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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Happy Birthday!
- Potato Bar
- DWF News
- Volunteers Needed
- Grief Share
- Upcoming Events

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Reflections

In his discussion about “The Practice of Risk-Taking Mission and Service” in *Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations* (2018), Robert Schnase invites us once again, to “Go and Do” (pp. 120-123). While last time many of our existing ministries were lifted up, Schnase invites us to think outside the box. He gives many examples of what mission-minded churches do that help us to creatively think how we can invent and build our own unique ministries within the context of our flavorful community.

Below are some of the ways Schnase suggests that congregations are shaped by Risk-Taking Mission and Service. Missional congregations:

- not only solicit and encourage ordinary service to support the work of the congregation—inviting, equipping, organizing, encouraging—but they also consciously motivate people to more **extraordinary** service (*emphasis mine*).
- lift examples in preaching and teaching
- support those on the cutting edge of service with prayer, funding, and appreciation
- develop ways in which everyone can play a supportive role.
- offer mission and service opportunities with gradations of involvement and differing levels of complexity appropriate to the talents, skills, and interests of a variety of people.
- realize the importance of mission formation in children and youth—practicing age-appropriate, hands-on, in-person service. Programs are arranged for missionaries to speak to youth. Funding is available for summer student internships. Collaboration with other local ecumenical youth groups strengthen opportunities for cross-cultural, hands-on service that help people, reshape attitudes, and form memories.

It’s good to consider how these suggestions affect our existing ministries and how they might help us to look beyond what we already do. How can we take what we already do and improve? Do any of these ideas help us to think of something new?

- What areas of mission are you interested in? Have you heard about, done, or seen a ministry somewhere else that you would like to do here? Tell us about it. How would you like to help people?
- How can you turn a hobby into a ministry?
- Have you recently asked someone to help you do a ministry you enjoy? Bring someone along—they might enjoy doing what you do!

Think outside the box! There’s a whole world out there to help. What’s in store for you?

More “Go and Do” *to be continued . . .*

Blessings along the Way,
Pastor Lorraine

Upcoming Serving Schedule



So far in March the Food Pantry has helped - **22 families**, consisting of **51 people** with food, plus **various other items**. Of those families, **6 were new** to us.



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



Mar. 15, 2020—3rd Sunday in Lent

Candlelighter ~ Judy Moore
Young Disciples' Moment ~ Barb Gimple
Diaconate Captains for March
 Carl Richardson & Richard Becker

Elder ~ Jean Miller
Greeters ~ (N) Carl Richardson
 (S) Lana Richardson
Worship Leader ~ Barb Gimple

Mar. 22, 2020—4th Sunday in Lent

Candlelighter ~ Kelsey Schull
Young Disciples' Moment ~ Judy Moore
Diaconate Captains for March
 Carl Richardson & Richard Becker

Elder ~ Cameron Moore
Greeters ~ (N) Barb Gimple
 ~ (S) Christine Kellum
Worship Leader ~ Marie Harding

Mar. 29, 2020—5th Sunday in Lent

Candlelighter ~ Janece Bacon
Young Disciples' Moment ~ Marlene Hanson
Diaconate Captains for March
 Carl Richardson & Richard Becker

Elder ~ Judy Moore
Greeters ~ (N) Judy Moore
 (S) Janet Lostutter
Worship Leader ~ Cameron Moore

Apr. 5, 2020—6th Sunday in Lent

Candlelighter ~ Kinzie Kurzen
Young Disciples' Moment ~ Laurie Kurzen
Diaconate Captains for April
 Carl Headrick & Tammie McDiffett

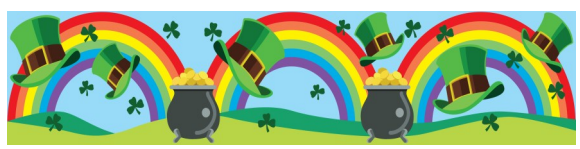
Elder ~ Jaylene Arnett
Greeters ~ (N) Diana Solis
 ~ (S) Joan Shumate
Worship Leader ~ Barb Gimple

Lonnie Atchison (*cancer*); **Lea Beers** (*medical*); **Glenn Boyce** (*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*); **Steve** (*broken neck*) & **Ramona Langley** (*brother-in-law and sister of Betty Richardson*); **Rachel LeClear** (*safety and guidance in mission field*); **Joe Lozier** (*brain tumor, Father of Jen Dalton*); **Steve Martin** (*stem cell cancer treatment*); **Jeanice Miller** (*sciatic nerve pain*); **Betty Pierson** (*medical, no calls please*); **David Smith** (*cousin of Jeanice Miller, diabetic amputation*); **Jacque Umholtz** (*pneumonia*); **Andrea Vandruff** (*kidney issues*); **Leonard Wagner** (*house fire*); **Liam Wagner**, (*open heart surgery*); and **Aubrey Wescott** (*stomach problems*).



Attendance and Giving Record

ATTENDANCE & GIVING RECORD
 March 1, 2020 SS 13 / Worship 58
 March 8, 2020 SS 6 / Worship 51
GIVING RECORD
 Mar. 1, 2020~Offering \$1,430.00 / Building \$110.00
 Mar. 8, 2020~Offering \$1,006.00 / Building \$50.00





March Anniversaries

22 Glenn & Dorothy Boyce

March Birthdays

- 10 Sarah Roth
- 11 Robert Chatham
- 11 Imegene Marsh
- 14 Harold Wonsler
- 21 Nikki Simmons
- 21 McKinzi Simmons
- 29 Dorothy Matile
- 31 Mary Volland



THE SECRET PLACE

Devotions for Daily Worship
 The Spring 2020
 (March, April, May)
 Secret Place daily devotional
 books
 have arrived and are located on
 the hall table.
 Still only \$1.00 per
 copy so get yours
 today!



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
- March 28, 29, and April 4, 2020—Spirit Fest
- Tues. Mar. 10, 2020 6 pm—*The Walk*: Lenten Study Series
- Wed. Mar. 11, 2020 6:15 pm—Stewardship Team Meeting
- Thur. Mar. 12, 2020 5 pm—Elders' Study
- Sun. Mar. 15, 2020 12 pm—Potato Bar Fundraiser
- Tues. Mar. 17, 2020 6 pm—*The Walk*: Lenten Study Series
- Wed. Mar. 18, 2020 5 pm—Worship Ministry
- Wed. Mar. 18, 2020 6:15 pm—Board Meeting
- Thur. Mar. 19, 2020 5:00 pm—Christian Ed.
- Thur. Mar. 19, 2020 6:30 pm—Grief Share
- Fri. Mar. 20, 2020 8:30 am—CWU Friendship Coffee
- Sun. Mar. 22, 2020 2 pm—Presbyterian Manor Service
- Tues. Mar. 24, 2020 6 pm—*The Walk*: Lenten Study Series
- Wed. Mar. 25, 2020 5:30 pm—Facilities Meeting
- Thur. Mar. 26, 2020 5 pm—Elders' Meeting
- Thur. Mar. 26, 2020 6:30 pm—Grief Share



Thoughts to Ponder

God doesn't give you patience, only the opportunity to practice it.
 Do you fully understand electricity? Do you plan to sit in the dark until you do?
 Don't "do" church—"be" church.
 You won't find Lent in your dryer.
 Confessing is a blessing.
 Let the light in you shine brighter than the light on you.



Lectionary Readings

**Lectionary Schedule
Mar. 15—Apr. 19 2020**

Mar. 15, 2020—3rd Sunday in Lent

Exodus 17:1-7
Psalm 95
Romans 5:1-11
John 4:5-42

Mar. 22, 2020—4th Sunday in Lent

1 Samuel 16:1-13
Psalm 23
Ephesians 5:8-14
John 9:1-41

Mar. 29, 2020—5th Sunday in Lent

Ezekiel 37:1-14
Psalm 130
Romans 8:6-11
John 11:1-45

Apr. 5, 2020—6th Sunday in Lent

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29
Matthew 21:1-11

Apr. 12, 2020—Easter Day

Acts 10:34-43 or Jeremiah 31:1-6
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
Colossians 3:1-4 or Acts 10:34-43
John 20:1-18 or Matthew 28:1-10

Mar. 8, 2020—2nd Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14a, 22-32
Psalm 16
1 Peter 1:3-9
John 20:19-31



VOLUNTEERS



NEEDED

Volunteers Needed

The Friendship Senior Center is looking for volunteers to help deliver meals to seniors. If you can help or would like more information, please call Vicki at 620-340-8001.



We have some very exciting events coming up that you will not want to miss! Be sure to mark these on your calendar:

Easter Celebration & Potluck
After services on April 5th

Maundy Thursday Service
7:00 pm April 9th

Sandy Heller Musical Celebration
7:00 pm April 19th

Stay tuned for more information on these events in upcoming newsletters!



Happy Birthday!

We would like to wish a very Happy Birthday to Imegene Marsh, who will be turning 98 on Wednesday, March 11th! We had the opportunity to celebrate with her after services on Sunday, March 8th.

Potato Bar Fundraiser

After services on Sunday, March 15, DWF will sponsor a Potato Bar. For a freewill offering you will receive a baked potato with your choice of numerous toppings, dessert, and drink. If you haven't signed up yet, it's not too late! You can still sign up by Thursday, March 12 by calling the office at 620-342-1582 or by e-mailing fcloffices@yahoo.com. If you have any questions, please contact Janece Bacon or Janet Lostutter.

Grief Share

A grief recovery video series and support group will meet at First Christian Church, 202 E. 12th Avenue in Emporia each Thursday at 6:30pm for 11 weeks beginning March 19th. GriefShare is a program for those who have experienced the death of a family member or friend. Participants will find information, encouragement and comfort in the grief journey. Cost is \$15 for the workbook. To register, call First Christian Church at 620-342-1582 or for more information, go to www.griefshare.org.



DWF News

DWF met Wednesday, March 3rd. We had 6 ladies in the morning and 9 in the evening group. We decided to donate \$100 to the L-CAT for senior citizen fares. We are collecting recipes for a cookbook to raise money for Camp Tawakoni. We also talked about the Potato Bar Fundraiser on March 15th.

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.
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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
Mar. 23, 2020 & Apr. 6, 2020



March 2020

8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Daylight Saving Time starts • 9:30am Sunday School • 10:30am Worship Service	Newsletter Deadline Spring Break • 7pm Boy Scouts	Spring Break • 6pm Lenten Study Series	Spring Break • 9:30am NE KS Clergy-Topeka • 6:15pm Stewardship Committee Meet	Spring Break • 5pm Elders Study • 6pm Choir Practice	Spring Break • 3pm Clothes Closet & Household Hut	• 9am Clothes Closet & Household Hut • 9:30am Simmons Birthday Parties
• 9:30am Sunday School • 10:30am Worship Service • 12pm Potato Bar after Worship-DWF sq	• 7pm Boy Scouts	St. Patrick's Day • 6pm Lenten Study Series	• 5pm Worship Ministry Meets • 6:15pm Board Meeting	• 5pm Christian Ed. • 6pm Choir Practice • 6:30pm Grief Share	• 8:30am CWU Friendship Coffee • 3pm Clothes Closet & Household Hut	• 9am Clothes Closet & Household Hut
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Spotlight on Disciples

Information for this article came from the book, *Disciples: Who We Are & What Holds Us Together* (2019) by Michael Kinnamon and Jan Linn, St. Louis: Christian Board of Publication, preface pp. vii-x.

Who We Are and What Holds Us Together

The authors of this book address our Disciples' identity. They hold that:

Disciples have an identity that is recognizable across the years and across cultures, and a reclaiming of this identity can contribute to much-needed renewal of our denomination, while strengthening our witness as “a movement for wholeness in fragmented world.”

It is in our renewal that new faces and voices are seen and heard in our increasing diversity—racially, culturally, theologically, and liturgically. Our renewal comes from our appreciation of the past, but we are not held back by outdated thinking and acting. It is the hope of the authors that in our willingness and ability to adapt to changing circumstances, we, with the help of God, will be able to tell others with greater clarity of our Disciples identity—our passion for Christian unity and wholeness.