



July 1, 2019

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

Connect & Equip
New Books in the Library
Gift of Clean Water

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Reflections

The Church Board continues in its study of Robert Schnase's Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations (2018). Chapter 3, "The Practice of Passionate Worship," is important for everyone in the congregation because worship is so personal. Yet, as Christians, worship is meant to be communal. We are to worship together "for the love of God." The next few Reflections will be dedicated to exploring Schnase's material. I hope that you will take these ideas to heart and pray for God's guidance as we continue to experiment with a variety of worship models. We need every voice in creating meaningful worship experiences and I invite you to share your voice along with those on our church board.

You can share ideas with your Worship Ministry Team: Barb Gimple (Chair), Janece Bacon, Lorraine Bailey (ex-officio), Martín Cuellar, Karen Garnett, and Cameron Moore.

Robert Schnase explains that "Passionate Worship connects people to God, to one another, and to the world around them. People gather consciously as the body of Christ with eagerness and expectancy; encounter Christ through singing, prayer, scripture, and Holy Communion; and respond by allowing God's Spirit to shape their lives" (p. 50). What parts of the worship service connect you to God? When do you feel most in tune with the Holy Spirit? Schnase also describes how God "uses worship to transform lives, heal wounded souls, renew hope, shape decisions, provoke change, inspire compassion, bind people to one another, and prepare them to serve their neighbor" (p. 50) Have you ever come to worship with a decision on your mind and left feeling that God had revealed something new to you?

We are spiritual beings created to worship God. It is in our core fabric that we spend time with God in worship with others. The Holy Spirit taps into our souls as we praise and worship our Creator. God renews and restores us to go out and be God's ambassadors of God's grace. It is in the worship experience that we can fully connect our spirits with God's.

Blessings to all of us as we ponder our experiences of worship as they relate to our brothers and sisters in the community of Christ.

Shalom,
Pastor Lorraine

Upcoming Serving Schedule



July 7, 2019—4th Sunday after Pentecost

Young Disciples' Moment ~ Laurie Kurzen
Diaconate Captains for July
 Carl Headrick & Tammie McDiffett
Elder ~ Jean Miller
Greeters ~ (N) Diana Solis
 ~ (S) Joan Shumate
Worship Leader ~ Janece Bacon

July 14, 2019—5th Sunday after Pentecost

Young Disciples' Moment ~ Marlene Hanson
Diaconate Captains for July
 Carl Headrick & Tammie McDiffett
Elder ~ Robert Chatham
Greeters ~ (N) Marie Harding
 ~ (S) Mary Volland
Worship Leader ~ Barb Gimple

July 21, 2019—6th Sunday after Pentecost

Young Disciples' Moment ~ Barb Gimple
Diaconate Captains for July
 Carl Headrick & Tammie McDiffett
Elder ~ Cameron Moore
Greeters ~ (N) Tammie McDiffett
 (S) Nik Roth
Worship Leader ~ Nancy LeClear

July 28, 2019—7th Sunday after Pentecost

Young Disciples' Moment ~ Barb Gimple
Diaconate Captains for July
 Carl Headrick & Tammie McDiffett
Elder ~ Jaylene Arnett
Greeters ~ (N) Sonya Ihde
 ~ (S) Jill McGrath
Worship Leader ~ Jean Miller

In June we helped **51 families**, consisting of **142 people** with food, plus **30 dozen eggs** and various miscellaneous donated items. Of those families, **19 were new to us**. Thank you for supporting your food pantry.



Don Allen (*tumor*); Lonnie Atchison (*cancer*); Lynn Cress (*heart attack*); Brooke Franklin (*cancer*); Brad Jones (*heart problems*); Jan Jones (*broke hip*); 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*); Jeanice Miller (*sciatic nerve pain*); Pam Scheve (*health problems*); Andrea Vandruff (*kidney issues*); Liam Wagner (*open heart surgery*); Aubrey Wescott (*stomach & digestive problems*); plus those affected by the floods and tornados.

Eric MacGregor (*Military-Deployed*)

Enroll by Friday, July 26, 2019
Forms on Parlor table



**DISCIPLES
 CONNECT & EQUIP**
Kansas Disciples Regional Gathering

9 a.m. Saturday, August 10 - Closing by 3:30 p.m.
 Disciples Center at Tawakoni

SAVE THE DATE!

Workshops ... Worship ... Food Court ... Swimming ... Archery
 Jones Lodge ground breaking
 KLC Leadership Training and MORE!

Attendance and Giving Record

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June 23, 2019 SS 11 / Worship 46
June 30, 2019 SS 15 / Worship 64

GIVING RECORD

June 23, 2019~Offering \$990.00 / Building \$20.00
 June 30, 2019~Offering \$2,880.00 / Building \$70.00



June Anniversaries

- 29 John & Marie Harding (1962)
- 30 Joe & Dana Witten

July Anniversaries

- 13 Jake & Jennifer Dalton

August Anniversaries

- 07 George & Jaylene Arnett
- 07 Bob & Margi Colerick (1970)
- 07 Alan & Betty Richardson
- 31 Dave & Carolyn Meierhoff (1964)

June Birthdays

- 28 Jake Dalton
- 29 June Rochat



July Birthdays

- 01 John Harding
- 01 Joyce Kellison
- 02 James Ayers
- 02 Bronte Bailey
- 02 Allison Harding
- 02 Janet Lostutter
- 07 Suzanne MacGregor
- 07 Alan Richardson
- 07 Seth Tilton
- 08 Judy Moore
- 09 John Kuhn
- 13 Jessica Alexander
- 13 Jill McGrath
- 15 Nicolas Kuhn
- 18 Lola Walker
- 18 Sarah Wyrick
- 21 Adrian Ingles
- 24 Joy Frevert
- 25 Addison (Garnett) Oulette
- 25 Corey Giger
- 26 Ty Michael Barrett
- 26 Jared Johnson
- 26 Brayden Dill
- 28 Dorothy Boyce
- 28 Melissa Tilton
- 29 Jeremy Dalton
- 30 Lorraine Bailey
- 30 Ashley Garnett



Mark The Dates

- Friday's 3-6 pm—Clothes Closet & Household Hut open
- Saturday's from 9—Noon—Clothes Closet and Household Hut
- ~~Thurs. at 6:00 pm~~—Choir practice—Summer break until Aug. 22
- Wed. July 3—3:00 pm Emporia Place Service
- Thur. July 4—Office Closed
- Wed. July 10—5:00 pm Worship Ministry
- Thur. July 11—5:00 pm Elder's Study
6:00 pm Leadership Team
- Sun.-Wed, July 14-17—5:30 pm-7:45 pm Vacation Bible School
at Presby West
- Fri. July 19—8:30 am CWU Friendship Coffee at Braum's W 6th
- Sat. July 20—Wed. July 24, 2019—General Assembly, Iowa
- Fri. July 26—Last day to Enroll for Disciples Connect & Equip
- Sun. July 28—6:00 pm Movie Night "Hunchback of Notre
Dame" in Sanctuary
- Aug. 10—9 am to 3:30 pm, Tawakoni; Combine New Vision &
KS Leadership Center Training
- Sept. 27-28—5 pm to Noon, Tawakoni; Disciples Men's Retreat
- Sept. 28—7:00 pm, Tawakoni; Men's Odyssey
- Oct. 2-4—Women's Fall Retreat (midweek) at Tawakoni
- Oct. 4-6—Women's Fall Retreat (weekend) at Tawakoni
- Nov. 8-10—Youth Conference, Grades 6-12 at Hutchinson
Conference Center

THOUGHTS TO PONDER

- Nobody can do everything, but everybody can do something.
- The more people you help, the greater your chances of success.
- The two hardest things to handle in life are failure and success.
- To love someone is to see all their magic and remind them of it when they have forgotten.
- Weeds are flowers too, if you get to know them.
- Stop, drop, and roll does not work in hell.
- Life Lessons from Noah's Ark" Build your future on high ground.
- Throw kindness around like confetti.
- Don't judge yesterday on tomorrow's goals.
- Look for God at knee level.
- Courage is fear that has said its prayers.



Lectionary Readings

**Lectionary Schedule
July 7—August 4, 2019**

July 7, 2019—4th Sun. after Pentecost

1 Kings 21:1-10, (11-14), 15-21a
Psalm 5:1-8
Galatians 2:15-21
Luke 7:36-8:3

July 14, 2019—5th Sun. after Pentecost

1 Kings 19:1-4, (5-7), 8-15a
Psalm 42
Galatians 3:23-29
Luke 8:26-39

July 21, 2019—6th Sun. after Pentecost

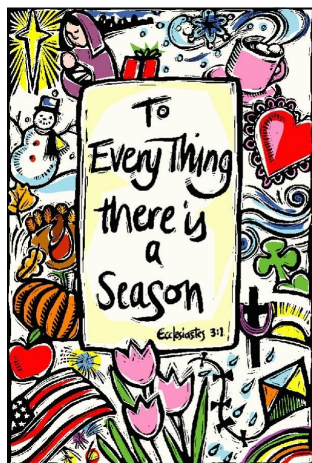
2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14
Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20
Galatians 5:1, 13-25
Luke 9:51-62

July 28, 2019—7th Sun. after Pentecost

2 Kings 5:1-14
Psalm 30
Galatians 6:(1-6), 7-16
Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

August 4, 2019—8th Sun. after Pentecost

Amos 7:7-17
Psalms 82
Colossians 1:1-14
Luke 10:25-37



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).

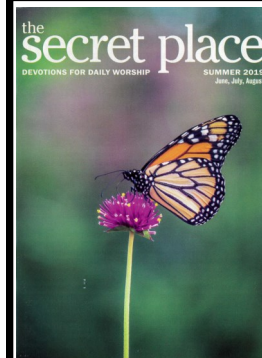
Educational Workshops: for both lay and clergy leaders.

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!

IT'S TIME TO START
READING THE MORNING PAPER AGAIN



Located on the hall table.



Gift of Clean Water



Due to the generosity of FCC members we have enough money to fund 3 irrigation pumps for villages where homes lack running water or maybe not even have a well nearby. \$600 has been donated to this cause and FCC Outreach will add another \$350 bringing the total to \$950, enough to fund 3 pumps!

IN MEMORY OF	GIVEN BY
James Kittle	George and Jaylene Arnett
Oren Gartung	Lorraine Bailey
Rick Frevert	Joy Frevert
LeRoy Garnett	Karen Garnett
Walter Heitman	Barb and Glenn Gimple
Charles Hopper	Nancy LeClear
Max Kimberlin	Jill McGrath
Henry N. Schmidt	Jean Miller
Emil L Miller	Jean Miller
Fred Miller	Jean Miller
Vernon Maxwell	Judy Moore
Amos W. Wood	Joan Shumate
Richard Volland	Mary Volland
William Willard	Janet Lostutter
IN HONOR OF	GIVEN BY
Guy Bacon	Janece Bacon
Ron Ihde	Sonya and Faith Ihde
Verland O'Neal	Jill McGrath
Grant Miller	Jean Miller
Darrin Arment	Jean Miller

Good-bye Robert Hossfeld

We bid good-bye to our financial secretary, Robert Hossfeld. He has faithfully paid the bills, filed the quarterly and annual reports with the state, done payroll and paid the payroll taxes and other items. After nine years he decided it was time to do the things he wanted to do, when he wanted to do them.

Welcome Kara Horton

We welcome Kara Horton, an ESU Accounting major as the new financial secretary. She has trained with Robert and is ready for her new position. We are glad to have her.

The Acts of the Apostles Bible Study

Would you rather have a hard (paper) copy instead of the electronic version?

Please call the church office at (620) 342-1582 to request your paper copy. Paper copies will be sent one week after the original posting date to include the conversation.

We suggest that you participate by calling and discussing the material with others who are taking part in the study. We will let you know who is in the group if you wish to do this.

Everyone is encouraged to read the study whether or not you choose to comment.

Thanks for studying and learning with us!

Your Leadership Team,
Christian Education Team,
and Pastor Lorraine

New Books in the Library

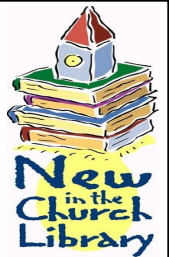
Now that summer is here check out some good reads from our church library.

We have added two new series books by author Gilbert Morris. They are "American Century" and "The Liberty Bell".

We also added five new Max Lucado books that you might enjoy checking out.

The new Michael Phillips series, *The Secrets of Heathersleigh Hall* might be the perfect summertime read.

Browse our library, there is something for all ages to enjoy.



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
July 15 & 29, 2019



July 2019

	MON 1	TUE 2	WED 3	THU 4	FRI 5	SAT 6
	Newsletter Deadline 7pm Boy Scouts	5:30pm Youth Choir 6:30pm Christian Ed.	3pm Emporia Place S	Independence Day	3pm Clothes Closet &	9am Clothes Closet &
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
9:30am Sunday Scho 10:30am Worship Ser	7pm Boy Scouts	4pm Vacation Bible S	5pm Worship Ministr 6:15pm Stewardship	5pm Elder's Study 6pm Leadership Tear	3pm Clothes Closet &	9am Clothes Closet &
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
9:30am Sunday Scho 10:30am Worship Ser 5:30pm Bible School-	Newsletter Deadline 5:30pm Bible School- 7pm Boy Scouts	5:30pm Bible School-	5:30pm Bible School-		8:30am CWU Friends 3pm Clothes Closet &	General Assembly 9am Clothes Closet & 10am Thomas Family
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
General Assembly 9:30am Sunday Scho 10:30am Worship Ser	General Assembly 7pm Boy Scouts	General Assembly	General Assembly 5:30pm Facilities Mea	5pm Elders Meeting	3pm Clothes Closet &	9am Clothes Closet &

Spotlight on Disciples

Information for this article came from Journey in Faith by Lester G. McAllister and William E. Tucker, pp. 409-410.

Disciples and World War II (part 2)

During the third and fourth years of the war, Disciples were hopeful for postwar enduring peace. Discussions brought out ideas of a reconstructed world to prevent future wars. Drake University hosted a conference entitled, “The Church and the New World Mind,” in 1944. The conference inspired revived Bible study in homes, churches, church schools, women’s societies, and youth groups. The recurring theme, “You Are What You Read,” encouraged many churches to establish church libraries and to purchase books to fill them.

After the war ended in 1945, Disciples supported the formation of the United Nations. With the recovery from the “Great Depression,” Disciples picked up delayed building projects and strengthened weakened programs. The future main concern was the denominational structure that would develop over the next decades.