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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

Grief Share change of day & time
DWF News
Movie Nighs
General Assembly

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Reflections

Our Church Board has agreed to read and discuss Robert Schnase's *Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations* (2018) over the course of the next few months. The following highlights some of the ideas presented in Chapter 2, "Radical Hospitality."

As I read Schnase's chapter on Radical Hospitality and contemplate and pray about hospitality in the context of our congregation, some basic questions come to mind. **What opportunities do we offer people to spiritually connect with each other on a regular basis?** Schnase suggests our connections with Bible studies, a Dinner Church (different from a church dinner), a Christian support group, a prayer ministry, a praise team, a service project and serving in a food bank. What are our spiritual growth opportunities in our congregation? (p.28) **Are there opportunities in the week where people can come regularly to find God?** We have a few. Can you name them? Are you involved in one?

Schnase suggests, "By such ministries, the Spirit fills the empty spaces in our lives, and God's initiating grace calls us out of ourselves and into the world of Christ's service. The power of a conversation or an invitation to change a person's life must never be underestimated! Perhaps that is how God changed each one of us!" (p.28)

Change often happens slowly. For instance, I just joined the gym after a long time of a lack of exercise. First, I'm noticing my stubbornness to change my routine and schedule to make time to go to the gym. Second, I'm finding how easy it is to talk myself out of going, even though I know from life experience, that if I indeed go on a regular basis, I will see and find a change in how I look and feel. I also know, that with the practice of making myself exercise even when I don't want to, I will, somewhere down the road, start wanting to go because my body longs for the exercise. Right now, it's rather a sluggish and painful time. I've chosen to have a personal trainer. This was a good choice, because she causes me to be accountable. Because I have to set an appointment to see her, I at least get to the gym for that appointment. In time, I know that I'll start to feel fit again and able to do way more than what seems possible right now.

So it is with our hospitality at church. In order to invite others to an opportunity to search for God in their lives, we need to be willing to put in the time and effort with something that helps us grow, for example, a weekly Bible study. We may need to change our routine to make time for it in our schedule. We may need to resist talking ourselves out of going. And then we need to actually attend. We may be inconsistent at first or we may be sluggish in getting ourselves to it. At first, we might need the others in our group to call us and help us attend—someone to be accountable to. But we know, in time, we will feel ourselves asking more searching questions because God made us to be spiritual creatures who long to be close to God and we will want to show up. And then, we will want to invite someone to something that is helping us—perhaps it will help them too!

That's radical caring. That's radical welcoming. That's radical hospitality!

Continuing along the journey,
Pastor Lorraine

Upcoming Serving Schedule

March 24, 2019—3rd Sunday in Lent

Candlelighter ~ Mikinzi Simmons
Children's Message ~ Nancy LeClear
Diaconate ~ Jake Dalton*, Joy Wonser
 Carl & Lana Richardson
Elder ~ Nancy LeClear
Greeters ~ (N) Barb Gimple
 ~ (S) Christine Kellum
Nursery ~ Rita Headrick
Worship Leader ~ Barb Gimple

March 31, 2019—4th Sunday in Lent

Candlelighter ~ Faith Ihde
Children's Message ~ Cameron Moore
Diaconate ~ Carl Headrick*, Jill McGrath
 Tammie McDiffett, Nik Roth
Elder ~ Robert Chatham
Greeters ~ (N) Judy Moore
 (S) Janet Lostutter
Nursery ~ Nikki Simmons
Worship Leader ~ Robert Chatham

April 7, 2019—5th Sunday in Lent

Candlelighter ~ Gavin LeClear
Children's Message ~ Joy Frevert
Diaconate ~ Nikki Simmons*, John Lexow
 Joe & Bonnie Denson
Elder ~ Jean Miller
Greeters ~ (N) Guy Bacon
 ~ (S) Janece Bacon
Nursery ~ Richard Becker
Worship Leader ~ Janece Bacon

April 14, 2019—Palm Sunday Liturgy of the Palms

Candlelighter ~ Juliana Martinez
Children's Message ~ Judy Moore
Diaconate ~ Richard Becker*, Laurie Kurzen
 Alan & Betty Richardson
Elder ~ Marlene Hanson
Greeters ~ (N) Diana Solis
 ~ (S) Joan Shumate
Nursery ~ Nicole Dalton
Worship Leader ~ Jean Miller

In February we helped **58 families**, consisting of **139 people** with 58 bags of food plus **9 dozen eggs** and various miscellaneous donated items. Of those families, **23 were new to us**.



So far in March we have helped **22 families**, consisting of **51 people** with 22 bags of food plus **13 dozen eggs**, corn tortillas, cheese, magazines, calendars and books. Of those families, **3 were new to us**.

THE SECRET PLACE

Devotions for Daily Worship
 The Spring 2019
 (March, April, May)



Secret Place daily devotional books
 have arrived and are located on
 the hall table.

Still only **\$1.00 per copy** so get yours today!

Don Allen (*tumor*); Lonnie Atchison (*cancer*); Joe Denson (*fall & rehab*); Brooke Franklin (*cancer*); Ana Gonzales (*back problems*); 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*); Joe Loger (*brain tumor, Father of Jen Dalton*); Steve Martin (*stem cell cancer treatment*); Pastor Andrew McHenry & wife Hillary (*Paradise, CA fire*); Ross Rhoades; Pam Scheve (*daughter Jan Jones, health issues*); Sharon Shannon (*back surgery*); Andrea Vandruff (*kidney issues*); Liam Wagner, (*open heart surgery*); Bob Wayman (*hernia surgery & recovery*); and Aubrey Wescott (*stomach & digestive problems*) plus those affected by the flooding.
 Eric MacGregor (*Military-Deployed*)



Attendance and Giving Record

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February 24, 2019 SS 4 / Worship 53
 March 3, 2019 SS 8 / Worship 36
 March 10, 2019 SS 10 / Worship 53
 March 17, 2019 SS13 / Worship 50

GIVING RECORD

Feb. 24, 2019 ~ Offering \$2,375.00 / Building \$160.00
 March 3, 2019 ~ Offering \$885.00 / Building \$30.00
 March 10, 2019 ~ Offering \$2,139.10 / Building \$82.00
 March 17, 2019 ~ Offering \$1,222.00 / Building \$33.00



March Anniversaries

22 Glenn & Dorothy Boyce

April Anniversaries

16 Reese & Breann Johnson
 17 Nik & Sarah Roth
 29 Richard & Joyce Kellison (1951)

March Birthdays

21 Nikki Simmons
 21 McKinzi Simmons
 29 Dorothy Matile
 29 Craig Richardson
 31 Randy Kelley
 31 Mary Volland



April Birthdays

04 Dana Sunderman
 07 Briana Becker
 08 Debbie Davis
 08 Porter Garnett
 10 Sandy Heller
 12 Dale Rohling
 13 Dina Breckenridge
 15 Gavin LeClear
 18 Diana Solis
 20 Jim Siebert
 21 Tammie McDiffett
 22 Kohlby Ketchum
 24 Gale Kelley
 24 Betty Richardson
 25 Andy Kuhn
 29 Wilma Lindsey
 30 Wanda Davis



Mark The Dates

Friday's 3-6 pm—Clothes Closet & Household Hut open
Saturday's from 9—Noon—Clothes Closet and Household Hut
Thursday's at 6:00 pm—Choir practice
Tuesday's at 6:00 pm through April 9—Soul Feast
Thursday's at 6:30 pm through May 30—Grief Share
Sunday, March 24—2:00 pm Presbyterian Manor Service
 6pm "The Way" Movie night
Wed. March 27—5:30 pm Facilities
Thur. March 28—5:00 pm Elders meet
Sunday March 31—2:30 pm Holiday Resort Services
 6pm "I'll Push You" Movie night
Wednesday, April 3—1:30 pm DWF Day Group
 5:30 pm DWF Night Group
Thursday, April 4—5:30 pm Youth Choir
Sunday, April 7—6pm Movie night "I'll Push You" movie
Tuesday, April 9—6:00 pm Chi Rho Mission Club
Wednesday, April 10—6:15 pm Stewardship meets
Thursday, April 11—5:00 pm Elders meet
 5:30 pm ESU Cooking Event
Friday, April 12 6:00 pm to Saturday April 13 9:00 am—
 Chi Rho Retreat
Sat. July 20—Wed. July 24, 2019—General Assembly
 in Des Moines, Iowa

THOUGHTS TO PONDER

If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together.

African Proverb

Don't make someone a priority who only makes you an option.

There's no way to get down gracefully from a high horse.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

General Assembly is coming! July 20-24: at the Iowa Events Center in Des Moines, IA

Join our brothers and sisters in Christ this summer in:

Worship: engage in powerful preaching and inspiring music.

Bible Studies: to dig into scripture (John 15:1-5).

Educational Workshops: for both lay and clergy leaders.

Luncheons and dinners: to share in and to learn about ministries and missions of the church.

Coming together at the Lord's Table: in worship, luncheons, and dinners.

An Experience for Everyone in our Church Family to Share!



Lectionary Readings

**Lectionary Schedule
March 24 —April 21, 2019**

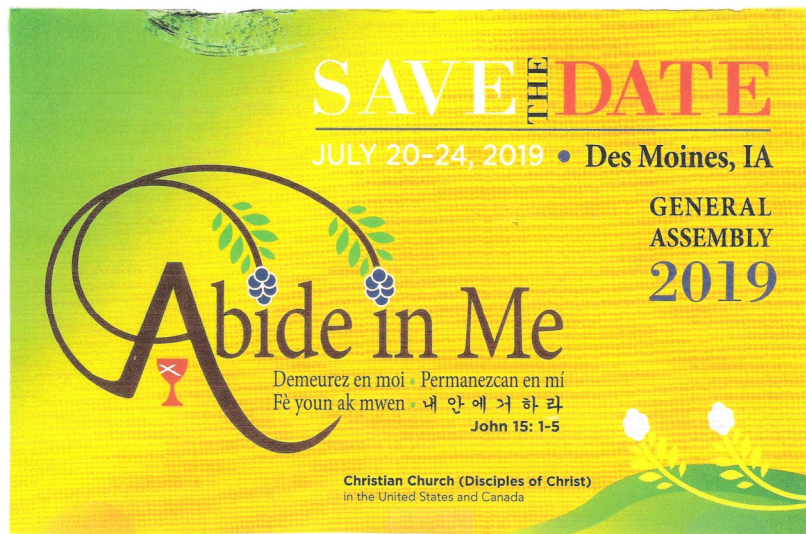
March 24, 2019
Isaiah 55:1-9
Psalm 63:1-8
1 Corinthians 10:1-13
Luke 13:1-9

March 31, 2019
Joshua 5:9-12
Psalm 32
2 Corinthians 5:16-21
Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

April 7, 2019
Isaiah 43:16-21
Psalm 126
Philippians 3:4b-14
John 12:1-8

April 14, 2019-Palm Sunday
Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29
Luke 19:28-40

April 21, 2019-Easter Sunday
Acts 10:34-43 or
Isaiah 65:17-25
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
1 Corinthians 15:19-26 or
Acts 10:34-43
John 20:1-18 or Luke 24:1-12



General Assembly

Soul Feast
An Invitation to the Spiritual Life
By Marjorie Thompson

A Study for our Lenten Spiritual Journey
with
“Soup for the Soul” Suppers
(Soup and Bread Suppers)
Tuesday evenings,
March 12 — April 9, 2019
6:00-7:30 P.M.
First Christian Church



Grief Share Starting in March

Have you lost someone close and are going through the grief process?

Grief Share is a program designed to help understand and cope with the feeling of loss and grief.

If you are looking for a safe and confidential place to share your journey through the grief process please consider joining us here at First Christian Church. To sign up, please call the church office at 342-1582.

Nancy Hopper LeClear and Janet Willard Lostutter Facilitators

~ NOTE ~

The day and time has changed for Grief Share. Due to group consensus we are now meeting on Thursday evenings at 6:30 p.m. in the church library. There is still time to join the group.



DWF News

DWF (Disciple Women’s Fellowship)

Day Group meeting information

Wednesday, April 3 at 1:30 pm in the Parlor
 Hostess & Study Leader – Janet Lostutter
 Lesson 7 – Women’s moral agency in the early church
 Scriptures to read –
 Acts 4:36 through 5:11 (Sapphira)
 Acts 16:1-5 & 2 Timothy 1:1-7 (Lois & Eunice)
 Acts 18:1-4 , 18:18, 18:24-28 (Priscilla)

Night Group meeting information

Wednesday, April 3 at 5:30 pm in the Parlor
 Hostess & Study Leader: Jaylene Arnett
 Lesson 1 – Rahab the prostitute, used for God’s purpose
 Scriptures to read – Joshua 2:1-24 and 6:15-25

All women are invited and encouraged to attend either of the group meetings. Come and enjoy the fellowship and study. Invite someone to one of the meetings and offer to give them a ride. If you need a ride, call the church office (342-1582) or contact one of us.

Karen Garnett & Marie Harding, Co-Leaders

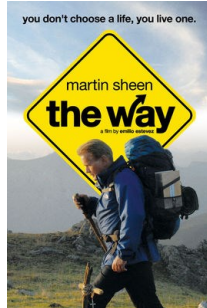
RELIGIOUS VS SPIRITUAL

Religion is a belief in someone else’s experience. Spirituality is having your own experience.

Religions say their story is the right story. Spirituality sees the truth in all of them despite their unique differences.

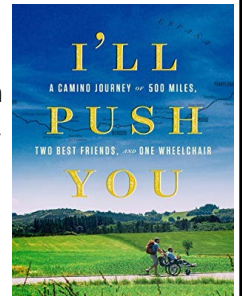
Religion tells you the truth. Spirituality lets you discover it for yourself.

Movie Nights



Come watch “The Way” with us at 6pm on this Sunday, March 24th. The film is accompanying us on our Lenten journey as a modern-day parable on walking our pilgrimages with Jesus. A father walks the Camino de Santiago in honor of his son, but then finds meaning in his own journey.

We are also offering another Movie Night to watch “I’ll Push You” on Sunday, March 31 and Sunday, April 7, both at 6pm. Two best friends decide to travel the Camino de Santiago. One catch— one friend is in a wheelchair. Come watch this true documentary of their friendship and challenges as they journey together.



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 Lorraine—8:00 am to 11:00 am, Tuesday through Friday. Afternoons by appointment.



Next Newsletter Deadline
April 8 & 22, 2019



March/April 2019

17	18	19	20	21	22	23
2nd Sunday of Lent St. Patrick's Day ● 9:30am Sunday Scho ● 10:30am Worship Ser	● 7pm Boy Scouts	● 5:30pm Sertoma Boa ● 6pm Soul Feast ● 6pm Chi Rho Mission	NEWSLETTER DEADLII ● 3pm Emporia Place S ● 5pm Worship Ministr ● 6:15pm Board Meetin	● 6pm Choir Practice ● 6:30pm Grief Share	● 3pm Clothes Closet &	● 9am Clothes Closet &
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
3rd Sunday of Lent ● 9:30am Sunday Scho ● 10:30am Worship Ser ● 2pm Presbyterian Ma	● 7pm Boy Scouts	● 6pm Soul Feast	● 5:30pm Facilities Mex	● 5pm Elders Meeting ● 6pm Choir Practice ● 6:30pm Grief Share	● 3pm Clothes Closet &	● 9am Clothes Closet &
31	Apr 1	2	3	4	5	6
4th Sunday of Lent ● 9:30am Sunday Scho ● 10:30am Worship Ser ● 2:30pm Holiday Reso	● 7pm Boy Scouts	● 6pm Soul Feast	● 10:30am Lyon Co. Mi ● 1:30pm DWF Day Gro ● 5:30pm DWF Night G	● 5:30pm Youth Choir ● 6pm Choir Practice ● 6:30pm Grief Share	NO SCHOOL ● 3pm Clothes Closet &	● 9am Clothes Closet & >
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
5th Sunday of Lent ● 9:30am Sunday School ● 10:30am Worship Servic	Newsletter Deadline ● 7pm Boy Scouts	● 6pm Soul Feast ● 6pm Chi Rho Mission Clu	● 9:30am NE KS Clergy-To ● 6:15pm Stewardship J	● 5pm Elders Meeting ● 5:30pm ESU Cooking Eve ● 6pm Choir Practice ● 6:30pm Grief Share	● 3pm Clothes Closet & Hc ● 6pm Chi Rho Retreat	● 9am Clothes Closet & Hc ● 9am Chi Rho Retreat End

Spotlight on Disciples

Information for this article came from Journey in Faith by Lester G. McAllister and William E. Tucker, pp. 356-359

Development and Unification (part 3)
The Jazz Age and the Ku Klux Klan

Not all of history is illustrious and much of the 1920's brought about great uneasiness in the history of the nation and in the Disciples. More people had cars which brought about more travel and radio brought instant communication into homes. It was the age of the "flapper" and the "speak-easy." It was a time of relaxation—a kind of liberation. The former morality was being challenged. At the same time, another morality was also being challenged by the onset of organization ready to flame their way into the lives of ordinary folks—namely the Ku Klux Klan. Disciple clergy were threatened if they opposed the Klan. Congregations were split as the power of the group took on more and more supporters through the early 1920s. The KKK was just one of the internal conflicts that split Disciples into "liberals" and "conservatives."