



September 23, 2019

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

October is Pastor's Appreciation Month
Collect Best Choice Labels for DWF
RUMMAGE SALE
Movie Night Sept. 29

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Reflections

In our look at Robert Schnase's *Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations* (2018), it is time to move on to Chapter 4, "The Practice of Intentional Faith Development" (pp. 77-100). Here, Schnase offers instruction on faith formation.

In this segment (pp. 77-79) Schnase builds on his former chapters, "The Practice of Radical Hospitality" and "The Practice of Passionate Worship," insisting that faith formation is built in concert with these other areas. Christ invites us with Radical Hospitality and God transforms us through Passionate Worship. "Growing in Christ requires more than weekly worship though, and it is through Intentional Faith Development that God's Spirit works in us, perfecting us in the practice of love as we grow in the knowledge and love of God."

Schnase maintains that Christians mature in faith by learning together in community. By intentionally offering experiences in high-quality faith development, people are helped to understand scripture while building supportive, caring relationships with others in the faith community. Although it is very important to attend classes and Bible Studies, these experiences extend beyond the classroom in the form of "children's church, camps, retreats, support groups that **apply faith to particular life challenges**, dinner conversation gatherings and youth ministries," etc. Christians grow in faith and Christ-likeness through study and learning and "God is best able to form disciples when people do this together."

To learn in community is to follow Christ's example of teaching his disciples. Jesus' disciples listened to his stories, instructions, and lessons while gathered for meals, on hillsides, and in religious settings. He gathered people together, whoever they were and wherever they were from. They all met together as one.

After Pentecost, when the church formed, the Christians thrived as "they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers" (Acts 2:42). They learned in community.

Christianity is something we grow into and strive toward. We put away our former way of life and put on a new way of life (Ephesians 4:22, 24). Christians seek to have the mind of Christ Jesus, "allowing God's Spirit to shape our thoughts, attitudes, values, and behaviors. Growing in Christ-likeness is the goal of the life of faith."

Together, God changes us through the work of the Spirit. We become new persons through God's grace (2 Corinthians 5:17). It takes a lifetime to "strain forward towards the goal" (Philippians 3:12-14). Growing in faith means that we are moving, growing, changing, and maturing throughout our lifetimes. As we mature, God cultivates in us the fruit of the Spirit: "love, joy, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control" (Galatians 5:22-23). Christians desire these qualities.

Schnase reminds us that we are a relational people and "only learn these internal spiritual qualities in the presence of others through the practice of love." What we learn from study is practiced in community. Jesus said, "where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them" (Matthew 18:20). "Jesus taught in community so that we would learn to discover his presence in others."

Every member of the church has declared to be a follower of Jesus Christ. Let us all be role models to each other and to the community by intentionally participating in Faith Development/Formation studies, activities, gatherings, and events. By coming together regularly in addition to worship, we are forming ourselves and others to walk in the Way of Jesus.

Blessings along the Way,
Pastor Lorraine

Upcoming Serving Schedule



Sept. 29, 2019—16th Sunday after Pentecost

- Candlelighter** ~ Judy Moore
- Young Disciples' Moment** ~ Lorraine Bailey
- Diaconate Captains for September**
Carl Richardson & Richard Becker
- Elder** ~ Jean Miller
- Greeters** ~ (N) Judy Moore
~ (S) Janet Lostutter
- Nursery** ~ Richard Becker
- Worship Leader** ~ Judy Moore

Oct. 6, 2019—17th Sunday after Pentecost

**World Communion Sunday
Reconciliation Special Offering**

- Candlelighter** ~ Kelsey Schull
- Young Disciples' Moment** ~ Jaylene Arnett
- Diaconate Captains for October**
Carl Headrick & Tammie McDiffett
- Elder** ~ Cameron Moore
- Greeters** ~ (N) Diana Solis
~ (S) Joan Shumate
- Nursery** ~ Briana Becker
- Worship Leader** ~ Jean Miller

Oct. 13, 2019-18th Sunday after Pentecost

- Candlelighter** ~ Kinzie Kurzen
- Young Disciples' Moment** ~ Nancy LeClear
- Diaconate Captains for September**
Carl Headrick & Tammie McDiffett
- Elder** ~ Judy Moore
- Greeters** ~ (N) Marie Harding
(S) Mary Volland
- Nursery** ~ John Lexow
- Worship Leader** ~ Faith Coleman

Oct. 20, 2019-19th Sunday after Pentecost

- Candlelighter** ~ Janece Bacon
- Young Disciples' Moment** ~ Cameron Moore
- Diaconate Captains for September**
Carl Headrick & Tammie McDiffett
- Elder** ~ Jaylene Arnett
- Greeters** ~ (N) Tammie McDiffett
~ (S) Joy Wonser
- Nursery** ~ Nikki Simmons
- Worship Leader** ~ Mary Volland

This week (Sept. 16 & 17) in the Food Pantry we helped **17 families**, consisting of **36 people** with food plus **4 dz. eggs and garden produce**. Of these 17 families, **4 were new to us**.



So far during the month of September we have helped **37 families**, consisting of **91 people** with food, plus **7 dz. eggs and various garden produce**. Of those, **4 were new to us**.

Our pantry continues to be a lifeline for those in our community. Thank you for supporting this food pantry.

Don Allen (*tumor*); **Lonnie Atchison** (*cancer*); **Lynn Cress** (*heart surgery*); **Wanda Davis** (*hip rehab*); **Bonnie Denson** (*stroke*); **Joe Denson**, (*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*); **Steve Martin** (*stem cell cancer treatment*); **Tammie McDiffett**, (*broken leg, rehab*); **Jeanice Miller** (*sciatic nerve pain*); **Pam Scheve** (*health problems*); **Andrea Vandruff** (*kidney issues*); **Liam Wagner**, (*open heart surgery*); **Aubrey Wescott** (*stomach & digestive problems*); **Joy Wonser** (*back surgery*).
Eric MacGregor (*Military-Deployed*)



New paper Church Directory are HERE!!



The church paper directory is done and on the parlor table.

Pick up your copy next time you are in.

Secretary Susan

Attendance and Giving Record

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September 15, 2019 SS 5 / Worship 51
September 22, 2019 SS 15 / Worship 55

GIVING RECORD

Sept. 15, 2019~Offering \$1,262.00 / Building \$20.00
Sept. 22, 2019~Offering \$1,151.00 / Building \$23.00



September Anniversaries

30 Lane & Shelby Fuller(2017)

October Anniversaries

26 Carl & Rita Headrick (1973)

28 Tyler & Shelby Pedersen (2017)

September Birthdays

- 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



October Birthdays

- 01 Richard Becker
- 05 Julia Giger
- 07 Gary Bowman
- 10 Kelley Giger
- 11 R. J. Kuhn
- 11 Dennis Douglas
- 14 Harold (Hal) Lewis
- 15 Mike Calvert
- 15 Torchy Duncan
- 17 Eleanor Edgins
- 17 Mildred Steeves
- 17 Jennifer Dalton
- 20 Karen Garnett
- 24 Steve Coffman
- 29 Mary Ginavan



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. 27-28—5 pm to Noon, Tawakoni; Disciples Men's Retreat
- Sept. 28—7:00 pm, Tawakoni; Men's Odyssey
- Sun. Sept. 29—2:30 pm Holiday Resort Services
6:00 pm Movie Night "I Can Only Imagine"
- Wed. Oct. 2—10:30 am Lyon Co. Ministerial Alliance
10:30 am DWF Day Group—Parlor
5:30 pm DWF Night Group—Parlor
- Oct. 2-4—Women's Fall Retreat (midweek) at Tawakoni
- Oct. 4-6—Women's Fall Retreat (weekend) at Tawakoni
- Mon. Oct. 7—Newsletter Deadline
- Tues. Oct. 8—6:30 pm Christian Ed. meets
- Wed. Oct. 9—9:30 am NE Kansas Clergy meets in Topeka, KS
- Thur. Oct. 10—5:00 pm Elder's Study
- Sun. Oct. 20—After Church fundraising dinner & BD party!
- Oct. 31, Nov. 1 & 2—RUMMAGE SALE**
- Nov. 8-10—Youth Conference, Grades 6-12 at Hutchinson Conference Center
- March 28, 29, and April 4, 2020—Spirit Fest



Thoughts to Ponder

- A shut mouth gathers no foot.
- Humbly grateful or grumbly hateful?
- Trust says Jesus can—faith says Jesus will.
- A cynic is someone who knows the price of everything and the value of nothing.
- I'm under the influence. . . Of God!
- Sometimes what we resist doing is our greatest achievement.
- We can explain it to you, but we can't understand it for you.
- Jesus is your "get out of hell free" card.
- A single sunbeam can chase away many shadows.
- Every day is a gift. Some days you get socks.



SAVE THE DATE
OCTOBER 20—After Church

The Fellowship & Stewardship Ministries are teaming up for a fundraising dinner & birthday party. Stay tuned for details. You don't want to miss a good time!





Lectionary Readings

**Lectionary Schedule
Sept. 29—Oct. 27, 2019**

**Sept. 29, 2019—16th Sun. after
Pentecost-Recognition Offering**

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

**Oct. 6, 2019—17th Sun. after
Pentecost-World Communion
Sunday-Reconciliation Offering**

Lamentations 1:1-6; 3:19-26
Psalm 137
2 Timothy 1:1-14
Luke 17:5-10

**Oct. 13, 2019—18th Sun. after
Pentecost**

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7
Psalm 66:1-12
2 Timothy 2:8-15
Luke 17:11-19

**Oct. 20, 2019—19th Sun. after
Pentecost**

Jeremiah 31:27-34
Psalm 119:97-104
2 Timothy 3:14-4:5
Luke 18:1-8

**Oct. 27, 2019—20th Sun. after
Pentecost**

Joel 2:23-32
Psalm 65
2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18
Luke 18:9-14

JOIN THE CHOIR



The choir has begun practicing 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 share the choir director role. They have some wonderful ideas and bring a new excitement to the choir. **Come join us, 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 parlor for the items.

Thanks—The Outreach Committee


We use various translations of the Bible in our Worship Service—same message different ways.



Don't forget to sign the attendance pad at the end of the pew. It is important as attendance is tied to our pastor grant from the region. Thanks

RUMMAGE SALE **It's Coming! It's Coming!**

The annual church **RUMMAGE SALE** is coming

Thursday, October 31, 1:00 pm to 5:30 pm
Friday, November 1, Noon to 7:00 pm
Saturday, November 2, 8:00 am until Noon

Come check it out. You'll be amazed at the items we have.

Interested in Electronic Giving?

Download the free app from the Apple's App Store or Google's Play Store. You are not charged a fee to make donations using the app.






DWF News—

Our DWF groups (Day and Night) will be collecting paper goods for Camp Tawakoni and new stuffed animals for the Child Advocacy Center.

For those wishing to donate or those with questions please contact either Janece Bacon at 620-794-1668 or Janet Lostutter at 620-343-0337.

We have several ladies signed up to attend the Kansas Disciples Women Fall Retreat (DWF) in October and some planning to attend the partial (one day) sessions.

Everyone looks forward to the Fall Retreat for fun and fellowship with other Disciple Women.

Mark your calendars for the next meeting date—
Wednesday, October 2, 10:30 am for Day Group
and 5:30 pm for the Night Group.



Shaped to Serve

Devotional Reflections

Have you got your copy yet?



Remember These?

DWF is still collecting Best Choice labels as a fund raiser. So, cut the UPC code off any **Best Choice** can, bag or other Best Choice item and drop them by the office or put in the Best Choice Label Box in the parlor kitchenette. Thanks for your help. It's an easy fundraiser for us to do, with all of us saving, it counts up.



Home Business / Craft Expo

Do you have a home business or know someone who does? Are you crafty and have items to sell?

The church will be hosting a Home Business/ Craft Expo on December 7th from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm in Fellowship Hall.

Booth spaces are 10 x 10 and rent for \$20.00. Tables and chairs will be furnished.

For more information contact Janet Lostutter, 343-0337.



Movie Night is This Sunday, September 29 at 6pm

This coming Sunday night, we will show **"I Can Only Imagine"** in the church sanctuary. Please bring family and friends to this inspirational movie you won't want to miss!

Summary: Growing up in Greenville, Texas, Bart Millard suffers physical and emotional abuse at the hands of his father, Arthur. When Arthur becomes terminally ill, he finds redemption by embracing his faith and rediscovering his love for his son. Years later, Bart's troubled childhood and mended relationship with his dad inspires him to write the hit song "I Can Only Imagine" as singer of the Christian band MercyMe.

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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
Oct. 7 & 21, 2019



September/October 2019

22	23	24	25	26	27	28
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:30am Sunday Scho 10:30am Worship Ser 2pm Presbyterian Ma 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Newsletter Deadline 5pm ESU Nursing So 7pm Boy Scouts 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5:30pm Facilities Me 6pm Chi Rho Mission 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5pm Elders Meeting 6pm Choir Practice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3pm Clothes Closet & 5pm Disciples Men's 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8am Disciples Men's 9am Clothes Closet & 7pm Men's Odyssey
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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. 426-430.

Significant Ethnic Developments

After World War II and the Korean War the Christian Churches (Disciples of Christ) began to take closer, intentional steps toward biracial advocacy. In American society, the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE) began working for justice and in the church, black Disciples found white leaders willing to stand beside them. Black Disciples were encouraged to take leadership roles. Church school literature and other Disciple publications spoke out for racial justice. At conventions, when Disciples refused to meet in segregated facilities, hotels in major cities were opened to all. It was a step in the right direction.

The first Spanish-speaking congregation of Disciples was in 1899 in San Antonio, Texas. The Mexican Christian Institute (Inman Christian Center) was established in 1913. That same year, the Kansas City Mexican Mission (Missouri) was begun in the back room of a grocery store.

Disciples have been a part of Puerto Rican Christianity since the 1930's. Their zealous and evangelical faith was brought to their brothers and sisters in New York City where, sometime before 1940, a small group of Disciples met in an apartment. They grew and purchased a store-front building and named their young church *La Hermosa (The Beautiful)*. In 1943, it related itself to the Christian Churches (Disciples of Christ) and the mother congregation of other Puerto Rican churches in the city.

Cuban refugees came to America and became Disciples. By the 1970's Spanish speaking congregations were found all over the country. All kinds of congregations were formed to meet the needs of surrounding neighborhoods even with some becoming bilingual. A national office for Spanish and bilingual congregations was later established.