



October 21, 2019

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

RUMMAGE SALE Oct. 31, Nov. 1 & Nov. 2

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Reflections

As we continue to look at Chapter 4, "The Practice of Intentional Faith Development" (pp. 83-85), in *Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations* (2018), Robert Schnase describes why it is important to be intentional in our faith development.

Schnase explains that "*Intentional* refers to deliberate effort, purposeful action toward an end, and high prioritization. It highlights the significance of faith development and contrasts those faith communities that take it seriously with those that offer it haphazardly and inconsistently, without new initiative, plan, or purpose."

Intentional Faith Development describes certain ministries as vital to their mission:

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| Christian education | small-group work |
| faith-forming relationships | Bible study |

Congregations who are committed to these ministries consistently offer

- opportunities for people of all ages, interests, and faith experiences to learn in community.
- opportunities for people to engage in faith development at the church (Come and See)
- opportunities for people who may never enter the church or become part of the congregation (Go and Do).

These congregations consciously and deliberately cover the whole age spectrum, fostering faith development outside of worship during the course of the year for

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| Children | couples |
| Youth | middle-aged adults |
| young adults | and older adults |
| Singles | |

Intentional congregations

- study and analyze demographic makeup of people in their community
- note people's shared interests, anxieties, and lifestyles
- create ways to meet people wherever they are, spiritually and in everyday life
- develop opportunities for study, discussion, and growth with and for people outside the congregation
- examine efforts to offer radical hospitality and passionate worship in the wider community
- create all sorts of small communities for fellowship and study
- host topical discussion nights at the church or a location in the community
- hold ask-a-pastor events with open discussion
- host or take part in multidenominational community classes where new residents can learn about Christianity

Most importantly, Schnase stresses that "**Churches that practice Intentional Faith Development know the secret of small groups.**"

Are we willing to explore and experiment with small groups? God is calling our congregation to step out of our comfort zone and to grow in the Holy Spirit in new ways. Are you willing to participate in a small group Bible Study or even be a leader? Please keep our church and your own gifts in prayer.

Blessings along the Way,

Pastor Lorraine

Upcoming Serving Schedule



Oct. 27, 2019—20th Sunday after Pentecost

Candlelighter ~ Gavin LeClear

Young Disciples' Moment ~ Joy Frevert

Diaconate Captains for October

Carl Headrick & Tammie McDiffett

Elder ~ Robert Chatham

Greeters ~ (N) Sonya Ihde

~ (S) Jill McGrath

Nursery ~ Rita Headrick

Worship Leader ~ Janece Bacon

Nov. 3, 2019—21st Sunday after Pentecost

All Saints Sunday

Candlelighter ~ Marie Harding

Young Disciples' Moment ~ Judy Moore

Diaconate Captains for November

Jill McGrath & Janece Bacon

Elder ~ Marlene Hanson

Greeters ~ (N) Carl Headrick

~ (S) Rita Headrick

Nursery ~ Richard Becker

Worship Leader ~ Gary Lukert

Nov. 10, 2019-22nd Sunday after Pentecost

Thanksgiving Special Offering

Candlelighter ~ Mikinzi Simmons

Young Disciples' Moment ~ Marlene Hanson

Diaconate Captains for November

Jill McGrath & Janece Bacon

Elder ~ Jean Miller

Greeters ~ (N) Guy Bacon

(S) Janece Bacon

Nursery ~ Briana Becker

Worship Leader ~ Nancy LeClear

Nov. 17, 2019-23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Thanksgiving Special Offering

Candlelighter ~ Jaiden Kurzen

Young Disciples' Moment ~ Laurie Kurzen

Diaconate Captains for November

Jill McGrath & Janece Bacon

Elder ~ Cameron Moore

Greeters ~ (N) Karen Garnett

~ (S) Debbie Hubert

Nursery ~ John Lexow

Worship Leader ~ Jill McGrath

So far in the month of October the Food Pantry has helped **26 families**, consisting of **66 people** with food, plus **12 dz. eggs and various other items**. Of those, **6 were new** to us.



Donated items on the "free table" continue to be a big hit as you never know what you will find from calendars to books to food items to stickers to lotions and bug sprays.

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*); **Robert Hossfeld**, (*health issues, Topeka Stormont Vail, ICU*); **Brad Jones**, (*heart problems*); **Jan Jones** (*hip replacement*); **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*); **Davis Smith** (*cousin of Jeanice Miller, diabetic amputation*); **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 directory is done and on the parlor table (addresses, not picture directory).

Pick up your copy next time you are in.

Secretary Susan

Attendance and Giving Record

ATTENDANCE & GIVING RECORD

October 13, 2019 SS 9 / Worship 49

October 20, 2019 SS 13 / Worship 64

GIVING RECORD

Oct. 13, 2019~Offering \$1,008.60 / Building \$92.00

Oct. 20, 2019~Offering \$1,540.00 / Building \$60.00



October Anniversaries

- 26 Carl & Rita Headrick (1973)
- 28 Tyler & Shelby Pedersen (2017)

October Birthdays

- 24 Steve Coffman
- 29 Mary Ginavan



November Birthdays

- 01 Jaylene Arnett
- 02 Glenn Greenlee
- 03 Vicki Thornton
- 04 George Arnett
- 04 McKenna LeClear
- 04 Carol Rhoades
- 07 Susan Webb
- 08 Adam Harding
- 08 Jerry Marshall
- 10 Vicki Cole
- 14 Carolyn Meierhoff
- 14 David Meierhoff
- 15 Anita Imhoff
- 16 Jacque Umholtz
- 19 Karen Monroe
- 21 Randi Dalton
- 21 Shirley Pearson
- 23 Marie Harding
- 23 Laurie Kurzen
- 25 Dana Witten
- 28 Richard Headrick
- 30 David Harding
- 30 William Hopkins

Mark The Dates

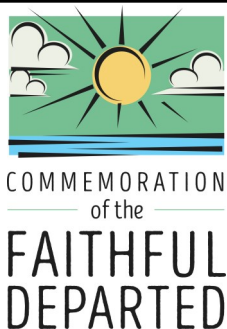
- Friday's 3-6 pm—Clothes Closet & Household Hut open
- Saturday's from 9—Noon—Clothes Closet and Household Hut
- Thurs. at 6:00 pm—Choir practice
- Wed. Oct. 23—3:00 pm Emporia Place (traded 10/2 for this)
6:00 pm Chi Rho Mission Club meets
- Sunday Oct. 27,—8:30 am Diaconate meet
2:00 pm Presbyterian Manor service
3:00-5:00 pm ESU Cooking Class FH Kitchen
4:00 to 6:00 pm—Wilson Park, ESU Dorms
Halloween Treats and family games.
6:00 pm Game Night at FCC
- Oct. 31, Nov. 1 & 2—RUMMAGE SALE**
Thur. Oct. 31 1:00 pm-5:30 pm
Fri. Nov. 1 Noon to 7:30 pm
Sat. Nov. 2 8:00 am to Noon
- Fri. Nov.1—9:30 am CWU World Community Day,
Grace United Methodist Church
- Tue. Nov. 5—5:30 pm Youth Choir
- Wed. Nov. 6—10:30 am DWF Day Group in the parlor
3:00 pm Emporia Place service
5:30 pm DWF Night Group in parlor
- Thur. Nov. 7— 5:00 pm—ESU Eat Well Class in FH Kitchen
- Nov. 8-10—Youth Conference, Grades 6-12 at Hutchinson
- Fri. Nov. 15—8:30 am CWU Friendship Coffee
- Sun. Nov. 17—Noon Thanksgiving Dinner in FH
- March 28, 29, and April 4, 2020—Spirit Fest

Thoughts to Ponder

- If you don't like someone, get to know them better.
- Most people wish to serve God, but only in an advisory capacity.
- Need an expert's opinion? Pray.
- The most powerful tool on the planet today is Tell-a-Vision.
- Give up, give in, or give it all you've got.
- Moses had the first tablet with cloud connectivity.
- If you can't think of anything nice to say, you're not thinking hard enough.
- Life's a lunchbox. You get what you put into it.
- Open your heart more than your mouth.
- Before you judge others, make sure you're perfect.

**All Saint's Day
Nov. 3**

Do you have someone you want to honor for All Saint's Day, Sunday, November 3? Let the church office know and Susan will add their name to the insert list.





Lectionary Readings

**Lectionary Schedule
Oct. 27—Nov. 24, 2019**

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

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

Nov. 3, 2019—21st Sun. after Pentecost

All Saints Sunday
Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4
Psalm 119:137-144
2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12
Luke 19:1-10

Nov. 10, 2019—22nd Sun. after Pentecost-Thanksgiving Offering

Haggai 1:15b-2:9
Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21 or 98
2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17
Luke 20:27-38

Nov. 17, 2019—23rd Sun. after Pentecost-Thanksgiving Offering

Isaiah 65:17-25; 12
2 Thessalonians 3:6-13
Luke 21:5-19

Nov. 24, 2019—24th Sun. after Pentecost

Jeremiah 23:1-6
Luke 1:68-79; 23:33-43
Colossians 1:11-20

THANK YOU →

YOU TOOK MY PARKING SPACE AT CHURCH

This should wake us up. One day, a man went to visit a church. He got there early, parked his car and got out. Another car pulled up near the driver got out and said, "I always park there! You took my place!"

The visitor went inside for Sunday School, found an empty seat and sat down. A young lady from the church approached him and stated, "That's my seat! You took my place!" The visitor was somewhat distressed by this rude welcome, but said nothing.

After Sunday School, the visitor went into the sanctuary and sat down. Another member walked up to him and said, "That's where I always sit! You took my place!" The visitor was even more troubled by this treatment, but still he said nothing.

Later as the congregation was praying for Christ to dwell among them, the visitor stood up, and his appearance began to change. Horrible scars became visible on his hands and on his sandaled feet. Someone from the congregation noticed him and called out, "What happened to you?" The visitor replied, as his hat became a crown of thorns, and a tear fell from his eye, "I took your place."

A big **THANK YOU** to **Marlene Hanson** for sharing her cooking talent and to all those that helped with the preparation and clean up on Sunday. The food was outstanding and enjoyed very much. Thank you to all that gave their support. The Stewardship and Fellowship Committees

Thank you so much to all my church friends who sent me birthday cards. It made my day special! Mildred Steeves

RUMMAGE SALE

It's Next Week!!!!
The annual church RUMMAGE SALE is next week so mark the dates

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.

RUMMAGE SALE

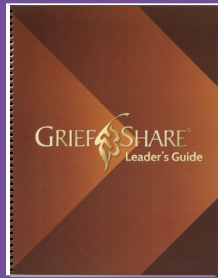
Interested in Electronic Giving?

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.



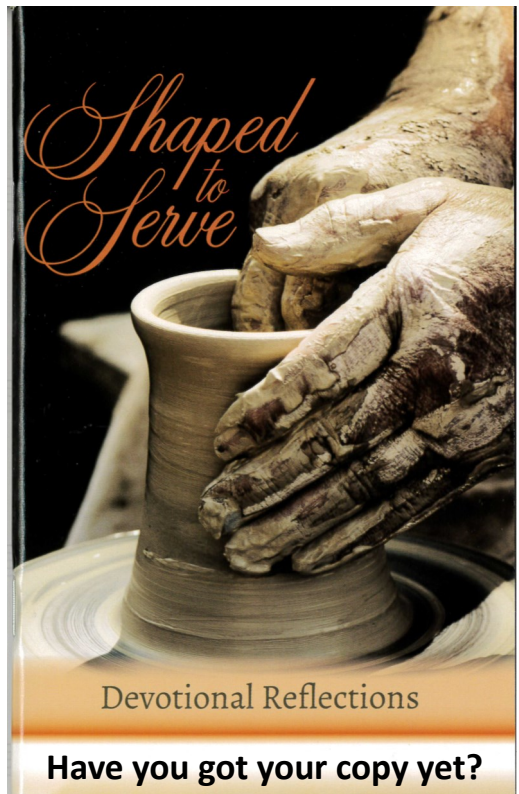
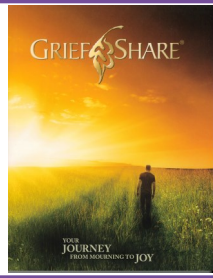
DWF News—

The next meeting is **Wednesday, November 6 at 10:30 am and 6:15 pm in the parlor.** Hope you can come and join us.



Grief Share

Anyone (men or women) interested in being a facilitator for Grief Share please let Janet Lostutter or Nancy LeClear know so they can do a training session before we have a class in the spring. Thanks



Sunday, November 17—After Worship

Save the date of November 17, noon for the All Church Thanksgiving Dinner. There will be sign up sheets coming soon in the parlor for salad, vegetable, potatoes and/or dessert. Just make sure you save the date.



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 15 x 15 and rent for \$20.00. Tables and chairs will be furnished.

For more information contact Janet Lostutter, 620-343-0337.



Annual Pancake Feed



The Emporia Christian School will be having its Annual Pancake Feed with craft fair and silent auction on **Saturday, November 2, 2019, from 7 a.m. to noon** at the Anderson building on the Lyon County Fairgrounds. Tickets can be purchased from ECS students, through the school office at 620-342-5353, or at the door. It is fun for the whole family! Volunteers are also needed to make this event a success, so please call the office to sign up and support this local ministry.

October is Pastor Appreciation Month!

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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 Email Office fccoffices@yahoo.com
 Pastor: Rev. Lorraine Bailey
 Email: pastorlorraine@gmail.com

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.



Next Newsletter Deadline
Nov. 4 & 18, 2019



October/November 2019

20 ● 9:30am Sunday School ● 10:30am Worship Service ● 12pm Church Birthday D	21 Newsletter Deadline ● 7pm Boy Scouts	22	23 ● 3pm Emporia Place Serv ● 5:30pm Facilities Meetin ● 6pm Chi Rho Mission Clu	24 ● 6pm Choir Practice	25 ● 3pm Clothes Closet & Hc	26 ● 9am Clothes Closet & Hc
27 ● 8:30am Diaconate Meets ● 9:30am Sunday School ● 10:30am Worship Service ● 2pm Presbyterian Manor ● 6pm Game Night 3:-5pm ESU Cooking Class	28 ● 7pm Boy Scouts	29	30	31 RUMMAGE SALE Halloween ● 1pm RUMMAGE SALE ● 5pm Elders Meeting ● 6pm Choir Practice	Nov 1 RUMMAGE SALE ● 12pm RUMMAGE SALE ● 3pm Clothes Closet & Hc	2 RUMMAGE SALE ● 8am RUMMAGE SALE ● 9am Clothes Closet & Hc
3 Daylight Saving Time e ● 9:30am Sunday Scho ● 10:30am Worship Ser	4 Newsletter Deadline ● 7pm Boy Scouts	5 ● 5:30pm Youth Choir	6 ● 10:30am DWF Day Gr ● 10:30am Lyon Co. Mi ● 3pm Emporia Place S ● 5:30pm DWF Night Gi	7 ● 5pm ESU Cook Health ● 5pm Leadership Tear ● 6pm Choir Practice	8 ● 3pm Clothes Closet &	9 ● 9am Clothes Closet &
10 ● 9:30am Sunday Scho ● 10:30am Worship Ser	11 Veterans Day ● 7pm Boy Scouts	12 ● 6:30pm Christian Ed.	13 ● 9:30am NE KS Clergy ● 6:15pm Stewardship	14 ● 5pm Elder's Study ● 6pm Choir Practice	15 ● 8:30am CWU Friends ● 3pm Clothes Closet &	16 ● 9am Clothes Closet &

Spotlight on Disciples Information for this article came from Journey in Faith by Lester G. McAllister and William E. Tucker, pp. 435-

Toward a Restructured Church (part 1)

The 1960's was a time of crisis in faith in our nation. Disciples were undergoing a growing social consciousness. The nation was grappling with the unpopular Vietnam war and other "civil rights" issues. As mainline churches were experiencing decline, "A Plan of Union" was composed that included a consortium of nine denominations including Disciples. Within our "brotherhood," a Commission on Restructure consisting of "representatives nominated by each state, province, and area board, eight state and are executives, the members of a central committee, six chief executives of national agencies not included on the central committee, ten college and seminary faculty members, the editor of *The Christian*, the editor of *World Call*, and thirty-nine to forty-nine persons to be nominated at large. The attempt was to be made to secure a commission as representative of all the churches as possible. A central committee, consisting of fifteen to eighteen persons, was to be appointed from the membership of the commission to give direction." With the commission in place, the arduous work of restructure began.