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First Christian Church News

(Disciples of Christ) Emporia, KS

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

Prophecies & Pottery:
Journey with Jeremiah
Join the Choir
Update paper Church Directory
Register for Fall Retreat

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Reflections

As the summer comes to a close and we enter the time of year when children go back to school, and we begin to think about cooler weather, we will soon embark on a journey with the prophet Jeremiah. Just as God, like a potter, reshapes creation and turns leaves to gold, God reshapes and re-forms us.

Jeremiah lived during the time when Israel forgot God's goodness and rejected God. They broke their covenant and failed to follow God's instructions. It was a time when God, like a parent, had to discipline God's children. Jerusalem would be destroyed and Israel would be exiled to Babylonia in 587 B.C. Yet God is gracious and merciful. In due time, God would reshape and remake and restore Jerusalem and the Temple. God will pluck up and pull down that which defiled, but then build and plant to make all things new.

God, who held the peoples and nations accountable, also experienced their pain and disappointment. So it is today. God remembered them and remembers us. When Israel and Judah are punished, God weeps after them (Jer. 8:22; 9:10, 17-18; 14:17). God was "deeply moved" (Jer. 31:20) for the ancient peoples and God is deeply moved for us. Through it all, God is a God of "do-overs" and healing comes.

The image of God as the potter who works and reworks the clay gives us a glimpse into God's promises. God knows the true nature of God's people. Even though God gets frustrated when we break covenant, fail to follow God's instructions, and turn away from the ways of God, God remembers the beauty of creation. God is faithful and continues to remake and mold us out of God's love, calling us to pick up the broken pieces of our lives and to find healing amid the tears.

Join us each Sunday in worship as we discover God's unending love for the people of Jeremiah's time and for us in this series, *Prophecies and Pottery: Journey with Jeremiah*. Get into the book of Jeremiah and prepare for each Sunday by pre-reading the scriptures for each week:

- August 25: Jeremiah 1:4-10
- September 1: Jeremiah 2:4-13
- September 8: Jeremiah 18:1-11
- September 15: Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28
- September 22: Jeremiah 8:18-9:1
- September 29: Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15

"... Take these deeds . . . and put them in an earthenware jar, in order that they may last for a long time" (Jeremiah 32:14)

Blessings on the journey,

Pastor Lorraine

Upcoming Serving Schedule



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

Sept. 15, 2019-14th Sunday after Pentecost

- Candlelighter** ~ Barb Gimple
- Young Disciples' Moment** ~ Barb Gimple
- Diaconate Captains for September**
Carl Richardson & Richard Becker
- Elder** ~ Robert Chatham
- Greeters** ~ (N) Carl Richardson
(S) Lana Richardson
- Nursery** ~ Nikki Simmons
- Worship Leader** ~ Cameron Moore

Sept. 22, 2019-15th Sunday after Pentecost

- Candlelighter** ~ Brayden Dill
- Young Disciples' Moment** ~ Marie Harding
- Diaconate Captains for September**
Carl Richardson & Richard Becker
- Elder** ~ Marlene Hanson
- Greeters** ~ (N) Barb Gimple
~ (S) Christine Kellum
- Nursery** ~ Rita Headrick
- Worship Leader** ~ Barb Gimple

So far in August we have helped **41 families**, consisting of **93 people** with food, plus **13 dozen eggs and various miscellaneous donated items**. Of those families, **8 were new to us**.



Thank you for supporting your food pantry.

Don Allen (*tumor*); **Lonnie Atchison** (*cancer*); **Dorothy Boyce** (*dementia*); **Lynn Cress** (*heart surgery*); **Wanda Davis** (*hip surgery*); **Brooke Franklin** (*cancer*); **Brad 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*); **Gary Lukert** (*intestine problems*); **Steve Martin** (*stem cell cancer treatment*); **Tammie McDiffett**, (*broken leg, Rehab at Holiday Resort*); **Jeanice Miller** (*sciatic nerve pain*); **Lisa Rickabaugh** (*knee surgery*); **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*)

New Church Directory



We are in the process of updating the church paper 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 paper directory.

We hope to have these out after Labor Day. Thanks for your help.

Secretary Susan

Attendance and Giving Record

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August 18, 2019 SS 14 / Worship 74

August 25, 2019 SS 14 / Worship 58

GIVING RECORD

Aug. 18, 2019~Offering \$902.00 / Building \$20.00
Aug. 25, 2019~Offering \$1,990.00 / Building \$170.00



August Anniversaries

31 Dave & Carolyn Meierhoff (1964)

September Anniversaries

02 Glenn & Barbara Gimple

02 Harold & Joy Wonsler

13 Steve & Kat Dorcas

14 Chad & Laurie Kurzen

30 Lane & Shelby Fuller(2017)

August Birthdays

26 Don Allen

26 Marilyn Dalton

27 Carl Richardson

29 Josie (Witten) Kindhart

September Birthdays

01 Marlene Hanson

01 Rita Headrick

03 Dick Hubert

04 Jack Dalton

05 Jaiden Kurzen

06 Kinzie Kurzen

06 Janece Bacon

06 Scott Thomas

07 Braxton Pauls

09 Janelle Norton

09 Cheryl Smith

13 Paula Milner

15 Glenn Gimple

17 Blaze Witten

18 Nancy LeClear

19 Karen Monroe

20 Susan Iwert (Office)

23 Joe Denson

24 Glenn Boyce

24 Karen Shumate

26 Jeanice Miller

27 Justin Wilson

28 Alberta Brinkman

29 Ann McNeese Brown

30 David Rohling



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

Sept. 3—5:30 pm Youth Choir

Sept. 4—10:15 am Lyon Co. Ministerial Alliance at FCC Parlor
DWF Groups meet—Day 10:30 am; Night 5:30 pm
3:00 pm Emporia Place Service

Sept. 5—5:00 pm Leadership Team meets

Sept. 10—6:30 pm Christian Ed. meets

Sept. 11—9:30 am NE KS Clergy in Topeka
6:15 pm Stewardship meets

Sept. 12—5:00 pm Elder's Study

Sept. 14—ESU Welcome Back BBQ (time announced later)

Sept. 18—5:00 pm Worship Ministry
6:15 pm Board Meeting

Sept. 20—CWU Friendship Coffee

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

The herein determines the hereafter.

Happiness and holiness are always tied to little gestures.

What other people think of you is none of your business.

Eternal life insurance—you are the soul beneficiary.

For every sin, Satan has an excuse.

A path emerges when we walk on it.

Admit the light of heaven and reflect it.

Be like bacon: make everything you touch a little bit better.

Don't be mean, be meaningful.

First, pray for the hungry. Then feed them.

Satan called. He wants his weather back. (I think he got it.)



Lectionary Readings



General Assembly

Lectionary Schedule Sept. 1—Sept. 15, 2019

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

Sept. 22, 2019—15th Sun. after

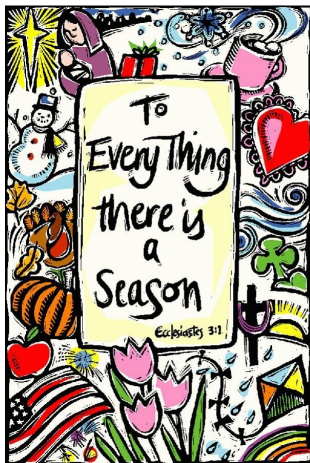
Pentecost

Jeremiah 8:18-9:1
Psalm 79:1-9
1 Timothy 2:1-7
Luke 16:1-13

Sept. 29, 2019—16th Sun. after

Pentecost

Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15
Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16
1 Timothy 6:6-19
Luke 16:19-31



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. **There is still time to join, so give it a try, you might like it!**



Collect for WAW School

During the month of September we will be collecting Kleenex and hand sanitizer for William Allen White School. There is a table in the back of the parlor for the items. Thanks—The Outreach Committee

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



The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding.

Psalm 111:10, NRSV



DWF News—Fall Retreat

The Kansas Disciples Women Fall Retreat (DWF) will be held October 2-6, 2019 at the Disciples Center at Camp Tawakoni. There is a Midweek Retreat October 2-4 and a Weekend Retreat October 4-6, or you may attend a partial (one day) retreat on either Thursday, October 3 or Saturday, October 5.

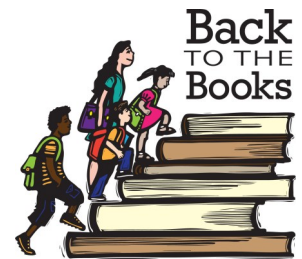
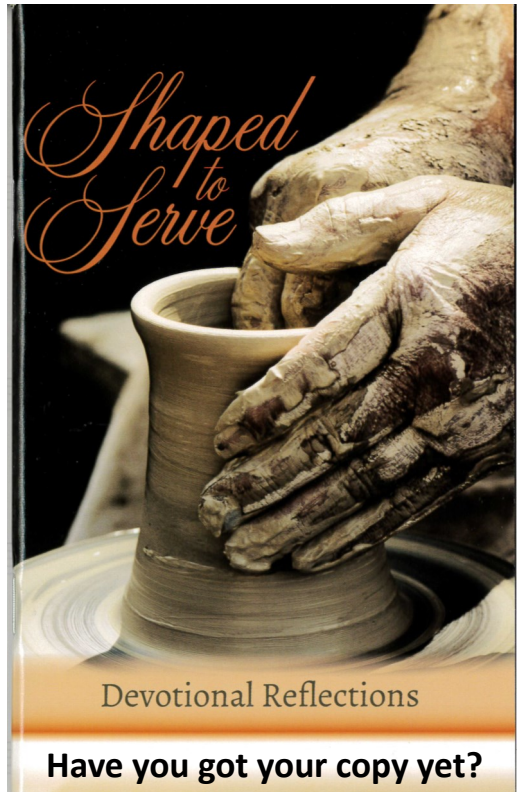
Our DWF groups will be collecting paper goods for the camp and/or new stuffed animals for the Child Advocacy Center. For those wishing to donate, anyone interested in attending any portion of the retreat, or those with questions, please contact either Janece Bacon at 620-794-1668 or Janet Lostutter at 620-343-0337.

If there is interest in attending the one day retreat, please let us know so that we may make car pool arrangements.

Reservations need to be made either on-line at www.kansasdisciples.org or you can call 1-800-737-8130 or turn in the registration form and money to the church office or bring it to the September 3, 2019 DWF meeting. All reservations are due by Wednesday, September 3, 2019.

The Midweek, October 2-4, 2019 is \$85.00 and DWF pays half or the weekend is October 4-6, 2019 for \$50.00 and DWF pays half. The single day is either Thursday, October 3, 2019 or Saturday, October 5, 2019. There are registration forms in the church office.

We hope all ladies of Emporia First Christian Church will consider attending some session. The speaker will be Kirby Hughes Gould, vice president for the North Central Zone of the Christian Church Foundation.



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A rebus is a picture representation of a name, word, or phrase.
Each of these puzzles portrays a common phrase.
Can you guess what it is?

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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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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.



Next Newsletter Deadline
Sept. 9 & 23, 2019



August/September 2019

25	26	27	28	29	30	31
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30am Diaconate Mt 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 Met 	<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 &
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Spotlight on Disciples Information for this article came from Journey in Faith by Lester G. McAllister and William E. Tucker, pp. 422-24.

Ecumenical Developments

From the early days, Christian unity has always been important to Disciples. As ecumenical programs gathered around the world, Disciples took interest and sent some of its outstanding executives to serve on councils. Disciples were represented at many early ecumenical gatherings including the World Conference (Edinburgh, 1910), a planning conference on Faith and Order (Geneva, Switzerland, 1920 and Lausanne, 1927, Edinburgh, 1937), the Universal Christian Council for Life and Work (Stockholm, 1925 and Oxford, 1937). Disciples were present at a meeting in Utrecht, Netherlands, 1938 to draft a constitution for a World Council of Churches and participated on the committee of 34 to organize the Council. Young people represented the Disciples at the new World Conference of Christian Youth at Oslo, Norway, for the summer of 1947. Disciples elected eight delegates plus sent Disciple visitors to the first World Council of Churches Assembly held in Amsterdam (September, 1948). One hundred forty church bodies in forty countries were represented at this gathering.

Back home, Disciples took great interest in participating in the formation of the National Council of Churches. In the fall of 1950, Disciple delegates joined 28 other Protestant and Eastern Orthodox churches in a ceremony in Cleveland, Ohio to declare their solidarity in Christian faith. Through the years, Disciples have continued their support of the National Council of Churches and many Disciples have served on important committees and in various capacities on staffs of ecumenical organizations at home and abroad.