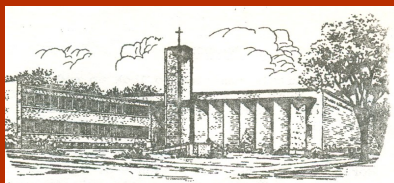




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# First Christian Church News

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### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

100 BD Celebration  
DWF News  
BS Pancake Day  
Mark the Dates

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### Reflections

We are in the Church Season of Epiphany. It is the season between the day of Epiphany (the twelfth day of Christmas) and the beginning of the Lenten Season, Ash Wednesday. This year, the journey through Epiphany is as long as it ever is. We will spend eight weeks walking through, ending with the Transfiguration of Christ.

According to Harper's Encyclopedia of Religious Education:

[Epiphany] originated in Egypt in the late second century, where January 6 was the date of a festival in which water was drawn from the Nile. It spread throughout the East as the unified celebration of the birth and baptism of Christ and by the middle of the fourth century was ranked with Easter and Pentecost as one of the three great feasts. In the late fourth century, the celebration of Christ's birth was separated from that of the baptism and assigned to December 25.

Our Lectionary Scriptures for Year C are from Luke. Luke's vision is to help us to be illuminated by Christ's acts of grace and calling his disciples. We are to receive God's blessings and learn to love, be merciful, not judgmental, and be loving. Paul reminds us of how blessed we are by our Spiritual Gifts that are so graciously bestowed upon us by our Creator. This journey of light prepares us to face the repentance we will experience during the season of Lent.

Let us walk together, embracing our faith anew in the light of Christ. As we search for newness of life during this season of questions and illumination, may we follow the One who has come to lead us to a new land full of promise.

Shalom,

*Pastor Lorraine*

## Upcoming Serving Schedule

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

**Candlelighter** ~ Jack Dalton  
**Children's Message** ~ Marlene Hanson  
**Diaconate** ~ Carl Headrick\*, Jill McGrath  
 Tammie McDiffett, Nik Roth  
**Elder** ~ Gary Lukert  
**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 Kurzen  
**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

### February 17, 2019—6th Sunday after Epiphany

**Candlelighter** ~ Esai Gonzales  
**Children's Message** ~ Sandy Heller  
**Diaconate** ~ Richard Becker\*, Laurie Kurzen,  
 Alan & Betty Richardson  
**Elder** ~ Judy Moore  
**Greeters** ~ (N) Karen Garnett  
 ~ (S) Debbie Hubert  
**Nursery** ~ Nicole Dalton  
**Worship Leader** ~ Nancy LeClear  
**Children's Church** ~ Rita Headrick & Nikki Simmons

### February 24, 2019—7th Sunday after Epiphany

**Candlelighter** ~ Nicole Dalton  
**Children's Message** ~ Marie Harding  
**Diaconate** ~ Jake Dalton\*, Joy Wonser  
 Carl & Lana Richardson  
**Elder** ~ Nancy LeClear  
**Greeters** ~ (N) Jim Tilton  
 (S) Melissa Tilton  
**Nursery** ~ Briana Becker  
**Worship Leader** ~ Judy Moore  
**Children's Church** ~ Sonya Ihde

So far in January we have helped **36 families**, consisting of **87 people** with 36 bags of food plus **14 dozen eggs** and various miscellaneous donated items. Of those families, **6 were new to us.**



**Don Allen** (*tumor*); **Lonnie Atchison** (*cancer*); **Alberta Brinkman**, **Denise Calvert**; **Joe Denson** (*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*); **Austin Moore** (*lymphoma*); **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

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January 20, 2019 SS 3 / Worship 44  
January 27, 2019 SS 13 / Worship 83

### GIVING RECORD

Jan. 20, 2019 ~ Offering \$502.00 / Building \$10.00  
 Jan. 27, 2019 ~ Offering \$3,814.00 / Building \$210.00



**January Anniversaries**

28 Larry & Glenna Gamblian

**February Anniversaries**

05 Jim & Judy Moore

**January Birthdays**

- 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

**February Birthdays**

- 10 Kat Dorcas
- 10 Steve Dorcas
- 10 Pauline Hall
- 12 Marlene Bowman
- 15 Margie Coffman
- 16 Royal Garnett
- 16 Norma Leonard
- 17 Mindy Williams
- 21 Guy Bacon
- 21 Barbara Wilhite
- 27 Shelby Pedersen
- 28 Roycean Garnett

**THOUGHTS TO PONDER**

God doesn't call the equipped. He equips the called.

If you have an angel on one shoulder and a devil on the other, don't go deaf in the wrong ear.

Church is the only place where you can arrive late and get the best seats in the house!

Overnight success takes years.

Don't let the tail wag the dog.

**Mark The Dates**

- Friday's 3-6 pm—Clothes Closet & Household Hut open
- Saturday's from 9—Noon—Clothes Closet and Household Hut
- NOTE—Choir practice has moved to Thursday's @ 6:00 pm
- Sun. Feb. 3—"Souper Bowl" of Caring Sunday. Bring items for the food pantry. Observe Boy Scout Sunday.
- Sat. Feb. 2—9 am –2 pm Spiritual Gifts Workshop  
Clothes Closet & Household Hut **CLOSED TODAY**
- Wed. Feb. 6—5:30 pm DWF Night Group meets in parlor
- Thur. Feb. 7—5:30 pm Youth Choir practice  
5:30-7:30 pm ESU Cooking Event—FH Kitchen  
6:00 pm Choir practice
- Fri. Feb. 8—Evening BS set up for Pancake Day  
IF Gathering @ Messiah Lutheran Church 6:00-9:00 pm
- Sat. Feb. 9—Boy Scout Pancake Day  
IF Gathering 11:00 am-5:00 pm, Messiah Lutheran Church
- Sun. Feb. 10—Noon, All church Valentine Luncheon
- Tue. Feb. 12—6:00 pm Chi Rho Mission Club meets
- Wed. Feb. 13—6:15 pm Stewardship meets
- Thur. Feb. 14—11:45 am Valentine Luncheon sponsored by Charter Funerals  
5:00 pm Elder's Study  
6:30 pm Christian Ed. meets
- Fri. Feb. 15—8:30 am CWU Friendship Coffee-Braum's W. 6th
- Sat. Feb. 16—Camp Tawakoni Gala Auction  
Noon—Baby Shower in Fellowship Hall
- Tue. Feb. 19—5:30 pm ESU Cooking Event—FH Kitchen
- Wed. Feb. 20—3:00 pm Emporia Place Service  
5:00 pm worship Ministry meets  
5:30 pm Meal before board meeting  
6:15 pm Board meeting  
**Newsletter deadline instead of 2/25**
- Sun. Feb. 24—2:00 pm Presbyterian Manor Service
- Tue. Feb. 26—6:00 pm Chi Rho Mission Club meets
- Thur. Feb. 28—5:00 pm Elders meet
- Tues. Mar. 5-May 7—6:30 pm Evening Grief Share
- Wed. Mar. 6—1:30 pm DWF Day Group  
5:30 pm DWF Night Group  
7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service
- Thur. Mar. 7—5:30 pm Youth Choir meets
- Sat. July 20—Wed. July 24, 2019—General Assembly  
in Des Moines, Iowa



Lectionary Readings

**Lectionary Schedule  
Feb. 3 —Feb. 24, 2019**

**February 3, 2019**

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

**February 10, 2019**

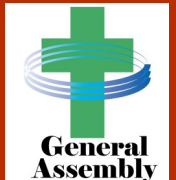
Isaiah 6:1-8  
Psalm 138  
1 Corinthians 15:1-11  
Luke 5:1-11

**February 17, 2019**

Jeremiah 17:5-10  
Psalm 1  
1 Corinthians 15:12-20  
Luke 6:17-26

**February 24, 2019**

Genesis 45:3-22  
Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40  
1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50  
Luke 6:27-38



General Assembly



Spiritual Gifts

**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.

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2019**

**Abide in Me**  
Demeurez en moi • Permanezcan en mi  
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!**

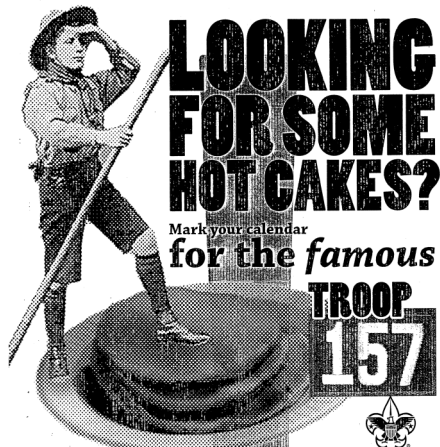
- ✓ Download Bible studies on the theme text
- ✓ Find out who will be preaching Sunday evening
- ✓ See many of the educational offerings
- ✓ Check out many of the hotel and meal options

**“Souper Bowl” Sunday, Feb. 3**

Items for our food bag include: Canned fruit, vegetables, tuna, pork ‘n beans, & condensed soup. Then we add a jar of peanut butter, 2 packages of Ramon Noodles, 2 packets of instant oatmeal, a box of mac ‘n cheese, a sleeve of soda crackers and a roll of toilet paper. Any and every donation is greatly appreciated.



Boy Scouts  
Pancakes



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

**DWF (Disciple Women’s Fellowship) . . . . .**

- No Day Group afternoon meeting in February
- Night Group Meeting -
- Wednesday, Feb 6, 5:30 pm in the Parlor
- Note the time change to 5:30
- Hostess & Study Leader: Pastor Lorraine Bailey
- Join us for Fellowship & Study
- All women are invited and encouraged to attend  
Marie Harding & Karen Garnett, Co-Chair



### Check This Out! Only 3 Times left.

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 February 1, 15 & 22 from 2:30-3:05 pm.

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 ☺

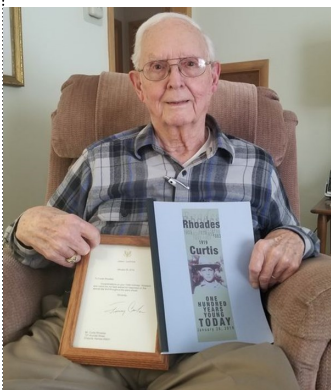


David, Curtis, Carol & Kenton Rhoades

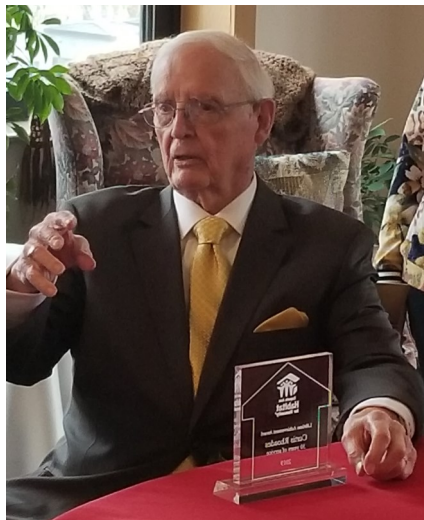
### Happy 100th Birthday Curtis



Curtis Rhoades and Imegene Marsh



Feature article in the Emporia Gazette.



Jim Kessler presenting Curtis Rhoades a plaque from Habitat for Humanity.

**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](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**  
**Feb. 20 & March 18, 2019**



**January/February 2019**

SUN 27	MON 28	TUE 29	WED 30	THU 31	FRI Feb 1	SAT 2
3rd Sunday after Epiphany ● 9:30am Sunday School ● 10:30am Worship Service ● 12pm Curtis Rhoades 10 ● 2pm Presbyterian Manor	Newsletter Deadline ● 7pm Boy Scouts	Kansas Day		NO SCHOOL ● 6pm Choir Practice	NO SCHOOL ● 3pm Clothes Closet & Hd	C Closet CLOSED TODAY ● 9am Spiritual Gifts Work
3 "SOUPER BOWL" of "Caring 4th Sunday after epiphany Boy Scout Sunday ● 9:30am Sunday School ● 10:30am Worship Service	4 ● 7pm Boy Scouts	5	6 ● 10:30am Lyon Co. Minist ● 5:30pm DWF Night Group	7 ● 5:30pm ESU Cooking Eve ● 5:30pm Youth Choir ● 6pm Choir Practice	8 ● 3pm Clothes Closet & Hd ● 6pm IF Gathering-Messis ● 6pm BS Set up for panca	9 ● 6am BS Pancake Day-FH ● 9am Clothes Closet & Hd ● 11am IF Gathering-Mess
10 5th Sunday after Epiphany ● 9:30am Sunday School ● 10:30am Worship Service ● 12pm Church Valentine t	11 ● 7pm Boy Scouts	12 ● 6pm Chi Rho Mission Clt	13 ● 9:30am NE KS Clergy-Toj ● 6:15pm Stewardship Cor	14 Valentines Lunch-Sponsor Valentine's Day ● 5pm Elder's Study ● 6pm Choir Practice ● 6:30pm Christian Ed.	15 ESU Founder's Day ● 8:30am CWU Friendship ● 3pm Clothes Closet & Hd ● 6pm Decorate for Baby S	16 Camp Tawakoni Gala Auct ● 9am Clothes Closet & Hd ● 12pm Ihde Baby Shower
17 6th Sunday after Epiphany ● 9:30am Sunday School ● 10:30am Worship Service	18 Presidents' Day (regional I ● 7pm Boy Scouts	19 ● 5:30pm ESU Cooking Eve ● 5:30pm Sertoma Board	20 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE ● 3pm Emporia Place Serv ● 5pm Worship Ministry M ● 5:30pm Meal for Board ● 6:15pm Board Meeting	21 ● 6pm Choir Practice	22 NO SCHOOL ● 3pm Clothes Closet & Hd	23 ● 9am Clothes Closet & Hd
24 7th Sun & Commitment S Susan gone 2/24-3/13/19 ● 9:30am Sunday School ● 10:30am Worship Service ● 2pm Presbyterian Manor	25 ● 7pm Boy Scouts	26 ● 6pm Chi Rho Mission Clt	27 ● 5:30pm Facilities Meetin	28 ● 5pm Elders Meeting ● 6pm Choir Practice	Mar 1 St. David's Day ● 3pm Clothes Closet & Hd	2 ● 9am Clothes Closet & Hd

**Spotlight on Disciples**

Information for this article came from Journey in Faith by Lester G. McAllister and William E. Tucker, pp. 339-356.

**Development and Unification**

The development of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) during the first quarter of the 20<sup>th</sup> century was uneven. While struggling to establish organization on the national and international level, at the same time growth could be found in many areas. Prominent communication resources continued along with the birth of a new one, *World Call Magazine*. This publication combined several other journals in an attempt to attract more subscribers. The United Christian Missionary Society was established in 1920 as the reorganization of the *Christian Women's Board of Missions*. Through its ups and downs, it celebrated its Golden Jubilee in 1924. Developments in the organization of Canadian Disciples. California Christian College (later Chapman University) began in 1920 and the College of Religion (now Christian Theological Seminary) in Indianapolis was launched in 1924.

*To be continued . . .*