage makes you a car.

You're never too old to learn something stupid.

I'm supposed to respect my elders, but it's getting harder and harder for me to find one now.



You are invited to a reception for **Curtis Rhoades' 100th birthday** celebration on Sunday, January 27, 2019 . It is a come and go in the church parlor from noon until 2:00 pm. Everyone is invited to help celebrate with Curtis.



Lectionary Readings

**Lectionary Schedule**

**Jan. 20 —Feb. 10, 2019**

**January 20, 2019**

Isiah 62:1-5  
 Psalm 36:5-10  
 1 Corinthians 12:1-11  
 John 2:1-11

**January 27, 2019**

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10  
 Psalm 19  
 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a  
 Luke 4:14-21

**February 3, 2019**

Jeremiah 1:4-10  
 Psalm 71:1-6  
 1 Corinthians 13:1-13  
 Luke 4:21-30

**February 10, 2019**

Isaiah 6:1-8  
 Psalm 138  
 1 Corinthians 15:1-11  
 Luke 5:1-11



General Assembly



Spiritual Gifts



Boy Scouts Pancakes

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2019**

# Abide in Me

Demeurez en moi • Permanezcan en mi  
 Pè 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



**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.

**Spiritual Gifts Workshop—Saturday, February 2, 2019 from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm**

Mark your calendars now to hold the date open so you can participate in the Spiritual Gifts Workshop as we explore a variety of possibilities. Come and learn together.

**LOOKING FOR SOME HOT GAKES?**

Mark your calendar for the famous **TROOP 157**

**BOY SCOUT PANCAKE DAY**

All you can eat Pancakes with 3 Sausages, Coffee or Milk  
 • Extra Sausage 25¢ or 3 for 50¢ • Extra Milk 50¢ • Kids under 5 eat free

**Saturday, Feb. 9, 2019**  
**First Christian Church \$5**  
**202 East 12th Ave.**  
 Serving from 6:00am to 12:30pm



**IF GOD COULD**

Close the lions' mouth for Daniel,  
 Part the red seas for Moses,  
 Make the sun stand still for Joshua,  
 Open the prison for Peter,  
 Put a baby in the arms of Sarah, and  
 Raise Lazarus from the dead THEN  
 He can certainly take care of you!  
**NOTHING** you are facing today is too hard for Him to handle!

**Check This Out! →**

**Times available**

**are**

**10:30 to 10:50 am**

**or**

**2:35-3:05 pm**

If you can do this let the church office know

342-1582) or call Suzanne West, teacher at 208-7020.

They are taking volunteers for January 11, 18 & 25 and February 1, 15 & 22.

Thanks for your help.

☺ *Couch Time with Friends* ☺

Dear First Christian Church Friends,

CrossWinds Therapeutic Preschool has been blessed this past year by the kindness and generosity of our First Christian Church Friends. Thank you for sponsoring our special party days, for sharing information about community resources, and for continuing to provide our preschool program a great "home." You are appreciated! ☺

As we head into our second year of operation, we would like to invite you to join in supporting these precious little ones even more. You may be aware that our children have had and continue to have challenging circumstances to work through in their few years of life. Just like every other preschool child, what they really need is love...one on one time with someone who shows them in word and action "You matter" and "I care about you."

We would like to plan a weekly "couch time" with a FCC Friend. We would love to have a Friend come into the classroom during Center Time (either all or just a portion of it) to sit on the classroom couch. You will not be there long before a little one will ask you to read a book, play a match game, do a puzzle, or just talk about life. That is all you would need to do. ☺

We will get a sign up sheet to shared with church members who would like to participate in our Couch Time. Please give your name, a phone number we can contact you by in case of changes in routine, and the time you will be available to be in the classroom. We will need volunteers to sign confidentiality agreements, and (if you choose to come on a regular basis) you might need to complete a background check form for KDHE.

Thank you for considering this opportunity to bless these little ones!

CrossWinds Therapeutic Preschool Staff ☺



**FOOD PANTRY STATISTICS**

January is always a month of statistics or what did we accomplish this past year. The First Christian Church's food pantry helped **567 families, made up of 1,440 people** with 574 bags of food this past year. Of these 567 families **215 were new to our pantry or first time visitors**. This is an average of 47 families or 120 people per month.

Our low months were March (23), February (34), September (40), January (41) and May (44). Our high months were August (66), July (62), October (58), November (54), and December (52).

Our food bag consists of a can of tuna, a can of fruit, a jar of peanut butter, two cans of vegetables, a can of pork 'n beans, a can of soup, two packets of instant oatmeal, two packages of Roman noodles, a sleeve of soda crackers, a box of mac 'n cheese and a roll of toilet paper. Each bag is cost estimated at approximately \$9.50, so our pantry's outreach totaled approximately \$5,453.00 in 2018. Thanks FCC members!!!



**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**  
**Jan. 28 & Feb. 11, 2019**



**January 2019**

13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Baptism of the Lord ● 9:30am Sunday Scho ● 10:30am Worship Ser	Newsletter Deadline ● 7pm Boy Scouts	● 5:30pm Sertoma Boa  ● 7pm Christian Ed. me	● 3pm Emporia Place S ● 5pm Worship Ministr ● 6:15pm Board Meetin	6pm Choir Practice	Camp Leader Training ● 8:30am CWU Friends ● 3pm Clothes Closet &	Camp Leader Training ● 9am Clothes Closet &
20 2nd Sunday after Epiph ● 9:30am Sunday Scho ● 10:30am Worship Ser	21 NO SCHOOL Martin Luther King Jr. I ● 7pm Boy Scouts	22 ● 5pm Elders Meeting ● 6pm Chi Rho Mission ● 6pm Choir Practice	23 ● 5:30pm Facilities Me	24	25 ● 3pm Clothes Closet &	26 ● 9am Clothes Closet & ● 1pm Curtis R. 100th E
27 3rd Sunday after Epiph ● 9:30am Sunday Scho ● 10:30am Worship Ser ● Noon ~2:00 pm C. Rh ● 2pm Presbyterian Ma	28 Newsletter Deadline ● 7pm Boy Scouts	29 Kansas Day ● 6pm Choir Practice	30	31 NO SCHOOL	Feb 1 NO SCHOOL ● 3pm Clothes Closet &	2 ● 9am Spiritual Gifts W ● 9am Clothes Closet &

**Spotlight on Disciples**

**Missionary Presence: Far and Near**

Information for this article came from Journey in Faith by Lester G. McAllister and William E. Tucker, pp. 315-325.

The turn of the century was an exciting time for Disciples and Mission. Disciples missionary stations were established at home and around the globe and began to bloom. Disciples found themselves in Mexico, Jamaica, India, Japan, and China. A mission was begun in Cuba in 1899 and in the Philippines by 1901. Missionaries were in Paraguay in 1918 and later in Puerto Rico. Others were sent to the Congo and Liberia. There were glad moments and treacherously dangerous moments along the way. Missionaries gave their all everywhere they went. Back home, Christian Institutes were started, many with medical clinics, day nurseries, and adult classes. Many volunteers gave their time and effort and were instrumental in giving shape and substance to the missionary presence of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) all around the world.