



#### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

Message from your Moderator  
Notes from your Treasurer  
DWF News

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### Reflections

In a letter dated June 3, 2020, our General Minister and President, Rev. Terri Hord Owens and our General Minister of Reconciliation, Rev. April Johnson state,

*Something is happening right now, Church, and the Spirit of God is moving in it. May we be bold enough to join the work.*

Their letter is found on [www.disciples.org](http://www.disciples.org). The reverends are inviting us to be “. . . the Church we say we are,” and to participate on June 20, 2020 in the

#### **Mass Poor People’s Assembly and Moral March on Washington: A Digital Justice Gathering**

Do you have a heart for Social Justice Work? Would you like to learn more about doing this important mission work? Perhaps you have never considered this work before but would like to take a peek into the possibilities of ministry in this area. This is a good opportunity to do so.

Disciples have been key leaders in this important movement, and you may want to take part. We are invited to affirm our commitment to the Pro-Reconciliation and Anti-Racism mission priority of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

Resources have been made available to help us learn about the “the history of systemic racism in this country and the ways racial injustice impacts every bit of our life together . . .”

So far, there are about 1400 people from congregations all over the country who have affirmed “our Disciples commitment to being a pro-reconciling, anti-racist church.” There is a space at the bottom of the letter where you can add your name to the list.

Whether or not you sign your name to the commitment, you are invited to join the **Digital Justice Gathering**. You may sign up for the gathering from a link in the letter.

Those who wish to join in this mission need us to walk with them as they bravely do the work of standing up for the rights all of God’s children. As members of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) we stand in solidarity with our brothers and sisters in Christ who go out and do this hard work. Please continue to lift them up in prayer—that they might have the courage to carry on in the hope and confidence of Jesus Christ.

And please remember to keep our congregation in prayer that we might be able walk together as Disciples, in covenant with God and each other, through this unique time in our country’s history.

Shalom,  
*Pastor Lorraine*

**Join us for At Home Worship**

**At Home Worship on Facebook**

Find us on Facebook at **First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) of Emporia, KS** to join us for worship at 10:30 a.m. on Sundays!

**At Home Worship via Email**

You are encouraged to open your email at 10:30 a.m. to be part of our worshipping community. Just sign-in and let us know you are with us. If you would like to be added to our e-mail worship service, send us an e-mail at [fccoffices@yahoo.com](mailto:fccoffices@yahoo.com) to let us know!

**Upcoming Serving Schedule**



**June 21, 2020—3rd Sunday after Pentecost**

**Elder** ~ Jean Miller

**Worship Leader** ~ Janece Bacon

**Children’s Message** ~ Barb Gimple

**June 28, 2020—4th Sunday after Pentecost**

**Elder** ~ Marlene Hanson

**Worship Leader** ~ Marie Harding

**Children’s Message** ~ Lorraine Bailey

**July 5, 2020—5th Sunday after Pentecost**

**Elder** ~ Jaylene Arnett

**Worship Leader** ~ Cameron Moore

**Children’s Message** ~ Marie Harding

So far in the month of June, the food pantry has helped **30 families** with food, plus **various other items**, including **10 doz.** eggs.



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

During this time, we have implemented a no contact method for providing food to the community and have reduced our food pantry hours to Mondays from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.



**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*); **Steve & 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*); **Betty Pierson** (*medical*); **David Smith** (*cousin of Jeanice Miller, diabetic amputation*); **Andrea Vandruff** (*kidney issues*); and **Aubrey Wescott** (*stomach problems*).



**Attendance and Giving Record**

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June 7, 2020 At Home Worship 30+

June 14, 2020 At Home/In Person Worship 45+

**GIVING RECORD**

May 31, 2020 ~ Offering \$1,018.00 / Building \$10.00

June 7, 2020 ~ Offering \$1,986.60 / Building \$282.00



**June Anniversaries**

- 17 Joe & Bonnie Denson
- 17 Kenny & Jeanice Miller
- 21 Carl & Lana Richardson
- 29 John & Marie Harding
- 30 Joe & Dana Witten

**June Birthdays**

- 20 Mary Ann Law
- 22 Carol Rohling
- 22 Joy Wonser
- 28 Jake Dalton
- 29 June Rochat



**July Birthdays**

- 01 John Harding
- 02 James Ayers
- 02 Bronte Bailey
- 02 Allison Harding
- 02 Janet Lostutter
- 07 Alan Richardson
- 07 Seth Tilton
- 08 Judy Moore
- 09 John Kuhn



**Mark The Dates**

Until further notice, the method of meeting (In Person, via Zoom, E-mail, etc.) will be determined on a meeting by meeting basis.

- Sundays at 10:30 am—Worship Service— In Person, via Facebook Live, & E-mail
- Wed. June 17, 2020 5:00 pm—Worship Ministry Meets
- Wed. June 17, 2020 6:15 pm—Board Meeting
- Thur. June 18, 2020 5:00 pm—Christian Education
- Wed. June 24, 2020 5:30 pm—Facilities Meeting
- Thur. June 25, 2020 5:00 pm—Elders’ Meeting
- Sun. June 28, 2020 8:30 am—Diaconate Meeting
- Thur. July 2, 2020 5:00 pm—Leadership Team Meets
- Sat. July 4, 2020—Independence Day
- Wed. July 8, 2020 6:15 pm—Stewardship Committee Meets
- Thur. July 9, 2020 5:00 pm—Elders’ Study
- Tues. July 14, 2020 6:30 pm—Christian Education
- Wed. July 15, 2020 5:00 pm—Worship Ministry Meets
- Wed. July 15, 2020 6:15 pm—Board Meeting
- Wed. July 22, 2020 5:30 pm—Facilities Meeting

**Thoughts to Ponder**

- An arrow can only be shot by pulling it backward.
- Sometimes the only way to win is to not play.
- May the best of your todays be the worst of your tomorrows.
- Don’t look back. You’re not going that way.
- Are you a warrior or a worrier?
- Starve your ego, feed your soul.
- Don’t like organized religion? Don’t worry, we’re not that organized.

**THE SECRET PLACE**

Devotions for Daily Worship  
The Summer 2020  
(June, July, August)

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 Schedule June 21—July 26, 2020

### June 21, 2020—3rd Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 21:8-21  
Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17  
Romans 6:1b-11  
Matthew 10:24-39

### June 28, 2020—4th Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 22:1-14  
Psalm 13  
Romans 6:12-23  
Matthew 10:40-42

### July 5, 2020—5th Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67  
Psalm 45:10-17  
or Song of Solomon 2:8-13  
Romans 7:15-25a  
Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

### July 12, 2020—6th Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 25:19-34  
Psalm 119:105-112  
Romans 8:1-11  
Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

### July 19, 2020—7th Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 28:10-19a  
Psalm 139: 1-12, 23-24  
Romans 8:12-25  
Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

### July 26, 2020—8th Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 29:15-28  
Psalm 105:1-11, 45b or Psalm 128  
Romans 8:26-39  
Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

## Message from your Moderator

The quarantine certainly has been a trying time on many levels. Even though we have been able to follow on Facebook and Zoom, what a blessing to be able to return to church and experience fellowship once again. Even our congregational meeting had to be changed. Speaking of which, thank you all for mailing back your ballots. The 64 ballots that were returned show us great promise. I'm pleased to announce that both the budget and the slate of officers passes.

It's been said, we're all in this together, if we're in it at all. So as we start our new church year let us all come together in mutual support. If this pandemic has taught us anything, it's just how much we need one another to make the community of church work.

Marlene Hanson  
Moderator



Happy Father's Day

## Notes from your Treasurer . . . . .

Donation/giving statements for the first 6 months of 2020 . . .

Contact me if you would like to have yours.

It's a good time to check your records with ours to make sure they match, instead of waiting till the end of the year.

It is also a good time to see if you are up-to-date with your giving.

July 1 starts the new fiscal year and any new pledge amounts we might have made.

Thanks again for those who have been mailing in their donations.

Please continue to do that if you are not ready to come to in-person worship just yet.

We miss you but want everyone to be safe.

As of July 1, Lana Richardson will begin her 2-year term as Treasurer. Diana Solis and I will be Co-Chairs of the Stewardship Ministry Team.

We encourage and welcome any who are interested in the finances of the Church to join us in this ministry.

We meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 6:15 pm.

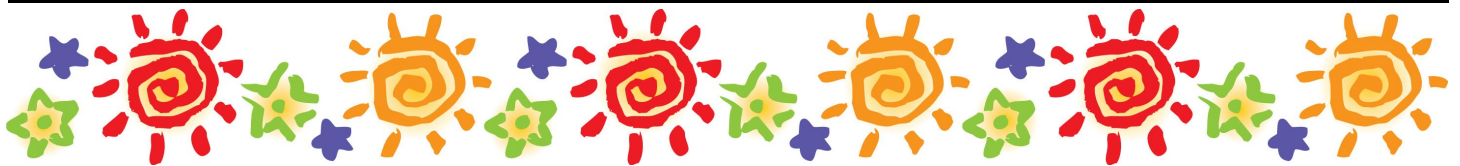
Email, call, or text me for more information or to join the Team!

Lastly, please continue praying for our Church family and others.

Love in Service, Marie Harding, Treasurer

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### DWF News



DWF will be having a Salad Luncheon and Organizational Meeting on August 5, 2020 at 11:30 a.m. We will be handing out the lessons for the new year, which are similar to this year's lessons, as they will be from a book from the same author. We look forward to having you join us as we prepare for our new year in DWF.

**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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**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**  
**June 29, 2020 & July 13, 2020**



**June 2020**

14 • 10:30am Worship Service • 7:30pm Cupcake Chatter	15 <b>Newsletter Deadline</b> • 9am Food Pantry	16 • 4:30pm Bible Study	17 • 5pm Worship Ministry Meets • 6:15pm Board Meeting	18 • 5pm Christian Ed.	19 • 8:30am CWU Friendship Coffee	20
21 <b>Father's Day</b> • 10:30am Worship Service	22 • 9am Food Pantry	23 • 4:30pm Bible Study	24 • 5:30pm Facilities Meeting	25 • 5pm Elders Meeting	26	27
28 • 8:30am Diaconate Meets • 10:30am Worship Service • 6pm Game Night	29 <b>Newsletter Deadline</b> • 9am Food Pantry	30 • 4:30pm Bible Study	Jul 1 • 10:30am Lyon Co. Ministerial Alliance	2 • 5pm Leadership Team	3 <b>Independence Day observed</b>	4 <b>Independence Day</b>

**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, pp. 13-14

**Covenant: Freedom with Accountability (part 2)**

On clarifying the meaning of *covenant*, Kinnamon and Linn’s approach is to name four things that covenant is not.

“First,” they state, “a covenant is not simply an agreement among humans. Covenant, as used in scripture and the Reformed tradition, has both a vertical and a horizontal dimension because the God known to us in Jesus Christ is always a participant.” Christ is the authority which holds each of us accountable to each other because we primarily are accountable to Jesus Christ.

“Second, a covenant is not legalistic, not simply a list of things to do or not do. Rather, it involves a commitment ‘to walk together,’ seeking to conform ourselves as community through prayer, study, and conversation—to the mind of Christ.” The church is different from a voluntary association because we covenant to walk together through good and hard times, agreeing to mutual accountability and shared responsibility. If we agree that we each are able to interpret scripture, then our responsibility is to read the Bible and share our interpretation in the community of the church. If we agree that we each interpret the rules of Christian living, then our responsibility is to “act in ways that bear witness to the faith we confess.” If we agree that there is no blueprint for Christian unity, then it is our responsibility “to resolve differences constructively in order that the body of Christ is built up in love.”

*More next time on the meaning of covenant. . .*