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### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

Oct. 20 Stewardship & BD Dinner after Worship

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

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# First Christian Church News

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### Reflections

As we continue to look at Chapter 4, "The Practice of Intentional Faith Development" (pp. 77-100), in Robert Schnase's *Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations* (2018), we learn that something happens to us when we begin studying the Bible together in small groups.

Schnase asks the question, "When has God used a small community of Christians studying and praying together to encourage you?" (p. 79). He goes on to list the benefits of studying and learning with combined groups of people who are just beginning to be curious about the faith or people whose faith experience is different from our own. Here is what happens to us:

- we grow in remarkable ways
- we can lay aside our own assumptions and start from scratch
- we examine and test our spirituality
- we listen to the story of someone whose life is different from our own
- we hear each other's questions and longings
- we can see how we are connected to each other
- we develop empathy
- we deepen our sense of awe
- we glimpse another's wrestling with God
- we see God revealed even in circumstances that seem strange to us
- we understand more about the richness and depth of God's love, grace, and mercy
- When we study with close friends or people whose lives are like our own, our Christian faith is shaped and formed. The experience becomes even more transformative when we explore the spiritual life with people whose lives are unlike our own. In other words,

### *"Bible Study Messes with Your Life"*

God speaks to us through study with other Christians. The Spirit speaks through the stories of faith of others. "We discover that our questions, doubts, temptations, and missteps are not unusual, but are part of the journey" (p. 81). We not only learn from writers and thinkers, we hear other people's interpretation of the God's Word. More importantly, we learn something that we cannot learn from individual study: we receive on-the-spot prayer from others, support through periods of grief and difficulty, and celebration of another's joys and hopes. God's Spirit of grace flows through the group in powerful ways that we cannot receive on our own.

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# Upcoming Serving Schedule



**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

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

- Candlelighter** ~ Gavin LeClear
- Young Disciples' Moment** ~ Joy Frevert
- Diaconate Captains for September**  
Carl Headrick & Tammie McDiffett
- Elder** ~ Robert Chatham
- Greeters** ~ (N) Sonya Ihde  
                  ~ (S) Jill McGrath
- Nursery** ~ Rita Headrick
- Worship Leader** ~ Nancy LeClear

**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

This week the Food Pantry helped **9 families**, consisting of **24 people** with food plus **5 dz. eggs and garden produce**. Of these 9 families, **4 were new to us**.



During the month of September we helped **62 families**, consisting of **148 people** with food, plus **12 dz. eggs and various garden produce**. Of those, **14 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*); **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 paper directory is done and on the parlor table.

Pick up your copy next time you are in.

Secretary Susan

## Attendance and Giving Record

**ATTENDANCE & GIVING RECORD**

September 29, 2019 SS 14 / Worship 57

October 6, 2019 SS 12 / Worship 50

**GIVING RECORD**

Sept. 29, 2019~Offering \$2,212.00 / Building \$60.00

Oct. 6, 2019~Offering \$1,715.00 / Building \$130.00



**October Anniversaries**

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

**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

**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.



COMMEMORATION  
of the  
**FAITHFUL  
DEPARTED**



**SAVE THE DATE  
OCTOBER 20-After Church**

The Fellowship & Stewardship Ministries are teaming up for a fundraising dinner & birthday party. Lunch will be served after Worship and a Free Will Offering will be taken.



**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. 9—9:30 am NE Kansas Clergy meets in Topeka, KS
- Thur. Oct. 10—6:00 pm Chi Rho Mission Club meets
- Tue. Oct. 15—6:30 pm Christian Ed. meets
- Wed. Oct. 16—6:30 am Gideon's meet in parlor  
5:00 pm Worship Ministry meets  
6:15 pm Board Meeting
- Thur. Oct. 17—5:00 pm Leadership Team meets
- Fri. Oct. 18—8:30 am Church Women United Friendship Coffee  
at Braum's on W. 6th Ave.  
ESU Homecoming Activities all weekend
- Sun. Oct. 20—After Church Stewardship Fundraiser dinner & BD dinner celebration. Food provided for Free Will Offering.
- Wed. Oct. 23—3:00 pm Emporia Place (traded 10/2 for this)  
6:00 pm Chi Rho Mission Club meets
- 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**

- Click us not into temptation, and deliver us from email.
- Anything you can't control is teaching you how to let go.
- Don't cling to a mistake just because you spent a lot of time making it.
- Always go to other people's funerals, or they won't go to yours.
- Sometimes what you catch is not what you bait your hook for.
- In life as in baseball, it is the number of times you reach home that counts.
- Life Lessons from Noah's Ark: Travel in pairs.
- When your heart speaks, take good notes.
- TGIF: Today God Is First



Lectionary Readings

**Lectionary Schedule**

**Oct. 13—Nov. 10, 2019**

**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

**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

*Reflections* (from front page)

In addition, we become accountable for our faith journey. We have others around us to encourage and guide us. We need each other to poke and prod us at times when we decide that we can get by on our own minimum expectancy. A study community can keep us on track, will pray for us, and will cheer us on to our goal. The group checks our spiritual wellness and helps us to stay strong in our convictions and habits. Jesus sent his disciples to go out two by two (Luke 10:1) to pray and support each other through the "inevitable resistances, difficulties, misjudgments, and false starts."

We help each other to stay faithful to the task of growing in Christ. "The practices of faith are too demanding without support from others. Other Christians help us pray, read scripture, exercise love and forgiveness, and explore and respond to the will of God for our lives." (p. 83).

Lastly, Schnase stresses the Christian's need for each other with this quote, "Dietrich Bonhoeffer reminds us that an incomparable joy results from the physical presence of other Christians . . . In community, the Christian no longer seeks 'his justification in himself, but in Jesus Christ alone.'"

Please pray as to how God can move us to care for each other in new ways. How might a small study group improve your walk with Jesus Christ? How might you help others on their journeys?

Blessings along the Way,  
*Pastor Lorraine*



**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—**

We had six DWF ladies attend the Fall Retreat at Camp Tawakoni this past week. They attended a variety of session and enjoyed the experience. 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.

**Reflections from the Women's Retreat**

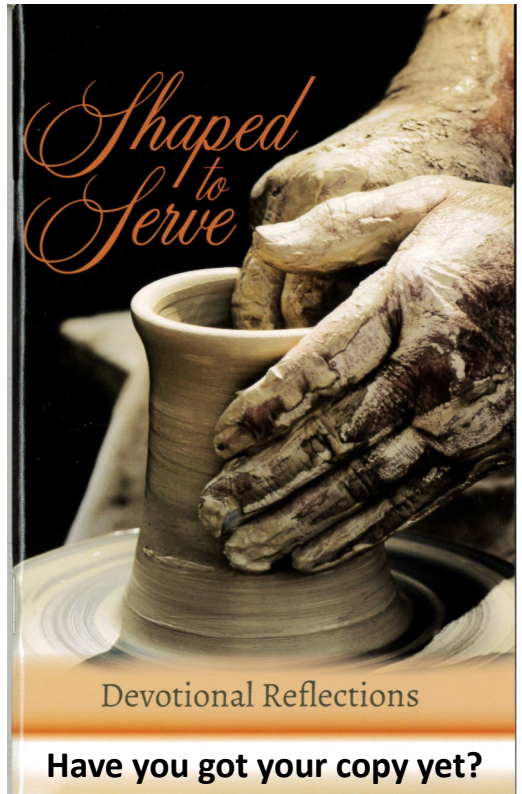
I enjoyed the mid-week women's retreat at Camp Tawakoni this past week that Pastor Lorraine, Barb Gimple and I attended.

We transported the donated paper towels and toilet paper for the camp as well as some stuffed animals for the child advocacy center. All donations were greatly appreciated.

Kirby Gould was the guest speaker at the retreat and she told about a family event that happened in the Kansas City area and the tragedy they survived and how you learn to cope with loss and make something positive come from it.

They also introduced Mrs. Pearson who will be Barb Runge's replacement due to her retirement.

Judy Moore



**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.



**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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**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.**

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**Next Newsletter Deadline**

**Oct. 21 & Nov. 4, 2019**



### October 2019

6 Reconciliation Offering ● 8am Women's Retreat(w ● 9:30am Sunday School ● 10:30am Worship Servic	7 Newsletter Deadline ● 7pm Boy Scouts	8	9 ● 9:30am NE KS Clergy-To ● 6:15pm Stewardship Cor	10 ● 5pm Elder's Study ● 6pm Chi Rho Mission Cl ● 6pm Choir Practice	11 ● 3pm Clothes Closet & Hc	12 ● 9am Clothes Closet & Hc
13 ● 9:30am Sunday School ● 10:30am Worship Servic	14 Columbus Day (regional h ● 7pm Boy Scouts	15 ● 6:30pm Christian Ed.	16 ● 6:30am Gideons Meet-P ● 5pm Worship Ministry M ● 6:15pm Board Meeting	17 ● 5pm Leadership Team ● 6pm Choir Practice	18 ESU Homecoming ● 8:30am CWU Friendship ● 3pm Clothes Closet & Hc	19 ESU Homecoming ● 9am Clothes Closet & Hc
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27 ● 8:30am Diaconate Meets ● 9:30am Sunday School ● 10:30am Worship Servic ● 2pm Presbyterian Manor ● 6pm Game Night	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

### Spotlight on Disciples

Information for this article came from Journey in Faith by Lester G. McAllister and William E. Tucker, pp. 430-434.

#### Resurgence of Higher Education and Theological Renewal

When the G.I.'s returned home after WWII, students sought out higher education by means of the "G.I. Bill." Disciples colleges and universities expanded their programs to accommodate the influx of students. There was a growth in men and women wishing to give their lives to Christian service.

The 1950's brought about the revival of theological renewal. Coming out of the war were diverse theological viewpoints including "existentialism" (seeking out an understanding of existence itself, interested in immediate experience and in the paradoxes of existence). Other theological themes included "the sovereignty of God," the doctrine of grace, acceptance that sin is fact, the recognition of Biblical authority and Biblical revelation, emphasis on the belief of Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, seeking understanding of the nature of the church, and finally, a move toward a more radical position in regard to social issues and politics.

New institutions were created. Disciples seminaries changed their emphasis. Most significantly, in 1957, the "Panel of Scholars" laid the groundwork for a future reorganization of the Disciples. After four years of study and reports, the Commission on Restructure was formed and began its work.