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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Poinsettia Time to Order
- DWF Catered Lunch
- Advent Workshop

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Reflections In the last discussion of Chapter 4, "The Practice of Intentional Faith Development" (pp. 97-98), in *Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations* (2018), Robert Schnase considers how congregations that value Intentional Faith Development "grow in grace." Schnase emphasizes the following as key elements in the spiritual growth of congregations.

Pastors and staff members of churches that value Intentional Faith Development:

- publicly support and help lead Bible studies and classes
- highlight the importance of continuing faith development in sermons, lessons, and online articles
- express concern for beginners in the faith
- express concern for people growing in the fullness of faith
- widely recognize, highly value, and broadly practice the notion of growing in grace
- are not afraid of failure
- willingly initiate ministries of learning in community (some take root, some stay for just a while)
- don't allow those with no interest in a topic to veto those who are interested and willing
- not afraid to start groups with low numbers
- trust that God will help those who participate

Congregations that excel at Intentional Faith Development:

- in addition to pastors leading and teaching, especially invite, support, and prepare non-clergy leaders to teach Bible studies, form communities, and coordinate support groups.
- commit people to get to know people outside the church
- look for opportunities to form authentic relationships
- seriously care and nurture teachers, volunteers, and other servers
- show appreciation, provide resources and training
- lift leaders in prayer
- recognize leaders in worship
- send personal notes of encouragement
- provide learning retreats
- consider the full life cycle of faith development and look for ways to form faith at every stage.
- continually assess how they are doing
- seek to cultivate faith more intentionally that address unmet needs and invite people into formative relationships.

We are at the beginning of exploring these ideas. Intentional faith development is a continual process that requires much prayer and nurture. It is important that every person of our faith community intentionally commit themselves to being part of an ongoing effort of maturing in faith. It may mean letting go of another commitment to make time for a small group Bible study or taking time to connect with a group from church. Search your hearts. Listen for God to lead you in the way you should go at this time. We just have to start by taking a step.

Blessings along the Way, *Pastor Lorraine*

Upcoming Serving Schedule



Nov. 24, 2019—24th Sunday after Pentecost

- Candlelighter** ~ Karen Garnett
- Young Disciples' Moment** ~ Barb Gimple
- Diaconate Captains for November**
Jill McGrath & Janece Bacon
- Elder** ~ Judy Moore
- Greeters** ~ (N) Jim Tilton
~ (S) Melissa Tilton
- Nursery** ~ Nikki Simmons
- Worship Leader** ~ Marlene Hanson

Dec. 1, 2019—1st Sunday of Advent

World AIDS Day

- Candlelighter** ~ Jack Dalton
- Young Disciples' Moment** ~ Marie Harding
- Diaconate Captains for December**
Carl Richardson & Richard Becker
- Elder** ~ Jaylene Arnett
- Greeters** ~ (N) Richard Becker
~ (S) Lisa Rickabaugh
- Nursery** ~ Rita Headrick
- Worship Leader** ~ Robert Chatham

Dec. 8, 2019-2nd Sunday of Advent

Christmas Special Offering

Peace Sunday

- Candlelighter** ~ Barb Gimple
- Young Disciples' Moment** ~ Lorraine Bailey
- Diaconate Captains for December**
Carl Richardson & Richard Becker
- Elder** ~ Robert Chatham
- Greeters** ~ (N) Robert Chatham
(S) Marilyn Dalton
- Nursery** ~ Richard Becker
- Worship Leader** ~ John Lexow

Dec. 15, 2019-3rd Sunday of Advent

Christmas Special Offering

- Candlelighter** ~ Brayden Dill
- Young Disciples' Moment** ~ Jaylene Arnett
- Diaconate Captains for December**
Carl Richardson & Richard Becker
- Elder** ~ Marlene Hanson
- Greeters** ~ (N) Karl Richardson
~ (S) Lana Richardson
- Nursery** ~ Briana Becker
- Worship Leader** ~ Marie Harding

So far during the month of November the Food Pantry helped **19 families**, consisting of **43 people** with food, plus **11 dz. eggs and various other items**. Of those, **7 were new** to us.



Our pantry continues to be a lifeline for those in our community. Some Emporia statistics are: 29% of Emporia is at the poverty level and 59% of USD 253 students (2,770 of the 4,700 students) are on free or reduced lunches. This information was taken from the 11/13/19 Emporia Gazette article on food insecurity in Emporia. Thank you for supporting the food pantry.

Don Allen (*tumor*); **Lonnie Atchison** (*cancer*); **Bob Beers**, (*Lea's husband—went on hospice*); **Lynn Cress** (*heart surgery*); **Wanda Davis** (*hip rehab*); **Bonnie Denson** (*stroke*); **Joe Denson**, (*hip surgery*); **Brooke Franklin** (*cancer*); **Robert Hossfeld**, (*health issues, kidney dialysis, in and out of Topeka hospital*); **Brad Jones**, (*heart problems*); **Jan Jones** (*hip replacement*); **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, home recuperating*); **Jeanice Miller** (*sciatic nerve pain*); **Pam Scheve** (*health problems*); **Sharon Shannon** (*health issues*); **Davis Smith** (*cousin of Jeanice Miller, diabetic amputation*); **Andrea Vandruff** (*kidney issues*); **Liam Wagner**, (*open heart surgery*); and **Aubrey Wescott** (*stomach problems*).



Advent Workshop, Sunday, December 1, 2019

Following a pot luck lunch in fellowship hall, there will be an Advent Workshop. It will consist of making advent crafts and playing advent bingo (with prizes!!!!). Table setting will be provided.

Remember that Children's Sunday School (K-8) will be in the Fellowship Hall kitchen that morning.



Attendance and Giving Record

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November 10, 2019 SS 13 / Worship 53

November 17, 2019 SS 20 / Worship 53

GIVING RECORD

Nov. 10, 2019~Offering \$1,101.60 / Building \$582.00

Nov. 18, 2019~Offering \$1,178.00 / Building \$30.00



December Anniversaries

15 Bob & Torchy Duncan

November Birthdays

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



December Birthdays

01 Cameron Moore
 02 Reece Johnson
 02 Chad Kurzen
 05 Kate Wiggins
 08 Rachael LeClear
 10 Richard Kellison
 12 Mike LeClear
 15 Debbie Hubert
 17 Justin Richardson
 18 Cindy Lexow
 20 Lisa Rickabaugh
 20 Sheila Steinkuhler
 25 Barbara Gimple
 26 Courtney Barger (Nursery)
 30 Traeger Garnett

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
Tues. Nov. 19—4:00 pm bible Study
 4:30 pm ESU School of Nursing Thanksgiving Dinner in FH
Wed. Nov. 20—5:00 pm Worship Ministry
 6:15 pm Board Meeting
Thur. Nov. 21—5:00 pm Elders meet
 5:00 pm ESU Class—FH Kitchen
Sat. Nov. 23—Nikki Simmons FH 10 am until 5 pm
Sun. Nov. 24—8:30 am Diaconate Meets
 2:00 pm Presbyterian manor Services
 6:00 pm Movie Night
 7:00 pm Grateful Hearts Music-Latter-day Saints
Tue. Nov. 26—4:00 pm Bible Study
Wed. Nov. 27—5:30 pm Facilities meets
Thur. Nov. 28 and Fri. Nov. 29—Office Closed for Thanksgiving
Sun. Dec. 1—Hanging of the Greens & Children's Sunday
 School K-8 will be **in the FH kitchen at 9:30 am.**
 Noon—Covered dish lunch & Advent Workshop to follow.
Tue. 12/3—5:30 pm Youth Choir
 7:00 pm Emporia Christmas Parade-Downtown
Wed. 12/4—10:30 am Lyon Co. Ministerial Alliance
 12:30 pm DWF Day & Night Groups Catered Lunch
March 28, 29, and April 4, 2020—Spirit Fest

Thoughts to Ponder

—When you get what you want, that's God's direction.
 When you don't get what you want, that's God's protection."
 —Mind your own biscuits, and life will be gravy.
 —Wear your robe to church—join the choir!
 —Sometimes silence is golden; other times it is just plain yellow.
 —If you scatter thorns, don't go barefoot.
 —A narrow mind and a wide mouth do not mix.
 —The highest form of wisdom is kindness.
 —Do you use your lot in life for parking or for building?
 —Comparison is the thief of joy.
 —A better day is coming. It's called Sunday.

Clothes Closet & Household Hut

(New Guidelines)

We now accept only
 Clothing
 Linens
 & SMALL Kitchen items

Take all other garage
 Sale/rummage
 Items elsewhere.
 Thank you!





Lectionary Readings

Lectionary Schedule

Nov. 10—Dec. 15, 2019

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

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

Dec. 1, 2019—1st Sun. of Advent

Isaiah 2:1-5
 Psalm 122
 Romans 13:11-14
 Matthew 24:36-44

**Dec. 8, 2019--2nd Sun. of Advent
 Christmas Special Offering**

Isaiah 11:1-10
 Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19
 Romans 15:4-13
 Matthew 3:1-12

**Dec. 15, 2019-3rd Sun. of Advent
 Christmas Special Offering**

Isaiah 35:1-10
 Psalm 146:5-10 or
 Luke 1:46b-55
 James 5:7-10
 Matthew 11:2-11

Dec. 22, 2019-4th Sun. of Advent

Isaiah 7:10-16
 Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19
 Romans 1:1-7
 Matthew 1:18-25

Dec. 29, 2019—1st Sun. after Christmas Day

Isaiah 63:7-9
 Psalm 148
 Hebrews 2:10-18
 Matthew 2:13-23



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 December meeting of DWF will be held **Wednesday, December 4, 2019 at 12:30 pm.**

Both groups (Day and Night) will meet for a Christmas lunch and social.

The cost will be \$8.00 and the lunch will be catered by Bobby D's.

A sign up sheet will be available in the church parlor or call the church office by Tuesday, November 26, 2019.

If you would like to attend and need a ride, please let us know by calling the office (342-1582) or Janet 343-0337.



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.

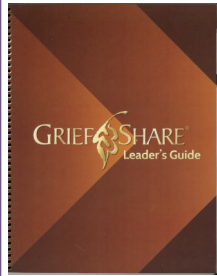
Booth spaces are 15 x 15 and rent for \$20.00. Tables and chairs will be furnished.

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

Church Ladies—if you would like to donate muffins or a dozen cookies to sell at the Expo, please contact the church office or sign the sheet on the parlor table.

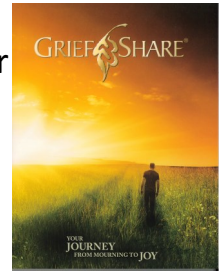
Also, if you would be will to be available to answer questions for vendors during the expo, please sign up in the parlor.





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



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 Poinsettia Time!

If you would like to order a poinsettia in memory of or in honor of someone, please sign the sheet on the parlor table. The cost is \$6.00 each and orders are due by Tuesday, November 26, 2019.

We all enjoy the festive touch and decoration the poinsettia's add to our sanctuary during Christmas.

Grateful Hearts



A Musical Evening of Gratitude with choirs from The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Grace United Methodist Church and First Christian Church, **Sunday, November 24, 2019, 7:00 pm, 2313 Graphic Arts Road**, Emporia, KS
We hope you can attend this yearly Free family event. All are welcome!

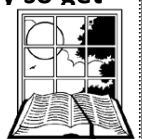


Changes to The New Church Directory

The updated church directories are on the parlor table. Pick up a copy today. Changes that need to be made are:
Landon Dean Fuller, son of Shelby & Lane BD 11/4/19
Brooklynn Renee Pedersen, daughter of Shelby & Tyler BD 11/2/19
Glenn Boyce Presbyterian Manor #214, 2300 Industrial Rd.
Dorothy Boyce, Presbyterian Jones Unit
Sharon Ball, 1531 Wheeler St., #114, Emporia, KS 66801
Jill McGrath new email—wimpykingsbrass@hotmail.com
Jacque Umholtz email—bigmama6868@yahoo.com

THE SECRET PLACE

Devotions for Daily Worship
The Winter2019-2020
(December, January, February)
Secret Place daily devotional books
have arrived and are located on the hall table.
Still only **\$1.00 per copy so get yours today!**



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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 620-342-1582 Church Office
 Web Page www.fccemporia.org
 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
Dec. 2 & 16, 2019



November 2019

17	18	19	20	21	22	23
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:30am Sunday Scho 10:30am Worship Ser 12pm Thanksgiving D 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Newsletter Deadline 7pm Boy Scouts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4pm Bible Study 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5pm Worship Ministr 6:15pm Board Meetin 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5pm ESU Cooking Cl 5pm Elders Meeting 6pm Choir Practice 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3pm Clothes Closet & 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9am Clothes Closet &
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30am Diaconate Me 9:30am Sunday Scho 10:30am Worship Ser 2pm Presbyterian Me 6pm Movie Night 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7pm Boy Scouts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4pm Bible Study 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5:30pm Facilities Me 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thanksgiving Day 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Black Friday 3pm Clothes Closet & 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9am Clothes Closet &

7:00 pm Grateful Hearts at Church of Latter-day Saints

Spotlight on Disciples Information for this article came from Journey in Faith by Lester G. McAllister and William E. Tucker, pp. 441-443.

The Provisional Design Adopted

As with any major movement, the Provisional Design created by the Disciples caused not only great enthusiasm for many but great concern for others in the midst of the change. Eight years of committee work had been done in anticipation of a favorable vote at the assembly meeting of the Christian Churches (Disciples of Christ) at Kansas City in 1968. Upon the approving vote, the delegates broke into the Doxology. The newly identified Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) was ready to implement its Provisional Design. “No longer were they to be a movement of individuals, congregations, and agencies working together in an annual convention, but they were now to become church. Based on a solid theological foundation the way was prepared for a renewal of the church and a deepening of its commitment to its Lord and its mission.” It was a new way forward with new vision and new vitality. But there was opposition ahead . . . *to be continued . . .*