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SPECIAL POINTS
OF INTEREST
Christmas Program
Christmas Eve Service

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Reflections



A New Year With The Lord

A new year is about to unfold
With new opportunities to explore
Doors will open for new experiences,
New adventures with the Lord

Remember not the former things,
The things of this past year,
The Lord will do new things in us,
Much more than we are aware

For He will make a way for us
As we put our trust in Him
And He will guide our every step
By His presence we have within

What God has placed within our hearts,
We find we'll be able to do
If we look for the opportunities,
We'll see the door to go through

We mustn't let anything hold us back
But rise up and take our place
And be all that God wants us to be
With a fresh touch of His grace

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May God bless our people and ministries of First Christian Church and the community beyond our doors in the coming new year and decade ahead. Happy 2020!

Pastor Lorraine

Upcoming Serving Schedule



Jan. 5, 2020—2nd Sunday after Christmas Day

Candlelighter ~ Kinzie Kurzen
Young Disciples' Moment ~ Cameron Moore
Diaconate Captains for January
 Carl Headrick & Tammie McDiffett
Elder ~ Judy Moore
Greeters ~ (N) Diana Solis
 (S) Joan Shumate
Nursery ~ Rita Headrick
Worship Leader ~ Robert Chatham

Jan. 12, 2020—1st Sunday after the Epiphany

Candlelighter ~ Janece Bacon
Young Disciples' Moment ~ Judy Moore
Diaconate Captains for January
 Carl Headrick & Tammie McDiffett
Elder ~ Jaylene Arnett
Greeters ~ (N) Marie Harding
 ~ (S) Judy Moore
Nursery ~ Richard Becker
Worship Leader ~ Jean Miller

Jan. 19, 2020—2nd Sunday after the Epiphany

Candlelighter ~ Gavin LeClear
Young Disciples' Moment ~ Marlene Hanson
Diaconate Captains for January
 Carl Headrick & Tammie McDiffett
Elder ~ Robert Chatham
Greeters ~ (N) Tammie McDiffett
 (S) Joy Wonser
Nursery ~ Briana Becker
Worship Leader ~ Faith Coleman

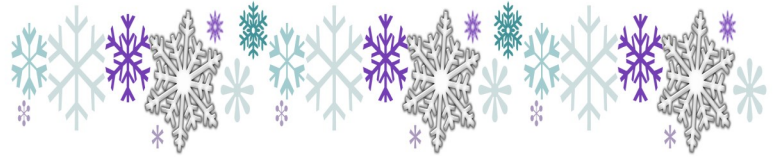
Jan. 26, 2020— 3rd Sunday after the Epiphany

Candlelighter ~ Marie Harding
Young Disciples' Moment ~ Laurie Kurzen
Diaconate Captains for January
 Carl Headrick & Tammie McDiffett
Elder ~ Marlene Hanson
Greeters ~ (N) Sonya Ihde
 ~ (S) Jill McGrath
Nursery ~ John Lexow
Worship Leader ~ Diana Solis

So far in December the Food Pantry has helped **33 families**, consisting of **88 people** with food, plus **6 dz. eggs and various other items**. Of those families, **5 were new** to us.



Our pantry continues to be a lifeline for those in our community.



Lonnie Atchison (*cancer*); **Faith Coleman** (*medical*); **Lisa Cress** (*uterine cancer*); **Lynn Cress** (*heart surgery*); **Marilyn Dalton** (*sprained ankle*); **Wanda Davis** (*hip rehab*); **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*); **Davis Smith** (*cousin of Jeanice Miller, diabetic amputation*); **Jacque Umholtz** (*pneumonia*); **Andrea Vandruff** (*kidney issues*); **Liam Wagner**, (*open heart surgery*); and **Aubrey Wescott** (*stomach problems*).



Attendance and Giving Record

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December 22, 2019 SS 13 / Worship 69

December 29, 2019 SS 10 / Worship 57

GIVING RECORD

Dec. 22, 2019~Offering \$2,810.00 / Building \$60.00

Dec. 29, 2019~Offering \$2,212.47 / Building \$112.00



January Anniversaries

- 16 David & Kaari Harding
- 19 Jesse & Diana Solis
- 28 Larry & Glenna Gamblian

December Birthdays

- 30 Traeger Garnett



January Birthdays

- 01 Ruth Ford
- 01 Bonnie Schaefer
- 03 Heather Mitchell (Office)
- 04 Robert Hossfeld (Office)
- 04 Steven Sage (2018)
- 06 Brad Richardson
- 10 Nancy Mayer
- 11 Kindra Garnett
- 12 Suzanne West
- 15 Treva Stuck
- 18 John Lexow
- 21 Brenda Hall
- 22 Charles Wilhite
- 26 Marie Kelley
- 26 Curtis Rhoades
- 26 Tyler Tilton
- 28 Sadj Davis
- 29 Ed Mercer, Jr.
- 29 Stanley Smith
- 29 Joe Witten
- 30 Robert White
- 31 Tim Norton



Mark The Dates

- Tuesday's 4:30 pm—Bible Study in the library
- 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
- March 28, 29, and April 4, 2020—Spirit Fest
- January—No DWF Meeting
- Wed. Jan. 1, 2020 3pm—Emporia Place Service
- Tue. Jan. 7, 2020 5:30pm—Youth Choir
- Tue. Jan. 7, 2020 6pm—Church Board Reflection
- Thur. Jan. 9, 2020 5pm—Elder's Study
- Sun. Jan. 12, 2020 12 pm—Congregational Meeting
- Wed. Jan. 15, 2020 5 pm—Worship Ministry Meeting
- Wed. Jan. 15, 2020 6:15 pm —Board Meeting
- Thur. Jan. 16, 2020 5 pm—Christian Ed.
- Fri. Jan. 17, 2020 8:30 am—CWU Friendship Coffee
- Wed. Jan. 29, 2020—Stewardship Mail Campaign



Thoughts to Ponder

- Weave in faith; God will find the thread.
- Make the fire inside you burn brighter than the fire around you.
- A kindness done is never lost.
- Real charity doesn't care if it's tax-deductible or not.
- Each of us is an innkeeper who decides if there is room for Jesus.
- A thousand times in history has a baby become a king, but only once did a King become a baby.
- Don't tell God how big your problems are—tell your problems how big your God is.
- God doesn't question your existence.
- If you see only shadows, that means a light is shining nearby.
- One person can only do so much.





Lectionary Readings

**Lectionary Schedule
Dec. 22—Jan. 26, 2020**

Jan. 5, 2020—2nd Sun. after

Christmas Day

Jeremiah 31:7-14
Psalm 147:12-20
Ephesians 1:3-14
John 1:(1-9), 10-18

Jan. 12, 2020—1st Sun. after the Epiphany

Isaiah 42:1-9
Psalm 29
Acts 10:34-43
Matthew 3:13-17

Jan. 19, 2020—2nd Sunday after the Epiphany

Isaiah 49:1-7
Psalm 40:1-11
1 Corinthians 1:1-9
John 1:29-42

Jan. 26, 2020—3rd Sunday after the Epiphany

Isaiah 9:1-4
Psalm 27:1, 4-9
1 Corinthians 1:10-18
Matthew 4:12-23
Matthew 11:2-11

Feb. 2, 2020—4th Sunday after the Epiphany

Micah 6:1-8
Psalm 15
1 Corinthians 1:18-31
Matthew 5:1-12

Feb. 9, 2020—5th Sunday after the Epiphany

Isaiah 58:1-9a (9b-12)
Psalm 112:1-9 (10)
1 Corinthians 2:1-12 (13-16)
Matthew 5:13-20



**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

There will be no DWF meeting for the month of January. We look forward to seeing you at the next meeting on Wednesday, February 5, 2019! Our day group meets at 10:30am, and our night group meets at 5:30pm.

Sunday School Christmas Program

“The Amazing Story of Christmas” was shared during the Sunday School Christmas Program on December 15. The story concluded with this thought. “So now at Christmas we all take delight in the gift that God gave us that first Christmas night. In the gifts we receive and the ones that we give, let us never forget, it is in Christ that we live.” Mikinzi Simmons narrated the story. Many Christmas Carols were sung by all participants with Pastor Lorraine Bailey leading the singing and Faith Coleman playing the piano. This year we were fortunate to have Baby Jesus portrayed by Landon Fuller with proud Mom-Shelby and Dad-Lane. Many church members completed the Nativity cast. Everyone enjoyed Christmas crafts after the Story while eating Christmas cookies provided by DWF.





Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service December 24, 2019



Meet Our Office Staff

Kara Horton is from Americus, KS. She started as our Financial Secretary in mid-May. Kara is a senior at ESU, majoring in Business Administration. She will graduate in December 2020.

Heather Mitchell is from Emporia, KS. She began her duties as Office Secretary at the beginning of December. She is a graduate student at ESU, working toward a Masters degree in Accounting.

We welcome Kara and Heather as part of our church family!

THE SECRET PLACE

**Devotions for Daily Worship
The Winter 2019-2020
(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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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 ap-



Next Newsletter Deadline
Jan. 13, 2020 & Jan. 27, 2020



January 2020

SUN 29	MON 30	TUE 31	WED Jan 1	THU 2	FRI 3	SAT 4
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30am Diaconate Meets 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Service 2:30pm Holiday Resort Service 6pm Game Night 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Newsletter Deadline 7pm Boy Scouts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New Year's Eve 4:30pm Bible Study 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New Year's Day 3pm Emporia Place Service 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3pm Clothes Closet & Household Hut 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9am Clothes Closet & Household Hut
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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. 451-454.

Continuing Social Awareness

It so happened that in 1968, during our restructure period when the church was about to vote on the Provisional Design, the country was experiencing unrest and change. By 1960, a newly organized Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee actively worked toward eliminating segregated public transportation facilities. Later came the voter registration drive, and then in 1963, the March on Washington. Many Disciples participated in these efforts. The burning of the Watts district in Los Angeles, the march from Selma to Alabama, Martin Luther King, Jr.'s "I Have a Dream" speech and subsequent activities that led to his death in 1968, prompted many Disciples to become more aware of the needs of our country to move toward reconciliation practices. A new Christian Church program called Reconciliation emerged. Priorities were given to special concerns such as "employment and economic opportunity, housing, educational programs for children, youth and adults." Funds were sought from congregations, foundations, and special gifts to be used in "community centers, organizations seeking to provide equal employment opportunities and community organization programs aimed at helping black citizens achieve equality. An investment committee was created, whose purpose was to encourage the units of the Christian Church to "invest endowments and surplus monies in minority-controlled banks and businesses in order to generate investment power as a means of meeting some of the urban crisis problems." The activities and programs begun during this period would later serve as a springboard to greater love and concern for each other.