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## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

Mobile egiving  
90th BD Celebration  
Movie Night 4/14

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## Reflections

Our Lenten series, "The Way," has taken us down the Camino de Santiago together. The movie, "The Way," has served as a metaphor for our journey with Jesus to Jerusalem. The story of Tom, who grieves his son, Daniel, who died while walking the Camino, created a backdrop of our own lives. His encounters with visions of Daniel throughout his journey are affirmations of his progress in growing and changing his mindset of what living is all about. His treatment of his fellow travelers embody that change.

The season of Lent is all about **our** spiritual journeys. The season is all about the inward look into the heart. It is a time to concentrate on our spiritual formation.

In his book, *Spiritual Formation*, Henri Nouwen writes that spiritual formation is "about the *movements* from the mind to the heart through prayer in its many forms that reunite us with God, each other, and our truest selves" (Kindle, location 140). However, these *movements* are not limited to our personal experience. We need each other along the way. When left to our own thoughts, it is easy for our hearts to remain ignorant. Nouwen reminds us, "When our heart knows only evil or selfish thoughts it will evoke evil and selfishness, but when our heart is formed by the living word of God in Christ it will discern the face of God in all it sees" (Kindle, location 173). As Christians, we are on this spiritual journey together, praying for each other, teaching each other, and caring for each other.

And so, we continue with Jesus toward Good Friday. But we need not despair. As we build our relationship with God through prayer and meditation, we know the darkness will soon turn to light and we will continue to form our spiritual connection more deeply.

With day break comes the morning light and Jesus comes forth from his tomb alive! His resurrection is only the beginning of our new life in Christ. Like the buds on the springtime trees, we too, will be renewed once again on this journey. May our days ahead be filled with wonder at the mysteries of God who brings hope from despair, gladness from sorrow, and life from death.

*"I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert" (Isaiah 43:19).*

Blessings as we look toward Easter together,

*Pastor Lorraine*

# Upcoming Serving Schedule

## April 14, 2019—Palm Sunday Liturgy of the Palms

**Candlelighter** ~ Juliana Martinez  
**Children's Message** ~ Joy Frevert  
**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

## April 21, 2019—EASTER SUNDAY

**Candlelighter** ~ Jack Dalton  
**Children's Message** ~ Marlene Hanson  
**Diaconate** ~ Jake Dalton\*, Joy Wonser  
 Carl & Lana Richardson  
**Elder** ~ Robert Chatham  
**Greeters** ~ (N) Marie Harding  
 ~ (S) Mary Volland  
**Nursery** ~ Briana Becker  
**Worship Leader** ~ Nancy LeClear

## April 28, 2019—2nd Sunday of Easter

**Candlelighter** ~ Kinzie Kurzen  
**Children's Message** ~ Laurie Kurzen  
**Diaconate** ~ Carl Headrick\*, Jill McGrath  
 Tammie McDiffett, Nik Roth  
**Elder** ~ Jean Miller  
**Greeters** ~ (N) Tammie McDiffett  
 (S) Joy Wonser  
**Nursery** ~ John Lexow  
**Worship Leader** ~ Mary Volland

## May 5, 2019—3rd Sunday of Easter

**Candlelighter** ~ Esai Gonzales  
**Children's Message** ~ Sandy Heller  
**Diaconate** ~ Nikki Simmons\*, John Lexow  
 Bonnie Denson  
**Elder** ~ Judy Moore  
**Greeters** ~ (N) Sonya Ihde  
 ~ (S) Jill McGrath  
**Nursery** ~ Minkinzi Simmons  
**Worship Leader** ~ Nancy LeClear

In March we helped **39 families**, consisting of **77 people** with 39 bags of food plus **13 dozen eggs** and various miscellaneous donated items. Of those families, **12 were new to us.**



So far in April we have helped **14 families**, consisting of **40 people** with 14 bags of food plus **7 dozen eggs**, and miscellaneous donated items. Of those families, **3 were new to us.** Thank you for supporting your food pantry.

### THE SECRET PLACE

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

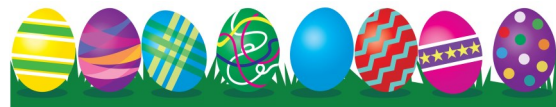


Secret Place daily devotional books have arrived and are located on the hall table.

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

You still have time to purchase one and have two months to enjoy it. Check them out 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 Lozier (*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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March 24, 2019 SS 10 / Worship 59  
March 31, 2019 SS 8 / Worship 74  
April 7, 2019 SS11 / Worship 54

### GIVING RECORD

March 24, 2019 ~ Offering \$1,386.00 / Building \$10.00  
 March 31, 2019 ~ Offering \$2,114.00 / Building \$132.00  
 April 7, 2019 ~ Offering \$1,722.50 / Building \$20.00



**April Anniversaries**

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

**April Birthdays**

- 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



**Why didn't they play cards on the Ark?**

**BECAUSE NOAH WAS ALWAYS STANDING ON THE DECK**

**THOUGHTS TO PONDER**

A marriage may be made in heaven, but the maintenance must be done on earth.  
 Wash your hands and say your prayers, 'cause Jesus and germs are everywhere.  
 Strip us of our skin and we are all the same within.  
 A mistake repeated is a decision.  
 Help is just a prayer away.

**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**
- 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 Canceled~~
- Tuesday, April 16—6:30 pm Christian Ed. meets
- Wednesday, April 17—5:00 pm Worship Ministry  
6:15 pm Board Meeting
- Thursday, April 18—1:00-4:00 pm WAW Auditorium Little Theatre, Human Trafficking of boys sponsored by SOS & CASA  
7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Service
- Friday, April 19—Good Friday, No School  
8:30 am CWU Friendship Coffee-Braum's W. 6th  
Noon—Community Stations of the Cross—meet at St. Andrew's; end at Grace Methodist Church.  
5:30 pm—ESU Cooking Event
- Tuesday, April 23—6:00 pm Chi Rho Mission Club
- Sat. July 20—Wed. July 24, 2019—General Assembly in Des Moines, Iowa







Lectionary Readings

**Lectionary Schedule  
April 14 — May 12, 2019**

**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

**April 28, 2019 2nd Sun. of Easter**

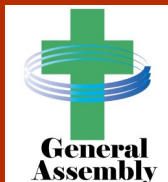
Acts 5:27-32  
Psalm 118:14-29 or Psalm 150  
Revelation 1:4-8  
John 20:19-31

**May 5, 2019 3rd Sun. of Easter**

Acts 9:1-6, (7-20)  
Psalm 30  
Revelation 5:11-14  
John 21:1-19

**May 12, 2019 4th Sun. of Easter**

Acts 9:36-43  
Psalm 23  
Revelation 7:9-17  
John 10:22-30



**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!

**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 as we continue through May 30, 2019.





The Church's sympathy goes out to the family and friends of **Helen Kassens** who entered new life on Monday, February 25, 2019. A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, May 4, 2019 at 10:30 a.m. here at First Christian Church. Also sympathy goes out to the family and friends of **George Ford** who entered new life on Saturday, March 9, 2019, with services held at First Christian Church on Wednesday, March 13, 2019. Please note the passing of **Bob Schreiner** on Thursday, March 14, 2019 in Oklahoma City, OK with services held at Westhaven Mortuary, Wichita, KS on Monday, March 18, 2019. And our sympathy goes out to the family and friends of **Grace Hyatt**, mother of Betty Pierson, who entered new life on Thursday, March 14, 2019 with services held Sunday, March 17, 2019 at the Cheney Witt Bronson Chapel.

A **BIG THANK YOU** to all who helped while I was gone on vacation. A special thanks goes out to Tammie McDiffett who covered the food panty and attendance for me; Pastor Lorraine and Karen Garnett who ran the bulletins and prepared the Lenten inserts and to Marie Harding for phone calls and follow up on calls plus all the others who filled in. It takes all of us working together to accomplish great things. I really appreciate your help and flexibility.

My husband Duane and I had a very relaxing time on a Panama Canal cruise traveling from east to west seeing a wide variety of wildlife and vegetation. The trip went well until our flight home, which got canceled and couldn't get rebooked for three days.



**Electronic Fund Giving**

**Making Donations Using GivePlus Mobile**

**Where can I download the GivePlus Mobile app?**

Currently, GivePlus is available through the Apple's App Store and Google's Play Store.

**Is the GivePlus Mobile app free to use?**

Yes! The app is free to download from Apple's App Store, google's Play Store and you are not charged a fee to make donations using the app.

**How do I find my church to give to in the GivePlus Mobile app?**

When you download the GivePlus app for the first time, you will be prompted to enter the name of the church to which you want to give. You can type in the name of the church and select it when it appears. Or, use the **Find Churches Near me** feature. Currently we are at the bottom of the list.

**Jelly Bean Prayer**

Red is for the blood Christ gave  
Green is for the grass he made

Yellow is for God's light so bright  
Orange is for prayers at night

Black is for the sins we made  
White is for the grace he gave.

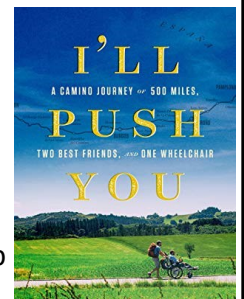
Purple is for his hour of sorrow  
Pink is for his new tomorrow

*A jar full of jelly beans, colorful & sweet,  
Is a prayer, a promise, a special treat.  
God, fill my heart and my life with the  
joy of the Resurrection of Christ. Amen!*



**Movie Nights**

The last chance for Movie Night! On **Sunday, April 14** you can see **"I'll Push You"** at **6pm**. The movie is about two best friends who decide to travel the Camino de Santiago. The 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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**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**  
**April 22 & May 6, 2019**



**April 2019**

7	8	9	10	11	12	13
5th Sunday of Lent ● 9:30am Sunday Scho ● 10:30am Worship Ser	Newsletter Deadline ● 7pm Boy Scouts	● 6pm Soul Feast ● 6pm Chi Rho Mission	● 9:30am NE KS Clergy ● 6:15pm Board Meetin	● 5pm Elders Meeting ● 5:30pm ESU Cooking ● 6pm Choir Practice ● 6:30pm Grief Share	● 12pm Stations of the ● 3pm Clothes Closet & ● 6p CANCELED Retreat	● 9am Clothes Closet & ● 9am CANCELED Retreat
14 Palm Sunday ● 9:30am Sunday Scho ● 10:30am Worship Ser	15 Tax Day ● 7pm Boy Scouts	16 ● 5:30pm Sertoma Boa ● 6:30pm Christian Ed.	17 ● 5pm Worship Ministr	18 ● 6pm Choir Practice ● 6:30pm Grief Share ● 7pm Maundy Thursd	19 GOOD FRIDAY NO SCHOOL ● 8:30am CWU Friends ● 3pm Clothes Closet & ● 5:30pm ESU Cooking	20 PASSOVER ● 9am Clothes Closet &
21 Easter Sunday ● 9:30am Sunday Scho ● 10:30am Worship Ser	22 Newsletter Deadline Easter Monday ● 7pm Boy Scouts	23 ● 6pm Chi Rho Mission	24 ● 3pm Emporia Place S ● 5:30pm Facilities Me	25 ● 5pm Elders Meeting ● 6pm Choir Practice ● 6:30pm Grief Share	26 ● 3pm Clothes Closet &	27 ● 9am Clothes Closet &
28 2nd Sunday of Easter ● 9:30am Sunday Scho ● 10:30am Worship Ser ● 11:30am Annual Cong ● 2pm Presbyterian Ma	29 ● 7pm Boy Scouts	30	May 1 ● 10:30am Lyon Co. Mi ● 1:30pm DWF Day Gro ● 5:30pm DWF Night G	2 ● 6pm Choir Practice ● 6:30pm Grief Share	3 ● 3pm Clothes Closet &	4 ● 9am Clothes Closet & ● 2pm Joan Shumate 9 >

**Spotlight on Disciples**

Information for this article came from Journey in Faith by Lester G. McAllister and William E. Tucker, pp. 388-390.

**The Great Depression and Recovery**

The Great Depression impacted Disciples ministries greatly. Attendance and offerings were down, mortgages went unpaid were sometimes foreclosed. Ministers worked at reduced salaries or ministers became unemployed. The United Christian Missionary Society (UCMS) was hit particularly hard and reductions included cuts in staff and the withdrawal of missionaries worldwide. It wasn't until 1936 that the income showed a gain over the previous year and the ministry budget was back in the black. After the Depression, social reform was on the rise and an interest in the social gospel was apparent. The institutional life of the Disciples was profoundly affected. All of the institutions and agencies of the church were damaged including institutions of higher learning which emerged with heavy loads of debt. Agencies such as the UCMS needed reorganization and new agencies were created.