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### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

Happy Birthday Joan  
Time to Register for  
General Assembly  
Graduation Time

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### Reflections

In the chapter on Radical Hospitality in his book, *Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations*, Robert Schnase encourages us to share our love of God with others.

He asks us to think about these things:

What does your relationship with God mean to you?

What is your perspective of faith?

What is your understanding of life?

What do your relationships with others mean to you?

What sense of meaning, connection, and contribution do you get from belonging to a church family?

If we can answer these questions for ourselves, we can talk to anyone about God, Christ, and the church.

Would you take time to think about these things? Would you take time to discuss these questions with someone you know and trust? Perhaps you would like to journal about these things.

Schnase suggests that we "Pray, and rehearse, and commit [ourselves] . . ." to speak. There's more, but let's start here. These three things: pray, rehearse, and commit, are very important so that we can talk about God with integrity, without fear of being pushy or fanatical, and in our own way. Our personal faith stories are the best ones we can ever tell.

One of our stellar attributes about belonging to the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) is our diversity. Each of our stories will bring their unique flavor to the larger story of our congregation. Our congregational story is a story of deep faith built on the foundation of Jesus Christ. It is the faith we affirm. In order to share our story, remember to pray, rehearse, and commit!

Shalom,

*Pastor Lorraine*

# Upcoming Serving Schedule

## May 12, 2019—4th Sunday of Easter Mother's Day

- Candlelighter** ~ Nicole Dalton  
**Children's Message** ~ Barb Gimple  
**Diaconate** ~ Richard Becker\*, Laurie Kurzen  
 Alan & Betty Richardson  
**Elder** ~ Judy Moore  
**Greeters** ~ (N) Carl Headrick  
 ~ (S) Rita Headrick  
**Nursery** ~ Juliana Martinez  
**Worship Leader** ~ Nancy LeClear

## May 19, 2019—5th Sunday of Easter

- Candlelighter** ~ Jaiden Kurzen  
**Children's Message** ~ Marie Harding  
**Diaconate** ~ Jake Dalton\*, Joy Wonser  
 Carl & Lana Richardson  
**Elder** ~ Robert Chatham  
**Greeters** ~ (N) Karen Garnett  
 ~ (S) Debbie Hubert  
**Nursery** ~ Rita Headrick  
**Worship Leader** ~ Jill McGrath

## May 26, 2019—6th Sunday of Easter

- Candlelighter** ~ Brayden Dill  
**Children's Message** ~ Lorraine Bailey  
**Diaconate** ~ Carl Headrick\*, Jill McGrath  
 Tammie McDiffett, Nik Roth  
**Elder** ~ Marlene Hanson  
**Greeters** ~ (N) Jim Tilton  
 (S) Melissa Tilton  
**Nursery** ~ Nikki Simmons  
**Worship Leader** ~ Judy Moore

## June 2, 2019—7th Sunday of Easter

- Candlelighter** ~ Kelsey Shull  
**Children's Message** ~ Jaylene Arnett  
**Diaconate** ~ Nikki Simmons\*, John Lexow  
 Bonnie Denson  
**Elder** ~ Robert Chatham  
**Greeters** ~ (N) Richard Becker  
 ~ (S) Lisa Rickbaugh  
**Nursery** ~ Richard Becker  
**Worship Leader** ~ Marlene Hanson

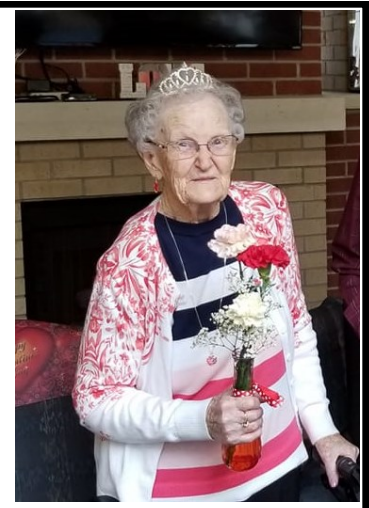
In April we helped **44 families**, consisting of **111 people** with food, plus **28 dozen eggs** and various miscellaneous donated items. Of those families, **15 were new to us**. Thank you for supporting your food pantry.



**Don Allen** (*tumor*); **Lonnie Atchison** (*cancer*); **Lynn Cress** (*stroke*); **Joe Den-son** (*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*) & **Ra-mona Langley** (*brother-in-law and sister of Betty Rich-ardson*); **Joe Lozier** (*brain tumor, Father of Jen Dalton*); **Steve Martin** (*stem cell cancer treatment*); **Pastor An-drew McHenry & wife Hillary** (*Paradise, CA fire*); **Jean-ice Miller** (*sciatic nerve pain*); **Ross Rhoades**; **Pam Scheve** (*daughter Jan Jones, health issues*); **Andrea Vandruff** (*kidney issues*); **Liam Wagner**, (*open heart surgery*); **Bob Wayman** (*hernia surgery & recovery*); **Au-brey Wescott** (*stomach & digestive problems*); **Hilda Wright** (*complications of diabetes, Pastor Lorraine's sis-ter-in-law*); plus those affected by the flooding. **Eric MacGregor** (*Military-Deployed*)



**Congratulations**  
**Novella Merry**  
**The Meadows**  
**Valentine Queen**



## Attendance and Giving Record

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April 28, 2019 SS 6 / Worship 56  
May 5, 2019 SS 12 / Worship 51

### GIVING RECORD

April 28, 2019~Offering \$1,691.00 /Building \$180.00  
 May 5, 2019~ Offering \$2,217.50 / Building \$20.00  
 Easter Offering \$25.00



**May Anniversaries**

- 17 Jeffrey & Vicki Cole
- 24 Kurt & Sheila Steinkuhler

**May Birthdays**



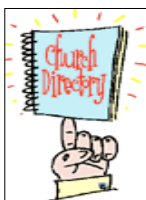
- 02 Brooke Douglas
- 02 Chris Parsons
- 04 Shelby Fuller
- 06 Maddie Roth
- 06 Bob Duncan
- 07 Joan Shumate
- 08 Michelle Harding
- 08 Jan Jones
- 10 Lincoln Roth
- 10 Jay Schaefer
- 11 Cindy Kuhn
- 15 Jami LeClear
- 16 Slay'tn Davis
- 17 William Calvert
- 20 Jim Siebert
- 23 Brandon Hopkins
- 25 Robert Hush
- 26 Alexa Sunderman
- 27 Robert Wells
- 28 Larry Gamblian
- 28 Nathan LeClear
- 31 Dennis Kelly

**THOUGHTS TO PONDER**

- If you never have a bad day, how would you know whether you are having a good day?
- A prayer is not a wish list.
- Authority makes some people grow and others just swell.
- If you push the envelope, you might get licked.
- Jesus can turn you E-F-I-L around.
- Better saved than sorry.
- Be fishers of men. You catch 'em, He'll clean 'em.

**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
- Thursday's at 6:30 pm through May 30—Grief Share**
- Tuesday, May 7—5:30 pm Youth Choir practice
- Wed., May 8—9:30 am NE KS Clergy  
6:15 pm Stewardship Meets
- Sat., May 11—ESU Graduation
- Sun., May 12—Mother's Day  
25th Ordination Reception for Pastor Lorraine after Worship
- Tue. May 14—6:00 pm Chi Rho Mission Club meets  
6:30 pm Christian Ed. meets
- Wed. May 15—25th Anniversary Lorraine Bailey's Ordination  
5:00 pm Worship Ministry  
6:15 pm Board Meeting
- Fri. May 17—8:30 am CWU Friendship Coffee
- Sat. May 18—Noon to 6:00 pm Emporia Piano Teachers Recital and Reception in the Sanctuary & Parlor
- Sun. May 19—Church Graduation Recognition Sunday
- Sat. July 20—Wed. July 24, 2019—General Assembly in Des Moines, Iowa



**Change of Address**

Joe and Bonnie Denson  
**2343 Hillcrest Drive**  
 Emporia, KS 66801  
 Please make the changes to your directory.

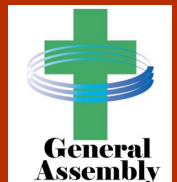
**God is my Boss,  
 and I'm God's  
 employee.  
 I'm thankful for  
 my everyday  
 salary called Life,  
 With benefits  
 called Blessings,  
 And rewards  
 called Miracles.  
 Amen**

WOMEN  
WORKING





Lectionary Readings



General Assembly



**Lectionary Schedule**  
**May 12—June 9, 2019**

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

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

**May 19, 2019-5th Sun. of Easter**

Acts 11:1-16  
 Psalm 148  
 Revelation 21:1-6  
 John 13:31-35

**May 26, 2019-6th Sun. of Easter**

Acts 16:9-15  
 Psalm 67  
 Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5  
 John 14:23-29 or John 5:1-9

**June 2, 2019 7th Sun. of Easter**

Acts 16:16-34  
 Psalm 97  
 Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21  
 John 17:20-26

**June 9, 2019 Pentecost Day**

Acts 2:1-21 or Genesis 11:1-9  
 Psalm 104:24-34, 35b  
 Romans 8:14-17 or Acts 2:1-21  
 John 14:8-17, (25-27)



**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!

*GOD DOESN'T GIVE US WHAT WE CAN HANDLE, HE HELPS US HANDLE WHAT WE HAVE BEEN GIVEN.*



**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.

We meet on Thursday evenings at 6:30 p.m. in the church library and will continue through May 30, 2019.

Nancy Hopper LeClear and Janet Willard Lostutter  
 Facilitators



## 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.

## It’s Graduation Time!!!!

Graduation announcement cards are being readied. Caps and gowns sized and ordered. Final exams are fast approaching. Parties are being planned. Diplomas are being printed. Commencement speeches are being written with opening lines like “Even if you are on the right track, you will get run over if you just sit there” - Will Rogers.

Some fun commencement facts – the traditions of gowns goes all the way back to the 12<sup>th</sup> century because universities had no heating systems. The caps or mortarboard became popular in the 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> centuries by artists and students who wore them. The tossing of the cap was started by Naval Academy in 1912. The turning of the tassel is a young tradition of the last 40 to 50 years.

**Do you have a child, grandchild, or relative that is graduating from kindergarten, middle school, high school, technical college, or college? If so, please fill out an information sheet from the hall table and leave it in the church office. We will honor our graduates on**

**Sunday, May 19, 2019.**



Celebrating  
Joan Shumate’s  
90th Birthday

Family Picture





**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**  
**May 20 & June 3, 2019**



**May 2019**

5	6	7	8	9	10	11
3rd Sunday of Easter	Newsletter Deadline	● 5:30pm Youth Choir	● 9:30am NE KS Clergy		● 3pm Clothes Closet &	ESU Graduation
Cinco de Mayo	● 7pm Boy Scouts		● 6:15pm Stewardship	● 6pm Choir Practice		● 9am Clothes Closet &
● 9:30am Sunday Scho	● 7:30pm Joe Ruiters Sr.			● 6:30pm Grief Share		
● 10:30am Worship Ser						
● 6pm Joe Ruiters pract						
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
25th Ordain Celebratio	● 7pm Boy Scouts	● 6pm Chi Rho Mission	25th Anniv-Ordination	● 6pm Choir Practice	● 8:30am CWU Friends	● 9am Clothes Closet &
4th Sunday of Easter		● 6:30pm Christian Ed.	● 5pm Worship Ministr	● 6:30pm Grief Share	● 3pm Clothes Closet &	● 12pm Emporia Piano
Mother's Day			● 6:15pm Board Meetin			
● 9:30am Sunday Scho						
● 10:30am Worship Ser						
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
5th Sunday of Easter	Newsletter Deadline		● 5:30pm Facilities Met	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL	● 3pm Clothes Closet &	● 9am Clothes Closet &
Graduation Recognitio	● 7pm Boy Scouts			● 5pm Elders Meeting		
● 9:30am Sunday Scho				● 6pm Choir Practice		
● 10:30am Worship Ser				● 6:30pm Grief Share		

**Spotlight on Disciples**

Information for this article came from *Journey in Faith* by Lester G. McAllister and William E. Tucker, pp. 395-396.

**Christian Education and Youth Programs Begin**

The Department of Religious Education began in 1920 as part of the United Christian Missionary Society. The children’s program expanded rapidly and included youth summer conferences. Youth conventions were held starting in 1926 in connection with the International Convention. Youth participated in *Christian Endeavor* until a new, more inclusive program, *Christian Youth Fellowship* (CYF) was adopted in 1938. The purpose of CYF was to develop young people in churchmanship. By 1960, the popular program was operating in thirty-five states, provinces, and areas. The ecumenical movement, *United Christian Youth Movement* included interdenominational camps, conferences, and committees in which Disciples youth participated. Between 1939 and 1941, junior high camp and weekend youth gatherings began. Formed in 1946, *The Disciples Student Fellowship* ministered to Disciples students on many campuses through the United States and Canada.