



January 27, 2020

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST
Birthday Party
The Walk
Stewardship

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Reflections

Lately, I've been reading a Diana Butler-Bass book entitled, *The People's History of Christianity*. In her book, Butler-Bass differentiates types of Christianity experienced throughout Christian history.

The first type is what she labels "Big-C" Christianity—Christ, Constantine, Christendom, Calvin, and Christian America. This type, throughout history, used militant strategies to win over paganism all in the name of Christianity. The author names the second type *Great Command Christianity* based on Luke 10:25-27. She explains, "the history of Christian people who embrace the *Great Command* and follow Jesus's instruction to 'go and do likewise' . . . **Great Command Christianity** invites us to participate in a living tradition, to reconsider faith as a community of people who practice God's love and mercy through time." Sound familiar? It should. Hopefully, you would agree that "Great Command Christianity" is the theology we embrace in our congregation.

Butler-Bass also discusses the unexpected renewal of moderate and liberal Christianity in North America. This group of Christians call themselves "progressive" or "emerging" Christians. What I am most intrigued with is a term Butler-Bass uses that she claims goes beyond the existing categories of "conservative-moderate-liberal." Her term "**generative Christianity**," describes congregations and individuals who "have stumbled into meaningful spiritual practices and a renewed sense of social justice without knowing, perhaps, that these new discoveries have long histories in the Christian tradition." Basically, we need to know our history in order to move forward. Our task is to find meaningful ways to do this.

In our congregational and personal quests for renewal and transformation, it could be that the term "generative Christianity" will fit us. Adopting the term can help us find our own identity—who we were, who we are, and who we are becoming.

We have been diligently exploring important elements such as the practices of spiritual disciplines, spiritual gifts, hospitality, worship, and intentional faith development to help open us to God's future for us. It's an exciting time and one that we never should take lightly. Our walk with God is a life-long journey of faith. We are in it for the long-term—always seeking to learn, to grow, and to serve.

Shalom,
Pastor Lorraine

¹Butler-Bass, Diana (2010). *A People's History of Christianity: The Other Side of the Story*. Harper Collins e-books.

²Ibid, Kindle location 278.

³Ibid, Kindle location 292.

Upcoming Serving Schedule



So far in January the Food Pantry has helped **32 families**, consisting of **58 people** with food, plus **6 dz. eggs and various other items**. Of those families, **1 was new** to us.



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

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

Candlelighter ~ Mckinzie Simmons
Young Disciples' Moment ~ Marie Harding
Diaconate Captain for February

Janece Bacon

Elder ~ Jean Miller

Greeters ~ (N) Carl Headrick
 (S) Rita Headrick

Worship Leader ~ Nancy LeClear



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

Candlelighter ~ Karen Garnett
Young Disciples' Moment ~ Lorraine Bailey
Diaconate Captain for February

Janece Bacon

Elder ~ Cameron Moore

Greeters ~ (N) Guy Bacon
 ~ (S) Janece Bacon

Worship Leader ~ Gary Lukert

Lonnie Atchison (cancer); **Lea Beers** (medical); **Lisa Cress** (uterine cancer); **Lynn Cress** (heart surgery); **Marilyn Dalton** (sprained ankle); **Wanda Davis** (hip rehab); **Joe Denson**, (hip surgery); **Brooke Franklin** (cancer); **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); **Jeanice Miller** (sciatic nerve pain); **Pam Scheve** (health problems); **David Smith** (cousin of Jeanice Miller, diabetic amputation); **Jacque Umholtz** (pneumonia); **Andrea Vandruff** (kidney issues); **Liam Wagner**, (open heart surgery); and **Aubrey Wescott** (stomach problems).



Feb. 16, 2020—6th Sunday after the Epiphany

Candlelighter ~ Jack Dalton
Young Disciples' Moment ~ Jaylene Arnett
Diaconate Captain for February

Janece Bacon

Elder ~ Judy Moore

Greeters ~ (N) Debbie Hubert
 (S) Karen Garnett

Worship Leader ~ Janece Bacon



Happy Kansas Day!
January 29, 1861

Feb. 23, 2020—Last Sunday before Lent

Candlelighter ~ Jaiden Kurzen
Young Disciples' Moment ~ Nancy LeClear
Diaconate Captain for February

Janece Bacon

Elder ~ Jaylene Arnett

Greeters ~ (N) Jim Tilton
 ~ (S) Melissa Tilton

Worship Leader ~ Marie Harding

Attendance and Giving Record

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January 19, 2020 SS 7 / Worship 71

January 26, 2020 SS 12 / Worship 75

GIVING RECORD

Jan. 19, 2020~Offering \$8,208.00 / Building \$10.00

Jan. 26, 2020~Offering \$2,410.00 / Building \$1,110.00





January Anniversaries

28 Larry & Glenna Gamblian

February Anniversaries

05 Jim & Judy Moore

January Birthdays

- 28 Sadj Davis
- 29 Ed Mercer, Jr.
- 29 Stanley Smith
- 29 Joe Witten
- 30 Robert White
- 31 Tim Norton



February Birthdays

- 10 Kat Dorcas
- 10 Steve Dorcas
- 15 Margie Coffman
- 16 Royal Garnett
- 17 Mindy Williams
- 21 Guy Bacon
- 27 Shelby Pederson
- 28 Roycean Garnett



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
- Tues. Feb. 4, 2020 5:30 pm—Youth Choir
- Wed. Feb. 5, 2020 10:30 am—DWF Day Group
- Wed. Feb. 5, 2020 3 pm—Emporia Place Service
- Wed. Feb. 5, 2020 5:30 pm—DWF Night Group
- Thur. Feb. 6, 2020 5 pm—Leadership Team
- Sun. Feb. 9, 2020 12 pm—Valentine Dinner
- Wed. Feb. 12, 2020 6:15 pm—Stewardship Meeting
- Thur. Feb. 13, 2020 5 pm—Elder's Study
- Sun. Feb. 16, 2020—Week of Compassion Special Offering
- Wed. Feb. 19, 2020 5 pm—Worship Ministry
- Wed. Feb. 19, 2020 6:15 pm—Board Meeting
- Thur. Feb. 20, 2020 5 pm—Christian Ed.
- Fri. Feb. 21, 2020 8:30 am—CWU Friendship Coffee



Thoughts to Ponder

- | Patience is how you act while you're waiting.
- | Open hearts have a way of soothing closed minds.
- | Prayer gives your faith roots and branches.
- | Those who wish to sing, always find a song.
- | You can't heal yourself by wounding another.
- | A person who makes no mistakes generally makes nothing.
- | We are fishers of men, not keepers of the aquarium.
- | You've been assigned this mountain to show others it can be moved.
- | A smooth sea never made a skillful mariner.

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!





Lectionary Readings

**Lectionary Schedule
Feb. 2—Mar. 8, 2020**

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

Feb. 16, 2020—6th Sunday after the Epiphany

Deuteronomy 30:15-20
Psalm 119:1-8
1 Corinthians 3:1-9
Matthew 5:21-37

Feb. 23, 2020—Last Sunday before Lent

Exodus 24:12-18
Psalm 2 or Psalm 99
2 Peter 1:16-21
Matthew 17:1-9

Mar. 1, 2020—1st Sunday in Lent

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7
Psalm 32
Romans 5:12-19
Matthew 4:1-11

Mar. 8, 2020—2nd Sunday in Lent

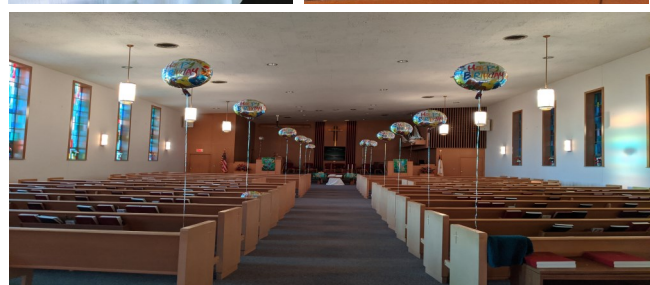
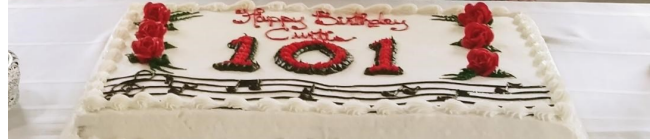
Genesis 12:1-4a
Psalm 121
Romans 4:1-5, 13-17
John 3:1-17 or Matthew 17:1-9

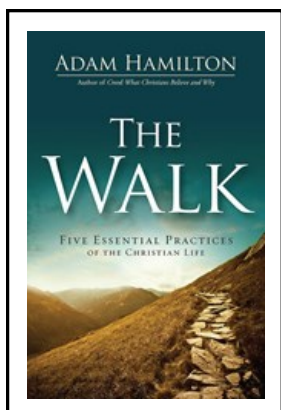


**Interested in
Electronic Giving?**

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.

**Curtis Rhoades
101st Birthday Party**





The Walk

Lenten Study—Tuesdays March 3-April 7

6:00 Soup Supper 6:30-7:30 Study

The season of Lent begins February 26 with Ash Wednesday. Lent is the forty days, excluding Sundays, before Easter. It is the season that Christians prepare themselves spiritually for the celebration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

This year, the Christian Education Ministry Team has chosen to use a brand-new study entitled, "The Walk" by Adam Hamilton, pastor of the Church of the Resurrection in Kansas City, as our congregational Lenten study.

We will meet every Tuesday evening for 6 weeks beginning March 3 in Fellowship Hall at 6pm with a soup supper and class from 6:30-7:30. Each session will include a short DVD session followed by discussion of the chapter. Everyone is invited to attend.

We will discover five essential spiritual practices rooted in Jesus' own walk with God: Worship, Study, Serve, Give, Share. You will enjoy Adam Hamilton's engaging teaching style and our discussion. You won't want to miss this powerful opportunity for spiritual and relational growth. Sunday sermons will follow the study topics to foster further understanding.

Books are \$13.99 or are available on Kindle for \$9.99. Please let us know if you need financial assistance for purchasing the book.

Be sure to sign-up in the parlor or church office by calling (620) 342-1582 or emailing (fccoffices@yahoo.com).



Stewardship Pledge Drive

Watch your mail for the annual stewardship appeal. We hope you will use the seven day prayer guide as you consider your pledge to our church for this coming year. Let our theme "Love in Service" inspire you to think and pray about how we can grow in faith, hope, and love.

~ Stewardship Ministry Team

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 ap-



Next Newsletter Deadline
Feb. 10, 2020 & Feb. 24, 2020



January—February 2020

SUN 26	MON 27	TUE 28	WED 29	THU 30	FRI 31	SAT Feb 1
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 8:30am Diaconate Meets 9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Service 12pm Curtis Rhoades Birthday Party 2 more 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Newsletter Deadline 7pm Boy Scouts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4:30pm Bible Study 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6pm Choir Practice 	<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

I hope you have enjoyed journeying with me through Lester G. McAllister and William E. Tucker's book, *Journey in Faith: A History of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)*. It has definitely been a journey to bring you summaries in each newsletter of the information found in this book.

You can find this book in our church library if you are interested in discovering more of the details about the rich history of our Church.

There is still more history to come as this book was published in 1975. There are plenty of reliable resources of our more recent past that I will reference as we discover more about what makes us the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).