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First Christian Church News

(Disciples of Christ) Emporia, KS

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

DWF Planning Meeting
Update for New Church Directory
Mark calendar for Game Night

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Reflections Pastor Lorraine is on vacation this week.

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Bible Book Search

There are 30 books of the Bible in this paragraph. Can you find them? This is a most remarkable puzzle. It was found by a gentleman in an airplane seat pocket on a flight from Los Angeles to Honolulu keeping him occupied for hours. He enjoyed it so much he passed it on to some friends. One friend from Illinois worked on this while fishing from his johnboat. Another friend studied it while playing the banjo. Elaine Taylor, a columnist friend, was so intrigued by it she mentioned it in her weekly newspaper column. Another friend judges the job of solving the puzzle so involved that she brews a cup of tea to help her nerves. There will be some names that will be real easy to spot. That's a fact. Some people will find themselves in a jam, especially since the book names are not necessarily capitalized. Truthfully, from answers we get we are forced to admit it usually takes a minister or scholar to see some of them at the worst. Research has shown that something in our genes is responsible for the difficulty we have in seeing the books in this paragraph. During a recent fund raising event, which featured this puzzle, the Alpha Delta Phi lemonade booth set a new sales record. The local paper, The Chronicle, surveyed over 200 patrons who reported that this puzzle was one of the most difficult they had ever seen. As Daniel Hummana humbly puts it, the books are right there in plain view, hidden from sight. Those able to find them all will hear great lamentations from those who have to be shown. On revelation that may help is that books like Timothy and Samuel may occur without their numbers. Also keep in mind, that punctuation and spaces in the middle are normal. A chipper attitude will help you to compete really well against those who claim to know all the answers. Remember there is no need for a mad exodus, there really are 30 books of the Bible lurking somewhere in the paragraph waiting to be found.

Upcoming Serving Schedule



August 18, 2019-10th Sunday after Pentecost

Candlelighter ~ Mikinzi Simmons
Young Disciples' Moment ~ Joy Frevert
Diaconate Captains for August
 Jill McGrath & Janece Bacon
Elder ~ Judy Moore
Greeters ~ (N) Karen Garnett
 (S) Debbie Hubert
Nursery ~ Rita Headrick
Worship Leader ~ Judy Moore

August 25, 2019-11th Sunday after Pentecost

Candlelighter ~ Karen Garnett
Young Disciples' Moment ~ Judy Moore
Diaconate Captains for August
 Jill McGrath & Janece Bacon
Elder ~ Cameron Moore
Greeters ~ (N) Jim Tilton
 ~ (S) Melissa Tilton
Nursery ~ Richard Becker
Worship Leader ~ Marlene Hanson

Sept. 1, 2019—12th Sunday after Pentecost

Candlelighter ~ Jack Dalton
Young Disciples' Moment ~ Marlene Hanson
Diaconate Captains for September
 Carl Richardson & Richard Becker
Elder ~ Judy Moore
Greeters ~ (N) Richard Becker
 ~ (S) Lisa Rickabaugh
Nursery ~ Briana Becker
Worship Leader ~ John Lexow

Sept. 8, 2019—13th Sunday after Pentecost

Candlelighter ~ Jaiden Kurzen
Young Disciples' Moment ~ Laurie Kurzen
Diaconate Captains for September
 Carl Richardson & Richard Becker
Elder ~ Jaylene Arnett
Greeters ~ (N) Robert Chatham
 ~ (S) Marilyn Dalton
Nursery ~ John Lexow
Worship Leader ~ Marie Harding

In July we helped **59 families**, consisting of **161 people** with food, plus **29 dozen eggs** and various miscellaneous donated items. Of those families, **21 were new to us**. So far in **August** we have helped **17 families**, consisting of **34 people** with food, plus **5 dozen eggs** and donated garden produce.
Thank you for supporting your food pantry.



Don Allen (*tumor*); Lonnie Atchison (*cancer*); Lynn Cress (*heart attack*); Wanda Davis (*hip surgery*); 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*); Tammie McDiffett, (*broken leg*); 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*)



Thank You
 Thank you for all the prayers and support while I was in the hospital and recuperating. I'm doing much better now.
 Sincerely,
 Jeanice Miller



August 25 It's Coming!

Attendance and Giving Record

ATTENDANCE & GIVING RECORD
 August 4, 2019 SS 15 / Worship 53
 August 11, 2019 SS 11 / Worship 52

GIVING RECORD
 Aug. 4, 2019~Offering \$1,340.00 / Building \$20.00
 Aug. 11, 2019~Offering \$1,643.60 / Building \$92.00



August Anniversaries

31 Dave & Carolyn Meierhoff (1964)

August Birthdays



- 12 Dee Holmes
- 14 Wade Miller
- 15 Novella Merry
- 16 Carol Hopkins
- 20 Ed Dalton
- 23 Doris Baird
- 23 Nicole Dalton
- 24 Lola Farr
- 26 Don Allen
- 26 Marilyn Dalton
- 27 Carl Richardson
- 29 Josie (Witten) Kindhart

New Church Directory



We are in the process of updating the church directory, so if you have items that need updating (email, cell phone number etc.) please let the church office know by Wednesday, **August 28** so they will be changed in the new directory.

We hope to have the new directories out after Labor Day.

Thanks for your help.

Secretary Susan



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 **Begins Thur. 8/15**
- Aug. 13—6:30 p.m. Christian Ed. meets
- Aug. 14—10:30 a.m. DWF Planning Meeting—Parlor
- Aug. 25—6:00 pm Game Night in FH—Board, card etc.
- Sept. 4—DWF Groups meet (time to be decided 8/14)
- Sept. 14—ESU Welcome Back BBQ (time announced later)
- 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
- March 28, 29, and April 4, 2020—Spirit Fest



Thoughts to Ponder

Jesus wasn't white, Christian or American.

- A baby is all of God's grace in one tiny face.
- To find God, look just beyond the shadow of a doubt.
- One nice thing about egotists: they don't talk about other people.
- When the praises go up, the blessings come down.
- He who feels that he is too small to make a difference has never been bitten by a mosquito.
- Do not speak unless you can improve the silence.
- To lift your soul, first bend your knees.
- People who think they're out of this world sometimes make you wish they were.
- Don't be so open-minded that your brain falls out.
- Time heals almost anything. God heals the rest.
- Pray now and forever hold your peace.



Lectionary Readings



General Assembly

**Lectionary Schedule
August 18—Sept. 15, 2019**

August 18, 2019—10th Sun. after

Pentecost

Isaiah 5:1-7
Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19
Hebrews 11:29-12:2
Luke 12:49-56

August 25, 2019—11th Sun. after

Pentecost

Jeremiah 1:4-10
Psalm 71:1-6
Hebrews 12:18-29
Luke 13:10-17

Sept. 1, 2019—12th Sun. after

Pentecost

Jeremiah 2:4-13
Psalm 81:1, 10-16
Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16
Luke 14:1, 7-14

Sept. 8, 2019—13th Sun. after

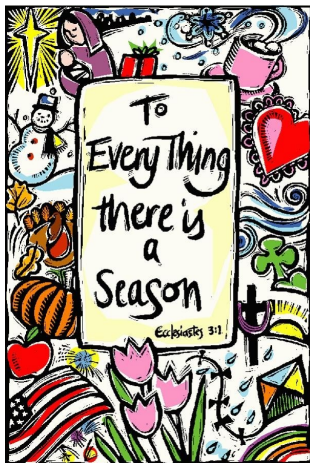
Pentecost

Jeremiah 18:1-11
Psalms 139:1-6, 13-18
Philemon 1:1-21
Luke 14:25-33

Sept. 15, 2019—14th Sun. after


Pentecost

Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28
Psalm 14
1 Timothy 1:12-17
Luke 15:1-10



JOIN THE CHOIR

The choir is gearing up for a new session and you are invited to be a part of the group. If you like to sing, you will be welcomed with open arms. Adrian Ingles and Braxton Pauls will share the choir director role and are ready to get started. They have some wonderful ideas and will bring a new excitement to the choir. **First practice is this Thursday, August 15 at 6:00 p.m. COME JOIN US!**



DISCIPLES CONNECT AND EQUIP

On Saturday, August 10, Camp Tawakoni was the scene of the **Disciples Connect and Equip** regional gathering celebrating the new vision statement: **“Together we connect and equip.”** The event was designed to connect Kansas Disciples and equip them for the adaptive challenges faced by our churches. Disciples from all over Kansas enjoyed singing, worship and a variety of food prepared by Disciples Men’s and Women’s groups, including hotdogs, tacos, grilled corn on the cob, snow cones, and cupcakes and cookies. There were fun activities planned for all ages, but the day was not all fun and games. Several informative and helpful workshops were offered.

Joyce EcEwen Crane, from Kansas Leadership Center led two workshops titled **Navigating the Gap**. The first was designed to help us fill the gap between expectation and reality as we navigate transition, and the second was a discussion on identifying what different groups of people bring to the table on this journey. Other workshops included **Elder: not deacon; Financial Check-Up; Practical Giving; Revisioning the Christian Church in Kansas; The Church Communication Team;** and two sessions on **Racism: Fact or Fiction**.

Attending from Emporia First Christian were Marlene Hanson, Marie Harding, John Lexow, Jaylene Arnett, Judy Moore and Barb Gimple. Although we were not able to attend all of the workshops offered, we felt we came away with lots of good information, help and ideas. Those of you who were not able to attend will be happy to know the workshops were recorded and will be made available to view at your leisure. We plan to offer some small group opportunities soon for viewing and discussion.

Barb Gimple



The **FALL 2019** Secret Place for September, October, and November is on the hall table, ready for you to purchase and enjoy.

Save the Date

Saturday, August 24
5:30 pm
Hillside Christian Church
8330 East Douglas Wichita, KS 67206

**Legacy of John
Benefit Dinner**



Come Join in the Fellowship!



- WHAT:** Disciple Women's Fellowship (DWF)
- WHO:** You, and other women who might be interested
- WHEN:** **This Wednesday, August 14, 2019; 10:30 a.m.**
- WHY:** - For Fellowship and planning for the coming year
- Review a proposed budget
 - Brief introduction to the Study
 - Reminder—Meetings are the first Wednesday of each month

Need a ride or willing to pick someone up, call 342-1582

Janece Bacon & Janet Lostutter, Co-Leaders



← Brayden Dill

Kitchen Help →
Christine Kellum
Pastor Lorraine
Lisa Rickabaugh



Vacation Bible School
July 14-17, 2019
Held at Presby West
with six other churches
Pastor Lorraine with Sally the out-spoken puppet. →



Movie & Game Night

Sunday evening **August 25, 2019, 6:00 pm** will be **Game Night**. There will be card games, board games, etc. for the entire family to enjoy. Plan now to attend. The last Sunday of each month we alternate with having movie night or game night so mark your calendars and get ready.



Book of the Bible to Find in the Puzzle

Acts, Amos, Chronicles, Daniel, Esther, Exodus, Genesis, Hebrews, Hosea, James, Job, Joel, John, Judges, Kings, Lamentations, Luke, Malachi, Mark, Matthew, Nahum, Numbers, Peter, Philimon, Revelation, Romans, Ruth, Samuel, Timothy, Titus.

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“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
Aug. 26 & Sept. 9, 2019



August 2019

11	12	13	14	15	16	17
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:30am Sunday Scho 10:30am Worship Ser 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Newsletter Deadline 7pm Boy Scouts 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6:15pm Stewardship 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> USD 253 Jump Start (P) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> USD 253 School Begin: 8:30am CWU Friends 3pm Clothes Closet & 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9am Clothes Closet & FH Cooking Event 9 am to Noon
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:30am Sunday Scho 10:30am Worship--Re 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ESU & FHTC School Be 6pm ESU Block Party 7pm Boy Scouts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2pm ESU P/T Job Fai 6:30pm Christian Ed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5pm Worship Ministr 6pm Meal before boa 6:15pm Board Meetin 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5pm Elder's Meet 6pm Choir Practice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3pm Clothes Closet & 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9am Clothes Closet & 5:30pm Legacy John
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30am Diaconate Me 9:30am Sunday Scho 10:30am Worship Ser 2pm Presbyterian Ma 6pm Game Night 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Newsletter Deadline 7pm Boy Scouts 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5:30pm Facilities Me 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6pm Choir Practice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3pm Clothes Closet & 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9am Clothes Closet &

Spotlight on Disciples Information for this article came from Journey in Faith by Lester G. McAllister and William E. Tucker, pp. 419-422.

Unification Leads to Restructure

After WWII, it was found that old structures and systems were inadequate in serving the new challenges facing the church. “A Crusade for a Christian World” revealed the need for more intensive program coordination. The “Committee on Brotherhood Organization and Interagency Relationships” met for the first time in 1957. At the meeting, “it became clear that the structure of the International Convention must reflect more fully an inclusive and unified church program and organization.” Unification was needed. Following a “Conference on Unification” in 1958, guidelines were established for many programs, societies, and organizations to unify. Also in 1958, a series of “Listening Conferences” revealed intense interest in additional program and structural coordination. As a result, the Council of Agencies recommended, and the convention approved a “Study Committee on Brotherhood Structure” that met three times during 1959-1960. The study findings led to the national Convention adoption of plans for a new form of organization to be known as “restructure.” The next decade would be dedicated to moving forward through listening conferences, consultations, institutes, and lectures in seminaries. The life of the Christian Churches (Disciples of Christ) was preparing for a major shift.